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Conservatives Lost the Culture War and the Trump Agenda Is the Only Path Forward

By Josiah Lippincott

mmigration, trade, war, and crime. Being right on these four issues propelled Donald Trump to the presidency in 2016 against all odds. The intervening seven years have changed nothing. The only way a candidate from the Right can possibly win the presidency in 2024 is by campaigning on limiting immigration (build the wall), increasing tariffs, getting out of Ukraine, and restoring law and order (especially in regards to elections and the opioid crisis).

These are the core issues for the center-Right coalition needed to win national elections. No supposedly conservative politician with aspiration for higher office should ever make any public statement without hammering at least one of these points. Journalist asks about Social Security? Talk about why we need to stop giving money to Volodymyr Zelenskyy. Democratic opponent brings up climate change? Talk about why we need to build the wall and make Mexico pay for it.

The issues of national survival are of primary importance. There is no point in

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Your taxes at work: 'eco-anxiety' counseling

Climate doomsayers and cancel culture work to justify counseling for bureaucrats' climate grief

By Paul Dreissen

US Fish and Wildlife Service employees are struggling to cope with feelings of trauma and loss over the world's changing climates and imperiled environments. Their work repeatedly confronts them with ecological changes, but even a sense of "anticipated loss" perhaps decades from now requires compassionate help. Or so the FWS and American Psychological Association tell us.

The FWS is thus offering paid leave to employees who attend



"eco-anxiety" and "climate grief" training. When the House Natural Resources Committee called the sessions a colossal waste of money, the agency downplayed their cost and scope. But naturally the "woke" programs don't end there.

FWS Director Martha Williams is also pushing diversity-

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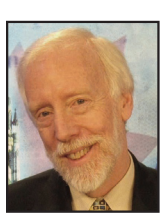
The True Purpose of 'Earth Day' Was Not Politics or Climate Alarmism

By Tom Harris

The real founders of Earth Day were not the politicians who rode the wave of environmental consciousness that swept the public in the late 60s and early 70s to establish the logistics of the organization. Nor was it the United Nations or peace and environmental activists who jumped on board the train when it became apparent that people across the world were demanding action to solve the environmental problems of the day.



No, it was the scientists, engineers, and courageous astronauts who took us to the Moon. For it was as a result of their actions, photographs, and stories that our perspectives of our small planet changed forever. Indeed, their most important

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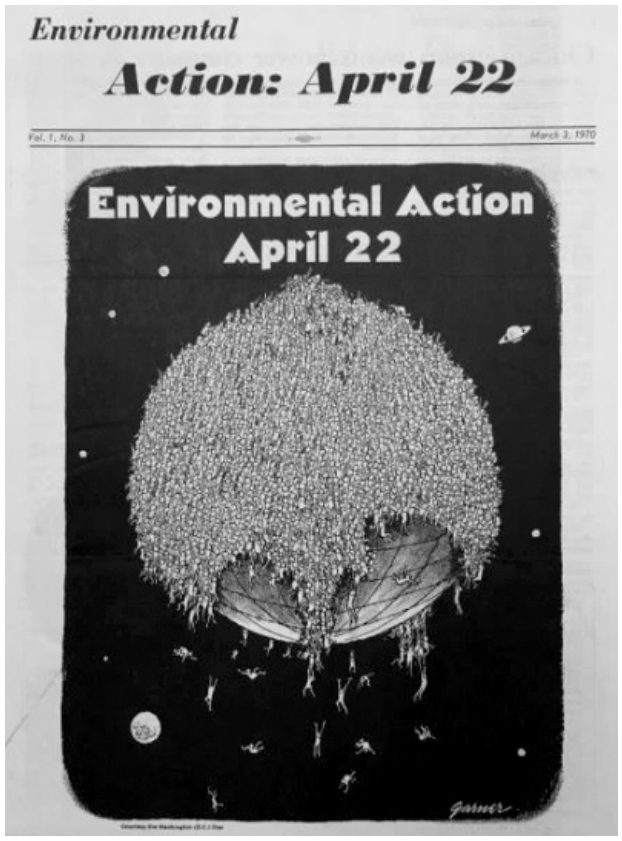

Earth Day at 53

None of the eco-doomsday predictions have come true.

From predicting ecological collapse and the end of civilisation to warnings that the world is running out of oil, all environmental doomsday predictions of the first Earth Day in 1970 have turned out to be flat out wrong.

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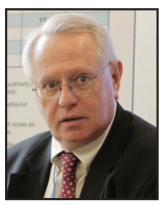
Restoring Trust in Government by Using IQA

By Williams Kovacs

The Federal government has citizens living in information confusion, misinformation, and conspiracy theories. Information clutter explains why only two in ten Americans trust Washington to do the right thing. Distinguishing between good and bad quality information should never be difficult when the information comes from our government. There is a U.S. law that mandates government disseminated information be accurate, useful, and having integrity. The federal government just



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China, Russia, Oil, Gas, Coal, Climate …

The China-Russia axis is dangerous for fossil-fuel-disarming America and the West

By Don Ritter

The relationship between China and Russia poses the greatest danger faced by America and the West since the Hitler-Stalin Pact in 1939 initiated WWII. If alarm bells are not ringing all across Washington, DC, they should be. China was already a global power based on its expanding economy, modernizing military and diplomatic reach, but the burgeoning relations with Moscow provide Beijing with renewed energy, literally and figuratively.

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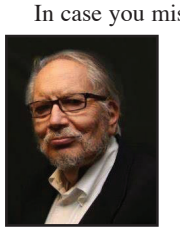
Misguided Media, Dems Deflections Take Eyes Off Biden Schemes

By Lary Bell

In case you missed seeing it in the mainstream news, and you likely did, the House Oversight Committee held a press conference on Wednesday revealing that the family of the president of the United States has taken in over $10 million from foreign entities for no apparent business reasons other than U.S. government influence.



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Steve's Say . . .

The Entranced GOP Voter



The most insidious of the five fallacies, False Cause, now grips the followers of the GOP establishment, not just in Wisconsin but across the country. These "Conservative" voters aver that the GOP needs to abandon the long, hard-wrought victory for the protection of innocent life, with the overturning of the unconstitutionally implemented Roe vs. Wade decision, to secure some future electoral success. I will demonstrate how this flawed belief and the proposed pathway currently being pursued by the Vos disciples of the WI GOP establishment, will destroy whatever electoral future the Republican Party thinks may exist.

The Durham report which came out this week should've destroyed anyone's lingering attempt to rationalize ANY credibility in mainstream media, Federal government agencies especially the FBI, CIA, HSA, and frankly all others. The ONLY rational conclusion from this report implicates them all in a coup to overthrow duly elected President Donald J. Trump. They utilized all of their power and resources to fabricate the outcome of the 2020 election to cover up their sordid decades-long crime trail. The report fully vindicated Trump in every conceivable way. The report proved EVERYTHING Trump claimed since 2016 to be 100% true. Anyone denying the existence of the Deep State and its declared war upon the population must be in a coma.

The focus of the GOP ought to be on how to move forward with prosecuting these treasonous criminals, restore the rightful winners of past elections and figure out how to safeguard the future votes of US citizens against fraud and Deep State manipulation. Instead, the WI GOP establishment aims to destroy the greatest victory conservative voters every won, the reversal of Roe vs. Wade (thanks to President Donald J. Trump). If the WI GOP augments our 1848 constitution to allow abortion, they perform the dirty work of the totalitarians that their democrat party stooges could never implement without their aid.

"But look at Dan Kelly. His "loss" proves that the abortion issue makes us unelectable." Really?

Last time I looked the abortion issue depends entirely on the Legislature. Courts don't make laws nor amend constitutions. They may act as criminals, as we see all over the country constantly, but we ought to be protected from this by all those "pro-life" Republicans populating the WI Legislature. Maybe these GOP reps aren't as pro-life as they claim. The fact that people put any stock into the abortion issue in this judicial election demonstrates their complete ignorance of our republican form of government. Note to GOP: maybe here's a place to start. Except elected officials need to understand how our republic works as well, which most seem as clueless as anyone in the mainstream media.

"But what about Tim Michels? He got killed on the abortion issue." Really? Since when does an executive in a constitutional republic rewrite the constitution? Again, ignorance prevails and no pushback at all from the GOP establishment ranks. You might think they wanted the other side to win.

But wait a second. No politician got hammered harder or for longer than Ron Johnson. And last I knew he's a full blown card carrying pro-life politician. So how on earth did he win?

"Ron Johnson worked his ass off!" Agreed. But Dan Kelly didn't? Or Tim Michels? That's complete nonsense. And all, including Johnson, got horribly outspent, so circular file that one.

"But Mandela Barnes was the worst candidate ever," implying that a rabid dog put up by the GOP could win against him. Like Skeletor (Tony Evers), Joe Biden, or the newly installed totalitarian judge that happened to go to my high school showed any better. In the words of criminal Joe "The Don" Biden, "C'mon man!"

The true problem lies with the information sources accessed by the entranced GOP voter. They still seek verification through mainstream media sources like Fox News or talk radio. Foreign interests and woke corporations own these entities and the propaganda they spew testifies to their aims. Yes, Iheart radio hosts will end up like Tucker Carlson if they wander even a little off of the reservation. So they don't dare. They love their positions more than truth.

These comatose GOP voters refuse to connect the dots about Ukraine and the Death Jab, what's actually happening there, and why. The "bombshells" they discuss as big, breaking news came out months or years ago on truth media sites. I cannot fathom how someone supposedly advocating "free enterprise" and denouncing totalitarianism cannot see that Ukraine is the kinetic battle between the world Deep State and the sovereign peoples of the Earth. And plenty of facts and data demonstrates the money laundering, human trafficking and bioweapon manufacturing components driving what's happening there. Attention Glenn Grothmann. The Ukrainians got their asses kicked. They were never winning. Oh, and Nazis (Azov battalion) populate the army and ruling class of the country. Don't take my word for it. Look in mainstream media sources before the Trump era.

So wherever I go these days to GOP related events I hear this same mantra. Last week's Business Coalition meeting vomited the same cud. How about his guys: Maybe you might want to consider just how many GOP voters (like myself) you will lose by pursuing this insanity? The last couple of Dan Knodl mailings before the April election advocating to change to WI constitution to allow abortions sickened me so much I almost didn't vote for him. Only because I've known Dan, his parents and his family personally for so many years did I decide to vote for him this time. And now, being his constituent, will doggedly put forth my viewpoints upon him as I've done with my excellent assembly person Janel Brandtjen. Her pursuit of getting to the bottom of WI election fraud is no accident. She knows we have her back. Hopefully Dan will wake up to that realization and get into the real fight at hand.

So today I took accounting of what the WI GOP accomplished on my behalf since the groundswell election of 2010. Balancing a budget in 2011 and eliminating a spending deficit was it. As if that's anything other than a basic responsibility. Nothing else. Spending keeps spiraling out of control. Vos and his army of mini-mes killed the body parts bill. Adopting ERIC, the creation and implementation of the WEC, no pushback against voting in the Park, drop boxes, or mask mandates… All disasters. I can't find anything that I would advocate for that they've accomplished. So what am I still doing here?

Frankly, with this pitiful record of accomplishment, the GOP becomes the working tool of the totalitarians, their One World Government, depopulation and trans-humanist agenda. I will have no part in this evil. Nor will many, many of my fellow true freedom fighters. The WI GOP can pursue its announced pathway into oblivion or return to the christian principles of life and liberty in God's Law.

Fortunately, Trump, one of the few elected leaders ever to take on the entrenched totalitarian bureaucracy, and his army of patriot "White Hats" continue to bring forth truth. Eventually justice will prevail, as I and many others connected into truth media know. Trump does not break promises. Everyone ought to know that by now. He said he caught them all, and I believe him. He's been right every time.

One well-known truth media icon shared this little tidbit of history superimposed upon current events. We know the Romans crucified Christ, designed specifically to be a horribly painful and humiliating experience. But the Romans, being conquerers, knew ruthlessness to be essential in subjugating conquered populations. They invented many such horrendous methods for dealing with criminals. According to this source, murderers were chained to the person they murdered, face-to-face as tightly as possible, until that person died. WOW! That's pretty innovative and pretty horrific!

This person claims that last Fall, despite the DNC wanting to dump Biden to rid themselves of their connection to the Biden crime family, Trump's team maneuvered things to prevent them from accomplishing this change. Using the House, Trump's team chained the DNC to the Biden corpse so they would be face to face with it as it rotted away. They coupled the DNC to Biden and his crimes. Very soon the Democrat Party will cease to exist in any functional way.

And if the WI GOP continues to do the work of the totalitarians, they too will cease to exist. They too may find themselves chained to a rotting corpse.

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The Practical Impossibility of Large-Scale Carbon Capture and Storage

By Steve Goreham

The Environmental Protection Agency is working on a new rule that would set stringent limits on carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions from US power plants. Utilities would be required to retrofit existing plants with carbon capture and storage (CCS) technology or to switch to hydrogen fuel. Others call for the use of CCS to decarbonize heavy industry. But the cost of capture and the amount of CO2 that proponents say needs to be captured crush any ideas about feasibility.

Carbon capture and storage is the process of capturing carbon dioxide from an industrial plant before it enters the atmosphere, transporting it, and storing it for centuries to millennia. Capture may be accomplished by filtering it from combustion exhaust streams. Pipelines are proposed to transport the captured CO2. Underground reservoirs could be used for storage. For the last two decades, advocates have proposed CCS to reduce emissions from coal plants and steel, chemical, and other hard-to-decarbonize industries to fight human-caused climate change.

CCS has been slow to take off due to the cost of capture and the limited scalability of carbon dioxide as a product. Thirty-nine CCS facilities capture CO2 around the world today, totaling 45 million tons per year, or about 0.1 percent of industrial emissions produced globally. Of these, 20 reside in the US or Canada, six in Europe, and five in China. Twenty-four of these facilities use captured CO2 for enhanced oil recovery. Captured CO2 is injected into oil wells to boost oil output,

The news from these facilities is mixed. Many are not meeting their carbon-capture goals or are incurring costs well over budget. Nevertheless, Australia, Canada, China, Japan, the US, and nations of Europe now offer billions in direct subsidies or tax breaks to firms for the capture of CO2 emissions and to build pipelines and storage. Over 300 large and small capture projects are in planning around the world, which, if completed, may be able to

Illinois, Iowa, and other states are struggling with issues involving plans for CO2 pipelines. Ethanol plants and other facilities propose to capture CO2 and need a new network of pipelines to transport the gas to underground storage sites. These pipelines face strong opposition from local communities over farmland use and safety concerns in the case of a pipeline rupture.

Carbon capture and storage is very expensive. An example concerns plans for CCS in Wyoming, the leading US coal state. Wyoming mined 41 percent of US coal in 2020, and coal-fired plants produced about 85 percent of the state's electricity. With abundant coal resources and good opportunities to store CO2 underground, Wyoming appeared to be an excellent candidate to use CCS. The state passed House Bill 200 in March 2020, directing utilities to produce 20 percent of electricity from coal plants fitted with CCS by 2030.

In response to the statute, Rocky Mountain Power and Black Hills Energy, Wyoming's two major power companies, analyzed alternatives for their operations and provided comments to the Wyoming Public Service Commission in March 2022. But the comments were not favorable for CCS. Black Hills Energy determined that adding CCS to two existing coal plants would cost an estimated $980 million, or three times the capital cost expended to build the plants. Rocky Mountain Power stated that adding CCS to its existing plants was "not economically feasible at this time."

Beyond cost, the amount of carbon dioxide that advocates say must be captured is vast. The amount of CO2 produced by industry is small in global terms, only about five percent of what nature releases into and absorbs from the atmosphere every day. But the amount of industrial CO2 produced is still huge in human terms.

For example, an empty Boeing 747 jumbo jet weighs 412,300 pounds (187,000 kg). Its maximum fuel weight is 433,195 pounds (196,494 kg), more than the empty weight of the aircraft. During fuel combustion, two oxygen atoms are taken from the atmosphere and combined with each carbon atom. For each kilogram of jet fuel burned, 3.16 kilograms of carbon dioxide are created. The CO2 exhausted during a long flight weighs more than three times the weight of the aircraft.

Consider the Drax Power Station in North Yorkshire, England, the third-largest power plant in Europe, which has been converted to using two-thirds biomass fuel. The plant is experimenting with CCS to reduce emissions. Each day, the plant uses about 20,000 tons of wood pellets delivered by 475 railroad cars. Picture the volume that these railroad cars would carry and then more than double it to get an idea of the amount of CO2 to be captured and stored each day.

The world's heavy industries use vast amounts of coal, natural gas, and petroleum. Ammonia, cement, plastics, steel, and other industries produce billions of tons of materials each year for agriculture, construction, health care, industry, and transportation. Capturing, transporting, and storing CO2 from these processes would involve trillions of dollars and many decades of investment.

The International Energy Agency calls for 9 percent of the world's CO2 emissions to be captured and stored by 2050. Today we have a mix of 39 major and minor capture facilities in operation. The IEA estimates that 70 to 100 major capture facilities will need to come online each year until 2050 to achieve this goal. It's unlikely that even 20 percent of the goal will be achieved, despite hundreds of billions of dollars in spending.

Steve Goreham is a speaker on energy, the environment, and public policy and author of three books on energy, sustainable development, and climate change.



An Easy Guide to Rational Energy Policies

By Ronald Stein

There are extensive technical and lengthy discussions and proposed solutions—both pros and cons—about climate change, rising oceans, extreme weather events, the impact of emissions, net-zero, EV mandates, wind and solar mandates, pollution, temperature change, and energy subsidies.

The elephant in the room that is seldom discussed is the simple and an easy-to-understand fact of life that the world is facing shortages of the same products and fuels manufactured from crude oil that were the basis of the planet's population growth from one to eight billion in less than two hundred years.

A non-technical explanation for these upcoming shortages is that wind turbines and solar panels can only generate electricity but cannot manufacture any products for humanity.

With no backup plan to maintain the supply chain for all the products and fuels supporting the eight billion humans on this planet, the following should be helpful for new regulations, mandates, and laws that would restore sensible, affordable, and rational energy policies.

Turbines and solar panels only generate electricity but manufacture no products for humanity.

Ridding the world of fossil fuels would result in a reduction in each of the following, as all these infrastructures exist because of the products manufactured from crude oil, which cannot be manufactured by either wind turbines or solar panels.

Today, 700 oil refineries around the world are designed for specific crude oil feedstocks available to those sites, and then manufacture each 42-gallon barrel of oil into light and heavy hydrocarbon products available from that feedstock to support the world's 8 billion on this planet that are dependent on the 50,000 jets moving people and products, and more than 50,000 merchant ships for global trade flows, and the military's of each country, and space programs that are based on the heavy hydrocarbons for the various fuels manufactured from crude oil.

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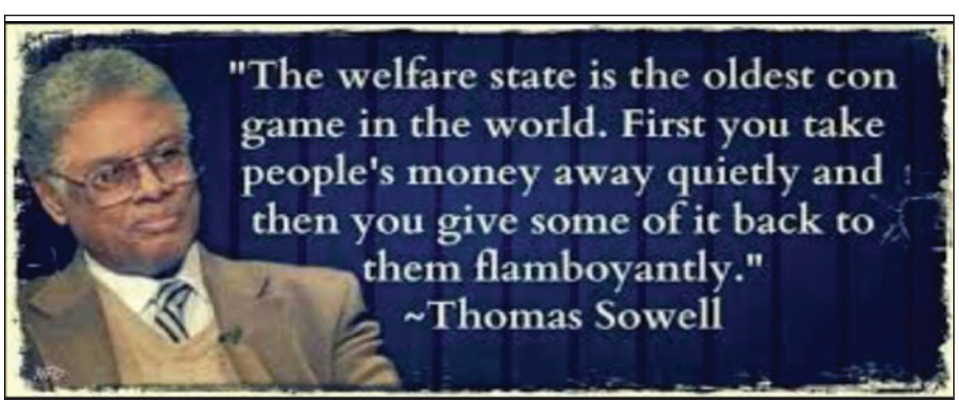

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Save The Whales Coalition Warns NOAA: Don't Allow More Harassment from Wind Power

By H. Sterling Burnett, David T. Stevenson, Craig Rucker

The Save the Whale Coalition – consisting of The Heartland Institute, the Committee for a Constructive Tomorrow (CFACT), and the American Coalition for Ocean Protection (ACOP) sent a letter today to the National Marine Fisheries Service, a division of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), warning them not to authorize the harassment of whales requested by Dominion Energy of Virginia.

Dominion Energy recently submitted a "Request for Rulemaking and Letter of Authorization for Taking of Marine Mammals" as dead whales have been increasingly washing ashore along the Atlantic Coast. The Save the Whale Coalition says that NOAA granting Dominion's request would prompt litigation to stop it.

Dominion's request, issued in August, asks NOAA for permission to begin construction of "all offshore project components," including turbines, monopiles, substations, and underwater cables "no later than March 4, 2024 and to extend for five years." The company also requests the "unintentional (but not unexpected) taking of protected species," including the critically endangered North Atlantic right whale, of which only around 300 remain.

The Coalition notes in its letter that the project will be subject to judicial review for a period of time substantially beyond the March 4, 2024 time frame, and that until that judicial review us finalized, there should be no offshore construction authorized to proceed.

The letter is signed by David Hubbard, partner in the firm of Gatzke, Dillon, and Ballance (GDB), which has been retained by the Coalition to provide advice and counsel with respect to Dominion's offshore wind project and its compliance with federal statutes and regulations. GDB is also counsel for plaintiffs who have brought suit against the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), the Department of Interior, the National Marine Fisheries Service, and other federal agencies with respect to offshore wind development in Massachusetts, New York, and New Jersey.

The following statements from members of the Coalition may be used for attribution. For more comment or to schedule an interview, please contact Jim Lakely, vice president and director of communications at The Heartland Institute at jlakely@heartland.org or call/text his cell: 312-731- 9364.

"The Draft Environmental Impact Statement issued by BOEM for the Virginia Wind project contains numerous procedural and substantive violations of the Marine Mammal Protection Act and other federal statutes and regulations. The Coalition is warning BOEM, NOAA, and other federal agencies not to approve Dominion Energy's recent request – which would allow the harassment and injuring of whales and other marine mammals – until all of the federal statutory requirements and regulations have been complied with and approved by appropriate federal agencies, and that permission has been obtained from all courts that have been requested to review and approve the federal permits.

"With dozens of dead whales and dolphins washing up on the shores of New York, New Jersey, Maryland, and Virginia, now is a particularly unsuitable time for NOAA to authorize the harassment or injury of right whales and other endangered species. It is equally problematic for Dominion Energy to be seeking whale harassment permission at this time. Dominion Energy is attempting to put the cart before the horse. There should be no issuance of incidental harassment authority by federal agencies until the offshore construction activities to which it is 'incidental' have been finally approved by appropriate federal agencies and the courts."

Craig Rucker, President, CFACT
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"We have conferred with dozens of environmental and conservation groups from NY, MD, and NJ who are furious that all of these dead whales and dolphins should appear on their beaches immediately following the sonar blasting survey work undertaken by wind developers adjacent to these beaches. The excuse by the federal authorities that there is 'no evidence' connecting this sonar blasting with mammal deaths rings hollow as any federally approved harassment could send whales into major shipping channels that surround the lease areas.

"Possible death by vessel strikes of harassed whales supports our request, along with the congressional resolution sponsored by U.S. Reps. Jeff Van Drew (R-NJ), Chris Smith (R-NJ), Andy Harris (R-MD) and Scott Perry (R-PA), for an immediate moratorium on offshore wind development and a complete, independent investigation into the cause of all this marine mammal destruction."

David Stevenson, President, ACOP
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"BOEM has already admitted that it is a 'partner' with offshore wind developers in implementing the Biden administration's goal of industrializing the East Coast with thousands of wind turbines. It is not acting, as it should by law, like an independent body equally as concerned with environmental protection as with the construction of expensive, unreliable, industrial wind factories.

"This request by Dominion Energy for permission to harm, injure, and kill whales and other marine mammals even before the environmental impacts, construction and operations plan, and potential biological removal for Virginia Wind have been finally issued and approved raises suspicions that the Biden administration is prepared to green light offshore wind development regardless of clear legal requirements and the obvious danger it poses to the survival of the Right Whale and other endangered species."

H. Sterling Burnett, Ph.D.
Director, Arthur B. Robinson Center on Climate & Environmental Policy

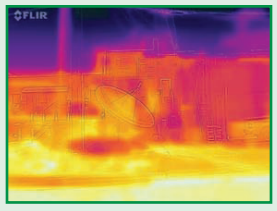
Heartland Launches Private Temperature Station Network

Heartland's recent research revealed that 96 percent of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) temperature measurement stations are in locations that resulted in inaccurately high temperature readings.

In response, Heartland is launching our own private network of technologically superior temperature stations. They cost $2,000 per station, and every dollar you give will be matched dollar for dollar by one of our generous donors, who has pledged an uncapped matching challenge grant.

As urbanization has spread, NOAA's stations have become surrounded by concrete and steel, skewing the recorded temperature to be much warmer than it really is.

Heartland's thermal imaging revealed the excess heat:





Thanks to advances in technology and the hard work of Heartland Senior Fellow Anthony Watts, we now have an alternative system for recording temperatures other than NOAA's faulty network.

Heartland's Global Open Atmospheric Temperature System (GOATS) will consist of a network of hundreds of properly located stations, so we can collect accurate, unbiased temperature data.

I hope you will please consider supporting this crucial project.





Unlike NOAA's, Heartland's stations will require no human record keeping, or even an external power source. They run on solar and battery power, and the data are downloaded instantly into the cloud via the cellular network.

Believe it or not, NOAA still records this mountain of data by hand!

In fact, you can see the live data stream from our first prototype by going to heartland67740.lt.acemlnb.com.

Heartland's GOATS network has the potential to be one of our greatest weapons in the fight for climate realism.

Inaccurate and biased climate data are the empirical bedrock on which the radical left's agenda is built. Climate change is the excuse given for ESG scores, carbon taxes, the Green New Deal, and all other forms of economic destruction.

The public must have easy access to comparable scientific data that directly dispute the left's claim of impending environmental disaster.

Thanks to a very generous Heartland donor, there has been a matching gift grant set up in support of Anthony's project.

Meaning, if you can give $10, $50, $100, or even $1,000 in support of our new temperature stations, our generous donor will match your gift and double it!

Your support of this project could mean the difference between deploying the necessary number of GOATS stations or not.

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not bode well as 20 percent of the 700 worldwide aging refineries are projected to close in the next 5 years that will result in less manufacturing with the loss of 140 manufacturing sites to meet the ever-growing demands of ships, jets, and the derivatives needed for all the products demanded by society. With less manufacturing in wealthy countries in the days ahead, further shortages and inflation of both fuels and products in perpetuity are guaranteed.

No new refinery has been built in America since 1977, 46 years ago, so the need for new American refinery manufacturing facilities to treat natural gas and/or coal may be a pipe dream to obtain environmental and construction permits for a new fossil fuel manufacturing site, when America is motivated to rid itself of both natural gas and coal, along with crude oil.

Those light hydrocarbons are primarily used for making the more than 6,000 products for humanity and infrastructures that did not exist before 1800.

To achieve a world of only those light ends to make all the products now that support lifestyles and all the infrastructures, there are thoughts among the green community that we can convert the existing old refineries to produce nothing but derivatives and/or replace the existing refineries with derivative refineries or just manufacturing those light ends. That may be another pipe dream as each refinery is designed for specific crude oil feedstocks available to those sites, and conversions may be technically too expensive and not even permissible.

A 42-gallon barrel of oil contains about 90 percent of heavy hydrocarbons for various fuels, and about 10 percent of light hydrocarbons that are the basis of thousands of products made from those oil derivatives by -products. We can't squeeze more light-end hydrocarbons from a barrel of oil.

Such a switch of those old refineries to derivative refineries is a pipe dream or an environmental and emissions disaster as 90 percent of that 42-gallon barrel of crude oil would need to be disposed of if not marketable as manufactured products like liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), automotive gasoline's, jet fuels, distillate fuel oils, diesel fuels.

It was fossil fuels that made it possible for humanity to grow from 1 to 8 billion in 200 years, because they can be manufactured into thousands of usable, life-enhancing and life-saving products.

That "transitioning" humanity to just electricity means converting to wind and solar systems that can manufacture none of these vital products. That transition to just electricity will very likely cause the death of BILLIONS of people from diseases, malnutrition, lowered living standards and weather-related disasters, whereas projections of millions of fatalities from "carbon emissions" and climate change are based on computer models that take none of these realities into account.

The sites for the mining of materials required to build wind, solar, and EV batteries exist in developing countries that are under minimal to nonexistent labor, wage, environmental, reclamation, and worker health and safety regulations. The mere extraction of those exotic minerals presents social challenges, human rights abuses, and environmental degradation's worldwide, but are of no significance to the wealthy countries benefiting from those "green" materials.

The climate cult COULD seek decommissioning and restoration standards in those developing countries down to the last dandelion, just like we have for decommissioned mines, oil, and nuclear sites in America, but the climate cult avoids the same in developing countries.

The life cycle for electricity from wind turbines and solar runs from design, procurement, and construction, through operations and maintenance, and repair, as well as the life ending decommissioning and disposal, but again, recycling and restoration of the landscaping back to its original pristine condition, is also not in the cards in the wealthy countries that are going green.

Ridding the world of oil, without a replacement in mind, would be immoral and evil, as extreme shortages of the products manufactured from fossil fuels which are supporting the 8 billion on this planet will result in billions of fatalities from diseases, malnutrition, and weather-related deaths. Shortages of fossil fuel products would necessitate lifestyles being mandated back to the horse and buggy days of the 1800's and could be the greatest threat to the planet's eight billion residents.

Before implementation of any policies that impact the supply chain of crude oil, a replacement must be identified that can maintain the supply chain of more than 6,000 products and various fuels that support the health and food requirements of the 8 billion people now on this planet, and the 50,000 merchant ships and 50,000 jets that are moving products around the world for global trade flows, and the military and space programs.

Here's what teachers think of Heartland's new book

Two weeks ago, we shipped Heartland's Climate At A Glance: For Teachers & Students (CAAG) bookletsto thousands of teachers throughout the country. Now they are raving about it.

Almost immediately, we received an overwhelmingly positive response from teachers who received a copy.

I don't need to speak for them, though. Here are some direct quotes from the feedback we've gotten:

"This is an awesome resource, and I appreciate y'all putting this together and sending it out. I teach Environmental Science AP to senior level students and next month we will be hitting the final unit called 'Global Change' and this tool will be great for analysis and case studies!"

"Thank you for the booklet 'Facts on 30 Prominent Climate Topics.' I plan on using this as an additional resource for my classes. Can I be sent 60 additional copies?"

"Thank you for sending me the Climate At A Glance book. I have for years told my students that the things they hear on TV are lies and half-truths."

"I love the fact that at the end of each section, you have the references. Thank you, I plan on using your information in my next unit."

"Thanks for such a great resource - I can't wait to use it in class!"

Your support of Heartland has directly impacted the education of many thousands of students for the better.

Thanks to you, teachers are now armed with the truth.

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China, Russia *cont. from page 1*

What does that mean for the rest of the world?

The China-Russia symbiosis is easy to understand. Russia provides the oil, gas and raw materials at discount prices, while China trades its high technology and endless amounts of manufactured products. It's a win-win.

Russia is fueling China's technology-based economy and its military. Not to mention Russian agricultural production, which helps feed China's 1.5 billion people. The relationship fulfills the long-term basic needs of the respective partners. It's no wonder China's President Xi Jinping gloats that "this hasn't happened in 100 years."

For the foreseeable future, China's vast purchases of Russian natural resources perpetuates the war in Ukraine, making China wholly complicit in the ongoing death and destruction. Because of the China lifeline, Russian President Vladimir Putin can conceivably keep fighting until Western electorates lose patience and quit.

Since the Russians went on the warpath, the resulting global sanctions have so far not seriously wounded its economy, while fossil fuel sales at high prices have buoyed it. That's thanks mostly to China – but also India, and to Europe itself! Russia's GDP fell by only 2% in 2022, well below predictions, thanks to fossil fuel sales keeping it afloat.

Conversely, America's economy is struggling with high inflation and bank failures, and experiencing a pressing need to mobilize its defense industries to keep up with its critical role in the war in Ukraine – producing ammunition, in particular. Perhaps worse, Biden administration climate change policies and priorities mean there's been no mobilization of America's vast fossil fuels capacity to push back on the current Russian and Saudi energy dominance.

Outside of America (add Canada, Western Europe and Australia), the rest of the world, including Eastern Europe, see Western democracies denuding themselves of the very fossil fuels that still-developing countries need to grow their economies and feed their people. These nations are committed to using fossil fuels and may only be giving lip service to climate change because they want friendly and financial relations with the West.

At the same time, the West will not help developing nations harness their own fossil fuel capacities. This is true for institutions like the USAID, World Bank and Asian Development Bank, among others.

Developing nations like India and Brazil are on the sidelines over the war in Ukraine largely because they see the West fossil fuel-energy disarming in the present while over-focusing on the risks of climate change for the future. These countries need oil, gas, coal and fossil fuel-derived fertilizers and petrochemicals to survive and prosper. Unfortunately for the West but fortunately for developing nations, these resources are readily available from Russia and the Middle East, along with manufactured products from China. This further marginalizes the U.S. and Europe.

America's leadership is no longer the guiding North Star in the Global South, as the investments, products and markets of China and the fossil fuels and related products of Russia and the Middle East begin to supersede the advantages of tying their futures to Europe and the United States.

Adding to the West's self-induced dilemma, most of these countries have traditional populations and governance that are not ready for the revolutionary social policies sweeping over the West – while Putin lays claim to "protecting traditional values" and such social policies have no traction in China.

The West faces a serious predicament: How to weigh the value of guarding against what many view as the potentially serious long-term effects of climate change versus the current phasing out of fossil fuels despite the risk of geopolitical failure. Unfortunately, the West is not even actually considering its options; it is denouncing and repressing fossil fuel production, thus inadvertently strengthening the China-Russia axis. Iran is already in the China-Russia bag and Turkey is more and more leaning that way.

Recently, oil and gas giant Saudi Arabia has made stunning moves in the China-Russia direction, in some large part because fossil fuels are their lifeblood, now and into the future – and the Saudis see America downgrading that life blood while at the same time seeking to cut back its presence in the Middle East.

Adding to the dilemma, China totally dominates the world in green energy raw materials, technologies and production. In that regard, "going green" means greater U.S. energy dependence on China for the foreseeable future – gravely affecting its ability to control its own foreign, domestic and defense policies.

The fact is, fossil fuels are by far the most indispensable component of all the world's economies and the dominant weapon of war as militaries are built and run on fossil fuels. In fact, 85% of the world's energy consumption comes from fossil fuels and we see China, ostensibly our main adversary, going full steam ahead on an "all-of-the-above" approach – which focuses on oil, gas and coal, plus some renewable wind, solar and hydropower. They are also actively engaged in nuclear power: 43 plants have been built, 13 are under construction and 45 are planned, while the West's nuclear power atrophies.

The U.S. Energy Information Administration recently reported that, while the Biden administration is pushing for net-zero "carbon" emissions by 2050, a policy with potentially enormous negative impacts on the economy and military preparedness, the U.S. will still derive some 65% of its energy from fossil fuels as compared with some 79% today. But what will the geopolitical cost be for even a 14% reduction?

A long-term China-Russia axis is dangerous for a fossil-fuel-disarming America and West. France and the European Union recently urged Xi to hold back on supporting Russia, but begging or delaying is not enough to make us safer. Add a still developing, natural-resources-dependent Global South going along (by energy necessity) with this fossil-fuel-strong new world power structure, and the situation becomes even more precarious. It may soon give rise to a civilizational shift or true existential threat.

The "alarm bells" only ring for those willing to listen. It's high time the West re-evaluates its energy and climate change approach – before it is too late.

Former Rep. Don Ritter (R-Pa.), Ph.D., served 14 years on the House of Representatives Energy and Commerce and Science and Technology Committees. After leaving Congress he created and led the National Environmental Policy Institute. He was a National Academy of Sciences fellow in the USSR, speaks fluent Russian and was ranking member on the Congressional Helsinki Commission and founding co-chair of the Baltic States-Ukraine Caucus. He is a trustee of the Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation and Museum and co-chairs its Capital Campaign.

Quote of the Week:

"Without data, you're just another person with an opinion." – W. Edwards Deming [H/t Ron Clutz]

Number of the Week:

6% per degree Celsius.

This Week:

By Ken Haapala, President, Science and Environmental Policy Project (SEPP)

The Science & Environmental Policy Project began in late 1990 as a research effort by atmospheric physicist S. Fred Singer and a handful of graduate students working out of a small office in downtownWashington, D.C.The Project had two goals: (1) to gather material for a book on global environmental issues,and (2) to conduct a survey of scientists affiliated with the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change to determine the extent of what was, even then, being touted as scientific "consensus" on global warming.

What the graduate students discovered with their survey convinced Dr. Singer to set his book aside and instead to circulate among senior members of the American Meteorological Society a "Statement by Atmospheric Scientists" on greenhouse warming, which was quickly endorsed by 46 leading climatologists and atmospheric physicists (and eventually by nearly 100). That statement, issued on February 27, 1992, drew widespread media attention and was cited more than 150 times in the press. It was the first inkling journalists had that there was no scientific consensus on the reality of a global warming. Indeed, there was raging debate.

The Science & Environmental Policy Project was incorporated in the state of Virginia in 1992, and established as a nonprofit, 501(c)3 educational organization in late 1993.Today, having expanded from that core of 46 scientists, it draws on an international network of some of the finest minds in science who donate their time to promoting sound, credible, peer-reviewed research as the only basis for the health and environmental policies that affect us all.

You can help in two ways:

1. Download SEPP reports, press releases, and articles and pass them on – to newspaper editors, journalists, educators, civic leaders, and others. Help stop the fearmongering and the distortion of science.This is the most important thing you can do.

2. Support SEPP with your tax-deductible contributions. The environmental pressure groups, which present so much wrong information, have a combined clout of more than $1 billion a year.The Science & Environmental Policy Project has had far-reaching impact on less than one-hundredth of one percent of that figure. It's money well and effectively spent.

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And thank you.

SCIENCE & ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY PROJECT

The Week That Was May 13, 2023

Scope: Following are some of the topics discussed below. Using the HITRAN spectroscopy database William van Wijngaarden and William Happer have presented outstanding calculations of the temperature influence of adding specific greenhouse gases to the atmosphere. The database is derived from decades of laboratory experiments modified by over 40 years of weather balloon data on temperature, pressure, and relative humidity. It is the best database for understanding the greenhouse effect existing. As a professor at the York University in Toronto, Canada, van Wijngaarden posted a paper "Impact of Changing Greenhouse Gas Concentrations on Ontario's Climate." This paper focuses on the greenhouse effect as separate from other causes of climate change such as natural variation and change in land use. Similar calculations can be made for any jurisdiction.

In discussion of the greenhouse effect and radiative transfers, questions have arisen regarding the nature of a photon, conservation of energy and similar issues. It is useful to remember Atomic, Molecular, and Optical physics involves shifting from traditional physics to quantum mechanics. A few of the "shocking" changes are discussed.

As articulated previously by William Happer and Richard Lindzen, among others, the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) distorts the physical science regarding climate, particularly attributing natural variation to human emitted greenhouse gases. As additional reports are developed from the core, scientific report, the distortions increase. Particularly outrageous is the claim in the Summary for Policymakers that climate has been stable for almost 2000 years until about 1850 when human civilization began on a large-scale replacing wood with coal as a major source of heat needed for industrialization. On May 9, the independent, international group founded in 2019 by emeritus professor of geophysics Guus Berkhout and science journalist Marcel Crok, Climate Intelligence (CLINTEL) released a 180-page report detailing deficiencies in the UN IPCC "science." Already, several good summaries of the report have appeared. TWTW will discuss the one by Judith Curry.

Christopher Monckton of Brenchley has a post in American Thinker stating, "3 Damning Equations to Defeat Global Warming Zealots." It highlights significant deficiencies in the IPCC reports that are continued by its followers including the US National Science Foundation.

Australian Jennifer Marohasy continues her efforts to expose huge deficiencies in temperature reports by the Australian Bureau of Meteorology (BoM), deficiencies which the Australian government ignores or supports, regardless of political party. The Australian press is complicit in this cover-up.

Former NASA scientist Roy Spencer reports that Americans are voting for warmer weather with their feet, particularly retirees. They continue to move south, despite claims by Washington that warmer weather is causing a climate crisis or emergency.

The EPA and other US government agencies continue in their false claims in an effort to destroy the US oil, gas, and related industries, including transportation. "Build back better" has become a slogan for "to save the world, it will be necessary to destroy civilization."

The group headed by Canadian John Robson posted a video describing a new form of colonialism – Eco-Colonialism. Though not violent or physically abusive as imperial colonialism, it can be economically destructive to populations in subject countries.

Insignificant: Atomic, Molecular, and Optical (AMO) physicists William A. van Wijngaarden and William Happer have produced significant work on greenhouse gases such as "Atmosphere and Greenhouse Gas Primer," "Relative Potency of Greenhouse Molecules," and with C. A. de Lange and J. D. Ferguson, "Nitrous Oxide and Climate." On May 10, Van Wijngaarden posted a paper describing how trivial the influence the emissions of the Province of Ontario, Canada, are. Similar analyses can be made for other political jurisdictions. The abstract of the paper states: [Boldface added]

"The effect of changing greenhouse gas concentrations, most notably carbon dioxide, CO2, on climate was examined. In particular, calculations of climate sensitivity, the warming of the Earth due to a doubling of atmospheric carbon dioxide, are discussed. Greenhouse gas concentrations, as determined from air bubbles trapped in ice as well as at Mauna Loa, Hawaii are presented. The greenhouse gas amounts generated by Canada and Ontario were used to estimate their respective contributions to global warming. Ontario was responsible for only 0.35% of the world's CO2 emissions in 2019 and this amount was 20% lower than in 2005. The predictions of Global Climate Models (GCMs) regarding temperature, polar ice caps, oceans, precipitation, and extreme events were compared to observations. Records since 1880 show an overall warming of about 1 ° However, the GCMs do not account for observed decadal temperature fluctuations and consistently overestimate the warming. Ontario's contribution to global warming is only 9.2 x 10-5 °C /year using the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) recommended climate sensitivity value. Measurements of the polar ice caps reveal a decrease in the minimum September Arctic sea ice extent during 1979-2022 but the trend levelled off after 2007, while the average Antarctic sea ice extent slightly increased. Sea level increased slightly throughout the 20th century. Ontario's contribution to anthropogenic sea level rise is about 0.005 mm/year. Sea level along Ontario's Hudson Bay coast is decreasing due to isostatic rebound of the land following the last Ice Age. The change to ocean acidity due to CO2 absorption from the atmosphere is negligible compared to that due to tides, ocean depth and seasonal effects. Ontario's contribution to ocean acidification is estimated to be 6 x 10-6 pH /year. No changes in precipitation in North America over the 19th and 20th centuries, nor in Toronto since 1843, were found. The Great Lake levels are remarkably constant over the past century showing no evidence of a change in the incidence of flooding. No evidence was found that the frequency of extreme events such as hurricanes or tornadoes increased during recent decades. The number of forest fires in Canada and Ontario decreased during 1990 to 2020."

Van Wijngaarden gives a careful presentation on major issues such as Climate, including the Greenhouse Effect, Climate Sensitivity, Water Feedback, Global Warming due to Other Greenhouse Gases such as CH4 and N2O, Global Climate Models, Beneficial Impacts of Carbon Dioxide, and Are Greenhouse Gas Concentrations Increasing? Of particular note is Water Feedback.

According to ensemble climate modeling pioneer, Tim Palmer in The Primacy of Doubt, in general, global climate models calculate that a warming of about 1°C from CO2 will cause an increase in water vapor doubling the CO2 warming and together they will cause a melting of the Arctic resulting in another 0.5°C warming totaling a 2.5°C increase. Van Wijngaarden writes:

"A warming of only 1 °C is not a threat to the planet. However, the maximum amount of water vapor that can be contained in a given volume of air increases at a rate of 6% per degree Celsius. Therefore, the water vapor concentration would go up in a warming atmosphere if the relative humidity remained unchanged. This so-called water feedback effect would amplify the small warming due to increasing carbon dioxide. Observations are inconclusive that water vapor has increased at the maximum theoretical rate. A study that examined 1/4 billion hourly values of temperature and relative humidity at 309 stations located throughout North America during 1948-2010 found relative humidity decreased at many inland stations.

A more sophisticated analysis of surface warming must take into account that the troposphere warms more than the higher atmosphere. S. Manabe, who received the Nobel prize in 2021, originally estimated a climate sensitivity of 1.4 C for the case of constant water vapor concentration. This has been independently confirmed by several subsequent groups including our own calculations. The climate sensitivity increases to about 2.3 C if one considers maximum possible water feedback such that relative humidity remains constant." [Citations omitted; boldface added.]

Van Wijngaarden analyzes numerous other issues such as Comparison of Observations to Global Climate Model Predictions, especially atmospheric temperature trends where the greenhouse effect occurs, Oceans, sea level rise, Extreme Weather Events, etc. Van Wijngaarden finds Ontario's contribution to climate change trivial and concludes:

"In conclusion, the author wishes to emphasize that application of well tested physics shows an increase of greenhouse gases will cause some global warming. However, contrary to the United Nations claim, there will not be catastrophic climate change within 10 years, nor should one overlook the beneficial aspects of increased carbon dioxide for promoting plant growth. The impact of Ontario's anthropogenic emissions of greenhouse gases on global climate is minuscule."

Photons and Other Strange Concepts: Physics in the late 19th and early 20th centuries underwent a major upheaval in thinking about

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Number of the Week: As stated above by van Wijngaarden, the Global Climate Models assume that water vapor will increase by 6% per degree Celsius for an increase in temperatures, particularly from CO2. One of the issues is that the tropics are not warming significantly, and the tropical atmosphere is saturated. As van Wijngaarden writes:

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London Times graphic: Morano, Milloy and Musk!



By Craig Rucker

The once sensible Times of London published a graphic featuring mega-entrepeneur Elon Musk, energy analyst Steve Milloy and CFACT's own Marc Morano!

The subject? Extended whining that once Musk freed Twitter, more and more people signed on to hear from Marc and Milloy on social media!

Boo hoo Times, all those people judging and choosing for themselves. The horror!

What got this started? Some left-wing group calling itself The Centre for Countering Digital Hate (CCDH).

CCDH said Morano and Milloy's rapid social media growth resulted from Twitter's new paid-for "Twitter Blue" subscription.

By "giving users blue verified badges for $8 a month," CCDH told The Times,"Musk is giving climate 'deniers' a veneer of credibility they just couldn't get before... it helps them look legitimate, like a comparable source of authority to all the scientists and experts."

It seems when all the "scientists and experts" agree that a natural weather event should be attributed to climate change, it is a sin to publish clear historical scientific data which contradicts climate computer models.

How about letting people judge for themselves?

Even better, London Times, how about doing your job, asking the tough questions and actually vetting the alarming claims of the climate-Left?

For nature and people too,
Craig Rucker, President

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equity-inclusion-LBGTQ programs as the agency's "number one priority" (or perhaps number two, after climate change). Employees can take as much paid time off as needed for DEI and "gay pride" programs and eco-anguish counseling.

There's no word about programs to help employees deal with widespread habitat and wildlife destruction that will result from millions of wind turbines, billions of solar panels and tens of thousands of miles of new transmission lines, due to "net zero" policies implemented in the name of averting the "climate crisis." Apparently no programs offer paid leave to participate in "conservative pride" campaigns or study Earth's historic ice ages, warm periods, little ice ages and decades-long droughts.

That's hardly surprising. The FWS and Interior Department were getting eco-centric and anti-fossil-fuel when I worked there 35 years ago. Like American and Western society in general, their culture has simply gotten more noticeably and intolerantly devoted to extreme environmentalist agendas since then.

Movies, television and news stories, constant instruction in what to think, rather than how to think, an absence of religion and ethics in many schools and homes, and incessant themes of inequality, victimhood and global doom foster widespread tension, anxiety and depression. They leave too many children, teens and adults unable to cope with life and setbacks, less respectful of authority and human life, inured to violence, and aggressively intolerant of opinions that differ from their own ideologies and agendas.

Even before they were forced to endure Covid-induced lockdowns, nearly 20% of Americans were taking antidepressants and other psychiatric drugs, some linked to precipitating acts of violence; a third of high school students experienced prolonged anxiety, depression and hopelessness; and almost one in five teenagers had contemplated suicide.

Social isolation, minimal physical and outdoor activity, video games and reading self-selected online media have amplified depression and "chronic incapacitating mental illness" in America and many Western countries. Also hardly surprising, the problems are increasingly blamed on climate change.

"Climate grief is real," self-proclaimed experts insist, and it's spreading rapidly among young people. "The future is frightening," 77% of 10,000 young people ages 16-25 from the USA and other countries told "climate anxiety" and "climate depression" investigators. Many children have climate nightmares.

"The climate mental health crisis" already affects people who have "lost everything in worsening climate infernos," claims a NASA scientist and climate activist who's certain we face "the end of life on Earth as we know it." He's not alone in being convinced that every extreme weather event and ecological calamity today is due to or made worse by fossil fuel and agricultural emissions.

"I don't want to be alive anymore," wailed a four-year-old who's clearly been indoctrinated already. "The animals are all going to die, and I don't want to be here when all the animals are dead."

Parents fantasize about killing their children, over fears of a "climate-ravaged future." Parents, teens and even children increasingly consider suicide.

At least one psychologist has based his entire practice on addressing climate psychoses. The Climate Psychology Alliance provides an online directory of "climate-aware therapists," and a "peer support network" offers grief therapy modeled on twelve-step drug addiction programs.

There's only one real solution to this epidemic, other "experts" insist: Governments must "take action now" to "end the climate crisis," to eliminate "the death knell of climate chaos" that threatens us. Otherwise the epidemic of anxiety, depression, pills, climate grief and suicide will steadily worsen.

This is nonsense, insanity. We don't have a climate crisis. We have a climate fear-mongering crisis.

We don't need to "fix" exaggerated and over-hyped climate problems. We need to end the junk science, the indoctrination dominating news stories and classroom discussions about energy and climate change, the censorship that prevents alternative, reality-based facts and voices from being heard, the massive government funding of one side of this crucial debate.

Claims of "unprecedented" temperatures and extreme weather, floods and droughts have no basis in real-world evidence. The "climate crisis" exists in greenhouse-gas-focused computer models, headlines and hype, not in reality. There is no unprecedented upward trend in the frequency of violent US tornados, or US landfalling hurricanes, for example – though the 12-year absence of Category 3-5 hurricanes hitting the United States between Wilma (October 2005) and Harvey (August 2017) is an all-time record.

Unfortunately, viewpoints, evidence and experts challenging climate crisis claims are too often banished from school curricula, news and social media, and government policy discussions.

President Biden's "national climate advisor" worked closely with Big Tech and news organizations, to suppress factsabout climate change, fossil fuels, and the acreage, raw materials and mining required for wind, solar and battery power. Meta (Facebook), YouTube, pre-Musk Twitter and other companies routinely help to deplatform, demonetize and censor anyone contesting crisis-promoting claims.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change "summaries for policy makers" often misrepresent scientific findings and advance frightening but unsupported scenarios about Earth's future climate. The IPCC also ignores studies that demonstrate how increased atmospheric carbon dioxide improves plant growth and wildlife habitats, how climate has changed repeatedly throughout Earth's history, and that eliminating fossil fuels would result in extensive ecological damage from wind, solar, battery and transmission line mining and installations.

China, India and other countries are rapidly expanding their oil, gas and coal use, to improve their economies and lift billions out of poverty. China dominates raw material and "green tech" supply chains, making the West increasingly reliant on China for energy, economy and national defense needs – via Chinese mines, processing plants and factories that operate under minimal standards for pollution control, habitat destruction, and slave and child labor. As a result:

• Nothing the United States, Europe, Canada and Australia do will have any effect on global fossil fuel use or greenhouse gas emissions.

• Western foreign and domestic policy options will be restricted by reliance *continued on page 22*

Condemnation of the Behavior Shown by the Green County Chairman on Saturday, May 13, 2023

We condemn the show of disrespect towards CD2 Chairman-elect, Billie Johnson, who it should be noted, won with an overwhelming 68% of the vote. Mr. Johnson has a decades-long record of support and volunteerism in the Republican Party.

This morning Mr. Johnson drove down to Green County to attend the Green County GOP monthly breakfast meeting in Monroe. He undertook this important step to hear more from CD2 members and listen to their concerns after a contentious caucus. He quietly stood in line and was next to pay $10 for his breakfast at the American Legion. Before he could pay, he was escorted out of the building by the Green County Chairman, John Fandrich, and a local law enforcement officer. Mr. Fandrich told Mr. Johnson that if he didn't leave, that most of the Green County members would leave the meeting. Coerced by Mr. Fandrich and the law enforcement officer, Mr. Johnson left as he came, quietly and peacefully.

This incident is a violation of Mr. Johnson's constitutional rights and is a despicable display of power and pettiness to rule with an iron fist. Mr. Fandrich has always been welcome to events across other counties in CD2 as are all members of the Green County Republican Party. He would never be asked to leave one of our meetings, let alone be escorted out by law enforcement. Furthermore, in the past Mr. Fandrich has made open invitations to RPDC members to attend Green County events. Some of our members are on the GCRP mailing list and get regular invitations to their events. Are they no longer welcome?

Coercing the CD2 Chair-elect is not an acceptable precedent to set. None of us want to live in a country where we cancel and silence those we disagree with. We therefore condemn the attempt to cancel Billie Johnson. This follows a pattern of repeated behavior by Mr. Fandrich to damage CD2 in the final days of his term of Vice Chair. It should also be noted that Mr. Fandrich only received 35% of the vote in his bid for reelection.

The actions taken by Mr. Fandrich today destroys party unity, which will be essential for success in upcoming elections. His consistent retaliation against members of his own party would be better directed at Democrats. Historically, we have seen far better transitions of power than Mr. Fandrich is facilitating. He has set a new low standard of behavior for an elected GOP party leader.

We demand an apology, in writing, from Green County Chairman Mr. Fandrich to CD2 Chair-elect Mr. Johnson.

Signed:

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A lawyer's perspective on the Manhattan District Attorney's criminal case against President Donald Trump



By Gary Wickert

Donald Trump represents a faction of the Republican Party that would rather win rudely than lose politely—and as a result, he is despised by the insane left and a large number of establishment Republicans. While president, Donald Trump concluded the two largest trade deals ever made, helped create over 7 million new jobs, reduced unemployment to less than 3%, uplifted the middle class, gave veterans and African-Americans record low unemployment, saw earnings growth for the bottom 10% of wage earners outpace the top 10%, boosted the net worth of the bottom half of wage earners by over 47%, created 1.2 million manufacturing and construction jobs, oversaw the creation of 12,000 new factories, helped the stock market soar 50%, signed the largest tax cuts and reforms in American history, and lifted 650,000 single mothers and their 1 million children out of poverty. He passed the first-ever tax credit for employers who provide paid paternal leave, created 9,000 Opportunity Zones in distressed communities, slashed job-killing regulations, and passed tariffs which culminated in China spending $200 billion over two years on American services, agricultures, and energy. It is no wonder he is hated, vilified, and attacked so viciously and consistently by the radical left. These are mostly things that they claim they always intended to accomplish; and has left them with nothing but transgender and gender dysphoria nonsense and battling phantom racism with real racism as a platform. Trump single-handedly recalibrated the Republican Party into a populist movement which tugged on the heartstrings of large swaths of Hispanics, African Americans, and union members across the country, sending terror throughout the ranks of the Democratic Party and them on the attack.

Given that he has turned the tables on American Democrats, it is no wonder that Trump has been vilified and attacked more than any politician in American history. Waging a social media war filled with lies, hoaxes, and distortions, as well as bombarding young Americans with the notion that Trump is a racist, bigot, misogynist, and white supremacist (whatever that is) was only the beginning. The Russian collusion allegations were bought into by virtually the entirety of the American left before it was proved a hoax by the Mueller investigation. Trump underwent not one—but two—bogus impeachments (one for allegedly pressuring Ukraine to investigate Joe Biden and his corrupt son, and the other for inciting an "insurrection" at the Capitol). His private Florida residence was raided by the FBI for allegedly containing classified documents, despite Joe Biden having boxes of such confidential material in his own home without a peep coming from the left.

Last month, American politics hit a new low when a former president of the United States and current Republican candidate for the presidency in 2024 was indicted and charged with 34 felony counts relating to what could best be described as a "hush money" incident which took place during the 2016 presidential campaign. Weaponizing the IRS and the FBI against conservatives hasn't bothered the American left one bit—and now politically-motivated criminal charges are part of the scorched earth campaign of a political party which has lost its mind because it has nothing left to stand for.

Conservative Americans tend to trust their criminal justice system, so when it was announced that Trump was charged with 34 felony counts by Manhattan (affirmative action poster child) District Attorney Alvin Bragg, many began to wonder what he could possibly have done that was illegal. As a lawyer with 40 years of experience, I thought it would be a good idea to break through all the hype and political lenses and break down exactly what Trump did and how meritorious these criminal charges actually are or aren't.

Thirty-four counts sound like a lot of crime—like thirty-four murders or thirty-four burglaries. But it isn't. Trump was charged with 34 counts of making "false business entries" in furtherance of some other, unnamed, unknown crime which has yet to be identified. Alvin Bragg simply inflated one count into 34 counts. That one count hearkens back to 2016, when Trump's lawyer, Michael Cohen, allegedly paid $130,000 to Stormy Daniels out of his own pocket to keep her quiet about an alleged affair—and later repaid by Trump to Cohen in 34 monthly payments. Cohen paid Daniels through a shell company Cohen set up. Bragg simply took each monthly repayment as a separate criminal count, even though it was just one transaction, solely to make it sound worse than it was.

But what about the substance of the charge? Did Trump commit a crime? The sole charge of falsifying business records relates to a bookkeeping function, as Bragg is alleging that Trump "made and caused false" entries in the business records of certain businesses "kept and maintained by the Trump Organization." According to Bragg, Trump did this "with intent to defraud and intent to commit another crime and aid and conceal the commission" of that crime. The charges against Trump are astonishingly weak. He was President of the United States at the time and was not in New York making bookkeeping entries in the ledgers of some of the businesses he owned at the time. Nor was he telling an accountant how to put entries in a ledger. It's ridiculous to even think that he was involved at that level.

But an even bigger problem with the flimsy and politically motivated charges brought by Bragg is that a charge of falsifying business records is not a felony unless it is attached to another, more serious crime. What was that crime? Bragg hasn't said what that crime is. He alluded to "federal election crimes" in one of the court documents he filed, but refuses to be specific because, he says, "the law does not so require." Nobody seems to understand what he means by this, because the 6th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution guarantees a defendant's right to be apprised of the exact charges against him or her, so that a proper defense can be mounted. It appears that Bragg simply made something up without telling the public or Trump, so that it could be said that Trump was charged with a felony. Given where most insane leftists get their news…that is probably all that they have heard and all they think they need to hear.

But the case gets even weaker. As you might expect when professionals are hired based on the color of their skin rather than their capabilities and experience, Bragg's allegation that the business records at issues are "Trump Organization" records completely overlooks the fact that when Trump ran for president, he turned over the reins of his company to his sons. Moreover, all of the repayments to Cohen by Trump were made on his personal account. Eleven checks (nine of which came from Trump's personal account and two of which came from his Trust) were issued in total. The media completely missed this one, as reports were widespread that the payments came from his businesses. It is not a crime to pay somebody to keep silent on something. It happens thousands of times every day when a defendant requires a plaintiff to maintain confidentiality as part of a large settlement or payment. It's not a crime.

Finally, it should be remembered that federal prosecutors who disliked Trump refused to file charges because they saw it as illusory and not a criminal act. However, they also took into consideration that the sole witness against Trump was his lawyer, Michael Cohen, a convicted perjurer. Cohen's story has already changed several times, and he will become the probative equivalent of mincemeat on the witness stand.

Even the politically-motivated FBI declined to charge Trump with a crime related to this incident because it saw that it for what it was—a political witch hunt. Many are calling for Alvin Brag to be disbarred as a result of the outlandish, over-reaching, and politically motivated charges he brought, all of which served yet again (to the glee of Democrats who want to tear down our "racist" and "biased" American system of justice and rebuild it in their own twisted vision) to weaken the confidence

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The loot flowed into a convoluted web of nearly 20 Biden family and associate shell companies shortly before, during, and after Joe's vice presidency with obscure names and purposes like Hudson West III, Hudson West V, Owascu, and JBB SR INC.

In some cases, the 36-page report states, "Biden associates would receive significant deposits from foreign sources," then "transfer smaller, incremental payments to Biden bank accounts."

These "complicated and seemingly unnecessary" transactions appeared to be an "effort to conceal the source and total amount received from the foreign companies."

U.S. House Oversight Committee Chair Rep. James Comer, R-Ky, said that at least nine Biden family members have received foreign income, including Hunter, James, James's wife Sara, Hallie, Hunter's ex-wife (Kathleen Buhle), Hunter's current wife (Melissa Cohen), and three children or grandchildren of Joe or James.

According to bank records, Chinese nationals and companies connected with some of these transfers with "significant ties to Chinese intelligence and the Chinese Communist Party hid the source[s] of funds paid out to the Bidens by layering domestic limited liability companies."

Whereas Hunter Biden received money directly into his company's account from CEFC, a Chinese-controlled entity, several Biden family members reportedly received Chinese money passed through an associate's account.

CEFC's founder and chairman, Ye Jianming, had a background in Chinese military intelligence, who the House committee said, "used his company to promote President Xi Jinping's agenda globally."

One of Ye's deputies, Patrick Ho, was convicted in the U.S. in 2018 on international bribery and money laundering.

In 2017 Ye's emissary to the U.S., Gongwen Dong, established a corporate entity with Hunter — each with 50% ownership.

Over 14 months the entity reportedly dispersed more than $4 million to Hunter-related companies and another $75,000 to companies related to the President's brother, James Biden.

Dong used a separate set of complex corporate entities and transfers to send Hunter another $100,000 payment.

Also in 2017, another Ye-related company — State Energy HK — paid some $3 million to Hunter's business associates, of which at least $1 million was then funneled in 16 separate payments over three months to five different bank accounts, all related to the Biden name.

The recipients included companies associated with Hunter and James Biden, an unknown bank account identified simply as "Biden" and a payment to Hallie Biden — the widow of Hunter's deceased brother Beau and later Hunter's girlfriend.

As reported in The Wall Street Journal, emails and text messages made public in 2020 by former Hunter business partner Tony Bobulinski — related to a separate attempted deal with CEFC— quote Hunter demanding more because CEFC is "coming to be MY partner to be partners with the Bidens."

Hunter is also quoted noting that "I'm the only one putting an entire family legacy on the line."

In another email reported by the New York Post, Hunter boasted that Ye would pay him millions for "introductions alone."

Then there's also clear House Committee evidence of suspicious activities in Romania from 2015 to 2017 when Biden family and associates received over a million dollars from a company controlled by Gabriel Popoviciu, a Romanian accused of corruption.

Ironically, Vice President Joe Biden was lecturing Romania on corruption and ethics at that time.

Whereas Joe Biden has repeatedly denied knowing about his son's overseas business dealings, a Fox News Digital review of photographs show that he met with at least 14 of Hunter's business partners, including Mexico, Ukraine, China and Kazakhstan over the course of his vice presidency.

Meanwhile, Rep. Comer, along with Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, have demanded materials withheld by the FBI cited in what they called "highly credible unclassified whistleblower disclosures" about an unclassified document detailing "an alleged criminal scheme involving then-Vice President Biden and a foreign national relating to the exchange of money for policy decisions."

If you're wondering why little-to-nothing regarding the House Oversight Committee report about corruption allegations with major national security implications receiving any notice in most of the media, it's because there were two other must-see headline stories that were obviously deemed more important.

One featured a federal jury finding Donald Trump liable in a civil suit for allegedly sexually abusing Jean Carroll in a Manhattan department store nearly 40 years ago - although she couldn't recall the year or date - which she first made publicly in 2019.

The other addressed 13 felony charges of no significant national consequence filed against Rep. George Santos, R-N.Y., for seven counts of wire fraud, three counts of money laundering, one count of theft of public funds, and two counts of making materially false statements to the House of Representatives.

Misguided media priorities maybe?

Or more likely, just weaponized Democratic deflection politics as usual.

Heartland Institute Building Vandalized, American and Gadsden Flags Burned

By Jim Lakely

I always knew this day would come – the day some radical leftists decide to take their hatred of The Heartland Institute and its mission to advance freedom and turn it into "direct action."

Last night someone burned the two flags we've had flying over this building since we purchased it in 2015. Here's how it looks on a beautiful day in Northern Illinois.

One of the first things I googled when Heartland moved into this building was "how to remove spray paint graffiti from brick." I haven't had to do that yet, but now I will be googling "how to remove cooled molten nylon from metal and stone."

When The Heartland Institute was headquartered in Downtown Chicago – as we were for most of our 39 years as an organization – we were sometimes the target of leftist "direct action." Climate crazies even held a "die in" on the street at One South Wacker to protest our work to fight climate alarmism and promote climate science. That bit of street theater was actually rather amusing. I figured our conspicuous location in a Northwest Suburb of Chicago was an even easier target. But, until today, we had escaped having someone damage our property.

It will likely be impossible to catch the perpetrators since our security cameras do not point at our flag pole, but we have filed a police report just the same. The notion that this is a just "random" act of vandalism and arson is not plausible. Heartland was clearly targeted because of the public positions we take as a conservative think tank – and because we're the most-prominent organization in the world combatting climate alarmism, as well as the insidious spread of socialism around the globe. We will not be intimidated or deterred.

The flag pole will soon be cleaned and repaired of the melted goo that used to be an American flag flying above a Gadsden "Don't Tread On Me" flag. We will get new flags – even bigger ones this time – and fly them proudly again. Both the American flag and the historic Gadsden flag symbolize liberty and having the courage to stand up for your convictions. That's what we do at The Heartland Institute, and why we will always proudly fly them at Heartland HQ.





A Century of Homicides

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Republicans neither know nor care how crime got so bad, and unsurprisingly keep losing elections. The revolv- ing door crime wave exploded in the 1960s, putting the criminals back on the street before the police could fill out the paperwork. Over the last year I talked to a thousand people about crime and not one, including criminal justice professionals and elected officials, could tell me how this revolving door started in the 1960s. Some sug- gested the Great Society, drugs or the disintegration of the American family, but these came later. Crime shot up like a Saturn V rocket because it was deliberate policy to open up the jails and let criminals walk. Supreme Court justices, other top judges, intellectuals, criminologists, and the US Attorney General all proclaimed prison confinement a medieval idea and that behavioral 'scientists' would simply rehabilitate the criminals.

The results were disastrous, homicides more than doubled and all other categories of crime quadrupled or more.

Progressives refused to reverse course and fought against sentencing reform for decades. The defeat of Demo- crats in Congress in 1995 corresponded to Truth-in-Sentencing laws passed in the mid-1990s that cut homicides back to 1950s levels. In 2014 progressives launched the War on Police, BLM and the Defund the Police move- ments; homicides are soaring. Since progressives opened up the prisons in the 1960s over one million Ameri- cans have been murdered and 1.2 million have died in opioid overdoses, more than in all US wars combined.

Another lesson not learned is that crime rates climbed higher in good economies and dropped lower during downturns. Rampant crime drove thriving businesses and good jobs out of the inner cities. The supposed cor- relation of crime to unemployment or bad economies is false; historically over 101 years, strongly the opposite.

Homicide is the most reliable crime statistic, missing persons and bodies are hard to overlook. But homicides are less than 00.18% of all reported crime in the last sixty years, a lagging indicator of overall crime. The graph shows murders soared in the Roaring Twenties and Booming 1960s, fell in the Great Depression and Great Recession and meandered through the Carter and Reagan economies. In the 1920s and 1930s homicides move opposite to what leftist dogma claims. The repeal of failed Prohibition is the trigger that flips the murder rate.

The follies of US Prohibition, revolving door policies and Defund the Police; and the success of Truth-In-Sen- tencing can be seen in the data.

Progressives rode the crime wave they created to 40 years control of Congress starting in 1955. The US prison rate barely ticked up from 1950 to 1980 and yet overall crime had exploded in the 1960s, up 400% by 1980. The progressives did nothing to protect the public from criminals. For sixty years leftists have undercut the courts and corrections, today they also undercut the police. The cost of policing and corrections is about $250 billion

a year, but the economic devastation of crime is ten times higher, $2.6 trillion. Logic dictates fully funding the criminal justice system. Instead progressives spend wildly on everything except effective criminal justice.

Republicans have failed again as the out-party in midterms, despite record crime and against extremist oppo- nents. Most conservatives run the standard myopic campaign: police good, crime bad and attack their opponent.

In local elections where I live, conservatives did not attack the narcotics open borders fueling record opioid deaths or run on returning prosperity to the inner cities. They never documented decades of liberal failure and never mentioned Truth-In-Sentencing that lead to falling crime rates, that lead to falling incarceration rates too.

A truly astonishing number of conservatives never ask themselves what the payoff is, what the backend agenda is for leftists. For example, former US Attorney General William Barr said in the Wall Street Journal that pro- gressives did not understand the relationship between incarceration and downward violent crime rates. "They missed the point" he said. Wrong, they are getting everything they want. Crime is the engine of progressive power to grow the government, for largess, for political gain and to attack the 2nd Amendment. State and fed- eral governments are forever expanded and spending shifted to more socialist redistribution.

Social spending dumps keep coming. Progressive bureaucracies keep failing as they undercut traditional crimi- nal justice, but they create an army of partisans. The right of self-defense is whittled away. This extortion has been going on for sixty years yet most conservatives do not see or attack it. Ignorance of this history shows, for certain, that decades of failure are not used in campaigns as critical issues and the lessons of history are not learned.

StopCrimeTosa.com has links to Homicides: 101 Years, The Revolving Door Crime Wave, The Yin & Yang of Liberal Crime Policy, Crime Mountain, Independent Conservative Crime Platform and other crime policy documentation.

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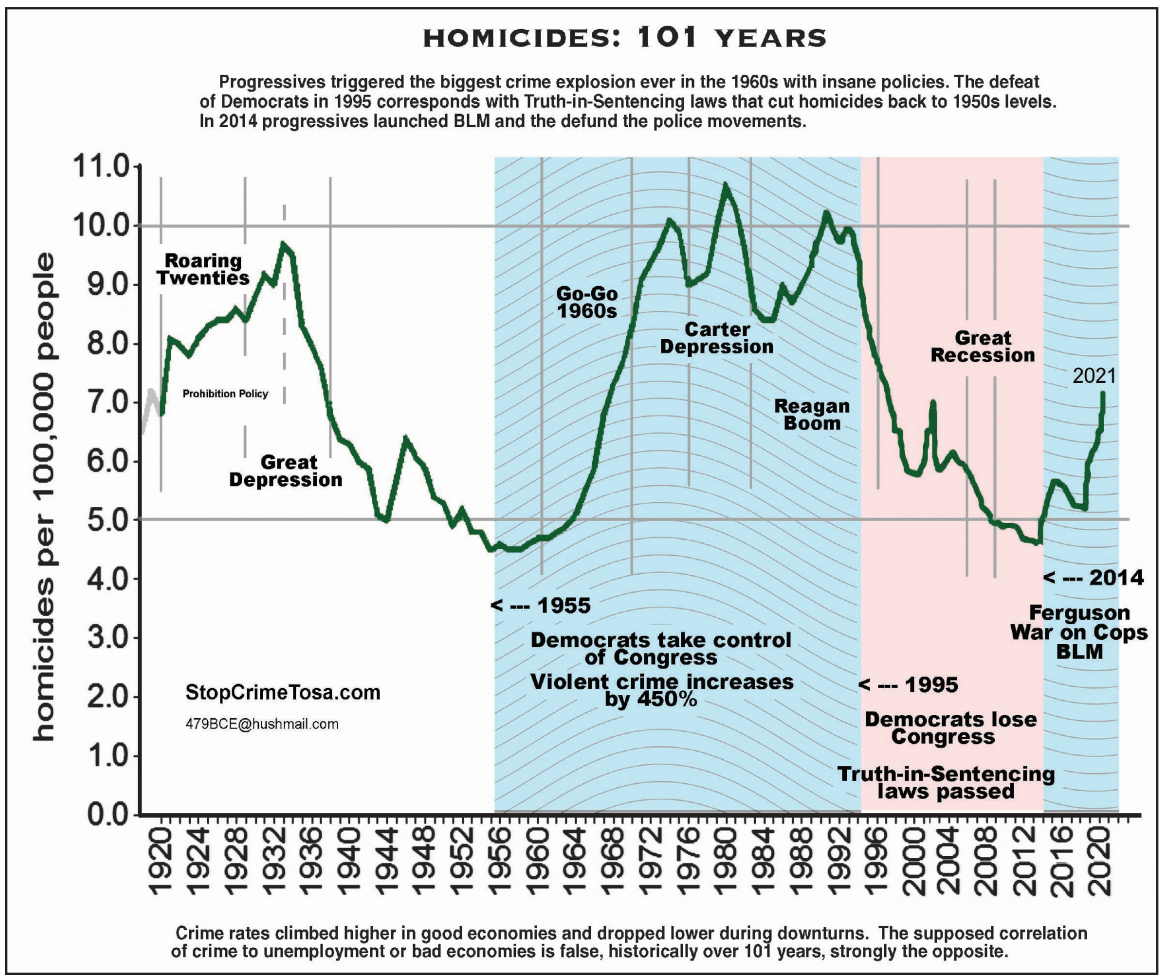


MacIver Coverage of the Flat Tax: 2023-25 Legislation Receives Hearing

By MacIver Institute

We at the MacIver Institute have long championed the benefits of a flat income tax because of the economic benefits, the check it helps put on government spending, and it's fairness. That's why we were pleased to see the first bills introduced this session, SB 1 and AB1, would put the state on a path to a flat income tax rate of 3.25%.

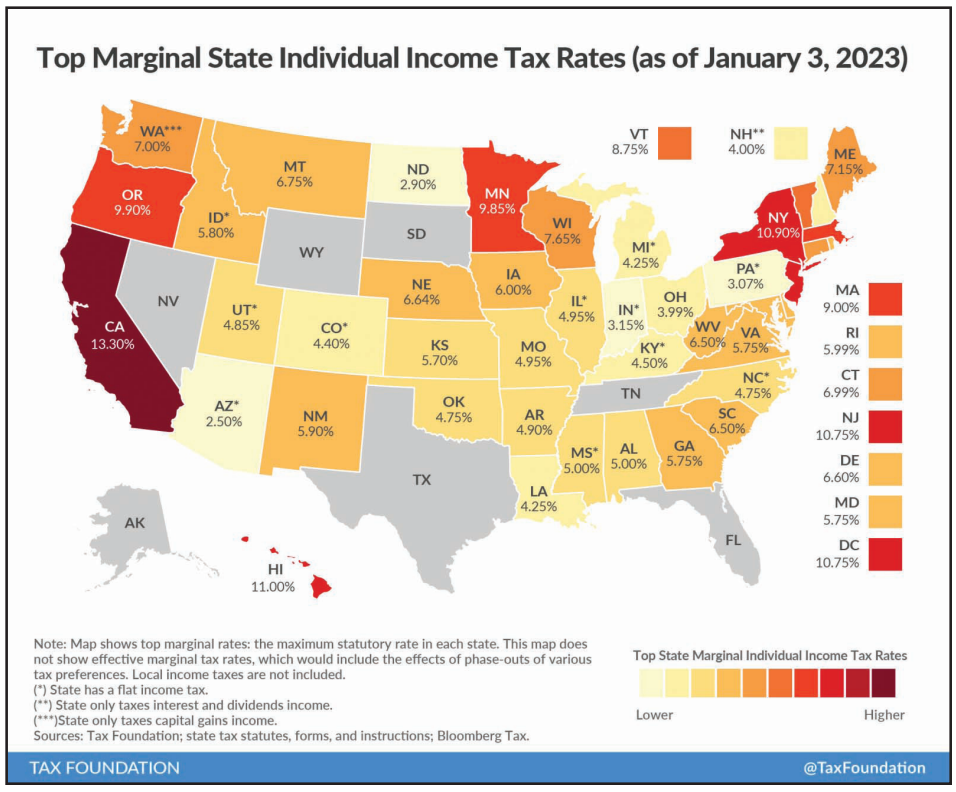
Those bills had hearings this week, and committees heard overwhelmingly positive testimony from taxpayers, business owners, and economists. That's not surprising since our top tax rate is one of the top 10 highest in the nation, and our lowest rate is in the top one-third, and 6th highest among states with a progressive structure.

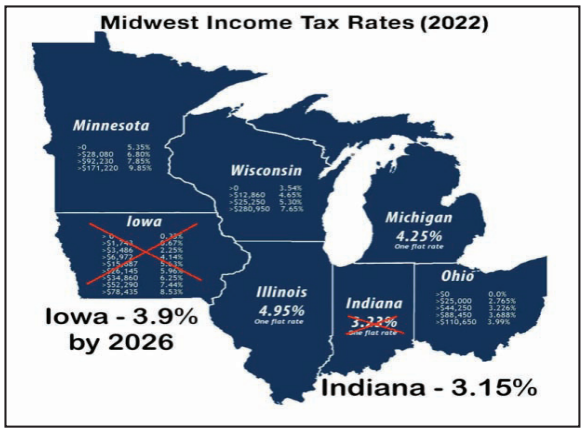
UW Madison's Center on Research on the Wisconsin Economy (CROWE) testified that Wisconsin's taxes are high and the disparity between the rates paid by taxpayers is widening. Our labor force is declining, we have high out-migration, and the 4th lowest rate of new entrepreneurialism in the U.S.

More states are moving toward a flat tax - 22 states have either no income tax, a flat tax, or are in the midst of transitioning to a flat tax (and several others have a near-flat tax structure).

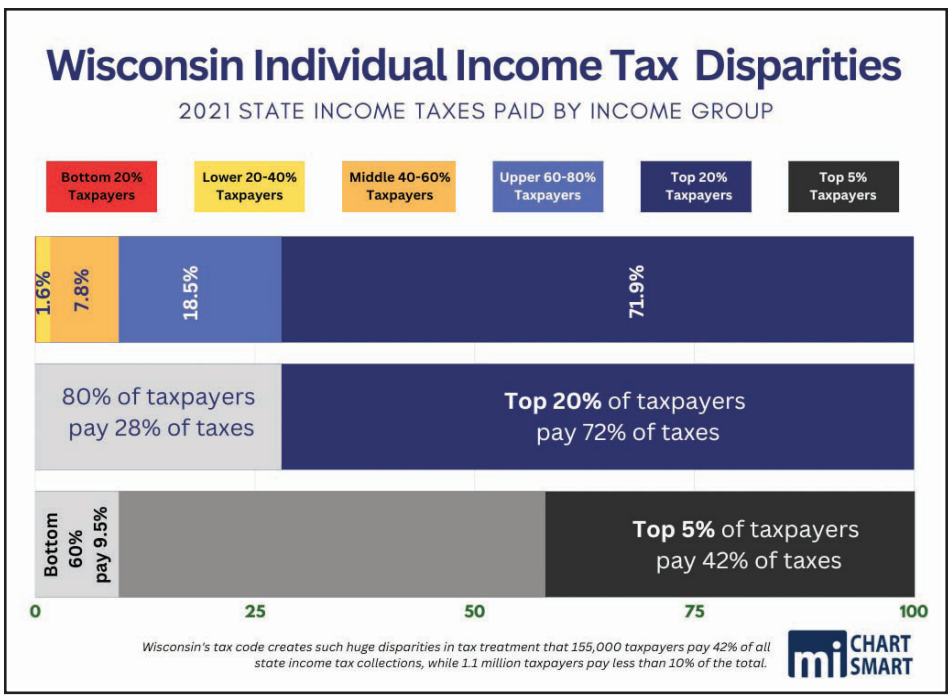
Democrats on the committee voiced opposition largely based on their belief that cutting taxes for everyone, which means both low- and high-income earners, is unacceptable because the well-off would benefit. Their apparent policy preference is to withhold a tax cut for low-income workers in order to make sure high-income workers don't get tax relief.

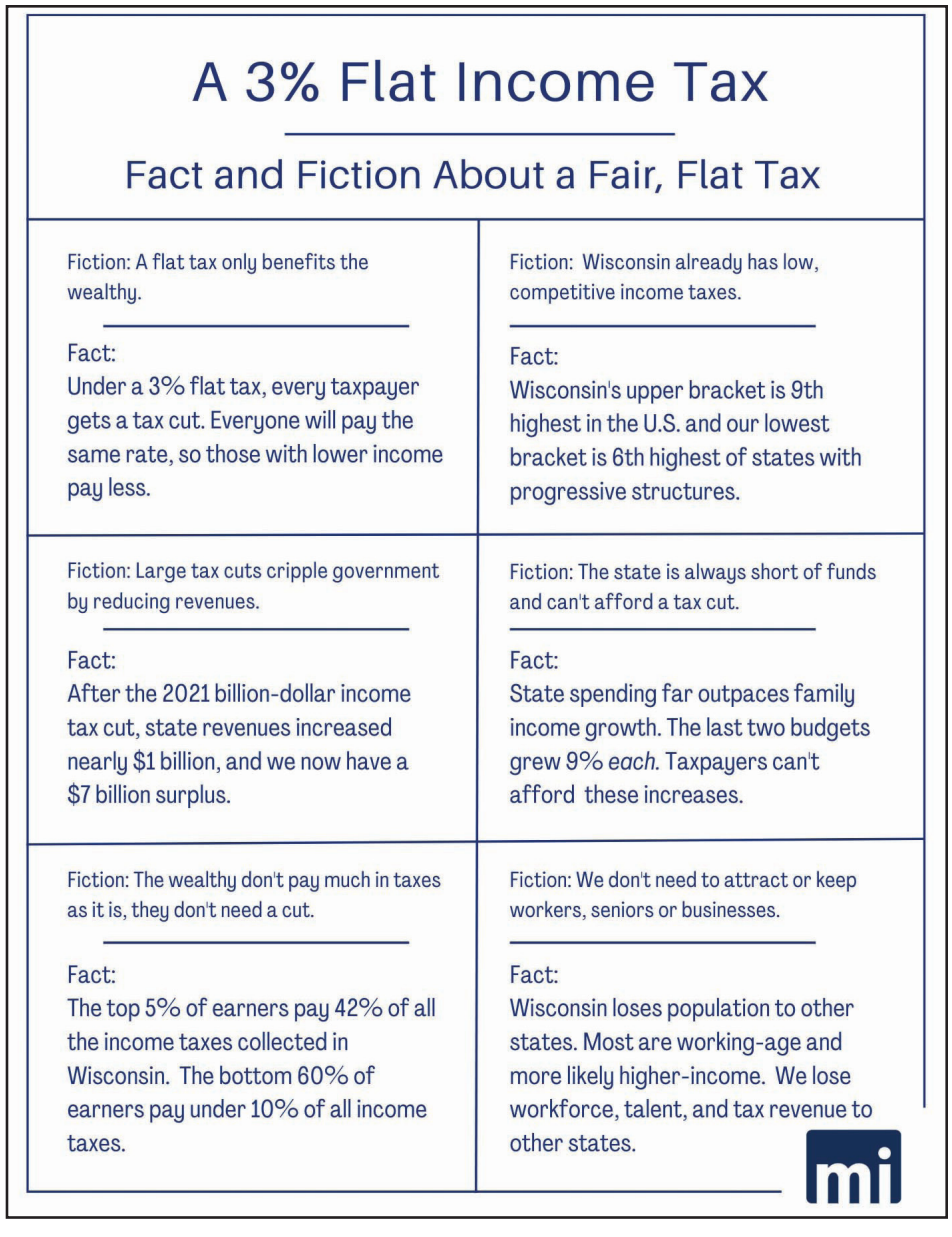
As the chart below shows the disparities in our tax code result in the top 5% of taxpayers paying 42% of income taxes collected, which the lower 40% pay under 2%.





Most of Wisconsin's neighboring states have a flat tax, and lower rates, with the exception of Minnesota.





We've compiled some of the more common fictions about a flat tax that we often hear from those who oppose a fair tax structure that eliminates the disparities that penalize success.

Why The GOP Is Losing Critical Swing State Elections

By Ron Heuer

While the "Left" are highly organized and running their election activities as a business, the Republicans run the elections as a hobby. Let me explain, consider this to be an editorial.

In the early 2000's, there was a group of left-leaning billionaires/millionaires who were donating money to the Democrat Party each year and allowing the Party to manage the spending of that money. Well, that all changed one day when a group of these billionaires/millionaires got together. This is my simple version of how that meeting went.

Billionaire Ed took the lead and asked Billionaire George, "George, how much money did you contribute to left-leaning organizations this past year? "George responded, " all in, about $85 million. Then Billionaire Ed, continued around the table asking the same question to each of the assembled group. After he tallied up the contributions, it amounted to several hundred million dollars. Then Ed asked, "By a show of hands, who at this table is convinced the money you've donated was spent effectively by the DNC to get the results you would expect?" Not a hand went up, no one was happy with the way their money was spent.

The entire group came to the realization that, if they would form their own group, and run that group like they ran their individual successful businesses they could achieve better results. Thus came the formation of Arabella Advisors. They simply told the DNC, "Look, we will continue contributing, but we are going to run the show, we will approve how and where our money is going to be spent."

That was in 2005 and Bill Clinton played

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Your Property Tax Bill Is Higher Because Of TIF Districts, Legislative Council Confirms

By MacIver Insitute

The non-partisan Wisconsin Legislative Council confirmed something about tax increment financing (TIF) that the MacIver Institute has been warning taxpayers about for years: tax increment financing directly results in higher property tax bills for all taxpayers in that community. This contradicts what local and state government officials have claimed for years, that TIF is a win-win for taxpayers.

Legislative Council released the memo that explains everything on Nov. 29, 2022, which the MacIver Institute obtained through a records request. It explains that anytime there's construction within a TIF district (TID), the mill rate goes up for the entire community. Essentially, local governments use the net new construction (NNC) that occurs within TIF districts to justify higher tax levies, but then exclude that new property value in the TIDs when calculating the new mill rate.

As the Legislative Council's memo explains, "When a TID exists, and all NNC occurs within the TID, the mill rate will increase from the prior year, because the mill rate's numerator increases while the denominator stays the same."

This memo is important, because few Wisconsin taxpayers fully understand this dynamic. That's something local leaders bank on when they pitch new TIF districts to their residents, basically claiming it's free money. The typical sales pitch is they borrow money today, invest it into the TIF district, which leads to new development, which generates more taxes to pay back the loans. They leave out the part about how it also raises everyone's taxes if the plan works out.

"This memo confirms what I have known but local officials, developers and consultants have usually denied," Sen. Duey Stroebel told the MacIver News Service. "Using TIF gives your municipality the ability to raise your taxes. Every proposed project should be reviewed on its own merits. There are reasonable and beneficial uses of TIF, but we need to be honest with all Wisconsinites. When weighing the cost-benefit decision, a bump in property taxes is a real cost of using TIF."

Legislative Council's memo exposes TIF's dirty little secret, but it helps if you know something about how Wisconsin property taxes work. Fortunately, the MacIver Institute has spent a lot of time over the years helping to educate Wisconsin residents about this very subject.

Wisconsin Property Taxes Crash Course

Local property tax levies are tied to a community's equalized value, which the Wisconsin Department of Revenue (DOR) defines as "the estimated value of all taxable real and personal property in each taxation district, by class of property, as of January 1, and certified by DOR on August 15 of each year."

The local property tax levy (numerator) is divided by the community's equalized value (denominator) to determine a mill rate. The mill rate is the amount of taxes property owners pay for every $1000 of assessed value they own. It is multiplied by your home's assessed value to determine your property tax bill.

Annual property tax levy increases are tied to net new construction (NNC). That measures the amount of new building construction and land improvements in a community in relation to its equalized value from the previous year. It is reflected as a percentage. As an example, if a community's equalized value is $1 billion, and there $1 million in new construction the next year, DOR sets its NNC at 0.1%. The community is then allowed to increase its tax levy by 0.1%.

Simply put, the tax levy does not increase because home values are going up. If there is no NNC, higher home values simply mean a lower mill rate. If your home's values is going up and the mill rate is going down, your property tax bill should remain somewhat stable.

As the Legislative Council memo explains, "When a TID does not exist, an increased levy limit will not increase the mill rate from one year to the next, because the numerator and denominator of the mill rate increase proportionally."

When the levy does increase because of NNC, the owner of the new construction is now paying property taxes, which should offset the increased levy. Therefore, everyone's individual property tax bills should remain basically unchanged, as explained in the Legislative Council memo.

Legislative Council's Examples

Using those basic concepts, legislative council provided seven hypothetical examples to help lawmakers understand the relationship between NNC, equalized value, mill rates, and TIF. All of the examples begin with a municipality that has $10,000,000 equalized value and a $100,000 levy. When NNC occurs, it is $500,000. When there's no TIF district, the initial mill rate is 1%. When TIDs exist, their base value is $100,000.

No TID, No NNC. The mill rate remains 1%. (A $200,000 home's property tax bill is $2,000).

No TID with NNC. The mill rate remains 1%. (A $200,000 home's property tax bill is $2,000).

New TID. The mill rate remains 1%. (A $200,000 home's property tax bill is $2,000).

50% NNC in TID. The mill rate increases from 1.0152284% to 1.039604%. (A $200,000 home's property tax bill is $2,079).

100% NNC outside the TID. The mill rate decreases from 1.0416667% to 1.039604%. (A $200,000 home's property tax bill is $2,079).

100% NNC in TID. The mill rate increases from 1.0152284% to 1.06598985%. (A $200,000 home's property tax bill is $2,132).

50% NNC in TID for 5 years straight. The mill rate increases from 1.0152284% to 1.126126%. (A $200,000 home's property tax bill is $2,252).

How To Analyze the Impact of TIF On Your Property Taxes

Hypothetical scenarios are great for helping people understand complicated concepts, but most people really want to know how it affects them personally. Fortunately, it's easy to calculate how TIF is impacting your property tax bill. DOR keeps all the numbers you need in one location. Every municipality that has at least one TIF district is required to complete and submit an annual Tax Increment Worksheet. All those worksheets are collated in a single PDF file on this webpage. They're organized by county, so you should have no trouble finding the one for your community.

The purpose of the worksheet is to calculate the mill rate and tax increment for each taxing entity in the municipality. Because TIF is involved, the denominator is equalized value without the TIF district (also called TID OUT). To see what the rates would be without the TIF district throwing off the formula, we're going to recalculate them using the equalized value with TIF district (TID IN) as the denominator. To demonstrate, we'll use the City of Milwaukee's worksheet.

First, start with row "1. County." Column A shows the apportioned levy is $141,786,501.65. The worksheet divides the levy by column B, "equalized value (less TID Value Increment)." We want to instead divide the levy by column D, "equalized value (with TID Value Increment)." That will provide the mill rate without the TIF slight-of-hand.

In Milwaukee, the county mill rate on the worksheet is 0.004286484. The formula is Col. A / Col. B = mill rate.

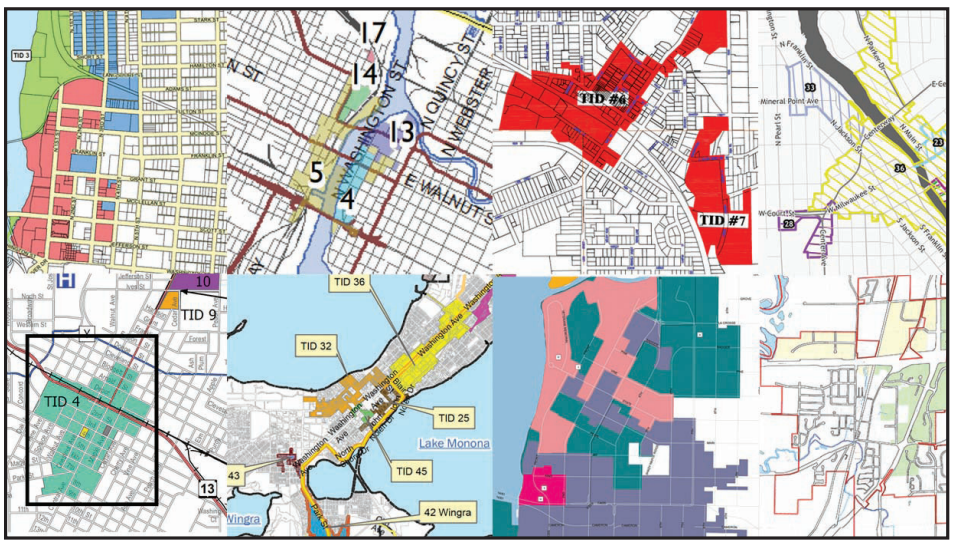
If we pretend there are no TIF districts, the formula would be Col. A / Col. D = mill rate. By doing that, we get a mill rate of 0.004014828.

Repeat those steps for each row. Then, add up all the individual mill rates to get the total mill rate for Milwaukee without TIF. Multiply that rate by the home value, and you end up with the TIF-free property tax bill.

In our example, we used a $200,000 home. With TIF influencing the property tax formula, the home's property tax bill is $5,048.86. Without TIF, the home's property tax bill would be $4,728.89.

Understand that the mill rates calculated on the Tax Increment Worksheet are "gross tax rates," and are not the "net tax rate" you see on your property tax bill. Gross rates do not factor in the first dollar tax credit or the lottery tax credit. They also do not include debt levies, which are added into the mill rate later on. However, our exercise with the worksheet is still a good gage of how much TIF is impacting property tax bills.

What did your TIF-free mill rate do to your property tax bill?



39 Pro-Abortion Republicans Attack Wisconsin's Life-Saving Statute

By MacIver Insitute

THE PRO-ABORTION GOP'S MASK HAS COME OFF IN THE WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE

2023 Assembly Bill 175 - Full Assault on the Sanctity of Life

The Wisconsin GOP - The Party of DEATH

Dear Pro-Life Christian Patriots,

Just in!

39 Republican Reprobates have DECLARED WAR ON GOD AND THE PREBORN by signing on as co-sponsors of the DEADLY Assembly Bill 175 which is a full-scale attack on our life-saving abortion statute 940.04, Wis. Stats.

***The Main Reason the GOP wants abortion legal again in Wisconsin is so the labs can get access to fresh baby part$$$....not to mention all of the GOP Whores who like to sleep around on their clueless wives/husbands when they pull into MadTown and spend a few nights on the Capitol Square.

Abortion is a good cover for Adultery. If only the walls of our State Capitol could talk!

53% of the GOP Members in the State Assembly and 23% of GOP Members of the State Senate have made their support for MURDERING Preborn Babies clear to the public by signing onto this deadly bill.

It's time to start exposing and recruiting candidates to run against these Reprobates...

Now would be the perfect time to
SANCTION these Reprobates
from your county party
*** Cut of their access to lists, events,
offices, volunteers, and other local resources.
God Must Be SO OFFENDED!

Imagine these GOP Babykillers when they stand before the Lord one day and give a full accounting for their demonic actions....there will be NO Lobbyists, PACs, 3rd Party Groups, staffers, etc., to defend their demonic behavior.

Assembly Reprobates:

1) Rozar
2) August
3) Binsfeld
4) Born
5) Callahan
6) Dallman
7) Dittrich
8) Donovan
9) Duchow
10) Green
11) Hurd
12) S. Johnson
13) Kitchens
14) Knodl
15) Krug
16) Kurtz
17) Michalski
18) Moses
19) Mursau
20) Nedweski
21) Neylon
22) Novak
23) Oldenburg
24) Plumer
25) Rodriguez
26) Sapik
27) Schutt
28) Snyder
29) Spiros
30) Summerfield
31) Swearingen
32) Vos
33) Wittke
34) Zimmerman

Senate Reprobates:

1) Felzkowski
2) Cabral-Guevara
3) James
4) Wanggaard
5) Wimberger

Resources for Patriotic Civics Education



By Joseph Bast

On April 22, John Fonte wrote a fascinating essay for the American Greatness website titled "No to Conservative Accommodationism." [Link: https://amgreatness.com/2023/04/22/no-to-conservative-accommodationism/] about how civics is being taught in K-12 schools. Fonte is a senior fellow at the Hudson Institute.

Fonte describes a civics curriculum called "Educating for American Democracy," or EAD. It advertises itself as a "consensus" approach to teaching American history and civics with insights and learning objectives coming from both the left and the right, but Fonte says it largely promotes something called "action civics" or "training K-12 students in how to become leftist protestors."

EAD may already be in your children's classrooms, or it will arrive soon. A bill titled the "Civics Secures Democracy Act" would funnel billions of dollars in federal spending -- your taxes -- to EAD programs. It's hardly exaggerating to say millions of students will be taught to hate America and how to agitate to destroy the institutions that made the world's greatest experiment in freedom possible.

Whether or not you have school-age children, you should write to your local school board member, state legislators, and members of Congress and tell them you oppose the "Civics Secures Democracy Act" as well as the "Educating for American Democracy" curriculum.

Parents who want an alternative to EAD for their children (or grandchildren) have some excellent alternatives available to them. They are available for free online or are books that can be purchased used for an affordable price. Fonte describes three.

Hillsdale College created the "1776 Curriculum" used in the national network of charter schools that have affiliated with the college and available for free to parents and all K-12 schools.

The Civics Alliance, a coalition of organizations and individuals dedicated to improving America's civics education, has created "American Birthright: The Civics Alliance's Model K-12 Social Studies Standards."

In the waning days of the Trump administration, the President's Advisory 1776 Commission issued "The 1776 Report," summarizing the principles of the American founding and how those principles have shaped our country. The brief report (it is only 41 pages long) urges parents and educators to rely on primary texts, in particular the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Federalist Papers. It ends with a series of penetrating questions that teachers can pose to prompt discussion amongst students.

To this short list I would add the "Robinson Self-Teaching Home School Curriculum" developed by a Dr. Arthur Robinson and his six children and used by thousands of homeschooling families across the country to "teach your children to teach themselves and to acquire superior knowledge as did many of America's most outstanding citizens in the days before socialism in education."

Another excellent resource is "The Annals of America," a 21-volume reference library originally published by Encyclopedia Britannica in 1968 and last updated in 1987. It is a massive collection of original sources dating all the way back to 1493, published before political correctness and "woke" ideology led to widespread censorship and suppression of America's true history. You can buy the set used from Amazon and other booksellers.

If you buy "The Annals of America," try to also buy the two-volume "Conspectus" that is usually sold separately. While the Annals are organized chronologically, the Conspectus is organized topically as 25 "Great Issues in American Life." Each issue has an overview essay and then an index directing readers to the volumes and page numbers of thousands of original sources. Originally published in 1968, the Conspectus is now long out of print and copies are difficult to find.

"A Patriot's History of the United States," by Larry Schweikart and Michael Allen, is probably the best single-volume American history book any parent could own. It covers 1492 to "2000 and beyond," emphasizing the country's proudest moments and achievements without overlooking or minimizing its embarrassments and set-backs.



Appleton Bookstore Offers Books by Conservative and Libertarian Authors

By Joseph Bast

I just wrote a little news story titled "Appleton Bookstore Offers Books by Conservative and Libertarian Authors." In this age of declining literacy and woke censorship, the title invites comparison to "man bites dog." It hardly ever happens.

People older than, say, 50 years old may remember when used book stores were intellectually exciting and challenging places. They often had large, dusty, and dimly lit collections displayed on bookcases so tall that customers and staff needed ladders to reach the top shelves.

There were so many books they were sometimes double-shelved… you had to remove books from the front row to see what treasures were hidden behind them. The books were so tightly packed that shelves bowed under their weight.

Bookstores were often housed in older buildings with tin ceilings and squeaky wood floors. Bathrooms were tiny and just an afterthought. The men and women behind the counters were older, with a scholarly cast, and didn't seem to want to be interrupted. Actually selling books didn't seem to be a high priority. They seemed to know where every book in the store was located and to have even read many of them.

In those olden days, the collections were eclectic and idiosyncratic because they reflected the diverse interests and beliefs of the people who came to the stores with books to sell. The collection was not curated, as in the case of a library, but a genuinely spontaneous order, the result of luck and chance and human choices but not of human planning.

For autodidacts, bookstores were holy places. You came there to learn about everything from religion to fiction, history to art, philosophy to science, and even a little pornography. The history of human thought was right there, on shelfs, unfiltered by teachers or librarians, available for purchase for just a fraction of the price on the cover.

Some of the books were new but most, and all the really interesting ones, were decades old and often out of print. Obscure philosophers, long-dead economists, histories of the Civil War; a veritable smorgasbord of knowledge just waiting to be touched, opened, and read.

But bookstores today bear little resemblance to those of old. Today's bookstores are brightly lit, half or more of the space is devoted to children's books and games (complete with miniature chairs and tables and stuffed animals), and the "adult" part of the store is devoted almost entirely to fiction.

What nonfiction you can still find in a modern bookstore is mostly newer titles on pop psychology and self-help, books on "spirituality" and "leadership," biographies of modern and recent celebrities, and books on the latest academic fads: socialism, race, "equity," and the "existential threat of global warming." The selection is small and the dust jackets are shiny and brightly colored.

We know why this happened. Fewer and fewer people read books or are even capable of reading books. Amazon and other online booksellers made even the hardest-to-find books available with the single keystroke. Liberals saw an opportunity to erase a big part of American and global intellectual history by simply tossing books by conservative and libertarian authors into dumpsters. Few people noticed, no one complained.

The idea of "adopting" a bookcase in a bookstore and stocking it with books by conservative and libertarian authors, described in my news story, seems to be a new one. If it works, we may try it at bookstores in other cities. We may have found a way to keep the literature of liberty alive during the Modern Dark Ages, so that a future generation of readers can once again stumble upon it and discover a rich intellectual tradition.

Whatever Happened To Real Bookstores?

By Joseph Bast

When The Bookstore moved recently from rented space in a strip mall on Northland Avenue in Appleton to its own building at 801 W. College Avenue (across the street from a Walgreens and a church called "The Core"), it was able to expand its collection beyond the romance novels that were its bread and butter since 1977. And expand it did.

The store now has some 85,000 mostly used books, and a significant part of the collection is nonfiction. Book lovers can find history, religion, self-improvement, and a wide range of other topics. The store is brightly lit, easy to navigate, and delightfully decorated.

During a visit to the store in April, I noticed a gap in the collection: Books by conservative and libertarian authors seemed to be missing.

I wasn't looking for books by contemporary conservative pundits and celebrities such as Tucker Carlson, Ann Coulter, or Sean Hannity, or even the late Rush Limbaugh, although they were rare. I was looking for conservative classics by writers such as Milton Friedman, Whittaker Chambers, Ludwig von Mises, Friedrich Hayek, and George Gilder.

I discussed this with the proprietor and, to my surprise and delight, she invited me to supply her with books which she would happily try to sell. She even offered to set aside a bookcase for "conservative and libertarian public policy."

Now, it so happens that I once owned several thousand such books and still have access to a few of those. In short order, a bookcase was acquired, installed, and filled with books for sale. You can ask about it at the front desk or, better yet, just wander through the store until you find it.

The Bookstore in Appleton may be just about the only bookstore in the Fox Valley with a section devoted to conservative and libertarian authors. What a treat!

Please visit The Bookstore, say hi to Kalan, its colorful and creative muse en chef, and buy a few books. Don't let this good deed go unrewarded.

Short Takes

By Ken Van Doren

Either I will find a way, or I will make one. -Philip Sidney

We always love those who admire us, but we do not always love those whom we admire.
-Francois de La Rochefoucauld

Real happiness is cheap enough, yet how dearly we pay for its counterfeit.
-Hosea Ballou

It is impossible to repent of love. The sin of love does not exist. -Muriel Spark

The earth is the very quintessence of the human condition. -Hannah Arendt

I owe much to mother. She had an expert's understanding, but also approached art emotionally.
-David Rockefeller

If evolution really works, how come mothers only have two hands?
-Milton Berle

The one thing I do not want to be called is First Lady. It sounds like a saddle horse.
- Jackie Kennedy

Adopt the pace of nature: her secret is patience. -Ralph Waldo Emerson

The violets in the mountains have broken the rocks. -Tennessee Williams

He who angers you conquers you.
-Elizabeth Kenny

I like to pretend that my art has nothing to do with me. -Roy Lichtenstein

The best way to keep one's word is not to give it. -Napoleon Bonaparte

It is an ironic habit of human beings to run faster when we have lost our way.
-Rollo May

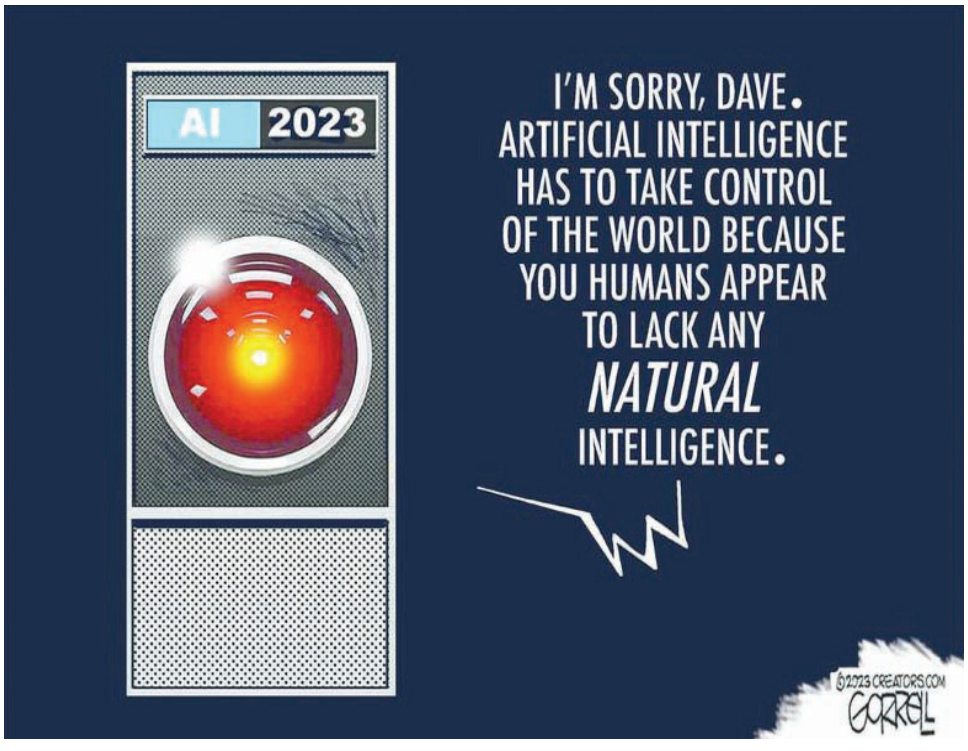
You want a friend in Washington? Get a dog. -Harry S Truman

Life is a zoo in a jungle.
-Peter De Vries

Once, during Prohibition, I was forced to live for days on nothing but food and water.
-W. C. Fields

Wisdom to Live By

"Progress is impossible without change, and those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything." — George Bernard Shaw



THE GAME PAGE

Crossword Puzzler

ACROSS
1. Whip
5. Cereal grass
10. Bit of gossip
14. Teller of untruths
15. Throw with effort
16. Killer whale
17. Pot
18. Aggravation
20. Tartarus
22. Rout
23. Buff
24. Requested
25. They keep dozing off
32. Ill-gotten gains
33. Seaweed
34. Female sheep
37. Circle fragments
38. Donated
39. Stigma
40. Tiny
41. Keepsake
42. Courtyards
43. Deckhands
45. Mystic
49. Mug
50. Remedy
53. Devilfish
57. Militant
59. Electrical unit
60. Stink
61. French for "After"
62. Sea eagle
63. Makes a mistake
64. Utilizers
65. Harvest

DOWN
1. Banner
2. Connects two points
3. Pledge
4. Welcomers
5. Neigh
6. Sister and wife of Zeus
7. Hearing organ
8. Keen
9. French for "Head"
10. Smidgens
11. Deception
12. French school
13. Anagram of "Amend"
19. Demean
21. Back of the neck
25. Shredded cabbage
26. Attraction
27. Behold, in old Rome
28. Japanese verse
29. Santa's helpers
30. Emissary
31. One of the tribes of Israel
34. Beige
35. Pause
36. Historical periods
38. Slime
39. Layover
41. A very short time
42. Adjoin
44. Admission
45. Surplus
46. Bet
47. Gall
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51. Brother of Jacob
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53. Not under
54. Minute opening
55. Forearm bone
56. Stair
58. Fury

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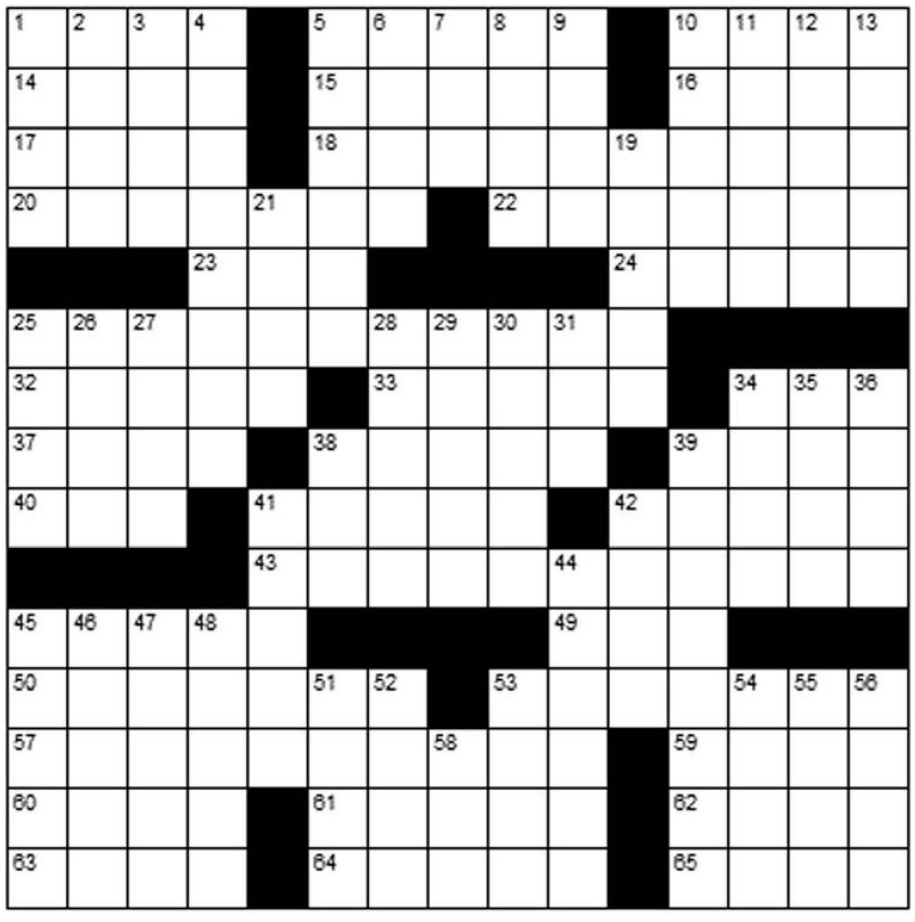

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Manmade: Studies Suggest That Wind Parks Cause Climate Change, Even Regional Drought

By P Gosselin

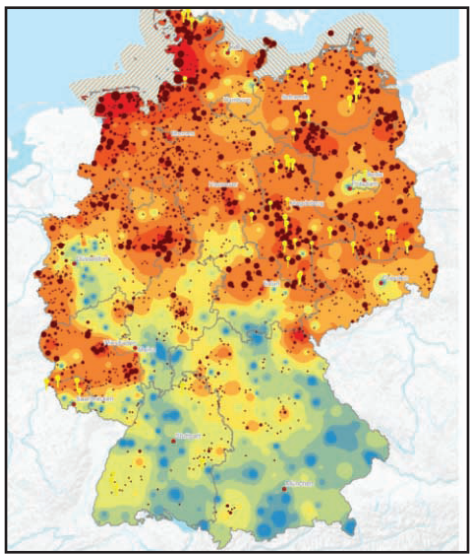
Germany has so far installed over 30,000 wind turbines, which is about 1 every 11 sq. km. Plans are calling for doubling or even tripling wind power capacity. But this may be detrimental as new studies show that wind farms are altering local climates, and thus may be having an effect on global climate and contributing to regional droughts.

Northern Germany, for example, has a high concertation of of wind turbines and has seen an unusual dry spell since 2019. Fortunately, recent rains have alleviated these drought conditions. Alarmist climate scientists of course blamed rising CO2 emissions for the North German drought.

Yet, a recent paper by Wang et al (2023) shows that wind farms reduce regional soil moisture, thus confirming earlier model simulations of wind-park-made climate change, e.g. by Zhou et al (2013).

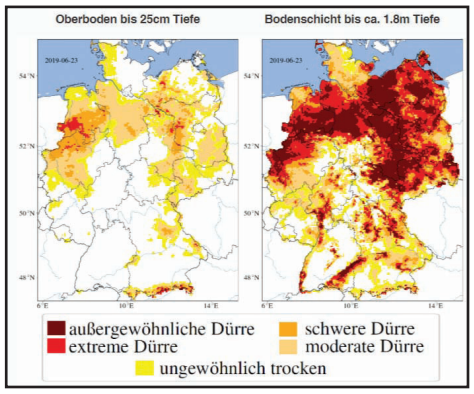
German online SciFi site here reports in depth on the topic. "Climate change: Wind farms cause drought and dryness – Evidence is mounting [New study]".

The site presents one chart depicting the wind energy installation concentration over Germany:



The North Sea region has an extremely high concentration of installed wind energy capacity. Conversely, Southern Germany has a very low concentration of installed wind energy capacity. Image: Bundesamt für Naturschutz.

Next we look at a chart depicting the ground moisture across Germany (2019). The left side shows the moisture anomaly down to a soil depth of 25 cm while the right chart shows moisture anomaly down to depth of 1.8 meters.



The legend shows, the redder the area, the drier it is. Germany's drought happens to be worse in the regions with lots of wind turbines. Scientists suspect these turbines may be playing a role here. Image: Drought Monitor Germany.

"Is it a coincidence that the soils are driest where most wind turbines are located?" SciFi wonders.

Mounting evidence of link between drought and wind parks

In the article, SciFi examines a number of published research papers on the subject and summarizes:

As a conclusion, it can be said that it is certain that wind farms change the local climate. Very large wind farms or many wind farms also have an effect on the global climate. The results are mostly based on simulation models, whereby the study by Zhou et al. (2013), which was able to draw on comparative data, confirms the results found in the simulation models. The new study by Wang et al. (2023), which we discussed today, confirms the model calculations using real data obtained from a Chinese wind farm and shows for the first time that soil moisture is reduced by wind farms not only downwind but also upwind.

Wind farms thus contribute significantly to the drying out of soils, and to drought."

GOP is Losing

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a crucial role in getting Arabella set up. Read this Wikipedia posting on Arabella Some of the notables that donate and control Arabella are; George Soros, the ever reclusive Hansjorg Wyss, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Pierre Omidyar, and the Ford Foundation.

So now rather than throwing money to the DNC, Arabella basically is holding the kitty and they review requests to determine; to whom, when, how much and more importantly, how their money is being spent. Uniquely run like a business. They have developed short and long term strategic plans. And, they have established a number of other sub-organizations like the Sixteen Thirty Fund, Venture Fund and others who in turn have great financial influence on hundreds of leftist 501C3 organizations across the nation that are doing the grassroots work. With Arabella controlling the spend, the results they are achieving is phenomenal.

These sub-organizations are focused on data and most have full-time staff. They invest in acquiring meaningful data on each and every potential voter. They continuously update that data, cross reference databases and are running various targeted GOTV campaigns centered around current issues that go down to the municipal level. They have it figured out, reach the right person with the right message and bingo, you just gained a vote. Look no further than the latest Wisconsin Supreme Court election. In the aftermath of the election, it became apparent that the primary reason the GOP lost was because of the issue of abortion. Because of absolute rifle shot use of data, the left knew who to contact with what message to influence their votes or in some cases, just to stay home and not vote.

Meantime, the GOP is door knocking, and having candidates paraded around for local speeches. And, the GOP hires young, just out of college, people who are temporarily assigned for a couple of months, by district to help the local GOP county apparatus to get out the vote while the party is spending money on the traditional media buys. I know they do more than that, but they are not nearly as sophisticated as the left.

Running the entire voting process as a business has proven to be successful for the left and the GOP had better find their "Arabella" soon.

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Lawyers Perspective

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Americans have in our laws and our criminal justice system. Analysts and political pundits on both sides of the aisle have agreed that this criminal case, which was reviewed and turned down by previous prosecutors because it is a big nothing, sets a very dangerous precedent in American politics.

If there was justice, charges would be brought against Alvin Bragg, and he would lose both his job and his law license. Instead, he has become a hero of the left. And as soon as these charges are dismissed by the judge and Bragg is given a pass because he at least tried, rest assured more charges will be brought against Trump for things like alleged "election interference" in the Fulton County, Georgia recall election of 2020, the January 6 investigation, and the bogus Mar-a-Lago document nonsense. It should become apparent to any conservative who is honest with himself or herself that while Donald Trump is far from a perfect candidate, he performed political miracles which improved our country while he was in office. Many conservatives are content with bringing a spoon to a knife fight.

They bring logic, collegiality, civility, and town hall talking points to what has become the political equivalent of a nuclear war for those bent on destroying our country. It is becoming increasingly clear that in order to win, we will need a candidate who would rather win rudely than lose politely.

"I have little patience with people who like to take the Bill Of Rights forGranted. The Bill Of Rights, contained in the first amendments to theConstitution, is every Americans guarantee of freedom."
-Harry S. Truman

"The Right of citizens to bear arms is just one more guarantee against arbitrary government, one more safeguard against the tyranny which historically has proved to be always possible."
-U.S. Senator Hubert Humphrey

"Necessity is the plea for every infringement of human freedom. It is the argument of tyrants; it is the creed of slaves."
-William Pitt

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Promoting Progress. CFACT advocates the use of safe, affordable technologies and the pursuit of economic policies that reduce pollution and waste, and maximize the use of resources.

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NY Post: CFACT hits NJ beach with "Save the Whales" message by land and air



By Craig Rucker

CFACT, with help from our friends in the Heartland Institute and the American Coalition for Ocean Protection, took our hard-hitting "Save the Whales" message to Atlantic City.

The New York Post featured our save the whales action. Take a look at our air banner and our billboard.

The New York Post reported, "Beachgoers in Atlantic City on Saturday looked on as a single-propeller plane carried a message waving from a banner — "SAVE-WHALES-STOP-WINDMILLS.ORG" — and drivers heading out of town saw a billboard with the same message and a picture of a dead whale washed ashore."

The Post quoted me:

"'Damn the whales, full speed ahead' seems to be the official policy of the Biden administration when it comes to the construction of offshore wind," Rucker said in a statement. "The White House seems to remain unfazed and fixated on implementing its reckless 'net zero' energy agenda."

CFACT readers know that the Biden Administration is turning a deliberate blind eye to the potential impacts on marine wildlife from the massive offshore wind farms they are planning. Scientists estimate that only a few hundred right whales remain and they are particularly at risk. To top it all off, those intermittent, inefficient wind turbines aren't even capable of generating reliable electricity!

CFACT's campaign to call our government bureaucrats to their duty to protect endangered whales has taken off like wildfire. Thanks to you for sharing our research and spreading the word.





CFACT to Feds: Wind turbine survey cuts off whale migration corridor

By Craig Rucker

The Biden Administration is preparing to rush approval for the Atlantic Shores offshore wind project, which is located approximately 10-20 miles off the coast of New Jersey between Atlantic City and Barnegat Light, despite the risk it poses to marine mammals -- particularly the severely endangered right whale.

They are poised to allow NOAA (the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) to grant Atlantic Shores Offshore Wind the right to harass, and potentially kill through a generous IHA (Incidental Harassment Authorization) permit, the following numbers of marine mammals:

42 Whales
2,534 Dolphins
142 Porpoises
1,472 Seals

Total = 4,190 adversely impacted marine mammals

CFACT just submitted a detailed comment to NOAA opposing this authorization and urging them to pay attention to the potential harm that could be wrought on the natural world.

Read CFACT's full submission at CFACT.org.

The flaws in the wind turbine plan are myriad, but here's a biggie:

Proponents of the plan point to the very large survey area as mitigating the danger to the whales. They couldn't be more wrong. As CFACT makes clear in our submission, "what is crucial is that the survey area is about 35 miles wide East to West and almost all of the migrating whales presently pass through this space. Thus the survey has the potential effect of blocking the migration, or at least seriously disrupting it, taking nearly 100% of the needed space not 2.11%."

That's right, virtually all of the whales would have to make it through the vast underwater din the survey would create in order to complete their annual migration.

Gifted mathematician David Wojick did his trademark thorough scouring of the governmental record and unearthed direct admissions of the threat wind turbines pose to marine mammals buried deep within.

Wojick concluded at CFACT.org that:

What is important is that NOAA and BOEM [the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management] are clearly stating that the acoustic threats we have been warning about and suspecting are real. The telling correlations between sonar blasting and increased whale deaths cannot be waived away.

Correlation is not causation, but correlation between cause and predicted effect is very strong evidence that the cause is effective. NOAA and BOEM's repeated insistence that there is no evidence offshore wind development is killing whales is clearly contradicted by their own Environmental Impact Statements.

Intermittent energy from offshore wind turbines is expensive and inefficient.

Their large, dirty footprint should not be ignored.

Wind turbines should not get a pass on the risk they pose to marine life.

CFACT billboards expose Woke energy

By Craig Rucker

I recently told you about CFACT's national billboard campaign to expose the radical climate agenda.

Many of you contributed to that effort, and I am very grateful for your support – and I also wanted to give you an update on this important project.

So far CFACT's billboards have been placed in Oklahoma City, OK, Phoenix, AZ, Philadelphia, PA, Pittsburgh, PA, Columbus, OH, and Orlando, FL.

Thousands and thousands of people have seen CFACT's message criticizing the Left's hypocritical energy use, warning against fake meat in our food, exposing the use of child labor in electric vehicle production, and much more.

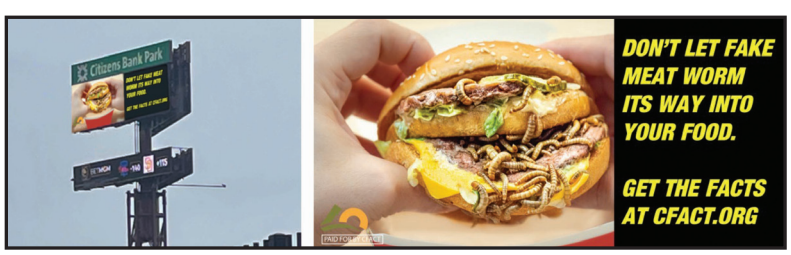
Here are a few photos of our hard-hitting billboards around the country:

There's no better time to make sure Americans are educated on the facts!

CFACT isn't finished either. More billboards are to come in Las Vegas, NV, Detroit, MI, Atlanta, GA, Denver, CO, and Kansas City, KS.

If you want to contribute to this ongoing effort, please do so here.

Thank you again to all those who made this great billboard facts campaign possible. CFACT isn't afraid to bring the truth directly to the public, and we're so grateful to have supporters like you that stand with us in our mission!



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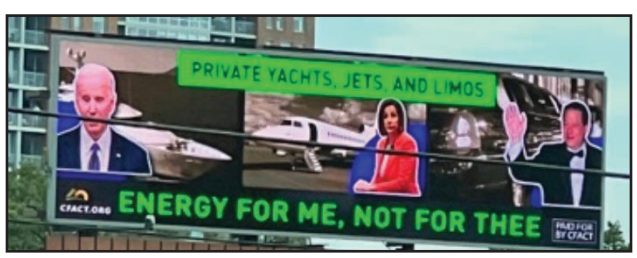

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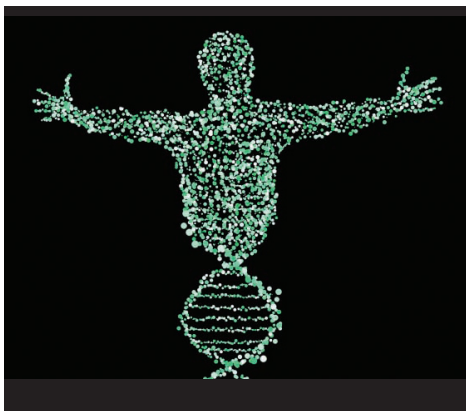


Posted By Fed Up Texas Chick

Their commercials are great! People who have done DNA testing via Ancestry.com discover stories and family members they never knew about. Pieces of the puzzle are miraculously filled in by the company that was founded in 1996 and marketed as a family history website. They have over 10,000 terabytes of genetics data, as well as data on births, marriages, immigrations and deaths, so at its heart, Ancestry is an extremely valuable collection of worldwide DNA and associated metadata.

The company has come a long way since it was founded in 1990 by two graduates of Brigham Young University (BYU), Paul Allen and Dan Taggart, both members of the Church of Latter Day Saints (LDS), more commonly known as the Mormon Church. The two began compiling church publications in a collection called Infobases. The collection was first sold on CDs but as it became larger, they put the collection online in 1996. As technology evolved, the collection was digitized and quickly became a gold mine. In three short years, the founders raised $90 million and renamed their collection Ancestry.com as we know it today.

A common misconception exists that the Mormon Church actually owns Ancestry.com. They don't, but the founders were heavily influenced by the LDS church, and have closely collaborated with the church on many projects. To this day, LDS members have free access to Ancestry.com.

The LDS church is well known for the millions of genealogical records they have collected from all over the world. They are kept in the Granite Mountain records vault outside of Salt Lake City, Utah. The vault, in the Wasatch mountain range, was built in 1965, holds over 3.5 billion digitized records, and is built to withstand an apocalypse. The majority of the digitized records are available in the Family History Library (FHL) in Salt Lake City or can be searched online at Familysearch.org, a non-profit run by LDS. Suffice it to say that this library is one of the largest genealogical libraries in the world. It may be one of the most complete collections of death records in that it contains the names of more than 8 billion deceased people from over 100 countries.

An Investment Firm Owns Your Data

While the FHL library numbers are impressive, Ancestry.com holds 20+ billion records to date. So, you might then say that Ancestry.com is regarded as a high tech company rather than a geneology company. Their own slogan says, "AncestryDNA gives you much more than just the places you're from." And indeed it does. For $99, you receive a DNA activation kit, and for $20 more, you receive a list of 35 personal traits that you likely have based on your DNA.

And now, that DNA data is in the hands of a gigantic Wall Street investment firm. Few of us have probably asked the question, "Who owns Ancestry.com?" In 2020, Blackstone Group purchased a majority stake in Ancestry.com for the staggering amount of $4.7 billion. This is the first business deal for Blackstone's newly formed $26 billion fund, Blackstone Capital Partners VIII. Blackstone paid more than double the valuation of $2.6 billion from 2018. That's a big jump.

Interestingly, in 2016, Silver Lake Partners obtained significant amounts of equity in Ancestry. Silver Lake was started by Glenn Hutchins, who was at Blackstone and then founded Silver Lake Partners. Hutchins had Thomas Lee as a former business partner before they split in the 1990s. Lee, a well known close friend of Bill and Hillary Clinton, shocked those who knew him when he committed suicide in February 2023.

But I digress. Between 2016 and 2020, Ancestry.com expanded worldwide to have offices in Dublin, London, San Francisco, Sydney and Munich. Silver Lake and Blackstone are rivals, and Blackstone purchased the company from rival Silver Lake as well as two other private equity firms. Why did Blackstone pay a record sum for Ancestry? They say data is a good investment, and Ancestry has a lot of data. Ancestry.com currently has over three million paying customers from 30 different countries, which generates $1 billion in annual revenue for the company. Blackstone says that more and more people are becoming interested in family history, so that is why they made the investment. Put another way, they're going to make up for a $5 billion investment through subscription fees that run $50 per month max.

But is that really it? Or is it that they will use the Ancestry data for other purposes and sell it to other high bidders. Ancestry.com already uses test kits to provide people with genetic health risk information and they're looking into personalized medicine, a unique treatment made just for you based on your DNA. Another thing worth mentioning is that Blackstone lists as a senior advisor a man named Jeffrey Kindler, a former chairman and CEO of Pfizer.

Investment firms always have a plan to make money back before they make such a purchase, especially one with a $4.7 billion price tag. As investors, are they interested in that data for other reasons, and if so, what are those?

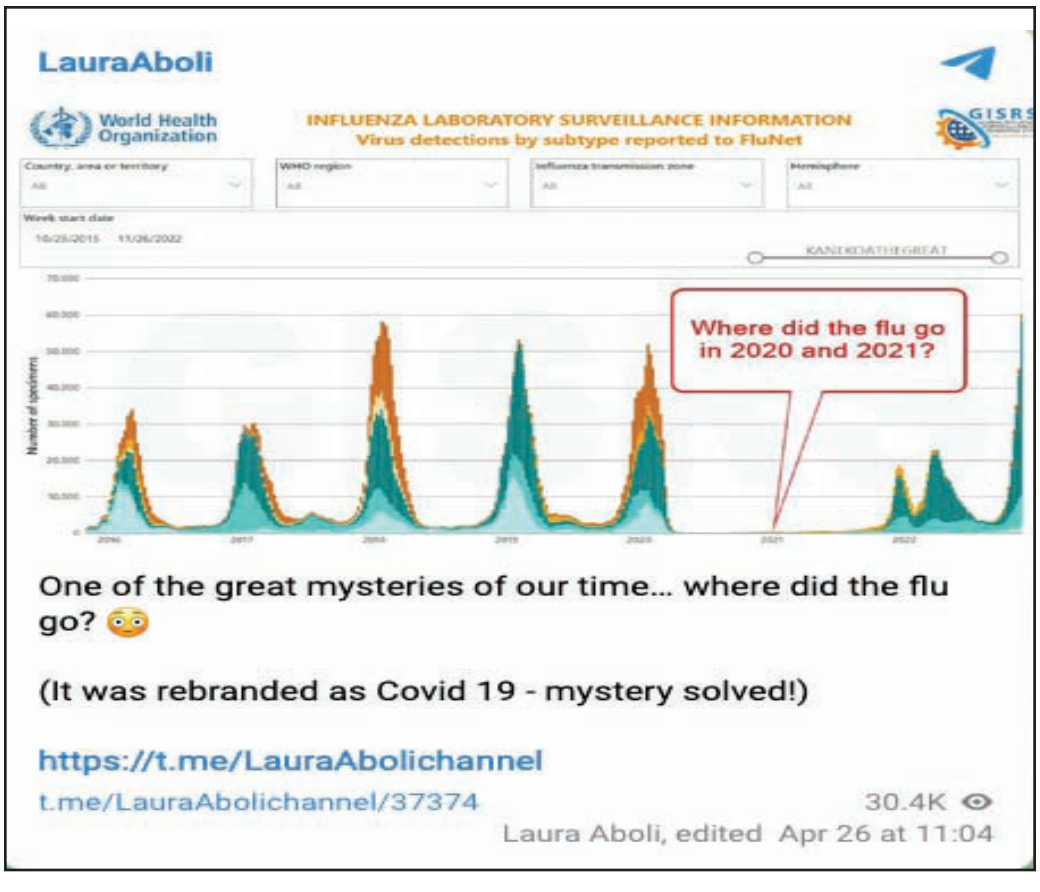
Why would Blackstone buy a literal treasure trove of genetic data and not use it? These data are highly valuable to lots of folks, like insurance firms who may not insure you and employers who may not hire you based on your DNA. Oh, and drug companies LOVE DNA data. Just ask GlaxoSmithKline, the pharmaceutical giant that partnered with Ancestry rival 23andMe in 2018 to buy a $300 million piece of the pie for access to genetic data from 12 million users.

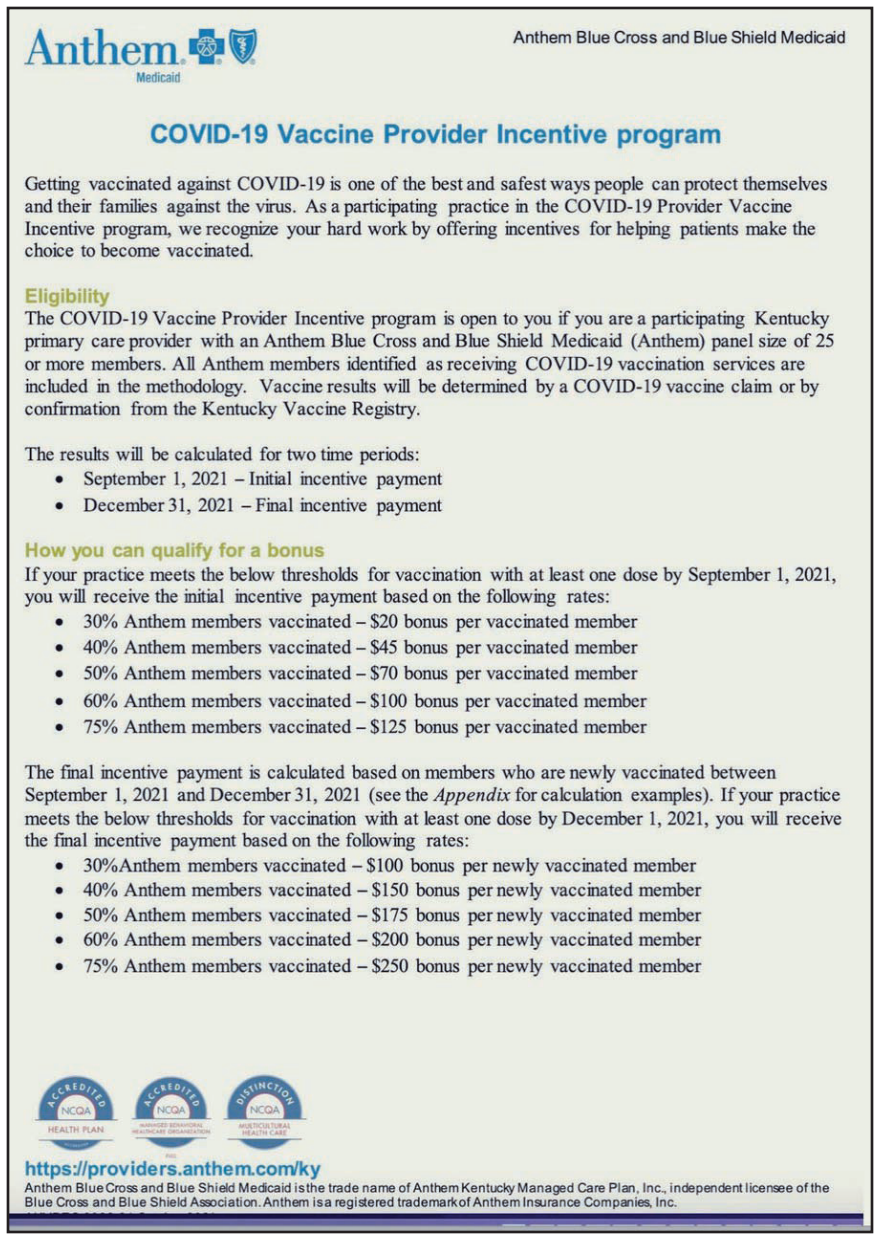
Even before the Glaxo deal, Google purchased part of 23AndMe over a decade ago, in 2007. Maybe this is because the 23AndMe CEO (Anne Wojcicki) married a Google co-founder (Sergey Brin), also in 2007. Then, in 2013, Google announced a hush-hush project called Calico Labs aimed at anti-aging technology. Does it really take much brain power to figure out where Calico gets its DNA information from?

Utter Nonsense

It is utter nonsense, in my opinion, to believe that Blackstone paid nearly $5 billion simply for a digital subscription service. If you gave your DNA to Ancestry.com or another direct-to-consumer genetics products company, you hopefully read the fine print, because you voluntarily gave your DNA to a company with the singular goal of making money from that DNA. Since federal medical privacy laws don't apply to genealogical sites, Blackstone can do as they please.

There's even more fine print that's important. Despite Ancestry's vast assurance that they will never sell your DNA data, there is a tiny provision that says the company reserves the right to use genetic information for "scientific" research. Very vague. Very broad. And very lucrative, particularly for Blackstone's other major company holdings which include insurance companies, research labs and big pharma. After all, Blackstone lauds their "extensive partnerships with the pharmaceutical, biotechnology and medical technology industries" right on their own website.





Allen Gahl v. Aurora Health Care Inc Ruling

From: "Curtis & Dominique Uhl" <giveusbackourconstitution@gmail.com>
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Date: May 3, 2023 at 12:52:14 PM CDT
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24 hrs ago, I felt gut-punched when I was texted that the WI Supreme Court ruled 6-1 against We the People, and only Justice Rebecca Bradley dissented. I didn't have the heart to read about it yesterday, believing they had ruled on the real issue - Does a hospital's directive (protocol) trump an individual person's legal Power of Attorney?

Today, however, I read Attorney Mueller's Press Release, and realized they side-stepped the whole issue for which the case was brought in the first place and instead ruled on a technicality of the circuit court (basically not dotting their i's, see more info below).

While this is frustrating they sidestepped the real case, it is good news for others with medical freedom/POA cases. (Except that we still need much prayer to unseat Janet Protasiewicz or they will be bringing their cases to a medical tyranny Supreme Court of Wisconsin). Regardless if that is the case, we need reprieve to preserve life in the State Legislature. We could use a lot of prayer power for our "conservative" Legislature. The legislature is elected in perpetuity from our blessed dishonest elections (on both sides of the aisle, this is why it's so difficult to get a Constitutional Rep/Sen into office, the RINO "Republicans" most often prevail). So from my experience testifying before them multiple times, they have little incentive to fulfil their oath of office when they know that in order to keep their seat, they have to fulfill favors to the powers that be. Instead they should be accountable to We the People; we need to hold their feet to the fire. We need miracles.

Like the miracle of John Zingsheim himself, praise God! -

"John Zingsheim lives today not because of Aurora Hospital and its medical staff, but despite them." - Karen Mueller

Here is Attorney Karen Mueller's Press Release:

The Amos Center for Justice and Liberty announces that the decision in Gahl v. Aurora Hospital was released this morning by the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

We are exhorted in the Bible to "expose the darkness." This case does just that by shining the light into the darkness. It is about whether the substantive rights (which are written into the statutory Health Care Power of Attorney document enacted by the Wisconsin Legislature) of John Zingsheim and every other Wisconsin citizen, can be ignored by every hospital in Wisconsin, including Aurora Hospital.

These rights included the basic human right to refuse unwanted medical treatments and to receive necessary medical treatment that was being withheld from a patient in a hospital. The operative word here being "necessary" was defined at oral arguments as being needed when a hospital has no other life-saving treatments to offer a patient and when the drug or treatment is deemed to be relatively safe.

Allen Gahl, the nephew, and health care agent under Wisconsin law for his uncle, proved the safety of the sought after drug, Ivermectin, to the circuit court. Despite these facts, two of the three judges on the District II Appeals Court panel held that Judge Lloyd Carter in Waukesha County Circuit Court had abused his discretion. In so ruling, the Appeals Court called the substantive rights found in the HCPOA document to be only "instructive and informative," even though they revealed legislative intent, because they were mandated by the legislature.

Today, the Wisconsin Supreme Court, in a 6 to 1 ruling, upheld the Appeals Court decision that held Judge Carter had committed a discretionary error. However, the opinion written by Justice Anne Walsh Bradley, crafted a very narrowly tailored decision where the reason for upholding the Appeals Court decision was because the circuit court failed to properly document its legal theory and reasoning as to why Mr. Zingsheim should receive the Ivermectin. The lone dissenter in this opinion was Justice Rebecca Bradley who argued that the majority got it wrong because the circuit court did meet its judicial burden and obligations.

This holding is narrowly tailored to a procedural issue and will have few, if any, negative consequences for the hundreds of families in the State of Wisconsin and the thousands of families throughout the nation who are hoping to file lawsuits to seek justice. Their loved ones were killed due to the intentional and financially lucrative Covid 19 Protocols which financially incentivize harmful treatments. Amos Center for Justice and Liberty represents a number of these families. These deadly Covid 19 Protocols were mandated by Medicare/Medicaid who worked closely with federal government agencies above, state agencies and hospitals below and a number of for-profit and non-profit corporations who received Big Pharma money and spread their poisonous venom of influence. The day of legal accountability is coming.

This criminal conspiracy also required concerted efforts of censorship and the timely spreading of propaganda on social media groups. The traditional television media "talking heads" were also required to convince people that Truthtellers were liars. These co-conspirators intentionally suppressed the Truth to continue and further the hospital homicides. By doing so, they along with what is left of the globalist leaning newspapers, played an active role in causing even more deaths through their false information and deceptions regarding Covid 19 and the so-called "vaccines." Families have mistakenly brought their sick loved ones into what once were considered life-saving hospitals and have now repurposed them as "death chambers" with significant financial gains for the same hospitals and their administrators.

John Zingsheim lives today not because of Aurora Hospital and its medical staff, but despite them. It is Ivermectin from an outside source that saved his life.

The Amos Center will continue to help these families and also those families who have lost loved ones due to the killer "vaccines." We are here to testify to the Truth of what has happened in Wisconsin and in the United States of America: a modern-day genocide. Please continue to pray for us and to support us financially at www.amoscenterforjustice.org.

Karen Mueller, Founder & General Counsel
Amos Center for Justice & Liberty
https://www.amoscenterforjustice.org/gahl-press-release

You can sign up for Attorney Mueller's newsletter here as well.

If you are interested in reading the majority opinion and more especially the dissenting opinion on this case by one of my heros, SCOW Justice Rebecca Bradley, her dissent is 41 pages, and begins after the 13 page majority opinion.

Here is one highlight from her dissent:

¶97 On a final note, the majority fails to appreciate the circumstances the circuit court faced when it made its decision. No. 2021AP1787-FT.rgb 40 "Wisconsin judges are rarely asked to make life-or-death decisions. This case present[ed] one of those rare circumstances [to the circuit court]. The circuit court made a decision on the side of life." Gahl, No. 2021AP1787-FT, at 3 (Oct. 25, 2021). Zingsheim had COVID-19, and Aurora placed Zingsheim on a ventilator. Death was a realistic possibility.

Time was of the essence. As the circuit court recognized, the situation was "dire." The circuit court, which was not a medical professional, was presented with "polar opposite[]" information as to whether ivermectin was likely to improve

Zingsheim's condition. Under such fast-paced, high-stakes circumstances, the majority commits an especially egregious error by demanding a "polished transcript" from the circuit court. See X.S., 402 Wis. 2d 481, ¶91 (Hagedorn, J., dissenting).

IV. CONCLUSION

¶98 The circuit court [local court] considered the relevant facts and applied the correct legal standard to reach a reasonable decision in light of the life-or-death circumstances presented.

Like the majority of the court of appeals, a majority of this court fails to look for reasons to sustain the circuit court's discretionary decision as the law requires. Under our highly deferential standard of review, the circuit court properly exercised its discretion in entering an order granting temporary injunctive relief to a man near death. I dissent."

- WI Supreme Court Justice Rebecca Bradley

From: "Curtis & Dominique Uhl" <giveusbackourconstitution@gmail.com>
Subject: My short article was printed in April newspaper, SCOW decision coming out Tuesday for Gahl v Aurora
Date: April 28, 2023 at 5:52:28 PM CDT
To: "Curtis & Dominique Uhl" <giveusbackourconstitution@gmail.com>

The Supreme Court of Wisconsin is releasing the Allen Gahl v. Aurora Health Care Inc decision on Tuesday May 2.

I wrote this short version on this case back in February, called Precious Life v Hospital COVID Protocol which was printed a few weeks ago in the April Edition of the Wisconsin Christian News, and I included an attached picture of the top of the article, which ended up being on pg 8 of the 48 page paper.

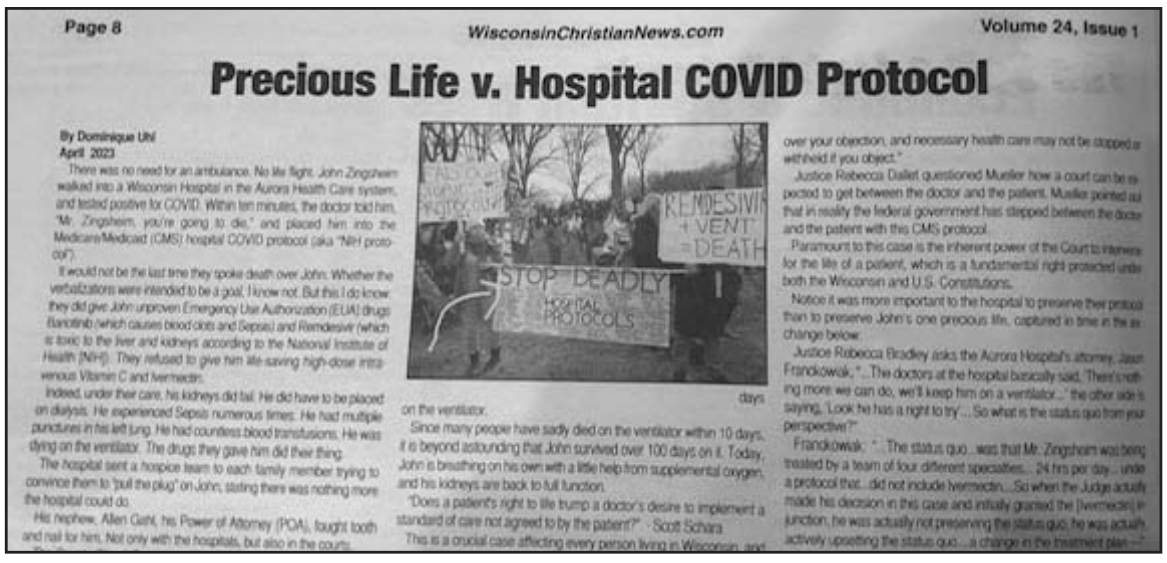
For reference, this article is about 1/3 the size of my prior article that The New American published online, Rights of the Patient Under Fire in Wisconsin's Supreme Court.

Precious Life v. Hospital COVID Protocol

By Wisconsinchristiannews.com

Prayer Request for Jane Doe
(to protect her privacy)

For anyone who believes the hospital killing fields are behind us, unfortunately the deadly protocols are still fully operational and claiming hundreds of lives every day in American hospitals. But that is not the only way hospitals continue to be a danger zone - this 41 yr old mother of 7, on dialysis and facing death, was just denied a kidney transplant because she refused the covid "vaccine" for religious reasons (aborted fetal cell usage in development/deployment) and medical reasons (she has a tremendously high antibody result from her natural illness with Covid and recovery -- and thus would be 4 times more likely to have adverse reaction or death from the shot itself as well as the obvious risks of taking the shots [blood clots, myocarditis, and other heart issues]). Emory "Healthcare" refuses to put her back on the kidney waiting list unless she bows the knee. And she refuses to bow the knee. Please pray Emory does the right thing and saves her life instead of ending it. She is a devout Roman Catholic, and she is dying. Please pray for her. And her family.



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Precious Life v. Hospital COVID Protocol

By Dominique Uhl
April 2023

There was no need for an ambulance. No life flight. John Zingsheim walked into a Wisconsin Hospital in the Aurora Health Care system, and tested positive for COVID. Within ten minutes, the doctor told him, "Mr. Zingsheim, you're going to die," and placed him into the Medicare/Medicaid (CMS) hospital COVID protocol (aka "NIH protocol").

It would not be the last time they spoke death over John. Whether the verbalizations were intended to be a goal, I know not. But this I do know: they did give John unproven Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) drugs Baricitinib (which causes blood clots and Sepsis) and Remdesivir (which is toxic to the liver and kidneys according to the National Institute of Health [NIH]). They refused to give him life-saving high-dose intravenous Vitamin C and Ivermectin.

Indeed, under their care, his kidneys did fail. He did have to be placed on dialysis. He experienced Sepsis numerous times. He had multiple punctures in his left lung. He had countless blood transfusions. He was dying on the ventilator. The drugs they gave him did their thing.

The hospital sent a hospice team to each family member trying to convince them to "pull the plug" on John, stating there was nothing more the hospital could do.

His nephew, Allen Gahl, his Power of Attorney (POA), fought tooth and nail for him. Not only with the hospitals, but also in the courts

days on the ventilator.

Since many people have sadly died on the ventilator within 10 days, it is beyond astounding that John survived over 100 days on it. Today, John is breathing on his own with a little help from supplemental oxygen, and his kidneys are back to full function.

"Does a patient's right to life trump a doctor's desire to implement a standard of care not agreed to by the patient?" - Scott Schara

This is a crucial case affecting every person living in Wisconsin, and

over your objection, and necessary health care may not be stopped or withheld if you object."

Justice Rebecca Dallet questioned Mueller how a court can be expected to get between the doctor and the patient. Mueller pointed out that in reality the federal government has stepped between the doctor and the patient with this CMS protocol.

Paramount to this case is the inherent power of the Court to intervene for the life of a patient, which is a fundamental right protected under both the Wisconsin and U.S. Constitutions.

Notice it was more important to the hospital to preserve their protocol than to preserve John's one precious life, captured in time in the exchange below.

Justice Rebecca Bradley asks the Aurora Hospital's attorney, Jason Frankowiak, "...The doctors at the hospital basically said, 'There's nothing more we can do, we'll keep him on a ventilator...' the other side is saying, 'Look he has a right to try'... So what is the status quo from your perspective?"

Frankowiak: "...The status quo...was that Mr. Zingsheim was being treated by a team of four different specialties... 24 hrs per day... under a protocol that...did not include Ivermectin...So when the Judge actually made his decision in this case and initially granted the [Ivermectin] injunction, he was actually not preserving the status quo; he was actually actively upsetting the status quo...a change in the treatment plan..."

https://www.theepochtimes.com/mother-of-7-denied-kidney-transplant-for-refusing-covid-shot-in-georgia_5212353.html?ea_med=desktop_news&tmp=1&ea_src=ai_recommender_A_news

Reactions to Josiah Lippincott's Essay

On Sat, Apr 29, 2023 at 9:03 AM, John Dunn <jddmdjd@web-access.net> wrote:

This is a frighteningly accurate description of the weakness and the failures of traditional Western Civ morality and culture--Lippincott lays it at the feet of weakling churches, and church goers. I think there is a grain of truth in that--and the culture wars have been lost in extraordinary fashion by the people so he says we need to focus in politics on immigration, law and order, getting out of Ukraine, tariffs, existential issues for national survival. Good luck with that--the winners in the culture wars have their agenda on existential agendas and they play for keeps--they want to destroy America as it was founded and set up a totalitarian lefitst statist oligarchy run tyranny.

Lippincott doesn't get the fact that Breitbart was right--politics is downstream from culture. Our cultural demise has set up our political/economic/existential demise. Statist socialism/fascism is a religion, a culture, but it is grafted onto a political civic agenda that is dominated by a true believer cult of leftists.

He says we are in an existential battle and the cultural disputes have been won by the left. I think he's wrong a bit and right a bit--but can't we fight cultural battles and existential battles too--aren't they linked?

His most important point is that traditional civil America is weak kneed and can't handle the aggressive left. Won't call a spade a spade--tolerant--in other words FEMINIZED. Consider that. Lippincott is a marine. Maybe you knew that.

https://amgreatness.com/2023/04/27/conservatives-lost-the-culture-war-and-the-trump-agenda-is-the-only-path-forward/

John Dale Dunn MD JD

On Apr 29, 2023, at 11:25 AM, Joseph Bast <JosephBast@protonmail.com> wrote:

John,

Thanks for the link to Josiah Lippencott's essay and your comments, below.

Steve Welcenbach, consider reprinting Lippencott's article in Reality News?

I agree entirely with Lippincott, and contrary to what John writes, I think he definitely DOES understand that politics is downstream of culture.

Having lost the culture war, we will lose elections at every level of government UNLESS we choose a narrow set of issues, as did Donald Trump, and win DESPITE being counter-cultural. Even then, our victories will be small and short-lived, so we need to use our small windows of opportunity to win battles over what Lippincott correctly calls "existential" issues.

This line from Lippincott is especially good: "Political power doesn't flow from scoring debate points in the "free marketplace of ideas." It comes from the willingness to impose one's beliefs on others and possessing the resources to do so." Having spent my entire professional life in the "free marketplace of ideas," I delivered a hundred speeches, at least, denying this. Now, I have seen all my little victories swept away in just two years of a senile Democrat presidency. My "theory of social change" was wrong. I may even have been a "useful idiot."

I just finished reading a little booklet titled "This is the John Birch Society," by G. Edward Griffin, published by the JBS in 1974. The booklet may have taken the place of "The Blue Book" as the outreach publication of the JBS at that time. Written nearly 50 years ago, it nonetheless reads as if it were written today. It stresses that while the commies = < 2% of the population, they were taking over institution after institution because they were tightly organized and perfectly willing to "impose their beliefs on others," using secrecy, deceit, deadly force, and other unethical means when necessary.

Preserving liberty is just a hobby for most libertarians and conservatives, whereas socialism was a part-time job at least, and a form of warfare more often, for most communists. See who won

Polls tell us popular support for religion, patriotism, and capitalism are all in steep decline. The "march through the institutions" described by JBS and others at the time is complete now, and as a result the left has used its political power to brainwash the public and cast us into the minority. If we are to be effective advocates for liberty, we need to adopt the tactics of an unpopular minority and abandon those of a complacent and accommodationist majority.

So yeah, unless more of us copy some of the tactics of the left, I think we're doomed.

Joe, Wisconsin Patriots Toolbox

On Mon, May 1, 2023 at 10:48:51 AM CDT To: Joseph Bast <JosephBast@protonmail.com>

BTW everyone,

I happen to agree with Lippencott's core argument and also know that the culture war needs to be fought in families, neighborhoods and communities not in national capitols. He's correct in that the church hierarchy waved the white flag long ago and in fact joined the enemy in many cases. That is changing and an earthquake within Christianity will be felt shortly across the world.

Great find and recommendation Joe!

Steve Welcenbach

Culture War *cont. from page 1*

fighting a culture war if we don't have a country in which this war can take place. Conservatives do not have a viable path to political power any other way.

The Paul Ryan strategy of calling for lower taxes and deregulation is yesterday's failure. Voters don't have enough skin in that game to care. Calling for entitlement reform, i.e, cuts to social security and medicare, is political suicide. And as the 2022 midterms showed, campaigning on social issues like abortion is also a losing gambit.

Simple Trick Helps Restore Vision So Fast, You'll Throw Away Your Glasses

I hate to be the bearer of bad news but the culture war is over and conservatives lost . . . at least for now. Trying to rehash these old battles in the present political moment, when institutional Christianity no longer has any meaningful political or cultural clout, is a waste of time—at least at the national level.

COVID-19 made the weakness of American Christianity painfully clear. Protestant and Catholic churches alike overwhelmingly declared themselves nonessential during the spring of 2020. That was, sadly, merely an acknowledgement of a longstanding reality.

Virtually no one today cares what the pope or any megachurch pastor, for that matter, has to say about political and cultural life. Their endorsements do not move the needle and their influence has had little to no bearing, even on their own flocks, when it comes to preserving the older standards of Christian morality and decency.

Since 1933, the American Right has posted loss after loss in the culture war. From blasphemy laws to pornography, school prayer to abortion, gay marriage to biological men using women's bathrooms, conservatives and Christians have suffered a nearly unmitigated series of losses.

America's pastors and priests couldn't stop this decline. And, for the most part, they didn't really try or seem to want to. Aside from a few metaphysical niceties and theological quibbles, I can detect no real difference in the innumerable sermons and homilies I've heard in my lifetime. The modern pastor wants little more than to issue platitudes and collect the tithe.

The vague admonitions to "have faith" and "follow Christ" that pepper the Sunday morning pastoral exhortations from America's pulpits generally lack any practical core. America's pastors, with few exceptions, shy away from fighting for the faith they supposedly love. They lack the sternness and fidelity of their forebears. Compare a St. Augustine to a Pope Francis or a Martin Luther to a David French. Our Christian forebears had iron in their souls. The modern pastor is generally soft.

We live in a country where the president says it is antisemitic to ban trans surgery for minors.



And yet you will strain yourself trying to hear any priest or pastor say a word in response. Millions of Americans are hurting, desperately confused about their very identity and sexual impulses, and the leaders of the churches have almost nothing to say. Nonessential workers indeed.

America is awash in men's groups, Bible studies, discipleship training, women's seminars, and worship conferences. Yet divorce is through the roof, abortion is common, and homosexuality lauded from the very centers of American financial and political power. Whatever utility all this frenetic religious activity has had for the private faith lives of ordinary Americans, it is abundantly clear it has not had any real benefit for the moral and spiritual health of the nation as a whole.

One wonders what purpose, at this point, the differentiation between denominations even serves. Pope Francis, just like John MacArthur, agrees with the leftist view of racism. And Tim Keller, just like Pope Francis, lauds mass immigration. On the most prominent liberal issues of our day there is total agreement among the leaders of the West's supposedly different Christian denominations.

America has a moral majority, all right. It's just liberal. The Left controls every institutional power center in America. Wall Street, the media, the universities, Hollywood, the military—you name it—everywhere the liberal consensus reigns supreme. There is not a single Fortune 500 company in America, not one, that would denounce transgender surgery for minors.

Those institutions shape the public consciousness in a way social conservatives simply cannot. Manufactured consent is real and all around us. A large portion of Americans simply accept whatever their televisions and cellphones tell them to believe no matter how perverted, wrong, or harmful. Even many of those who do not agree with it, at least bow to the moral consensus. Think of all those many millions who got vaccinated, not because they wanted to, but because their "job required it" or because they couldn't "travel without it."

The idea that large numbers of Americans are going to "wake up" and "push back" is simply a cope. That's not how popular opinion works. The idea that Americans are going to see transgenderism as a bridge too far is, I think, much overhyped. I remember the gay marriage "debates," such as they were. I remember Prop 8 passing in 2008 in California. I also remember how none of these setbacks for the Left ultimately had any bearing in the end. By 2015, gay marriage was the law of the land. Today it is untouchable liberal orthodoxy supported by a majority of Americans, including large numbers of "conservatives."

Deploying more 10,000-word essays on teleology and the new natural law isn't going to solve the social issue problem either. Millions of Americans didn't start shoving dildos in orifices, guzzling sex change hormones, and consuming billions of hours of pornography a year because they read an article or heard an argument. These sexual and social perversions spring from a much deeper source, one that isn't going to be solved by policy wrangling in D.C. think tanks.

The spiritual crisis that afflicts the West runs far deeper than most social conservatives want to admit. They don't understand how bad things really are, which is why they stand around, mouths agape, as they try to figure out what a "furry" is or why U.S. military officers dress up in leather "pup play" fetish gear while they sodomize each other in uniform and then post photos to social media.

In light of our ongoing moral and spiritual crisis, I fully expect that the Bud Light/Dylan Mulvaney controversy is merely a blip that will soon pass. In the 1990s Ikea ran the world's first commercial featuring a gay couple. In 2022, Ikea was valued at $17 billion. Go woke, go broke?

The Matt Walsh's of the world won't want to hear this, but trying to fight the Left on gender with desiccated Socratic arguments ("What is a woman?") is a losing battle. Owning liberals with facts and logic is mostly a waste of time. Political power

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Exclusive—Robert F. Kennedy Jr: 'There Is No Time in History Where the People Who Were Censoring Speech Were the Good Guys'

By Rebecca Mansour

Pollak asked Kennedy about his championing of free speech over big tech censorship. The bestselling author, environmental lawyer, and child health advocate has experienced censorship firsthand. During the COVID-19 pandemic, many of Kennedy's social media posts questioning the wisdom of the lockdowns were labeled "misinformation."

In his presidential announcement speech last week, the candidate said, "I'm in a lawsuit involving Amazon for censoring one of my books. They were censoring people who criticized the lockdowns while they were raking in money from the lockdowns."

"I'm wondering if you can make a pitch to our audience about a common cause that you, running as a Democrat, may have with many conservatives who feel that they've been canceled or otherwise censored or marginalized in public discourse," Pollak asked.

"It's more than a personal aggrievement. It's really just a direct assault on our democracy," Kennedy stated.

Breitbart · Robert F. Kennedy Jr. – April 23, 2023

Kennedy explained that in crafting the Bill of Rights, America's Founders "put the right to free expression in the First Amendment because all the other rights depended on it—because the government that has the power to silence its critics has license for any kind of atrocity."

"They also understood just theoretically that the whole basis for democracy was the free flow of information," he said, adding that democracy's advantage over "tyrannical and monarchical" systems of government is that "through the free flow of information, the best policies can triumph in the marketplace of ideas."

"We're now in this situation where without free speech, democracy just withers and dies. Free speech is the fertilizer; it's the sunlight; it's the water for democracy," he continued. "There is no time in history where the people who were censoring speech were the good guys. They're always the bad guys because, of course, that is the first and last step of totalitarianism: silencing critics."

Pollak noted that Breitbart News founder Andrew Breitbart "used to say we always need more voices, not fewer voices. The answer to speech you don't agree with is more speech, not less speech."

Kennedy argued that "misinformation" and even "lies" are still Constitutionally protected speech. "There are certain kinds of speech that are not protected. But, you know, those things are."

"What we really ought to be looking at is why? What is the cause of this blizzard and tsunami of misinformation that everybody is worried about?" Kennedy asked. "And if you look at why this is happening, it's clear that it's happening because people don't trust the government anymore, and they don't trust it because the government lies, and the media lies."

"Twenty-two percent of Americans now trust the government, and about 22 percent trust media. That's the lowest level in our history," he said. "And the reason they don't—there's a very good reason—is that the government and the media, the mainstream media, the corporate-owned media, they are now lying just as a matter of course. And because of that, people are looking for other sources of information. And when those other sources challenge government orthodoxies, the government's response is to censor them or to label them as misinformation and say that they're dangerous."

"And so now you've got this terror, particularly on the left, that misinformation is somehow going to destroy our democracy," he added. "And it's kind of a bait and switch because the real threat to our democracy is that our government is lying to us. And people don't trust the institutions of our democracy anymore and with very good reason."

In his announcement speech, Kennedy explained that his father, Robert F. Kennedy, Sr., predicated his famous and tragically shortened 1968 presidential campaign on the belief that he could unite Americans from diverse backgrounds by telling them the truth.

"Every nation, every individual has a darker side and a lighter side," Kennedy told Pollak. "The easiest thing for political leaders to do is to appeal to those darker instincts—the greed, the anger, the fear, the bigotry. But people are able to hear a different message if they're spoken to honestly. And my father did that, and he was ruthlessly honest, and it allowed people—even people who did not agree with him on all the issues—it allowed them to take the risk of seeing themselves transcending their own narrow self-interests and their fear-driven lies and seeing themselves as part of a larger community, as part of this noble experiment that we have in this country of being in self-governance [and] of being the world's exemplary democracy, and summoning people to find the hero in themselves and really feel like we are part of something bigger than ourselves."

Sen. Robert F. Kennedy speaks at a rally during his 1968 presidential campaign (Rowland Scherman/Getty Images)

Kennedy noted that at the beginning of the pandemic, cable news hosts were "telling us in these very plaintiff voices, we're all in it together. But they were working and getting their $12 million salaries, and yet other people in our country were being put out of work and were being compelled to do things that they didn't want to do to accept these interventions and these mandates."

"It became very clear that we weren't all in it together, that that was just a lie," he continued. "And people know when they're being lied to. People like leadership; they don't like bullying, and they don't like liars. And the people unfortunately who are running both political parties today spend a lot of the time saying things that are not true."

Robert F. Kennedy Jr. speaks at the Times Square protest against the COVID-19 vaccine mandate in New York City on October 16, 2021. (Tayfun Coskun/Anadolu Agency via Getty Images)

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refuses to abide by the Information Quality Act (IQA), section 515 of the Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act for FY 2001.

The Information Quality Act is designed to foster trust

The IQA requires the Office of Management of Budget ("OMB") to ensure and maximize "… the quality, objectivity, utility, and integrity of information (including statistical information) disseminated by federal agencies."

In 2002, OMB issued detailed guidelines defining the IQA terms. Information disseminated by the government was to be accurate (precise, complete, and unbiased); useful to intended users; and possessing integrity (protected from manipulation). OMB also set forth a correction process for citizens, including experts, to challenge data inaccuracies. For influential scientific information, there must be a "high degree of transparency about data and methods to facilitate the reproducibility of such information by qualified third parties." IQA procedures were designed to build trust in government information by following a modified scientific method of testing and reproducibility of data.

Information was defined as "any communication or representation of knowledge such as facts or data, in any medium or form." Dissemination of information to the public included agency distribution of information to the public. While opinions are not covered by the IQA, when one is given, the agency must clearly identify it as an opinion.

Had IQA guidelines been followed during Covid, the federal government would have provided the public with more useful information.

By not following IQA guidelines during Covid briefings, misinformation, and opinion was stated as fact without any supporting documentation or being noted as opinion. As a result, citizens were forced to live in lockdowns, masks were mandated, schools closed, causing massive learning losses, and natural immunity was deemed a conspiracy theory. Government-issued mandates, but it provided little supporting information, and it never stated a level of uncertainty.

The Biden administration waffled between Presidential statements that it seeks evidence-based information on Covid's origins and the unequivocal statements of its leading scientist Dr. Fauci, who pronounced it came from an animal. After several years of delay, the FBI and Energy Department informed the public "the Covid pandemic most likely arose from a [Wuhan] laboratory leak," not from animals, which highlights the difficulty in believing the federal government.

Federal public guidance consisted of Fauci communicating inconsistent health-related information. First, he told the public, "There's no reason to be walking around with a mask." A few weeks later, he supported universal masking. Subsequently, he endorsed double masking. As independent scientists offered contrary views, Fauci and his boss, Francis Collins, formulated a press strategy to discredit the credibility of their leading critics as conspiracy theorists.

Federal misinformation fostered a state of fear. Eventually, state Attorneys General brought a lawsuit over the legality of Fauci's mask mandates. In depositions, Fauci could not identify any study he relied upon to support his conflicting policy pronouncements. And when asked direct questions about his knowledge of the virus's origins or the tests supporting his conclusions, he "could not remember."

Such misinformation harmed public health. A Lancet study finds public trust in government is vital to effectively implementing public health measures.

Since its enactment, the federal government refused to implement the IQA.

From the moment OMB issued the IQA guidelines, federal agencies fought to undermine its implementation. Agencies viewed OMB's guidelines as discretionary. The Department of Justice supported the agencies in court filings.

The public filed lawsuits against agencies to implement the guidelines and to correct inaccurate information. These efforts failed. The courts avoided interpreting the substance of the statute holding private parties lacked standing to enforce IQA requirements. The federal courts gave agencies complete discretion on the type of information disseminated to the public. With strong resistance from the federal government, the IQA drifted into obscurity. It is amazing that on public health issues, courts did not recognize that citizens can be directly injured by public health misinformation.

Imagine if federal agencies followed IQA.

If the IQA had been implemented during Covid, federal agencies would have been limited to disseminating only reliable, consistent, reproducible information or disclose the agency did not have supporting data. Under the IQA, "Mr. Science," Fauci would have had to inform the public that his daily statements were mere opinions. The public would have known the truth, which would have allowed it to seek guidance from knowledgeable health professionals.

Government health misinformation is propaganda. Fortunately, it can be immediately remedied.

Government information permeates all of our society, from climate change to nutrition or labor statistics. Good quality information is essential for protecting themselves, family, and their businesses. When government provides misinformation, or mere personal opinion, as the truth, it harms the citizens it has sworn to protect.

Fortunately, the government misinformation can be immediately remedied. President Biden could today order OMB to implement the statute by reinstating and enforcing the original IQA Guidelines. Moreover, Congress could codify the 2002 guidelines and clarify that citizens suffer injury when government misinformation harms their ability to protect their health.

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Puzzle Answers

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Welcome To The Great Spiritual War Of Our Time

By Emerald Robinson

If you've been paying even the slightest attention to the rapid decline of the United States in the last three years then you know that what you are witnessing is not just a political battle — not just a cultural conflict between conservatives and liberals if you prefer those terms — but a great spiritual war that now threatens the continued existence of western civilization itself.

The side of evil should now be obvious to everyone. The perverts, pedophiles, abortion fanatics, and Chinese communist party officials are all on the same grotesque side. It's the side of the woke and the queer theorists.

It's the side of the Democrat Party in America and the communist Left all around the world.

This is the axis of evil that I call the Rainbow Jihad.

The Rainbow Jihad is not trying to purify or improve Christianity. It's a pagan cult that's trying to replace the dominant religion of the West.

There should be no confusion on that point anymore — least of all from the complacent Christian majority in America whose moral cowardice has led to this crisis in our civilization.

The Nashville killer Audrey Hale was not confused. She knew which side she was fighting for. She murdered Christian children for a reason — the Christians were her enemies. That's why she left a manifesto rather than a suicide note.

The Christian majority in America must come to terms with their adversaries now. There's a reason that every week there seems to be another iconic brand putting a transvestite or a drag queen in its advertising as if it's perfectly normal.

There's a reason that the now famous transvestite Dylan Mulvaney was hosted at the White House by Joe Biden earlier this year.

The evil of the Rainbow Jihad starts right at the top in America now. It goes all the way to the White House.

That's why transvestites are four-star admirals and gay Satanists are made health officials now by a man pretending to be Catholic.

The evil has spread far beyond America too.

Just last week a United Nations report was released which called for drug use to be criminalized — as well as sexual activity between adults and minors.

That's right: our corrupt elites want pedophilia to be accepted as a basic part of international human rights.

The Rainbow Jihad which is pushing to normalize these evils in our churches and schools is conducting a worldwide campaign which pretends to be about your civil rights — but only evil people care about equality and fairness for pimps and pedophiles and drug cartels.

In other words: they are waging a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion campaign for the damned.

The Rainbow Jihad is not an accidental coalition of political groups and cultural forces. There's a common unity between these people — and the unity is their shared hatred of God. That's why this evil movement seems to be communist and sexually perverted and Satanic all at the same time.

If you are still wondering why America has reached this abyss so quickly, you are not alone. There's a few things that conservative Christians and Republican voters need to hear. The old libertarian philosophy of the GOP that we embraced for years — summarized in the phrase "live and let live" — is the moral catastrophe that has allowed America to be turned into Sodom and Gomorrah.

You didn't want to be called a bigot so you accepted gay marriage.

You wanted to be tolerant.

You wanted to be inclusive.

And that's why, now, you're being conquered.

If you do not affirm their lifestyle, if you don't agree that boys can be girls and girls can be boys then the Rainbow Jihad has no problem killing you. Or getting you fired from your job. Or grooming your kids in public school.

The list goes on and on.

They're fanatics, and you will be forced to bow down to the Pride Flag or else. They do not believe in leaving you alone. They want to win — and they are prepared to burn our civilization to the ground for their pagan cult.

The question now is: will you fight for your God as well?

We are about to find out.

Catholic Ideological Split Widens

By Francis X. Rocca

American Catholic priests are becoming more conservative, even as their flocks are becoming more liberal.

U.S. Catholic bishops elected conservative leaders last month, continuing to resist a push from Pope Francis to put issues such as climate change and poverty on par with the bishops' declared priority of opposing abortion.

The U.S. hierarchy's orientation reflects the wider trend of an American clergy with values at odds with those of an increasingly liberal laity and a pope who has encouraged the questioning of once-taboo subjects and leniency on some teachings of sexual morality.

A spokeswoman for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops declined to comment.

Research on Catholic clergy by the Austin Institute has found that younger Catholic priests and priests ordained in more recent years tend to be noticeably more conservative than older priests on a host of issues, including politics, theology and moral teaching. The Survey of American Catholic Priests has found that since the 1980s, successive cohorts of priests have grown more conservative, according to a 2021 summary report.

Regarding the church's prohibitions of contraception, masturbation, homosexual behavior and suicide, the impossibility of women's ordination to the priesthood, and the necessity for salvation of faith in Jesus, each successive 10-year cohort of priests supports church teaching more strongly than the one before it. Those ordained in 2010 or later are the most conservative of all—and the least happy with Pope Francis, with roughly half disapproving of him, according to the Austin Institute survey. The Vatican didn't respond to a request for comment.

"People are looking for answers and stability," said the Rev. Daniel Hess, who was ordained in 2011 and is dean of students at Mount St. Mary's Seminary and School of Theology in Cincinnati. "There actually is a treasury of teachings and of truths and of deeply Catholic content that is part of our inheritance that was not even shown to us or known, and it's sort of being rediscovered."

While young priests hold on to tradition, Catholic laity have been moving in a more liberal direction. A 2021 survey for America magazine by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate at Georgetown University found that more than 52% supported the ordination of women as priests, 62% said priests should be allowed to bless same-sex relationships and only 38% were very or somewhat opposed to euthanasia or assisted suicide.

The contrast is even sharper between young priests and their lay contemporaries. Thirty-five percent of millennial Catholics have considered leaving the church because of its teaching on LGBT issues, the CARA survey found.

According to the Rev. Paul Sullins, a sociologist at Catholic University of America, church authorities in the U.S. became stricter about ensuring that new priests assented to church teachings following the widespread dissent from St. Paul VI's 1968 encyclical Humanae Vitae, which reaffirmed the church's traditional prohibition of contraception.

At the same time, thousands of American men left the priesthood in the 1970s to marry. "These were more liberal, on average, than the priests who stayed, thereby producing a more conservative priesthood by attrition," Father Sullins said.

St. John Paul II, who was elected pope in 1978, tempered the modernizing changes that followed the Second Vatican Council of 1962-65 by reasserting traditional doctrine. John Paul also inspired a generation of young men to join the clergy, said Brad Vermurlen, a sociologist at the University of Texas at Austin who has studied the 2021 survey.

Cardinal Robert McElroy of San Diego, a leading liberal among U.S. bishops, said Pope Benedict XVI's warnings against what he called the "dictatorship of relativism" in modern culture inspired many priests ordained in the past decade and a half to preach a faith based on definitive truths.

According to the Rev. Ezra Sullivan, an American who was ordained in 2011 and teaches at the Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas in Rome, the youngest U.S. priests are a postmodern generation disillusioned with the ideas of progress and religious pluralism that found favor at Vatican II. Instead of focusing on interfaith dialogue for the sake of social justice, these priests are more likely to stress the reinforcement of Catholic identity and the winning of converts, said Father Sullivan, author of "Alter Christus," a new book about the priesthood.

Such attitudes distinguish those priests from Pope Francis, views of whom vary sharply by age: Almost 80% of priests ordained before 1980 "approve strongly" of the current pontiff, compared with 20% of those ordained in 2010 or later, according to the 2021 survey. Nearly half of the younger priests disapprove of the pope, either "strongly" or "somewhat."

Vatican Defrocks Antiabortion Activist

The Vatican dismissed antiabortion activist Frank Pavone from the priesthood, citing his "blasphemous communications on social media" and disobedience of his bishop.

Mr. Pavone, a vocal supporter of Donald Trump and other Republicans, has been an especially militant and provocative figure, having once appeared in a video with the body of an aborted fetus apparently on an altar. The news of his dismissal was earlier reported by Catholic News Agency.

Mr. Pavone didn't respond to requests for comment on Sunday but seemed to allude to his dismissal on Twitter, writing: "So in every profession, including the priesthood, if you defend the #unborn, you will be treated like them!"

Pope Francis's envoy to the U.S., Archbishop Christophe Pierre, wrote to U.S. bishops in a Dec. 13 letter, reviewed by The Wall Street Journal, to inform them of Mr. Pavone's dismissal. The archbishop's letter included a Vatican-approved statement for bishops to use in responding to inquiries.

The statement didn't specify the infractions for which Mr. Pavone was being disciplined and didn't give the name of his bishop. Mr. Pavone has been a priest of the Diocese of Amarillo, Texas, which criticized him in 2016 and 2020, respectively, for appearing in the video with the fetus and for stating it was sinful to vote for Democrats.

—*Francis X. Rocca*

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legacy may very well be how their work was a catalyst for a profound philosophical transformation, without which Earth Day and most of the modern environmental movement, would never have taken off.

Yes, as a former aerospace engineer and space exploration enthusiast, I admit that I am biased. But consider the history for yourself:

It wasn't long after the start of the space race that we started to see a new appreciation for the Earth on the part of many of the astronauts. Take, for example, the following quote from Apollo 14 lunar module pilot Edgar Mitchell, where he describes Earth's rise over the Moon:

"Suddenly, from behind the rim of the moon, in long, slow-motion moments of immense majesty, there emerges a sparkling blue and white jewel – a light, delicate sky-blue sphere laced with slowly swirling veils of white, rising gradually like a small pearl in a thick sea of black mystery… It takes more than a moment to fully realize this is Earth… home."

Mitchell was not unique among the astronauts. Consider what Apollo 15 Commander Dave Scott said:

"It truly is an oasis, and we don't take very good care of it. And I think the elevation of that awareness is a real contribution to, you know, saving the earth, if you will."

Or how about Alan Shepard, the first American in space and the Commander of Apollo 14:

"I realized up there that our planet is not infinite. It's fragile. That may not be obvious to a lot of folks, and it's tough that people are fighting each other here on Earth instead of trying to get together and live on this planet. We look pretty vulnerable in the darkness of space."

Apollo 15 Lunar Module Pilot, Jim Irwin's quote is especially meaningful and beautiful:

"The earth reminded us of a Christmas tree ornament hanging in the blackness of space. As we got farther and farther away, it diminished in size. Finally, it shrank to the size of a marble, the most beautiful marble you can imagine. That beautiful, warm, living object looked so fragile, so delicate, that, if you touched it with a finger, it would crumble and fall apart. Seeing this has to change a man, has to make a man appreciate the creation of God and the love of God."

I met Colonel Irwin and spoke with him shortly before he passed away in 1991. He even signed a photograph of him saluting the flag on the Moon (right) for me, one of my most cherished possessions. He was amazing.

Even those of us who have never traveled in space have been deeply affected by these scenes – we, too, have seen the Earth with new eyes. A strong reaction to seeing the Earth like this had actually been predicted as early as 1948. In that year, the British astronomer,

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Patriot News

Patriot Events and Activities

Please email alchem1@earthlink.net with your future events that are coming up.

So Much for All Those Green Energy Jobs

Biden's Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm promised that fossil fuel workers displaced by the green new deal would be taken care of. "We should be able to put people to work doing things that are similar to the skills that they had before,"

https://www.cnn.com/2021/03/03/economy/jobs-energy-secretary-granholm/index.html

How's that working out two years later?

A new study by the University of California at Berkeley has found the shutdown of a Marathon oil refinery near San Pablo has left more than 20% of workers unemployed.

Those who found new jobs have seen their median hourly wage fall by a quarter, with some workers earning as little as $14 an hour. Many of the new jobs involve more dangerous working conditions than the Marathon jobs.

The Atlantic magazine – which is all on climate change alarmism – warns that the war on fossil fuels could result in "the devastation of communities that rely on fossil-fuel extraction and a powerful political backlash against green-energy policies."

And the Democrats wonder why they are losing blue-collar voters!

The Green Revolution Will Not Be Painless

A California oil refinery shut down during the pandemic. A year later, former employees were not all right.

We think both things are already happening. We are in a race against time to stop the Green New Deal.



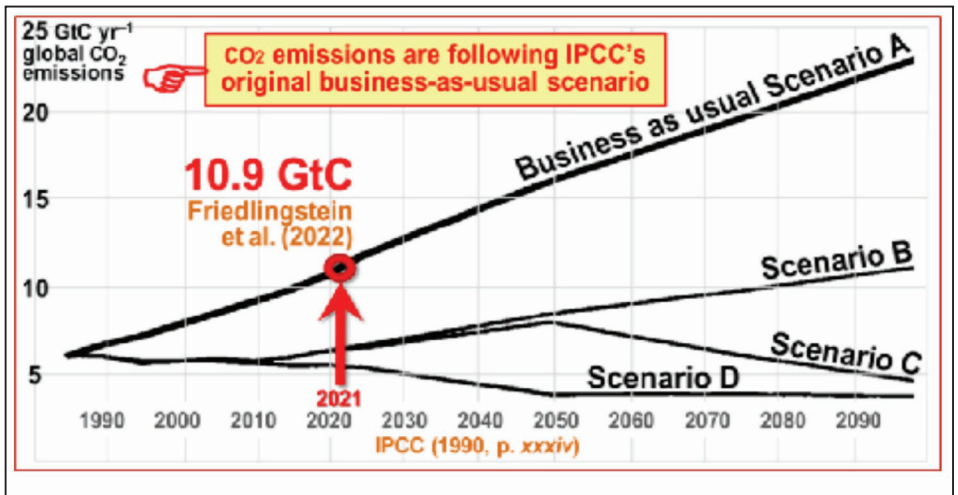


Fact of the day!

Wind towers warm and dry the area around them. They also change the weather patterns. They do this by taking the energy out of the wind. They are even believed to cause shifts in wind and rain patterns on a massive scale. A Harvard study tells us that large scale wind development will raise temperature in the US at least 0.43° and 2.7°F at night. In addition they cause droughts as well as warming. Another study shows the dry crop land around them, lowering yields.

We know that wind towers dry and warm large areas. The more of them the greater the effects. I wonder how much the 750,000 wind towers we need in addition to the 80,000 the US already has will change the climate. There are many studies that show this. And we need to understand this dark side of wind tower development.

It seems we are warming and drying the climate to save the climate from warming and drying. Or floods if you listen to the reports.



Annual emissions are indeed tracking the business-as-usual Scenario A in IPCC (1990). The growth is almost double that which was predicted under Scenario B. It is now clear that IPCC's conversion of emissions to forcings, and thus its predictions of global warming, had been grossly overwrought and that, therefore, the threatened "climate emergency" is absent.



One Nation Under God

Infamous late-term abortionist LeRoy Carhart dies



By Lifesite News

LeRoy Carhart, the late-term Nebraska abortionist responsible for the deaths of 30,000 innocent babies, has died.

The notorious doctor died at 5:30 on Friday morning, ending his lengthy career of murdering unborn children in their mother's wombs. Carhart founded an organization dedicated to committing abortions, which established two "C.A.R.E." killing centers, one in Bethesda, Maryland, and one in Bellevue, Nebraska.

"This news comes as a shock to me since I was just there praying outside his abortuary a few weeks ago on April 1," LifeSiteNews' John-Henry Westen reacted to the news. "I joined a group of LifeRunners praying the Rosary for his conversion and for the mothers who lost their children there and for an end to the killing."

"I pray he repented and God may have mercy on him, and may the Good Lord bring an end to all abortion."

Dr. Pat Castle, founder of the LifeRunners apostolate, also lamented the innocent lives lost at the hands of Carhart, saying, "Lord have mercy on Mr. Carhart, on us and the whole world. We pray today that his legacy will be one for us to remember that evil is real, and good and God are victorious."

"Love does prevail," he continued. "Let us love our neighbors in response to God's command and that that will end abortion soonest."

In addition to committing abortions during all stages of pregnancy, Carhart was also known for putting the lives of mothers at risk and failing to comply with medical standards of practice. As early as 2011, the abortionist was under investigation for lying on his medical license application. Over the years, multiple women who sought abortions at Carhart's hands suffered serious injury, resulting in emergency room visits and even death. Six women were taken to the hospital over a span of five months because of Carhart's actions.

Carhart's Bellevue, Nebraska, abortion facility

An undercover investigation in 2017 revealed that Carhart was willing to kill a developed baby for thousands of dollars and without any "medical reason" motivating the abortion.

In 2020, two women required emergency surgery and hospitalization after obtaining abortions of their 25-week-old babies at Carhart's Maryland facility. Most recently, the abortionist was under investigation for the near-death experience suffered by a 35-year-old woman in Nebraska after he killed her baby.



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doesn't flow from scoring debate points in the "free marketplace of ideas." It comes from the willingness to impose one's beliefs on others and possessing the resources to do so.

All morality requires enforcement.

The Left implicitly understands that point. They are more than happy to crush their opponents. Just ask Donald Trump, John Eastman, Douglas Mackey, or any of the January 6 defendants. Strip away civilization and politics boils down to the distinction between friend and enemies. That's why the White House hosted a trans day of visibility just two days after a transgender terrorist murdered six Christians in Tennessee.

At some point, every political regime must put its foot down. Some people think cannibalism is wrong, others think that it is right. If the former are to prevail politically they must be willing to use force against the latter. In the end, this is what morality requires. This is what morality is.

Conservatives and Christians today simply lack the force of will to impose their social morality on the Left. That is why they lose cultural battles and the Left wins. Conservatives aren't even willing to mock their enemies. If you want to make "respectable" social conservatives and Christians uncomfortable, call a prostitute a "whore" in their presence. Mock OnlyFans as a den of "sluts." Express deep revulsion at sodomy. Watch them writhe in psychic pain.

Such firm moral condemnation, I am frequently told, is "judge-y" and "un-Christian." "We" need to "watch our tone" as "we" seek to "draw others to the faith." As their flock comes under attack from wolves, the shepherds condemn those who would fight back. There are many such cases.

The deep-rooted weakness of the American Christian Right is a serious problem. I wish it wasn't this way. I wish my fellow Christians had more spirit. I wish our leaders would lead. That isn't the reality we have, though, as much as I may wish otherwise.

Right now, conservatives in deep red areas can still fight cultural battles at the local and state levels. Even some purple states, at the local level, still provide a way to maneuver against the Left's cultural hegemony. Everywhere else, and at the national level especially, conservatives must sideline the cultural battles in favor of the issues of national survival.

Trump showed that even in our degraded moral culture, a huge percentage of Americans still want the nation to survive. They don't hate themselves despite all the propaganda to which they've been subjected. The old pre-World War II conservative consensus in favor of protectionism, non-intervention, and immigration restrictions is still enormously popular.

If we win on those fronts and secure a future for our country then, and only then, will we have a chance to fight once again for the family, for our faith, and for a return of moral decency.

That day, however, is still a long way off. We have work to do.

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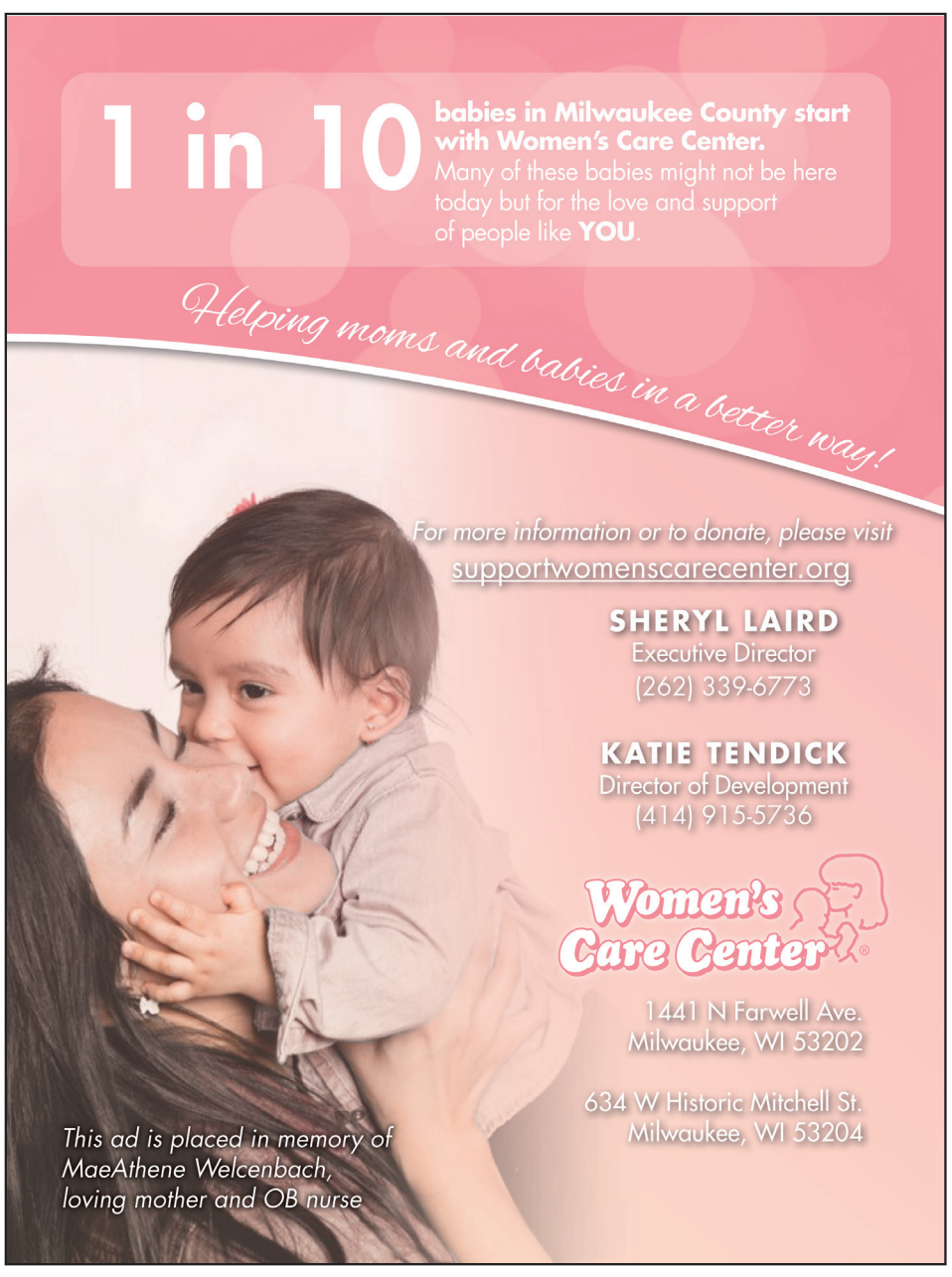

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In his announcement speech, Kennedy lamented the seemingly insurmountable political divisions pitting Americans against each other today.

"When I talk to both Republican friends and Democratic friends, they talk about this division in almost apocalyptic terms," he told his campaign audience. "Nobody can see a safe way or a good way out of it, and people are preparing for a kind of a dystopian future."

"One of the principal missions of my campaign and of my presidency is going to be to end that division," he continued. "And I'm going to try to do that by encouraging people to talk about the values that we have in common rather than the issues that keep us apart. And also—and this I think is the most important thing—I'm going to do that by telling the truth to the American people."

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on adversarial nations for pseudo-renewable energy materials and technologies.

• Prices for energy, goods and services will skyrocket, because every megawatt of wind and solar must be duplicated with backup batteries or generators.

• Politicians and bureaucrats – egged on by loud, often violent mobs – will increasingly dictate our energy consumption, living standards, home sizes, vacations, and what we can eat, drink, drive and buy.

These are the real existential threats to democracy, society, humanity and planet. Parents, voters, legislators and judges concerned about our future must take action now to stop this insanity.

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A New Phase in US-Israel Relations

By Caroline Glick

Israel was rocked by the news on Thursday that the U.S. State Department had ordered NASA scientist Dr. Amber Straughn to cancel her participation in the Israel Physical Society's annual meeting. The news came following Straughn's posting on Twitter that her "travel authorization was revoked" on Wednesday.

The State Department's move, which gives the appearance of an official boycott, would be stunning under any circumstance. But it is all the more alarming coming on the heels of U.S. President Joe Biden's shocking remarks in relation to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his government's efforts to place minimal limits on the Supreme Court's currently limitless powers.

In apparently off-the-cuff remarks to reporters on Tuesday, Biden said curtly: "Like many strong supporters of Israel I am very concerned, and I'm concerned that they get this [judicial reform] straight. They cannot continue down this road. Hopefully, the prime minister will act in a way that he's going to try to work out some genuine compromise. But that remains to be seen."

Then, after interfering in Israel's domestic affairs, Biden added: "We're not interfering. They know my position. They know America's position. They know the American Jewish position."

When in a follow-up a reporter asked Biden if he would invite Netanyahu to the White House, the president's response was immediate and unhesitating.

"No, not in the near term."

Even before the State Department ordered Straughn to cancel her trip, it was abundantly clear that Biden's statement wasn't a fluke. And it wasn't about Netanyahu. Despite the occasional compliments that Biden and his advisers showered on Yair Lapid and Naftali Bennett, the administration's policies were not more pro-Israel when they were in power. Notwithstanding the failure of the administration's nuclear diplomacy with Iran last year, the Biden administration remained committed to its policy of appeasing Iran and facilitating its nuclear advancement, despite the previous government's expressed opposition.

The Biden administration's single-minded commitment to its pro-Iran policy was most unmistakable in the strong-arm tactics it used to force Lapid to agree to a gas deal with Hezbollah-controlled Lebanon on the eve of the Nov. 1 elections. Under the terms of the deal, in exchange for absolutely nothing, Israel was required to cede its sovereign waters and economic waters, and a natural-gas deposit to Lebanon.

The deal gave Iran's Lebanese proxy a cash windfall and a foothold in the Eastern Mediterranean. When Israel tried to draw out negotiations, Biden publicly hectored Lapid to close a deal. He refused to speak with Lapid on the phone for months and only did so after Lapid capitulated to Hezbollah demands—transmitted by the U.S. interlocutors.

Then there are the Palestinians. Throughout the previous government's time in office, the Biden administration was open about its rejection of Israel's national and legal rights in Judea and Samaria, and Jerusalem. They sided with illegal Arab squatters and their supporters as they rioted against their Jewish landlords and Jewish neighbors in Shimon HaTzaddik neighborhood in Jerusalem. They opposed Israel's counterterror operations and opened an FBI investigation against soldiers and officers in the Israel Defense Forces.

The administration subverted the Abraham Accords by compelling Israel to accept the Palestinians in the Abraham Accord summits. Palestinian participation transformed what had been a working alliance against Iran into a pile-on against Israel—orchestrated and led by the State Department.

As for Democrats in Congress, they drew out the approval process of supplemental Iron Dome missiles following "Operation Guardian of the Walls," making clear that Democrat-controlled congresses cannot be expected to automatically approve military aid to Israel.

All of this happened while the Israeli left was in power.

One of the notable aspects of Biden's remarks on Tuesday is that the day before, Netanyahu already shelved his government's judicial reform bill and opted to negotiate with opposition leaders to see if it is possible to reach a compromise package acceptable to a broader majority. Biden's decision to escalate his rhetoric after Netanyahu had agreed to Biden's position indicates that the administration was less interested in blocking judicial reform than in destabilizing Netanyahu's government.

The administration's statements and actions this week, coupled with its overall policies towards Israel since entering office, indicate that Israel has reached a new phase in its relationship with America.

Until now, Israel had a strategic alliance with the United States. Now as a decade of polling has shown, Israel is viewed with hostility by some Americans, and it is strongly supported by other Americans. The most recent poll of U.S. support by Gallup makes the point explicitly.

The poll showed that overall, most Americans are more supportive of Israel than of the Palestinians. But for the first time, 49% of Democrats are more sympathetic towards the Palestinians than towards Israel. A total of 38% of Democrats are more sympathetic towards Israel. Among Republicans, 78% are more supportive of Israel, and a mere 11% are more sympathetic to the Palestinians. Independents are likewise more supportive of Israel than the Palestinians but by a smaller margin.

All the same, the Democrats are one of two parties. And currently, they are more supportive of the Palestinians than of Israel, and that preference is reflected in administration and congressional policies and actions.

A different, deeper understanding of American society

How is Israel supposed to handle this new relationship?

The first place to look for answers is in the past. In the 1950s and 1960s, France was Israel's closest ally. But following France's withdrawal from Algeria, then-French President Charles de Gaulle turned towards the Arabs and against Israel.

Two things are different about Israel's current crisis with the United States and the fracture of its relations with France. First, de Gaulle was at the height of his power and popularity when he turned his back on Israel. So when he abandoned Israel, he took France with him. This isn't the case with Biden and America.

Following Biden's remarks, some Israeli commenters argued that Biden is likely the last Democrat President who will define himself as a Zionist. If current trends continue, no future Democrat president will risk expressing support for Israel.

The truth is more complicated. For the past 20 years, progressives have built a creed predicated on identity politics. They wove together a coalition of predetermined victim groups tied to one another though the concept of "intersectionality." Intersectionality asserts that all "victim" groups are automatically aligned. The Palestinians had long been allied with some of the designated victim groups—first and foremost, black nationalists tied to Louis Farrakhan's Nation of Islam. Using its existing alliances, pro-Palestinian activists lobbied to be included in the intersectional alliance. Their success was not a foregone conclusion. But so far, it has been wildly successful and has been instrumental in undermining support for Israel and the position of Jews in the progressive camp and the Democrat Party.

To change the situation, Israel needs to work assiduously to fray the unanimity of hostility among members of the progressive alliance. This won't be easy. The work requires a different, deeper understanding of American society than most Israelis possess. But it is doable. Israel can make inroads within the African-American community, and the Latino and Asian communities. It can rebuild its longstanding relationships with labor unions, and high-tech and financial-sector professional associations, among others.

Beyond that, Israel needs to maintain and shore up its ties with the people and sectors of American society who support it. This includes evangelical Christians, Catholics and other conservative groups.

The most astounding claim Biden made in his Tuesday diatribe was that his views are shared by American Jews. Certainly, some American Jewish groups oppose the Israeli right. U.S. Jewish groups One Voice and the New Israel Fund, among others, reportedly financed a significant chunk of the left's anti-government campaign for the past three months. Progressive Jewish groups are increasingly willing to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with anti-Zionists and BDS activists.

All the same, most American Jews are supportive of Israel, regardless of who is in power. They do not support the administration's pro-Iran policies or its pro-Palestinian bias. Israel needs to stand with and empower this majority. It must stand with them as they defend themselves and their right to support Israel on campuses, in their workplaces and in their communities.

As for Israel's relationship with the administration itself, it is fairly clear that Israel needs to recalibrate its strategic posture. It is impossible to know whether the Biden administration will want to negotiate another long-term military aid agreement, and it is also unclear whether Israel is better or worse off maintaining its position as a recipient of U.S. military aid.

Israel may be better off paying for U.S. military platforms out of its own pocket and transforming its relationship from that of a client into one of a partner in defense technology development. On March 13, the U.S. Air Force conducted another unsuccessful test of one of the two hypersonic missiles it is developing. Washington may or may not want Israel's help with its hypersonic missile program, which is lagging far behind China and Russia's programs. But Israel is probably the only U.S. ally capable of helping. Certainly, under the present circumstances, Israel's relationship with the United States will be more secure if it is based on collaboration in areas of mutual interest rather than dependence.

With the U.S. position on issues of critical importance to Israel—first and foremost, Iran and the Palestinians, changing completely depending on the president's partisan affiliation— Israel needs to stop relying on America on issues that require continuous, high-intensity cooperation.

Building interest-based partnerships with other nations

This brings us to the second difference between the new phase we have entered in U.S.-Israel ties and de Gaulle's breach of Franco-Israeli ties in the 1960s. When the French leader turned on Israel, Israel had the United States more or less at the ready, willing to replace France as Israel's superpower ally. Today, Israel has no alternative waiting in the wings.

But it may not need one. Israel is much more powerful today than it was in the 1960s. It doesn't need a protector; it needs partners. Beginning in 2013, Netanyahu began a process of building interest-based partnerships with nations across the region and across the world. These relationships with states in the region and worldwide already form the nucleus of a strategic posture that can secure Israel's position.

Biden's statement on Tuesday was roundly applauded by Israeli leftists hell-bent on overthrowing Netanyahu's government. They would do well to think this through. Sure, Biden has issues with Netanyahu. But the policies Biden pursues vis-à-vis Iran and the Palestinians work to Israel's strategic disadvantage regardless of who is in power, as his strong-arming of Lapid on the Hezbollah gas deal made clear.

Biden is not de Gaulle, in stature or in influence. American support for Israel is diminishing in some quarters. Still, it remains strong overall. Much can be done to change the situation for the better. And Israel is a powerful, wealthy nation with viable alternatives to strategic dependence on the United States.

This has been a bad week for Israel-U.S. relations, but it isn't cause for despair. Rather, it is cause for a sober-minded reassessment and rearrangement of Israel's relations with America to bring them in line with current realities.



Happy Earth Day! Never trust the prophets of doom.

By Viv Forbes

More than three decades before Greta Thunberg was born — the Swedish environmental activist on climate change — more than 20 million Americans participated in the first Earth Day on April 22, 1970.

We now look back at quotes from Earth Day, Then and Now," by Ronald Bailey of the spectacularly wrong apocalyptic predictions from Earth Day 1970.

Considering the current doomsday predictions scaremonger activists are verbalising about global warming that will result in the demise of civilisation within the next decade, many of those unscientific 1970 predictions are being reincarnated on today's social and news media outlets.

Many of the same are being regurgitated today, but the best prediction from the first earth day five decades ago, yes 50 years ago, was that the "the pending ice age as earth had been cooling since 1950 and that the temperature would be 11 degrees cooler by the year 2000"

The 1970's were a lousy decade. Embarrassing movies and dreadful music reflected the national doomsday mood following an unpopular war, endless political scandals, and a faltering economy.

The first Earth Day was celebrated in 1970 — okay, "celebrated" doesn't capture the funereal tone of the event. The events (organized in part by then hippie and now convicted murderer Ira Einhorn) predicted death, destruction and disease unless we did exactly as progressives commanded.data.

Behold the coming apocalypse as predicted on and around Earth Day, 1970:

1. "Civilization will end within 15 or 30 years unless immediate action is taken against problems facing mankind." — Harvard biologist George Wald

2. "We are in an environmental crisis which threatens the survival of this nation, and of the world as a suitable place of human habitation." — Washington University biologist Barry Commoner

3. "Man must stop pollution and conserve his resources, not merely to enhance existence but to save the race from intolerable deterioration and possible extinction." — New York Times editorial

4. "Population will inevitably and completely outstrip whatever small increases in food supplies we make. The death rate will increase until at least 100-200 million people per year will be starving to death during the next ten years." — Stanford University biologist Paul Ehrlich

5. "Most of the people who are going to die in the greatest cataclysm in the history of man have already been born… [By 1975] some experts feel that food shortages will have escalated the present level of world hunger and starvation into famines of unbelievable proportions. Other experts, more optimistic, think the ultimate food-population collision will not occur until the decade of the 1980s." — Paul Ehrlich

6. "It is already too late to avoid mass starvation," — Denis Hayes, Chief organizer for Earth Day

7. "Demographers agree almost unanimously on the following grim timetable: by 1975 widespread famines will begin in India; these will spread by 1990 to include all of India, Pakistan, China and the Near East, Africa. By the year 2000, or conceivably sooner, South and Central America will exist under famine conditions…. By the year 2000, thirty years from now, the entire world, with the exception of Western Europe, North America, and Australia, will be in famine." — North Texas State University professor Peter Gunter

8. "In a decade, urban dwellers will have to wear gas masks to survive air pollution… by 1985 air pollution will have reduced the amount of sunlight reaching earth by one half." — Life magazine

9. "At the present rate of nitrogen buildup, it's only a matter of time before light will be filtered out of the atmosphere and none of our land will be usable." — Ecologist Kenneth Watt

10. "Air pollution…is certainly going to take hundreds of thousands of lives in the next few years alone." — Paul Ehrlich

11. "By the year 2000, if present trends continue, we will be using up crude oil at such a rate… that there won't be any more crude oil. You'll drive up to the pump and say, 'Fill 'er up, buddy,' and he'll say, 'I am very sorry, there isn't any.'" — Ecologist Kenneth Watt

12. "[One] theory assumes that the earth's cloud cover will continue to thicken as more dust, fumes, and water vapor are belched into the atmosphere by industrial smokestacks and jet planes. Screened from the sun's heat, the planet will cool, the water vapor will fall and freeze, and a new Ice Age will be born." — Newsweek magazine

13. "The world has been chilling sharply for about twenty years. If present trends continue, the world will be about four degrees colder for the global mean temperature in 1990, but eleven degrees colder in the year 2000. This is about twice what it would take to put us into an ice age." — Kenneth Watt

History seems to repeat itself as there will be a disproportionately influential group of doomsters predicting that the future–and the present–never looked so bleak. I guess we'll need to critique the 2020 doomsday predictions in the year 2050 and see if they were any better than those from the first Earth Day 50 years ago.


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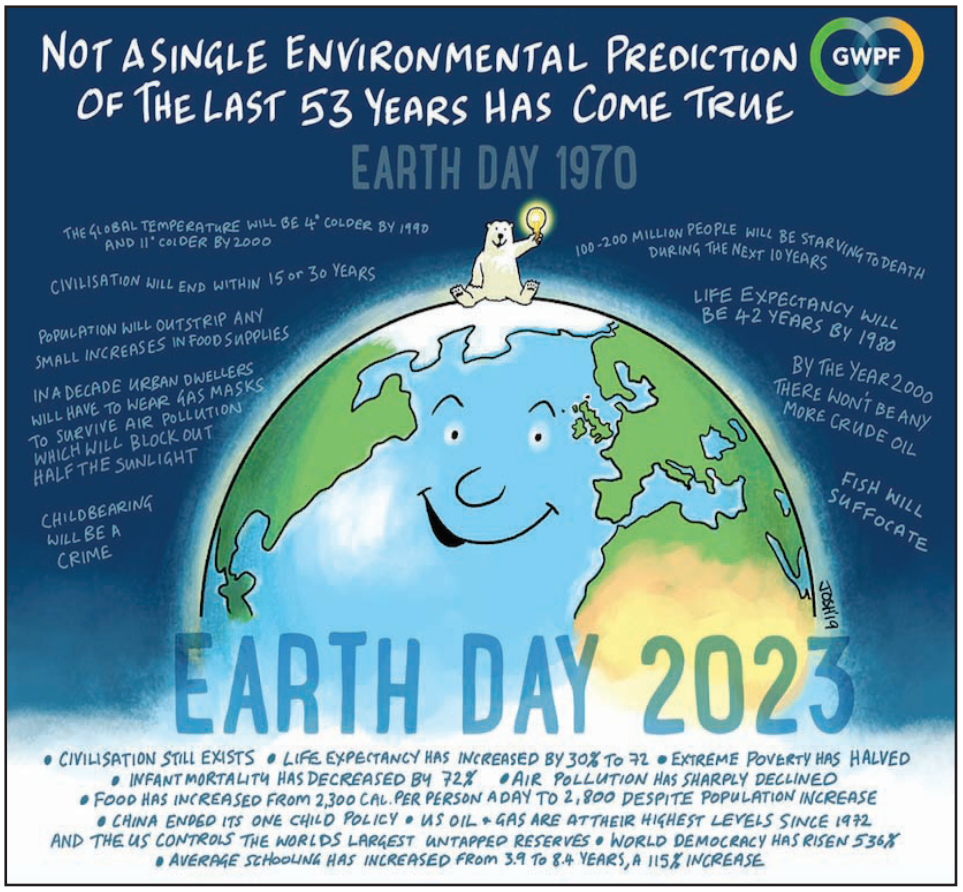

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Fred Hoyle had said:

"Once a photograph of the Earth, taken from the outside, is available…a new idea as powerful as any in history will be let loose."

This is indeed what has happened. The view of the Earth, as seen from part way to the Moon, acted as a catalytic symbol changing the way we think about our world. With one glance, you can see that our planet is not only amazingly beautiful but that all of the elements in our biosphere are interconnected. It's certainly no coincidence that within two years of the 1968 Apollo 8 flight that gave us our first views of Earthrise over the Moon, we saw the formation of Environment Canada, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and Greenpeace, as well as the first worldwide Earth Day.

Seeing our small, fragile planet against the blackness of space, forever changed our attitudes toward what is and is not acceptable behavior in today's world. The well-known whole Earth photo taken by Apollo 17 astronaut Ronald Evans is now considered to be the most important image of the twentieth century. From this point of view, the space age opened none too soon.

And many of these space pioneers would be appalled to know what Earth Day and, indeed, the whole environmental movement has become. After all, they were firmly rooted in reality and prided themselves on solving real-world problems with real-world data. Yet today's Earth Day has been overridden by climate alarmism — the first action item on the official Earth Day 2023 Web site is an invitation to sign an open letter pushing "climate literacy." When we visit their home page, we are greeted with images of spinning wind turbines (below), one of the most environmentally destructive energy sources on the planet, to supposedly stop climate change, which is total fiction, of course.

Many of our space heroes know that the climate scare is a mistake. Included in the long list of highly qualified people who are skeptical of the climate scare are Apollo 11 astronaut Dr. Buzz Aldrin, and at least five other Apollo astronauts.

Specifically, on April 10, 2012, 49 former NASA scientists and astronauts sent a letter to then-NASA Administrator Charles Bolden criticizing the agency for advocating a high degree of certainty that man-made carbon dioxide is a major cause of climate change while ignoring empirical evidence that calls the theory into question. Signing the open letter were Walter Cunningham (Apollo 7 astronaut), Charles Duke (Apollo 16), Richard Gordon (Apollo 12), Dr. Harrison (Jack) Schmitt (the only scientist to yet walk on the Moon on Apollo 17), Al Worden (Apollo 15) as well as Apollo Flight Directors, and former Directors of Johnson Space Center, Dr. Christopher Craft and Gerald C. Griffin. Here are selected excerpts from their letter:

"The unbridled advocacy of CO2 being the major cause of climate change is unbecoming of NASA's history of making an objective assessment of all available scientific data prior to making decisions or public statements."

"We believe the claims by NASA and GISS, that man-made carbon dioxide is having a catastrophic impact on global climate change are not substantiated."

"We request that NASA refrain from including unproven and unsupported remarks in its future releases and websites on this subject."

And even today, The Climate Right Stuff, a group of retired and highly experienced space engineers and scientists who conducted an objective, independent assessment of the science supposedly backing the climate scare, continues to speak out against climate alarmism. As I described in my three-part series (see part 1, part 2, part 3) about this outstanding organization, their moto, which today's Earth Day activists would be well advised to follow, is:

"In God we trust; all others bring data."

No one could rationally say that America's Apollo astronauts, scientists, and engineers were unconcerned about the environment. Indeed, the first humans to visit the Moon experienced truly remarkable epiphanies about how special our home planet actually is. It is about time real environmentalists followed the advice of the philosophical founders of their movement and kicked climate activists off the stage.