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Sidney Powell Didn't Flip on Trump or MAGA

By JTA Staff

It is alarming (although not surprising) to see the misinformation in headlines, new articles, and on social media about Sidney Powell's plea in Georgia last week. Even good Republicans and MAGA supporters seem confused and misinformed about the facts of her plea, many believing she has disavowed her position on the 2020 election and betrayed her supporters or that she has "flipped" on Trump.

First, let's be very clear that Sidney did not plead guilty to a conspiracy with Donald Trump to unlawfully overturn the 2020 election. The RICO charge was dropped as part of Sidney's plea. To repeat for absolute clarity, Sidney did not plead guilty to a charge that she unlawfully tried to overturn the 2020 election or otherwise "admit" that the claims the 2020 election were stolen were unsubstantiated.

Instead, she pled to six misdemeanors. In this excellent Substack post by TechnoFog, TechnoFog wrote the

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A 'humanitarian' Gaza ceasefire – so Hamas can plant more IEDs

While hiding behind their human shields and preparing more ambushes, to kill more Israelis

By Paul Driessen



Jews have lived in what's now Israel for 4,000 years, even after the Romans sacked Jerusalem 1,953 years ago. Christians have been there 2,000 years; Muslims for 1,400 years. Israel became a nation in 1948.

But despite losing several wars, many Palestinians

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Disappearing Motherhood: Who's to Blame?

By John & Andy Schlafly

A British tabloid carried a grim headline Monday announcing "America's fertility crash," over an article detailing the precipitous drop in the U.S. birth rate during the last 15 years. The decline was greatest in Utah, whose birth rate fell by more than a third despite the Beehive State's reputation for large families.

Ignoring such a dire long-term trend that harms the health and happiness of the American people, our media have spent most of 2023 promoting entertainment aimed at single young women, starting with Barbie. That blockbuster

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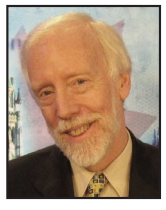
Climate Scare Blown Up By Geology

By Tom Harris

We rarely see geologists interviewed in the press about climate change. Sure, we often hear from excited meteorologists,



biologists, chemists, sometimes physicists and of course the ubiquitous climate modelers (who pretend to know what the climate will be in 100 years) on TV and in newspapers, when the media bothers to interview scientists at all. But almost never do we see interviews with scientists who study what actually happened in the real

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Archbishop Viganò: Bergoglio's removal of Bishop Strickland is a cowardly form of authoritarianism

By LifeSiteNews.com

The removal of His Excellency Bishop Joseph Strickland, especially after the failure to ambush him with the Apostolic Visitation, appears as a cowardly form of authoritarianism, which in no way fits with Bergoglio's rants about "welcoming" and "inclusiveness."

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Seeing the sacrilegious and perverted Marco Rupnik incardinated in the Diocese of Capodistria, or Bishop Michael Olson still in office despite the petition of the faithful of Fort Worth following his abuses and scandalous behavior with the Carmelite Sisters of Arlington, while one of the few faithful Bishops is persecuted and kicked out for no reason shows us in all its arrogance the tyranny of the Argentine Jesuit.

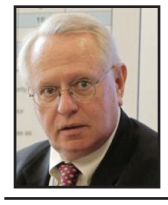
A tyranny that is even more scandalous to the faithful due to the fact that the majority of the pastors are silent out of cowardice or complicity.

This affair will reveal who stands with the true Church of Christ and who chooses to stand with His declared enemies. To remain silent and endure this umpteenth violation of the most basic principles of justice and truth is to make oneself complicit with a subverter.

Tax Expenditures, Exempt and Unlimited Appropriations

By Williams Kovacs

Without being a card player, it can be difficult to spot a cardsharp who cheats by manipulating cards to serve their own interest. Without being a tax expert and certified accountant, it is



difficult to spot how federal tax expenditures manipulate government spending for friends and supporters.

Cardsharps use sleight of hand, false shuffles, and dealing from bottom of the deck to manipulate the cards to cheat people out of their money. Congress and

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Thank you mom…for your brave post-COVID health battle

By Matt Warneke

It's been just over 2 years since my mother was hospitalized within months of receiving her two Moderna jabs (please read on to understand why I have a hard time calling them vaccines). At the time and because of her age (88), her and many others around the world thought it was in their best interest to be injected with an emergency use and experimental drug (being a scientist, I did not appreciate the accelerated clinical trials or the cherry picking of data and the manipulation & miscommunication of statistical data, like absolute versus relative risks).

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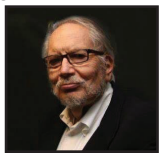
Nothing Good Comes from Biden's EV Ploy, Only Bad Karma

By Lary Bell

The biggest economic push for electric vehicles (EVs) appears to be to move them out of dealer inventory lots despite government subsidy perks.



EVs are now some of the slowest sellers on dealership lots. In September, it took retailers over two months to sell a plug-in, compared with around a month for gas-powered vehicles and only

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Steve's Say . . .

Wisdom Teeth and Reservoirs

I know. A very strange title for a Steve's Say column. But trust me, you will understand.

Yesterday I finally underwent oral surgery to remove my two bottom wisdom teeth. Naturally the pain management and recovery process consumed most of yesterday and hopefully a lot less of today. So far so good.

For over 30 years, and I currently register at age 60, all dentists I visited implored me to get those two troublemakers out of the way. Nothing good can come of them - only misery.

Meanwhile, I clung to the words I heard from my orthodontist Dr. Gengler at age 19,

"Your wisdom teeth are coming in perfectly," he reasoned, supporting his conclusion with my newly created jaw x-ray.

"The top ones will never erupt through the gums and the bottom ones are putting no pressure on the surrounding teeth. You're really lucky."

And so I was. And they never gave me any real trouble over all these years. So no urgency pushed me to schedule this operation, knowing the inevitable reservoir of pain and discomfort stored up in those two teeth, just waiting to be unleashed by such a procedure. Yesterday it gushed forth. And for the most part I survived it pretty well.

So as I reflected on it all, that word reservoir, which always fascinated me since reading maps of Wisconsin as a young child, seemed oddly misused in this context. Most people think of reservoirs as lakes created by damming a river, for use as drinking water, irrigation or recreation. And so they are. I submit to you a better and more universal definition - an intentionally created stockpile of something of great need, want or value, stored especially for times of emergency. And inevitably, as all who know me would expect, this led my thoughts to the Climate Hoax and the Green New Deal.

Most people would agree that the word reservoir resonates positively in their psyche. My misuse of the word reservoir related to the stored up misery in those two teeth needs a replacement- landslide, mudslide or earthquake seem more appropriate. So how does all this relate to the Climate Hoax and Green New Deal?

The crux of the Green New Deal appears to be the elimination of all reservoirs, per my universal definition above. Certainly the Globalist New World Order eco-nut minions eliminated hundreds of water reservoirs across America and around the world, catapulting many populations into water shortages and irrigation restrictions. Restricting and controlling the water supply certainly comprises an important pillar of their totalitarian plan, as does eliminating all reservoirs within the food supply chain. But the biggest reservoir, the reservoirs of energy, the Globalists dream of a way of excluding access to the rest of mankind. Enter the Climate Hoax and Green New Deal.

For without energy, nothing can be done. And without energy reservoirs, forget manufacturing, disaster relief, health care, travel or recreation. All elements and chemical compounds are reservoirs, a storage of energy or healing, polarity or insulation, and countless other applications. Water, the reservoir of polarity, dissolves salts and other ionic compounds which makes it the universal solvent of life. Carbon Dioxide, the gas of life, allows green plants to feed themselves from its atmospheric reservoir with the aid of sunlight. Without either of these chemical reservoirs on our Earth, life as we know it cannot exist.

Nuclear power taps the energy stored in radioactive isotopes of Uranium and other heavy elements. The enormous reservoir of energy contained within the naturally occurring uranium deposits around the world makes nuclear power unfit for the totalitarian agenda of the New World Order. So it must be eliminated, and they've done quite a job in doing so. Just look at Germany. Or Wisconsin for that matter.

But nuclear power, like all energy sources, has its limitations. Great for electrical grid power, a universal and safe methodology for transportation use has not been put forth. Hopefully some day. But hydrocarbon fuels, the granddaddy of all energy reservoirs, earn the greatest scorn from the totalitarian Globalists. And with good reason. Both the solid form (coal) and and liquid (petroleum) contain enormous amounts of energy per unit weight (up to 22,000 BTU/LB), are easily transportable and universally available. The stored up energy can be released at any time desired using a myriad of devices to harness it. Thus their use as transportation fuels has no current rival.

Natural gas, known chemically as methane or CH4, Dr. Thomas Gold demonstrated to be mostly a primordial substance, the most prevalent on Earth. Methane represents the largest energy reservoir on the planet. He displays a calculation in his book "The Deep Hot Biosphere" showing methane within the Earth to be at least 100 times greater than all of the surface waters contained in glaciers, lakes, rivers and oceans. And methane contains THE HIGHEST energy content per unit weight of any substance, about 24,000 BTU/LB. Plus, existing as a gas well below biosphere temperatures, it can be piped anywhere it is needed. Now you understand the latest Deep State effort to demonize natural gas as an environmental destroyer and force you to give up your gas stove.

Since hydrocarbons continually regenerate from carbonate rock in subduction zones in short time scales, coal, petroleum and methane represent the only naturally renewable energy reservoir. Coal and petroleum form from trapped methane under varying temperature and pressure conditions. Thus old oil fields once thought to be tapped out have been revived into highly productive investments.

Wind and solar are not energy reservoirs, because these sources cannot universally provide energy when needed. They can be used to feed other reservoirs, but in all cases these sources add significant costs and unnecessary vulnerabilities to those systems. Based entirely upon government money-laundering schemes, media hype and outright lies, these sources never existed in any self-sustaining way. They disappeared naturally from the energy mix until revived by political necessity to put forth a new scam of money-laundering subsidies.



Subsidies are political nooses. The farmers agreeing to turn their cropland into wind or solar farms will find this truth out probably sooner than later. They will be stuck with all of the legacy costs for dismantling and disposing of all of these environmentally unfriendly items they allowed to be utilized on their property. They will cry, but remember why they took the deal. If something seems to be too good to be true, it is. I am planning to reach out to these farmers being seduced by these pied pipers from out East in some regional gatherings to alert them to the enormous liabilities they take on when they sign these contracts. They are truly making a deal with the Devil.

So we see the immense difference between energy sources and reservoirs. Sources provide input, but reservoirs allow for planning and distribution through both time and space. The New World Order cannot allow any reservoirs to exist. Reservoirs of tragedy they pursue, to instigate catastrophes so the enslaved cry out for tighter shackles. But as I think I've shown here, using the word reservoir to describe their pursuits perverts the meaning of that word to the point of mainstream media propaganda.

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The Population 'Problem' Fizzles

By Jane Shaw Stroup

Each year, the Competitive Enterprise Institute (CEI) has a dinner in Washington, D.C., honoring the economist Julian Simon, who died in 1998. Simon was a rare optimist in the fields of population and natural resources. He disagreed with most environmentalists of his day (especially in the 1980s through 1990s). They feared passionately that the growing population would overwhelm agriculture and industry and that the world would run out of natural resources such as oil and minerals.

Instead, Simon thought that more births are a good thing and was sure that resources would not disappear. His upbeat views were widely disparaged.

Ecologist Garrett Hardin called him "Dr. Pangloss," compared him to a "fast change artist at a county fair," and said he persuaded people with "sleight of hand." [1] Paul Ehrlich, author of The Population Bomb, and a leading alarmist, wrote (along with his wife, Anne), that Simon was "the leader of a space-age age cargo cult" of economists and a "fringe character." [2] They also called his qualifications those of a "specialist in mail-order marketing."[3]

Today Simon's views are beginning to be appreciated. The CEI dinner honored two authors working in the tradition of Simon, Marian L. Tupy, and Gale L. Pooley for their book Superabundance. It reveals in a distinctive way how prosperous the world has become.

I'll tell you a little about this framework below. So, if you already know about Julian Simon, you might want to skip this part.

But wait!

Did you know that the Ehrlichs were right when he said that Simon was a specialist in mail-order marketing? Simon started out as an assistant professor of advertising and marketing at the University of Illinois. His most successful book (it went through five editions) was an early one on mail-order marketing.

Julian Simon

Another fact: One of Simon's ideas explains why you are not rejected from an airplane when it is overbooked. Simon proposed the "auction" that occurs when there are more people than seats. You have probably been there when it happened but may not have noticed it.

The airline offers a reward to anyone who is willing to take a later flight; if there are no takers, the offer goes up. Under this system, the airplane continues boarding, and no one is forced to give up a seat. It usually happens quietly, often with just one announcement.

This way of dealing with overbooking became federal policy around 1980 after Simon proposed it in 1979 to Alfred Kahn. As head of the Civil Aeronautics Board, Kahn was trying to deregulate the airline industry, and he did.

So Simon was pretty remarkable. But because he opposed the "neo-Malthusian" views of the day, he was treated dismissively for years.

Rehabilitation

One event began the "rehabilitation" of Simon in the public mind. It was an article in the New York Times by John Tierney, "Betting on the Planet." [4]

Because so few people accepted Simon's views that the world was not running out of resources, Simon offered a bet. Tierney described the bet:

"Simon offered to let anyone pick any natural resource—grain, oil, coal, timber, metals—and any future date. If the resource really were to become scarcer as the world's population grew, then its price should rise. Simon wanted to bet that the price would instead decline by the appointed date."

Ehrlich and two other environmental experts took on the challenge in 1980. They chose five metals, in quantities worth at the time $200 each. Tierney explained:

"If the 1990 combined prices turned out to be higher than $1,000, Simon would pay them the difference in cash. If prices fell, they would pay him."

Ten years later, the metals had declined in price (adjusted for inflation, as the bet required, but the prices would have declined slightly even if inflation were ignored, Tierney points out). Ehrlich wrote a check to Simon for $576.07.

More Validation

Now at last, the half-century of disdain is over. One sign is a recent (September 2023) New York Times article. The opinion piece by Dean Spears reports that the world population is expected to peak in the 2080s. [5]

And according to Spears, that's a bad thing. We will suffer—not from overpopulation but from depopulation.

"Sustained below-replacement fertility will mean tens of billions of lives not lived over the next few centuries—many lives that could have been wonderful for the people who would have lived them . . . ."

That sounds like Julian Simon! However, I'm sure he would also say that people can learn to cope with declining population. (More time would be spent on education, for example.) And just as people were wrong in depicting runaway population growth, they may be wrong about its decline.

What a Turnaround

Now, let me refer briefly to Superabundance, the book featured at the recent CEI dinner. It is hefty (547 pages), and it covers the history of how the world has achieved "superabundance." Tupy and Pooley define superabundance as a time "when the abundance of resources grows at a faster rate than population increase." [6] We're in that time.

The "Simon Superabundance Framework" begins by measuring the cost of goods and services in terms of the amount of work a consumer must do to earn enough money to afford them. This "time price" has been used before [7] but not as Tupy and Pooley use it. For them, it is the foundation-stone for creating a panoply of ways to measure the increasing availability of those goods and services.

Just to give you a taste of their work, consider that, globally, the time price of 50 commodities declined by 71 percent from 1980 to 2018. In Tupy-Pooley lingo, that means that the abundance of those commodities increased by 252 percent from 1980 to 2018. [8]

They can go back farther and parse more finely: For blue-collar workers in the U.S., the price of beef declined by 75.5 percent between 1900 and 2018. The price of sugar declined by 98 percent. [9]There is much more—measurements of abundance for specific commodities, within nations, and for the world as a whole.

Julian Simon's optimism has proven to be correct.



The Climate War Is Over: China Won

By Duggan Flanakin

Academia's best-known hockey player, Michael Mann, in 2021 published a book entitled, The New Climate War: The Fight to Take Back Our Planet. His thesis was that climate-altering fossil fuel companies, right-wing plutocrats, and petrostates are the enemies of humanity and (by omission) that nature has no significant role in climate change.

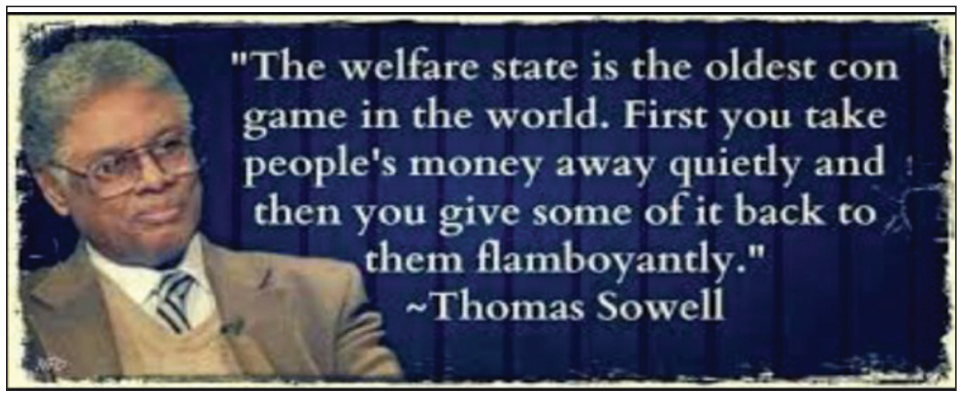
Mann's thesis seems to be that an army of activists who condemn the Industrial Revolution can defeat the desires of Chinese, Russian, Indian, and pan-African people who want the benefits from using fossil fuels and create a utopian world powered solely by renewable energy.

This thesis is as phony as a Biden dollar, for far too many reasons to list in a brief column.

But let's start with the first premise – that the desires of billions of people for cheap energy can be fully supplied by 2050 using only wind, solar, and geothermal (but not nuclear or hydro). It implies that all nations are ready, willing, and able to stop jockeying for power and influence and gather around the Maypole to sing Kum-Ba-Yah.

Mann must otherwise want us to believe a majority of Earth's people are so concerned about the long-term future of the planet that they will willingly forego cheap energy, affordable housing, and the freedom to travel and even depopulate an overcrowded–by green standards–world.

For decades, European and American (and dependent) governments have *continued on page 9*



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Judge Commits Fraud to Accuse Trump of Fraud

By James Agresti

In the high stakes New York trial of leading presidential candidate Donald Trump, Judge Arthur Engoron ruled in September that Trump defrauded his lenders by inflating the value of his famed Mar-a-Lago estate by "at least 2,300%, compared" to an "appraisal" by the Palm Beach County Tax Assessor.

Several news outlets from left to right challenged that claim because it's blatantly flawed. CNN, for example, reported: "It's widely known that the tax assessor valuation is typically, though not always, less than what a property would command on the open market."

This well-known fact is documented by a wide array of real estate industry leaders and business publications, such as Realtor.com, Zillow, and U.S. News & World Report. The last of these explains in bold letters that the: assessed value of a property is typically lower than appraised market value.

Engoron, an NYU-educated judge with two decades of experience on the bench, isn't ignorant of the concept of market value and wrote seven pages earlier in the same ruling that: "courts have long found that "generally, it is the 'market value' which provides the most reliable valuation for assessment purposes."

Seemingly oblivious to his own words, Engoron ruled that Trump was liable for fraud in part because "the Palm Beach County Assessor appraised the market value of Mar-a-Lago at between $18 million and $27.6 million," while Trump valued it "at between $426,529,614 million and $612,110,496, an overvaluation of at least 2,300%, compared to the assessor's appraisal."

Highlighting the absurdity of Engoron's accusation, CNN reported statements from a business scholar and several industry leaders stressing the difference between tax appraisals and market values. Here are just two of the seven statements:

"Appraisal values and market values are just not the same thing. It's a well-known fact," said Eli Beracha, chair of the school of real estate at Florida International University. "That's especially true for properties that are unique. And it's very easy to argue this is a unique property."

Dina Goldentayer, executive director of sales at Douglas Elliman in South Florida, said in her experience in the ultra-luxury marketplace the tax assessor's valuation isn't considered when trying to value a property. "He wouldn't make a very good realtor," Goldentayer said of the judge. "It's so widely known that it's not an accurate determination of market value."

Moreover, the New York Post documented with data from the Palm Beach real estate market that "Mar-a-Lago is worth at least $300 million and that is likely to go up exponentially after dissecting the entire estate."

PolitiFact Covers For Engoron

Consistent with the facts of this matter, Republican attorney Mike Davis called Engoron's valuation of Mar-a-Lago "ludicrous" in a video posted to Facebook.

In response, PolitiFact published a "fact check" claiming that Davis' statement is "false" because Engoron "didn't value Mar-a-Lago at $18 million. A Palm Beach property appraiser did."



The glaring flaw of PolitiFact's claim is that the appraiser didn't actually assess the market value of Mar-a-Lago, as Engoron alleged. PolitiFact's article, written by Amy Sherman, obscures this vital fact by removing the phrase "market value" from Engoron's statement.

Sherman also makes it difficult for her readers to discover what Engoron actually wrote. She does this by linking to the first page of his ruling, while the relevant words are on page 26, and the document is not searchable.

Because Facebook uses PolitiFact as one of its cherry-picked fact checkers, Davis' post was "flagged as part of Meta's efforts to combat false news and misinformation." Facebook then used this flag to reduce the reach of Davis' post.

The Stakes

New York Attorney General Letitia James—a Democrat who campaigned for this position on a promise to prosecute Trump and remove him from office—brought this case against him.

Her press release claims that "Trump falsely inflated his net worth by billions of dollars," and thus, she is asking the court to:

- "remove Trump and his children from their roles at the Trump Organization."
- "ban them from future leadership roles in New York."
- "force them to "repay $250 million they illegally obtained."

This isn't just about Mar-a-Lago. Both James and Engoron, who is also a Democrat, are accusing Trump of inflating the values of many of his assets. This threatens Trump's entire enterprise.

Engoron has already begun to give James what she asked for. In the same ruling where Engoron misrepresented the market value of Mar-a-Lago, he also ordered that all of the Trump Organization's New York business certificates be "canceled" and made plans for the businesses to be dissolved.

Per the Associated Press, "Engoron is poised to permanently disrupt the collection of skyscrapers, golf courses and other properties that vaulted Trump to fame and the White House."

In the ruling, Engoron wrote that NY law gives him the authority to cancel Trump's business licenses and hold him liable for fraud without any proof that he intentionally inflated the value of his properties. All that is necessary, writes Engoron, is proof that Trump repeatedly conducted business with "false and misleading" financial information.

Under that standard, Engoron himself committed fraud by severely undervaluing Mar-a-Lago. Furthermore, several facts suggest that Engoron did this deliberately. These include Engoron's own words about the legal importance of market value, the widely known difference between market and appraised value, and Engoron's decades-long tenure as a judge.

In summary, two powerful New York Democrats are trying to strip the Trump family of their wealth by using a patent falsehood. In conjunction, PolitiFact is providing cover for the judge, and Facebook is using this bogus "fact check" to keep the facts of this matter from the public.

Without Crude Oil There Would Be No Need for Electricity

By Ronald Stein

Most of the products that did not exist before the 1800's are made from petrochemicals manufactured from crude oil. To date, we have yet to have a backup to crude oil to support the materialistic needs of today's society.

Wind turbines and solar panels can generate occasional electricity. Nuclear, coal, hydro, and natural gas can generate continuous uninterruptable electricity.

The world continues to be focused on "electricity" to save the world from crude oil.

Electricity from wind and solar, and stored electricity in batteries, but electricity cannot MAKE anything.

Electricity can charge the iPhone but cannot make the iPhone. Electricity can make the defibrillator work but cannot make the defibrillator.

The basic reality is that everything that needs electricity is made from petrochemicals manufactured from crude oil. Without crude oil, there would be nothing that needs electricity!

All the parts and components of wind turbines, solar panels, EV vehicles, iPads, etc., are all made with petrochemicals manufactured from crude oil.

Getting rid of crude oil will rid the world of wind turbines, solar panels, and EV's etc., and get us back to the zero-emission society of the 1800's.

Occasional electricity may work for the coffee pot, toaster, refrigerator, washer and dryer, and other toy objects, including short range EV's, but hospitals, communications, transportation, internet, etc. need continuous uninterruptable electricity. Occasional electricity generation from wind and solar will not be able to charge batteries.

Green, Powerless and Defenceless

By Viv Forbes

As net zero strangles Australian industry, Australia is becoming green, powerless and defenceless.

History holds lessons which we ignore at our peril.

Japan was opened to trade with the US in the 1850's. They were daunted by the naval power of Britain and the US but were determined to catch up.

In the 1930's Japan attacked China, Mussolini attacked Ethiopia and Hitler planned how to avenge WW1 in Europe. Britain's PM Chamberlain negotiatedwith Hitler and proclaimed he had achieved "Peace in our Time".

But Churchill warned:"Britain must arm. America must arm. We will surely do it in the end but how much greater the cost for each day's delay."

In November 1938, just after the signing of the Munich Pact, John Curtin(Leader of the Labor Party in the Australian Parliament), made thisstatement:". . I say that any increase in defence expenditure appears to be an entirely unjustifiable and hysterical piece of panic propaganda."

Just ten months later, in September 1939, Germany attacked Poland.

On this side of the world, the Japanese built a large navy and air force. However the Americans, British and Dutch controlled Asian oil suppliesneeded for trucks, tanks, ships and planes. With Britain pre-occupied with Germany and Italy in Europe, Japan decided on a huge grab for land andresources.

In 1931 Japan occupied Manchuria and by 1937 Japanese troops were attacking Chinese soldiers outside Beijing. Japan invaded French Indochina in 1940 anda large Japanese force threatened the Philippines where US General Douglas MacArthur was based.

On Monday 8 December 1941, Australian PM Curtin was told that Japanese aircraft had attacked the large US Pacific Fleet at Pearl Harbour and USbases in the Philippines.

Three days later, two "invincible" British warships, "Repulse" and "Princeof Wales" were sunk by Japanese planes off Malaya. Soon Japanese armies were rampaging through Asia towards Australia. In December 1941 Hong Kong fell.By Feb 1942, the British fortress of Singapore surrendered and Japanese bombs were falling on Darwin. By Sept 1942 the Japanese army had slashed their way down the Kokoda Track across Papua New Guinea. They could see thelights of Port Moresby and were looking across Torres Strait to Australia.

Further south, five Japanese submarines were snooping in the seas off Sydneyharbour. Two midget submarines entered the harbour and one sub sank HMAS Kuttabul. The Japanese navy later bombarded Sydney and Newcastle.

By that time, most of Australia's trained soldiers were fighting Rommel atTobruk in North Africa or were in Japanese prison camps. Australian politicians discussed the infamous "Brisbane Line" - surrender of Australianorth of Brisbane.

Suddenly Australia was on its own and needed to defend itself with what we had here.

Armies need manpower, weapons, ammunition, vehicles, tanks, planes, ships, fuel and lubricants.

Soldiers volunteered and others were conscripted. Australian conscripts formed part of the force that met the Japanese on the Kokoda Track in Papua New Guinea.

Britain lost so many weapons at Dunkirk that Australian factories and American sportsmen were sending guns to them.

Enfield Rifles, Bren Guns and Vickers Machine Guns were produced in large numbers at the Small Arms Factory at Lithgow in NSW supported by feeder factories in the area. Australians even designed and built the fabulous Owen Machine Gun, so loved by our young Nasho's in the 1960's.

Australian coking coal was used to produce steel and thermal coal provided reliable electricity and powered locomotives. However, coal production wasoften interrupted by bitter strikes in the early war years. But after Hitlerinvaded Soviet Russia in June 1941, the communists among the coal miners suddenly became more supportive of the war effort.

Motor oil was produced in limited quantities from oil shale at Glen Davis incentral NSW, but petrol was in serious short supply, and had been rationed since 1940.

Petrol Ration Card

With the fall of Singapore, this fuel shortage became severe, and charcoalburners suddenly appeared to keep cars and trucks moving. The demand for charcoal was so great that firewood became scarce so it was also rationed. Kerosene was also scarce so carbide lights were recovered from junk shed sand widely used.

To conserve supplies for soldiers, rationing was also introduced for tea, clothing, butter, sugar, meat and cigarettes. Australian farmers were forbidden to kill their own animals for meat (but many of them did anyhow).

Australian school kids got cards to be used to identify enemy planes overhead and fathers with picks and shovels were told to dig air raid pit in school grounds (even then I thought that our one-room Wheatvale school with 13 pupils was probably not a top priority target for Japanese bombers.)

We saw no enemy planes at Wheatvale but a bomber from our side was forced toland in our neighbour's wheat paddock and a big convoy of American Jeeps and trucks stopped at our farm to make their morning coffee (it was the firsttime we ever tasted coffee).

A critical war time shortage was copper for cartridge cases and communications - Australia had mines producing lead, zinc, silver, gold andiron, but there was a critical shortage of copper.

Fortuitously, just before the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbour, an exploration drill hole at Mount Isa had struck rich copper ore.

Mount Isa was then called on to avert a calamitous shortage of copper in Australia. With government encouragement, Mount Isa Mines made the brave decision to suspend their profitable silver/lead/zinc operations and convertall mining and treatment facilities to extracting copper.

The lead concentrator could be converted to treat copper ore, but the biggest problem was how to smelt the copper concentrates. Luckily the company had skilled engineers and metallurgists in the lead smelter. In a miracle of improvisation, scrap steel and spare parts were purchased and scavenged from old mines and smelters from Cloncurry, Mt Elliott, Mt Cuthbert and Kuridala and cobbled into a workable copper smelter. In 1943the first Mount Isa blister copper was produced. Production continued after the war when Mount Isa returned to extracting the then more profitablesilver/lead/zinc. Later, new plant was built enabling both lead and copper to be produced from this fabulous mine.

This story of the importance of self-reliance has lessons for today especially at a time when the final closure of the great Mt Isa copper mineshas just been announced.

The war on carbon energy, net zero propaganda, the renewable energy targets, escalating electricity costs and the voices in Parliament calling for Emissions Trading Schemes have all unnerved our big users of carbon fuelsand electricity.

Smelting and refining have become threatened industries in Australia.

Already six major metal smelting/refining operations have closed inAustralia this century and more are likely. The closures have affected

copper, lead, zinc, steel and aluminium - the sinews of modern industry. And car manufacturing, with all its skills and tools, has gone.

Local production and refining of oil is also declining, while"lock-the-gate" picketers are trying to prevent domestic exploration andproduction of gas. More and more land and offshore waters are closed to exploration and mining, and heavy industry is scorned.

Australia has lost over half of its oil refining capacity and most of our liquid fuel comes from foreign refineries. At normal rates of usage, national reserves of diesel would last about three weeks and ULP about fourweeks. But in the event of a panic for fuel, city food shelves and fuel supplies would be cleaned out in days, maybe hours. Commercial aircraftwould be grounded in a fortnight and our Air Force soon after.

We are losing the resources, skills and machinery needed for our own security. And we fritter our declining resources on green energy white elephants like Snowy 2, green hydrogen, dream-time extension cables to transmit "green" electricity from Darwin to Singapore, hydrogen electrolyser magic in Gladstone, a Pioneer Valley pumped hydro scheme (Snowy 3?), massivenew power lines to collect piddling energy everywhere and many other greendreams with net consumption of energy and metals.

Green Admirals hope to run our destroyers on recycled cooking oil and Green Generals are wasting energy designing electric bushmasters (with longextension cords?). These foolish green energy policies and the suicidal waron carbon fuels are killing real industry leaving us unskilled and defenceless - like a fat toothless walrus basking on a warm sunny beach.

And imagine the mental and physical capacity of the flabby WOKE recruits that an urgent conscription would produce today. And which toilet would they use? Hopefully a few bikie gangs would sign up? At least they know how to fight and

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three weeks for a gas-electric hybrid.

The slowdown is also problematic for taxpayers and car companies that are plowing billions of dollars into new battery plants and factories to build more profit- losing EVs. These investments were made when many of those models were in high demand and had long wait lists.

One of the companies that we taxpayers generously subsidized ungraciously took the money and ran overseas.

Some may recall a politically-connected automotive startup named Fisker that then-Vice President Joe Biden heralded with $529 million in government loan guarantees as a" bright new path to thousands of American manufacturing jobs" to develop an "affordable" gas-electric family car providently named "Karma."

Part of that money was used to help purchase a shuttered General Motors plant in Biden's home state of Delaware where it was predicted that one day it would employ 2,000 workers.

Bad karma should have come as little surprise when a couple of years later Fisker suspended U.S. production, laid off 26 employees and 40 contractors, and moved operations to Finland to build an entirely different car.

As Henrik Fisker explained at the time, "There was no contract manufacturer in the U.S. that could actually produce our vehicle. They don't exist here. We're not in the business of failing; we're in the business of winning. So we make the right decision for the business. That's why we went to Finland."

DOE froze its Fisker loan following production delays due largely to car fires and other problems caused by faulty batteries supplied by A123 Systems.

A123, in turn, suffered a big setback when Fisker decreased orders and pink-sheeted 125 employees after receiving $249.1 million from the federal government plus $141 million in State of Michigan tax credits and subsidies under then-Gov. Jennifer Granholm who now heads the U.S. Department of Energy.

Granholm notably supported every failed government subsidized green boondoggle the Obama-Biden administration threw in her lap, whereby the Mackinac Center, a Michigan think tank, reported that only 2.3% of the hundreds of millions of handouts for favored start-ups in her state during her governorship from 2003 to 2011 met their advertised job creation promises.

Fast forward to another case of bad karma (or perhaps car-ma) when DOE Secretary Granholm took a four-day cross country EV promotion road trip last summer from Charlotte, N.C., to Memphis, Tenn., not expecting anyone to call the cops on her caper.

Between stops Granholm's EV entourage — including a luxury Cadillac Lyriq, a hefty Ford F-150 and a Bolt electric utility vehicle — had to grapple with range limitations.

Big problems arose after her advance team realized that there wouldn't be enough fast-charge stations for the caravan at a planned stop in Grovetown, a suburb of Augusta, Georgia, with one broken and the three others typically occupied, prompting a DOE staffer to reserve a spot by blocking it with a gasoline vehicle.

That publicity ploy didn't go well when a family that was boxed out — on a sweltering day, with a baby in the vehicle — was so upset they called the police.

My wife, Nancy, observes similarly that EV charging stations at a local grocery she frequents have been removed altogether due to altercations that occur when people tie them up for excessive periods while shopping.

Meanwhile, a once-hot market for EVs appears to be losing its charge altogether.

Ford has temporarily cut one of the production shifts for the electric pickup, and has paused construction of a $3.5 billion battery plant in Michigan.

Some automakers, such as Hyundai and Ford are currently offering cash rebates as high as $7,500 on some models, while others, including Volkswagen, are resorting to aggressive lease deals that offer cheaper monthly payments or shorter contract lengths to attract buyers.

Ford Motor has also marked down its Mustang Mach-E SUV at least two times this year, and with falling demand, has pushed back a plan to produce 600,000 EVs annually to late 2024 instead of the end of this year.

According to Ford CEO James Farley, his company lost nearly $60,000 on each EV it sold during the first quarter of this year largely due to high battery costs.

And Fisker's future?

Following bankruptcy and having burned through $627 million over the past year and very recently moving its headquarters back to the U.S. — Manhattan Beach, Calif. — the tiny reborn company plans to begin deliveries of about a dozen $70,000 Ocean SUV models at prices discounted by $7,500 in response to "competitive realities."

Since their vehicles are produced in Graz, Austria, Fisker's vehicles don't qualify for a federal tax credit because they are built outside the U.S., and their Lucid Air sedan model is too expensive for American markets.

Nope, it seems that by bad karma, nary a one of those 2,000 Delaware manufacturing jobs Biden predicted will occur after all.

SCIENCE & ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY PROJECT

The Week That Was November 11, 2023

Quote of the Week:

"Doubt is clearly a value in the sciences. Whether it is in other fields is an open question and an uncertain matter." "…it is very important to doubt and that doubt is not a fearful thing, but a thing of very great value."

— Richard Feynman, The Meaning of It All

Number of the Week:

4.00 to 4.25 kWh/m2/Day

This Week:

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

Scope: The issues discussed include the different approaches towards understanding the climate used by a scientific organization and the demanding adherence to an artificial consensus of the science by politized organizations. This goes into issues with the means of the model ensembles used. US government agencies frequently ignore their obligation to ensure data quality in their presentations as shown in a presentation by Willie Soon. Howard Hayden discusses the costs of "free energy" from wind and solar. Some additions and corrections to past TWTW are presented.

Contrasting Analyses: Two documents appeared that give a clear example of the contrasting analyses of a scientific institution and a political one. The scientific analysis appeared in Philosophical Transactions A of The Royal Society and the political effort was by the UN Environmental Program and a host of other environmental organizations.

CMIP Model Issues: The paper in Philosophical Transactions A raises an interesting question: "Can we trust projections of AMOC [Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation] weakening based on climate models that cannot reproduce the past?" We do not have strong evidence of change in the AMOC or that it is not changing. It is part of the thermohaline circulation around the globe that takes, perhaps, a thousand years to complete. Our observations of part of it, the Gulf Stream, extend only a few hundred years. We are seeing papers claiming an impending collapse based on the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Climate Model Intercomparison Project (CMIP) model simulations and a highly questionable "tipping point in the climate system" sometime this century. A result of a collapse of the AMOC would bring devastating cold to the Northern Europe.

Given the oscillations in the Arctic ice cap and in the Intertropical Convergence Zone that drives the Atlantic Currents from Africa to South America, Brazil, and hence the north flowing Gulf Stream, coupled with the glaciation cycles of the past 3 plus million years, TWTW ordinarily would dismiss such claims of a collapse of the AMOC. However, the article in Philosophical Transactions A gives a useful approach to conflicting claims where there is no rigorous physical evidence.

The Abstract of the paper in Philosophical Transactions A states:

"The Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation (AMOC), a crucial element of the Earth's climate system, is projected to weaken over the course of the twenty-first century which could have far reaching consequences for the occurrence of extreme weather events, regional sea level rise, monsoon regions and the marine ecosystem. The latest IPCC report puts the likelihood of such a weakening as 'very likely'. As our confidence in future climate projections depends largely on the ability to model the past climate, we take an in-depth look at the difference in the twentieth century evolution of the AMOC based on observational data (including direct observations and various proxy data) and model data from climate model ensembles. We show that both the magnitude of the trend in the AMOC over different time periods and often even the sign of the trend differs between observations and climate model ensemble mean, with the magnitude of the trend difference becoming even greater when looking at the CMIP6 ensemble compared to CMIP5. We discuss possible reasons for this observation-model discrepancy and question what it means to have higher confidence in future projections than historical reproductions.

This article is part of a discussion meeting issue 'Atlantic overturning: new observations and challenges'." After a discussion of the AMOC explaining what it is, why it is important, and the difference in the CMIP5 and CMIP6 models' ensemble means, the authors state [references and figures omitted here]:

"Comparing the models' AMOC evolution to the observational data, we find that neither the CMIP5 nor the CMIP6 ensemble mean are successful at representing the observational AMOC data. Looking at the only available direct continuous AMOC observations (RAPID data) we can see that the ranges of uncertainty of the 2005–2016 RAPID trend and the standard deviation of the CMIP5 and CMIP6 ensemble distributions of the same trend barely overlap. The fit between model output and SST [Sea surface temperatures] -based AMOC index for the same time period is better. However, the ability of temperature-based indices to represent AMOC strength has been challenged on certain timescales."

The authors state there are three possible explanations for the model-observation discrepancy:

"(i) The models are wrong.

(ii) The observations are wrong.

(iii) Models and observations are not expected to agree."

The authors discuss each of these possibilities individually, followed by a general discussion. They state [citations omitted here]:

"If the observations of the AMOC are wrong and the multi-model mean of the CMIP6 ensemble members does represent the twentieth century AMOC, the only problem with the models is that there is a large range of trends in the CMIP6 ensembles. Ultimately, if external forcing of the AMOC is of leading importance, then the key variations in the multi-model mean of the CMIP6 ensemble members should capture the evolution of the AMOC in the twentieth century. Moreover, this multi-model ensemble mean has remained relatively consistent between CMIP5 and CMIP6, with changes to the magnitude of AMOC change rather than the sign of that change. The type of external forcing that does dominate the AMOC in this scenario is a relevant concern. Future AMOC simulations differ little between greenhouse gas trajectories until beyond 2050 when aerosol forcing fades out. Aerosol forcing has been key to historical changes in AMOC in CMIP models. By contrast, there has been little discussion of the role of aerosols in observational AMOC literature. Could aerosol forcing of AMOC be key and the current set of AMOC observational reconstructions be based on incorrect model relationships?

Were aerosol forcing to be key, it offers another path of reconciliation between observations and climate models. Many observational AMOC proxies depend on the relationship between subpolar warming and a strong AMOC. However, this is not the only potential relationship. In certain models, where aerosol forcing dominates, an inverse relationship between subpolar warming and AMOC strength is found. Potentially, incorrect relationships that underestimate aerosol forcing of AMOC in observations could be the cause of the disagreement. This statement can be applied more generally as many of the observational proxies are reliant on relationships derived from models and therefore reliant on those models getting this relationship correct. Some of the sparse hydrographic AMOC estimates that currently disagree could be explained by aliasing large natural variability. Progress on this can be made by further understanding what historical hydrography is telling us about AMOC variability.

Potentially, we do not expect the historical climate models and the observations to match. Internal variability may dominate observations. The multi-model ensemble spread only barely encompasses the range of AMOC observations.

[Please note that aerosols are the reason given by James Hansen, et al. for their recent claim that human-caused global warming is being hidden by aerosols and will emerge as the atmosphere becomes cleaner. Hansen's paper is discussed in detail by Nic Lewis in Climate, Etc.] The authors of the analysis discuss other issues that may be missing in the models such as physical processes in the cryosphere. They conclude with [Boldface added]:

It is said that the only person who believes a model is the person who built it and that everyone believes an experiment/observation apart from the person who performed it. The challenge facing the AMOC community is either to reconcile the differences between climate models and observations or to better understand the reasons for deviation. Only with improved agreement and convergence will future IPCC reports be able to move from assessments of low confidence in this crucial climate variable.

We finish with a pessimistic statement: if it is not possible to reconcile climate models and observations of the AMOC in the historical period, then we believe the statements about future confidence about AMOC evolution should be revised. Low confidence in the past should mean lower confidence for the future! The IPCC AR6 report ranks it as very likely that the AMOC will decline in a changing climate. But, if these models cannot reproduce past variations, why should we be so confident about their ability to predict the future? Likewise, the IPCC AR6 reports medium confidence that there will be no collapse in the AMOC. But, with missing ice and freshwater dynamics, the processes that could initiate a collapse are unlikely to be simulated. We believe that progress needs to be made in understanding why models do not reproduce past AMOC variability and that this is the key to having confidence in the future evolution of this key climate variable.

From this paper there is no basis for certainty in the projections of the global climate models used by the IPCC. This particularly applies to the conclusions drawn by the UN agencies for claiming that additional carbon dioxide emissions are causing disruptions in our climate

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Number of the Week: According to the Global Horizontal Solar Irradiance calculations by the US National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) the annual average daily total solar resource using 1998-2016 data for Massachusetts is 4.00 to 4.25 kWh/m2/Day (166 to 177 W/m2) or less. For New York State it is less than 4. For the Southwest, from west Texas to south-central California it is greater than 5.75 (240 W/m2). In December and January, the entire continuous 48 states are below 4. Why are the Northeastern states committing resources for solar power? See links under Questioning the Orthodoxy

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.

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And thank you.

Bad Climate Data Brings Wrong Conclusions

By Larry Bell

Two new internationally peer reviewed studies published in major scientific journals have documented misleading Northern Hemisphere temperature data and attribution analyses indicating inadequate considerations of Urban Heat Island (UHI) influences on climate records and dominant influences of the sun in producing warming and cooling changes.

Published in August by the journal Climate, the first of these studies concludes that global warming influences on people could be mostly an urban problem associated with a well-known UHI phenomenon whereby structures including paved surfaces and concrete buildings absorb heat during the day and release it at night.

Although urban areas account for less than 4% of the global land surface, they contain many of the weather stations where temperatures are collected which substantially skew the bigger record picture.

Whereas the U.N. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) estimates that UHI accounts for less than 10% of global warming, the new study suggests that urban warming might account for up to 40% of the recorded change since 1850.

To arrive at this assessment, 37 scientists from 18 countries led by Dr. Willie Soon at the Center for Environmental Research and Earth Sciences (CERES-science.com) deleted temperature data from Northern Hemisphere cities and towns and concentrated attention on "uncontaminated" rural temperatures which collectively show a rather small overall warming for the past 150 years.

As expected, the records showed routine episodes of both warming and cooling throughout the mid-to-late 19th century, 20th century and first quarter of the 21st century.

The CERES research team reached conclusions similar to a separate scientific peer reviewed study involving many of the same co-authors published in Research in Astronomy and Astrophysics which took a different approach to analyzing climate changes during the same general period.

The team of 20 climate researchers from 12 countries led by Dr. Ronan Connolly, also at CERES, concluded that in addition to contaminated urban warming bias based largely upon weather station locations, the IPCC may have substantially underestimated the sun's natural role in climate changes since the 1850s.

Whereas the IPCC only considered one estimate of solar activity for its most recent (2021) evaluation of the causes of global warming, Connolly and colleagues compiled and updated 27 different estimates along with three additional temperature estimates that were used by the scientific community.

Several of these different solar activity estimates suggested that most of the warming observed outside urban areas (in rural areas, oceans, and glaciers) could be explained in terms of the sun along with some estimates suggesting a mixture of human and natural factors and others that agreed with IPCC findings.

When the authors analyzed the temperature data only using the IPCC's solar dataset, they could not explain any of the warming since the mid-20th century.

On the other hand, using different solar activity estimates applied by the broader scientific community revealed that most rural warming and cooling trends could be explained in terms of the sun's influence.

As lead CERES investigator astrophysicist Dr. Soon points out, "The Sun is the sole energy giver to all things on Earth including the energy for photosynthesis and all the energy to drive the air and water and vegetation.

So it is without a doubt that any, however small, changes in the Sun will lead to consequential effects on Earth weather patterns and climate change. In addition, computer climate modelers have yet been unable to fully account for the slow changes in the orbital motion of the Earth around the Sun."

Whereas changes in the sun's output were able to explain most if not all changes in rural temperatures based upon uncontaminated heat island records, CERES researchers were unable to correlate any influences of rising atmospheric CO2 with patterns of warming and cooling over the past 150-170 years.

Given that humans have no apparent influence over the sun, conclusions of these two studies should give reasonable people pause in declaring that "the science is settled" regarding a human-caused climate crisis warranting draconian limits upon the sorts of energy we use and dictates regarding the cars we drive.

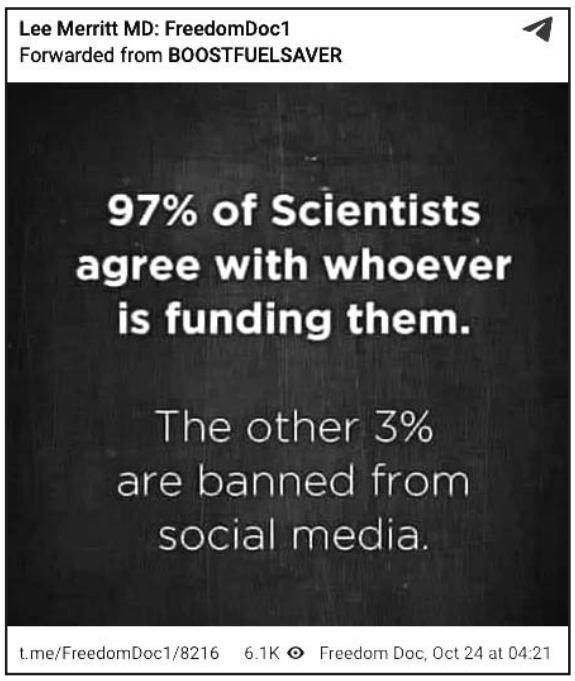
Dr. Soon of the first study emphasizes that using bad data that are swarmed by UHI effects will not only be scientifically misleading but in fact cause pain and chaos in everyone's lives — especially in terms of increasing costs for food and heating and cooling our home as well as paying for the gasoline for our cars and other transportation.

He states: "If the IPCC had paid more attention to open-minded scientific inquiry than trying to force a premature 'scientific consensus,' then the scientific community would be a lot closer to having genuinely resolved the causes of climate change. Hopefully, our new analysis and datasets can help other scientists to get back to doing real climate science."

Dr. Connolly, lead author of the solar study, agrees: "In scientific investigations, it is important to avoid beginning your analysis with your conclusions decided in advance. Otherwise, you might end up with a false sense of confidence in your findings. It seems that the IPCC was too quick to jump to their conclusions."

As CERES co-author professor Ana Elias, director of the Laboratorio de Ionosfera, Atmósfera Neutra y Magnetosfera (LIANM) at the Universidad Nacional de Tucumán, Argentina, explained: "This analysis opens the door to a proper scientific investigation into the causes of climate change."

That proper scientific investigation is long overdue.



Climate Scare *cont. from page 1*

world when carbon dioxide (CO2) was many times higher than today.

The reason is simple: many geologists simply do not buy into the climate scare. They understand that, even with a 50% rise in CO2 since 1880, today's level of the gas is very low in comparison with most of the geologic record. They also know that, despite a 1.2-degree Celsius rise in the so-called global average temperature since 1880, we actually live in unusually cold times. Indeed, we are still in the Quaternary glaciation, or ice age, which started about 2.58 million years ago.

Within the current ice age (yes, we are in an ice age right now, as there is permanent ice cover in various locations), there have been several periods of glaciation and interglaciation. The Last Glacial Period extended from about 11,700 – 115,000 years ago, with a peak glaciation at 20,000 years ago. We have, very fortunately, been in the Holocene interglacial warm epoch for the past 11,700 years, a time frame that has been punctuated with periodic cold periods, the Little Ice Age from the early 14th century (when the Greenland Viking colonies perished and crop failures, famines, social unrest, migrations, wars and cultural changes occurred across the world) to the mid 19th century being the most recent example. Indeed, it is during cold periods that we have by far the most troubles.

Consider the following graph geologists use to display temperature and CO2 levels during the past half billion years, the farthest they can go back in time with fossilized seashell oxygen isotope dating for temperature determination. Before that, most marine animals had soft bodies with no shells and so did not leave very many fossils.

The first thing that jumps out at you is that CO2 and temperature are all over the map showing no consistent correlation at all. At times, for example at 450 million years ago, CO2 dropped yet temperature rose suddenly. That was an interesting time period since we were in the midst of a "Cold House" period far longer and colder than an ice age or a glacial period, indeed, the coldest time in the entire record, yet CO2 was ten times today's level. The whole Earth, including the oceans, may have been completely covered with ice.

Or have a look at the period between 120 million and 70 million years ago. CO2 was dropping continuously, yet temperature stayed about the same for that whole time frame.

Geologists also note that today we are at one of the lowest levels of both temperature and CO2 in the past 550 million years. They also see that Earth's temperature has remained at a steady 25 degrees C, or about 77 degrees Fahrenheit for much of that period. Even after it was interrupted by three cataclysmic cooling events; the temperature bounced back up to this steady 77 degrees F.

Also of note is that, starting 175 million years ago, CO2 levels were in a steady decline. Had we not started to burn coal, oil and natural gas, this decline would almost certainly have dropped below the 150 parts per million level at which plants, and therefore all life on Earth, die. The CO2 has been used by corals, crabs, clams, marine plankton and other calcifying animals, with much of it now locked up in limestone rocks such as the White Cliffs of Dover and the Alps. Geologists know that, by helping boost CO2 to today's 420 ppm, we have saved life on Earth with our use of hydrocarbon fuels and cement production.

Geologists also understand that, besides the energy we get from the Sun, our planet is heated by the Earth's molten core. The United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) reports ignore this planetary heat from the core, which probably provides as much as 5% of the Earth's heat. This heat is powerful enough to drive all volcanic, continental and other tectonic activities.

As I explained to Laura Ingraham on Fox News, it was a geologist who turned me from a mild climate alarmist into a climate realist. The only scientist to walk on the Moon (Apollo 17), geologist Harrison Schmitt claims that climate change is caused primarily by natural factors and increasing CO2 will benefit humanity. Dr. Schmitt is right, of course.

It was a geologist, Professor Bob Carter of James Cook University in Australia, who was my writing partner and ICSC chief scientist for many years (see here for the last video recording of Dr. Carter speaking about the hoax). It is a geologist, Gregory Wrightstone, who is making such an impact in the US with his bestselling book Inconvenient Facts – the science that Al Gore doesn't want you to know. It is another geologist, Dr. Ian Plimer (who was on my The Other Side of the Story radio show), who has written many books exposing the fraud, including the Little Green Books, his most recent Three-book series for children and their parents.

And the list goes on. The fact that one of the world's largest scientific organizations, the International Union of Geological Sciences, representing over a million geoscientists, refuses to yield to activist scientists who want to label the period since 1950 as the Anthropocene epoch, largely to boost concern about the supposed human impact on the climate is telling. Michelle Sterling of Friends of Science, a group founded largely by geologists, explains this revealing story here.

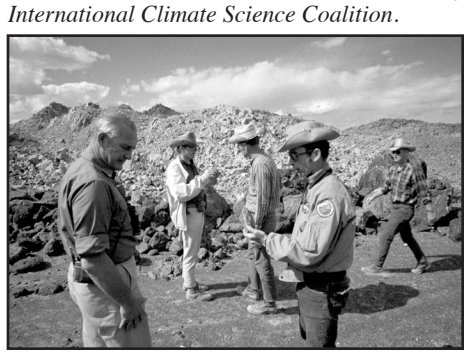
It is long past time that courses in geology be made mandatory in elementary and high schools across the western world. This, perhaps more than any other action, would end the climate scare almost overnight as students are able to put today's events into a geologic perspective.

Comedian the late George Carlin must have taken a course in geology. For in his monologue about the insanities of modern environmentalism, Carlin said:

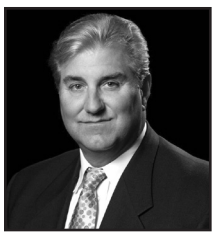
"Compared to the people, the planet is doing great: been here four and a half billion years! … We've been here what? 100,000? Maybe 200,000? And we've only been engaged in heavy industry for a little over 200 years. 200 years versus four and a half billion. And we have the conceit to think that somehow, we're a threat? That somehow, we're going to put in jeopardy this beautiful little blue-green ball that's just a-floatin' around the Sun?

"The planet has been through a lot worse than us. Been through all kinds of things worse than us: been through earthquakes, volcanoes, plate tectonics, continental drifts, solar flares, sunspots, magnetic storms, the magnetic reversal of the poles, hundreds of thousands of years of bombardment by comets and asteroids and meteors, worldwide floods, tidal waves, worldwide fires, erosion, cosmic rays, recurring ice ages... and we think some plastic bags and some aluminum cans are going to make a difference?"

Tom Harris is Executive Director of International Climate Science Coalition.



The Courage To Reform



By Gary Wickert

In the early 16th Century, amidst a world lit only by fire, the Holy Roman Catholic Church was all-powerful in Western Europe, built over centuries with no legal alternative. It guarded its lofty political position by burning at the stake anybody who dared to go against it. The Spanish Inquisition had just been established as a court for the detection of "heretics" and to help secure the political and economic motives of the Church. Rome tolerated no deviation from its teaching and relied heavily on the ignorance and superstition of an illiterate populace. Local populations viewed the local priest as their "passport" to heaven and the Church's relationship with the people was based on money, which explained its massive wealth. Pope Leo X's power spread throughout Europe, and whether you lived in Germany, England, France, or Italy, you depended on the Catholic Church.

Corruption and Christian heresy were widespread throughout the Catholic Church in the early 1500's. Favors were done for those with money. Pieces of paper called "indulgences" were sold, through which you could purportedly buy heavenly forgiveness for your sins. Theology was all but ignored and mysticism had become widespread. The greatest gift ever given to mankind – the forgiveness of sins through Christ's death on the Cross – was no longer free and had been relegated to a footnote in history. Sinful man had corrupted the Good News and turned it into a selfish tool for political power and wealth.

The stars were aligned for change, however. The Renaissance – a period in European history of secular intellectual enlightenment encouraging people to begin to think for themselves – was in full swing. Brave men of spirit and inquiry were discovering the New World. A middle class was slowly rising from the ashes of the Dark Ages. The printing press had just been invented, allowing the republishing of the Greek New Testament and the widespread dissemination of the Bible. The stage was set for the greatest religious revival since the Council of Nicaea and the creation of the Nicene Creed in 325 A.D. On October 31, 1517, five hundred years ago this Halloween (known as "All Saints' Eve" back then), a young German monk named Martin Luther publicly objected to the selling of indulgences and posted his infamous 95 Theses – propositions for public debate over corruption within the Church – on the church door in Germany's Wittenberg Castle. The Reformation had begun. At a public debate in Leipzig in 1519, Luther was threatened with excommunication after declaring that "a simple layman armed with the Scriptures" was superior to both pope and councils without them. In 1521, he was placed on trial by the Holy Roman Emperor and commanded to recant. In refusing to do so, his famous reply serves as a battle cry for Christian doctrinal purity: "Hier ich stehe. Ich kann nicht anders." Translated: "Here I stand. I can do no other."

Martin Luther was not alone in the Reformation. John Calvin, Ulrich Zwingli, John Knox, Philipp Melanchthon, and dozens of others also joined the fight. These Reformers did not see themselves as inventors, discoverers, or creators. Instead, they saw their efforts as rediscovery. They weren't creating something from scratch but were reviving what had become dead. They looked back to the Bible and to the apostolic era, for the mold by which they could reform the Church.

Martin Luther's stand became the beginning of the Lutheran Church. John Calvin's efforts became the seed for the Baptist, Presbyterian, and Reformed Churches.

21st-Century America has lost its way and is as badly in need of reform as 16th-Century Western Europe. Important public policies based on the principles of limited government, meritocracy, economic freedom, defined national borders, the rule of law, individual liberty, a robust civil society, and a strong national defense, have in recent years fallen under attack by woke ideologues, environmental, social and governance (ESG) warriors, environmentally religious radicals, and anti-capitalist/anti-America socialists and avowed communists running America's elite institutions. The cancer runs deep, from the top levels of government to our military to our infected spider holes of advanced education and all the way down to local governments and educational boards.

As conservatives, we are called to fight back against that which is tearing down the greatest nation in the history of mankind— the Great American Experiment, involving not merely the future fate and welfare of this Western continent, but the hopes and prospects of the whole human race. The battle for the heart of America began with our slow retreat from Judeo-Christian principles and the reason and moral purpose which put us on the map. Traditional areas of civic agreement have vanished overnight. No longer can Americans agree on what makes this country special. In fact, we have problems even agreeing that it is special. A group of disintegrationists—hell-bent on destroying the country in order that they might be able to build it back up in their twisted vision—have grabbed the reins and are pulling hard to the left. In his bestseller, "How to Destroy America in Three Easy Steps", Ben Shapiro poignantly assesses the efforts by a growing number of Americans to tear down what it has taken us 250 years to build. From Howard Zinn's A People's History of the United States to the New York Times' 1619 project, Shapiro points out that many modern analyses view American history through the lens of competing oppressions, a racist and corrupt experiment from the very beginning. They see American philosophy as a lie – beautiful words pasted over a thoroughly rotten system. They see America's culture of rights as a façade that merely reinforces traditional hierarchies of power, patriarchy, misogyny, and racism; instead of being the only culture that guarantees freedom for individuals and has been instrumental in destroying slavery and oppression across the globe.

These disintegrationists are attacking the core values that built our nation are substituting our foundational beliefs (free speech, self-defense, faith, marriage, and traditional families) with thin, amorphous woke values, silly close-up misdirection like gender dysphoria, and an increased reliance on big government. The time for courageous reform has come. Confidence in the America which got us here is failing. The problem is easy to see. When the vast majority of Republicans favor major reform and the vast majority of Democrats do not, it shouldn't be hard to identify the problems—look at the Democratic national platform.

When government "reform" becomes the Halloween mask that politicians where during political campaigns you end up with laughable bait and switches like Joe Biden's $1.8 trillion "Build Back Better" plan, which expands government, gives away billions to illegal immigrants, and raises taxes to historic levels.

It is time for a true reformation. It is time for voices in the wilderness willing to stand up to America's new Holy Roman Empire to step forward and say, "Hier ich stehe. Ich kann nicht anders."

Rule Of Law And A Constitutional Republic

By Andrew Zuelke

Rule of Law is a core issue of the Constitution Party. We understand as you do that without it you will have anarchy. What is happening in these cities is what inevitably happens when there are no legal consequences for people not obeying the laws and those in authority won't enforce the laws. Nothing of what is happening in these cities now comes as a surprise to us Constitutionalists. We are only surprised at how much city funds mayors like Eric Adams of New York City and Brandon Johnson of Chicago are burning through at breakneck speed. They are acting as though they are powerless against the illegal immigrants and must do everything for them as if they are running their cities now.

Whenever politicians subsidize something, they will get more of that something. Cities run by socialists built more and more housing for homeless people attempting to get out ahead of the homeless crisis their policies created, then said politicians are shocked that more homeless people begin making their way to their cities. Then, they start building more shelters to try and get out ahead of the new homeless arrivals. Wash, rinse, repeat. The vicious cycle goes on.

It is the same with illegal immigration. Leftists sowed the seeds of their demise when they touted themselves as sanctuary cities, telling illegal immigrants coming to their cities they would provide them with housing, health care, and other benefits. What did they think would happen, or were they even thinking?

It took illegal immigrants getting bussed to Chicago and New York from Texas and Florida for the elected leadership there to realize firsthand what border cities like El Paso, Yuma, and others have been suffering with the strain on their citizens and services. When the crisis wasn't affecting them, it was easy for Leftists in these northern cities to virtue signal and say we're not doing enough for undocumented migrants. Where's your compassion, red states?

In 2014, the US Supreme Court allowed a 9th Circuit Court ruling to stand against Arizona. The ruling of the 9th Court declared that the state cannot deny driver's licenses to immigrants who entered the country illegally (DREAMers).

Set aside for a minute the fact that driver's licenses are state-issued documents, not federal ones, these illegal immigrants, then children, were allowed to stay and work in the US under President Obama's 2012 deferred deportation program. At that time, Governor Jan Brewer was told by the Obama administration that immigration was a federal issue and that your state couldn't interfere.

Fast forward to 2023, where these "sanctuary cities" (lawless city councils and county boards) are bleeding their treasuries dry providing housing, food, and other supplies to illegal immigrants, doing for them things these city officials never did for their own law-abiding, taxpaying citizens. According to the New York Post, NYC Mayor Eric Adams is warning that every NYC agency may have to cut 15% of their budgets by next spring to take care of the rising illegal migrant crisis. The article of September 9, 2023, said, "But if the city doesn't get enough financial aid from the Biden administration or state legislators by early next year, Adams warned additional 5% cuts could come in both January and April."

If immigration is solely under the authority of the federal government and states don't have a say, why are cities spending monies from their treasuries and cutting their programs for those here illegally? Likewise, the state legislature in Illinois and New York should be saying to illegals, "We can't interfere. The money for immigrants can only come from the federal government, and that money can't go to those here illegally, anyway." Why should the state legislatures send the cities anything, and why are cities asking state legislatures for money?

So, the cities and state legislatures should send bills for any expenses incurred to the federal government to reimburse them. Then, in the future, local governments should stop funding services for illegals and say to them, "We haven't received monies from Congress. Congress can print money; we can't. State and local governments only have so much money, so we can't afford to help you anyway." Then Congress and the President should fulfill the legal obligation under the Constitution's Article 4: Section 4: "The United States shall guarantee to every State in this Union a Republican Form of Government, and shall protect each of them against Invasion;" and deport those here illegally.

In early October, President Biden approved the construction of 20 miles of border wall after promising he wouldn't build "another foot of border wall if elected." His hypocrisy aside, when asked by the press about this contradiction, Biden said that in 2019, Congress appropriated construction of a border wall in the Rio Grande Valley and that they must use the funds for the purpose approved for. He said that he tried to get Congress to re-appropriate the funds as, in Biden's words, walls don't work, but said Congress wouldn't comply, so his hands are tied.

First, how convenient for Biden. He knows his open-borders immigration policies have created a mess, so this gives him a chance to make it appear as though he's doing something while keeping his base from turning on him before a presidential election. Biden can say to angry Democrats, "I tried to get evil, xenophobic MAGA Republicans in the House to use the money for something else, but they refused. What was I supposed to do? I don't like it any more than you do. It's the Republicans' fault." If Biden had a sincere bone in his body, he would have been enforcing this law from the jump.

Second, this funding was approved in 2019. Biden has been president since January 2021. He's just now enforcing the law? What other laws isn't he enforcing that have been on the books for years?

Friends, as Christians, we should have compassion for those less fortunate, especially children. And immigrants, regardless of their legal status, are human beings created in His image. Securing our borders and points of entry and encouraging lawful immigration will also crack down on and save many immigrants from the horrors imposed on them by human smugglers putting illegals in sweatshops to pay off their debts and in the sex trade. The rule of law and an equal application of the law benefits all.

A primary duty of government is to secure the lives and rights of its citizens first. We must have rule of law and control of our borders to survive as a nation. Let's remember, too, that over the years, we've had many legal immigrants obeying our laws and waiting their turn to become citizens. If they can do it, illegal immigrants can do it too.

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Thank You Mom *cont. from page 1*

Unfortunately, since she had been widowed since my father's passing in 1992, she endured much suffering alone in various health care settings. Nevertheless, I can only reflect back with an attitude of gratitude for all she has done for our family and so many others over her lifetime.

You see, it started in late August of 2021. After living her entire life independently and enjoying many of the freedoms we take for granted with good health, she became ill with cold and flu symptoms, had a seizure which went untreated by her lodger, and was taken to the ER on August 30th suspecting she had COVID. She was initially diagnosed with a UTI and low sodium, but a neurologist later diagnosed her with herpes encephalitis, which many other doctors suspected to be strokes. She was readmitted to the hospital a 2nd time. The social workers informed her she could not return to her home because of safety concerns (slips, trips & falls).

She didn't realize that she'd be spending the next several months away from home, or that home as she knew it would no longer exist. But she did enjoy the attention she received from the many doctors that took care of her as well as the wonderful nurses and caregivers. Following another seizure, she almost passed away on September 3rd. Nevertheless, she recovered quickly, and was suddenly released on September 10th and put on blood thinners after a blood clot was discovered behind her knee. Several doctors and specialists could not agree upon the exact underlying medical diagnosis. She overstayed her welcome by the medical insurance establishment and was directed to leave. A kind social worker informed us that for someone at her age, she should have never been taken off straight Medicare. Much of her medical treatment options and costs she needed were denied. It's unfortunate that a friend from the club talked her into switching from Medicare to a PPO insurance plan.

Since her insurance would not cover acute or subacute rehab (the denial came just hours before her actual discharge) and she couldn't return to her home for fall safety issues, the only option left was for a transfer to a homecare setting, which certainly didn't provide the quality of care she needed in her impaired state. Three days later she was back in the ER when she had completely lost most motor and cognitive functions the evening of Sunday September 12th. She was admitted to the hospital the next morning when a series of new evaluations and tests were begun to try and determine the cause of her re-hospitalization and illness.

She had another major seizure two days later and was in a comatose state over the next 72 hours. She spent the next 3 weeks in the hospital under close monitoring and medications. She slowly pulled out of her near-death condition the next 3 weeks, and her doctors and specialists continued to run every single test and evaluation available to diagnose her illness, except for a brain biopsy, which was considered too risky. Some of the physicians were asked point blank if her illness could be related to the COVID "vaccines", and they indicated a determined "NO" with no qualification or detail. I can't understand why doctors wouldn't consider or comment on something outside the box on a complicated medical case like hers.

After no other options were available and the final diagnosis was by process of elimination, the medical-insurance establishment cut off her hospital care and issued discharge papers, which had the following diagnoses: acute encephalopathy, seizure, atrial fibrillation, sinus bradycardia with second degree AV block, UTI secondary to enterococcus, hypertension, popliteal vein DVT, and left lower extremity.

An ambulance transferred her to the only local skilled nursing facility (SNF) willing to accept her on October 6. The hospital discharge plan had called for 24-hour care due to her weakened and frail condition since she hadn't been out of her bed for almost a month. Because of COVID, her family was not allowed to enter the facility for an orientation and communicate with her new caregivers. Their only access to the SNF was a short 20-minute conversation with the social worker at an outdoor patio.

The very the next morning, she was left alone in her wheelchair and fell onto the floor straight onto her face and broke her nose. An ambulance transferred her to the ER and had 7 stitches above her eye. Despite her weakened and frail condition, they returned her to the SNF later that afternoon and she spent the next 2 weeks in severe pain mostly sleeping and eating. Problems with incontinence were addressed daily, and she needed two workers and a mechanical lift to use the restroom. As her aches and pains dissipated, her family requested rehab, and she slowly began receiving therapies (PT, OT & ST).

As an 88-year-old, the fall had set her rehabilitation schedule back significantly. The SNF staff admitted that they had failed to pay attention to the Hospital Discharge Plan which called for 24-hour care and fall risk. They subsequently moved her to a new room where she could be physically observed by staff and eventually installed a monitor in the room. Her new staff doctor diagnosed her with "Dementia" without communicating this to family members.

As she slowly improved her motor skills and cognition from the 1st fall, less than 3 weeks

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Climate War *cont. from page 3*

paid lip service and even enacted economy-crippling laws and mandates to placate the Michael Manns of the world. The rich can always afford, it seems, to dabble in fads or impose mandates on others that do not really affect their lives at all. We saw plenty of that during the COVID-19 pandemic.

But the worldwide revolt against this foolishness will very likely only grow larger as people awaken to the fact that real wars continue, with devastating consequences. People may realize that not every hurricane, rainstorm, or lightning strike is their fault. They may believe food, clothing, and shelter are much more important than bowing to the whims of naysayers – and to the Chinese.

The European revolt may have started in Italy with the election of Giorgia Meloni as Prime Minister. Her Brothers of Italy party still agrees to "combat the threat of climate change," but adds the heretical comment that, "We will not achieve these aims by harming the economy or through an exclusively state-led approach. We need to harness the expertise and creativity of businesses and entrepreneurs," the very people Mann blames.

For the first time in recent memory, there are political debates in Germany, the United Kingdom, and even France, and politicians are toning down their frenetic drive toward energy poverty and political irrelevance.

While Chancellor Olaf Scholz in May announced Germany will contribute 2 billion euros of taxpayer money to the Green Climate Fund, by July, the headlines were that he was "squeezing environmentalists out of his government."

Meanwhile, the Christian Social Union/Christian Democratic Union alliance led by Friedrich Merz has made "fighting the environmental agenda" its top priority. Recent elections in Hesse and Bavaria saw populist parties take seats away from Scholz's Social Democrats and his Green and Free Democrat coalition partners. Ordinary Germans are voting against the climate war.

In the United Kingdom, Prime Minister Rishi Sunak just "tore up" the Tory strategy for meeting UN- and EU-mandated climate targets by rolling back several pro-green measures, including bans on petrol and diesel vehicles and new gas boilers. Many believe Rishi acted to counter the Labour Party, which remains committed to green radicalism, and win votes from economy-minded Britons.

Sunak, whose move was criticized by fellow Tories, says his nation is "stuck between two extremes" on the climate issue. "If we continue down this path," he said, "we risk losing the consent of the British people."

French President Emmanuel Macron earlier this year called for a moratorium on new environmental regulations and just last month argued that the "green transition" should focus on providing incentives rather than imposing outright obligations. "We want an ecology that is accessible and fair, an ecology that leaves no one without a solution," and not punitive, he added.

Still, France, like most other European nations, is committing billions of euros to various climate initiatives and still exerting pressure on companies and individuals to purchase unwanted heat pumps to replace oil- and gas-fired boilers.

In the U.S., President Joe Biden early on proclaimed climate change as the nation's greatest threat, and even after Russia invaded Ukraine, Biden declared that global warming is "the single most existential threat to humanity we have ever faced, including nuclear weapons." That his policies still reflect that strange position is evidenced by his cancellation in September of oil and gas leases in Alaska and offshore.

While his European counterparts stray from dogma, Biden–like a Moses held up on each side by John Kerry and Al Gore–is standing firm. But despite the posturing, even a diminished Biden ought to know the climate war is over.

China won.

Yet China's massive victory, punctuated by its commitment to coal for its own economy and to controlling the market for almost all the components for renewable energy deployment, may well be pyrrhic as its economy teeters on collapse.

The Diplomat reports that exports from China fell by ban unprecedented 14.5 percent year-on-year in July 2023, while imports also fell by 12.4 percent – the worst performance since the onset of the COVID pandemic in February 2020.

Chinese industrial production rose by only 3.7 percent in July (from July 2022), and China's retail sector growth was just 2.5 percent. Youth unemployment in China was estimated at 21.3 percent, and the Hong Kong stock market index had fallen by 20 percent since January. Even China's housing market was stagnant.

China's economic woes, however, have not slowed its massive military buildup to an official defense budget in 2022 of $230 billion but unofficially $60 billion higher. China's military budget grew about 10 percent a year from 2000 through 2016 and has remained at about 7 percent annual growth since then.

The Chinese have long claimed hegemony over the entire South China Sea and lands bordering the sea, a position disputed by almost all its neighbors. Artificial islands and military installations in the South China Sea threaten trade routes used by Taiwan, the Philippines, Brunei, Malaysia, Vietnam, India, and Australia.

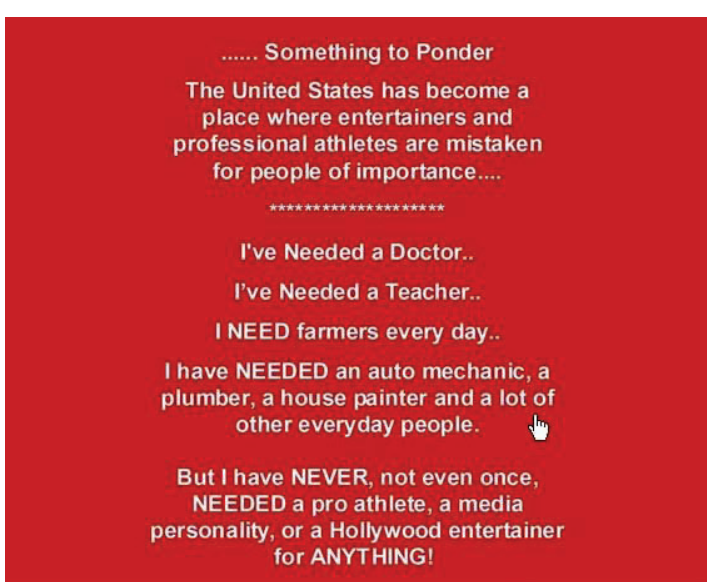
Treating China as an ally (and savior) in the climate war has left U.S. politicians blind to any Chinese threat, and, according to experts, has left the U.S. and its allies increasingly powerless to deny and suppress future Chinese aggression in East Asia.

A recent article in Foreign Policy states that "technology diffusion, growing global challenges, and antiquated force design have eroded the United States' military edge against China." China today has the world's largest navy, army, rocket force, civilian fleet, and industrial base – that builds new ships and missiles at more than twice the U.S. pace.

Meanwhile, the U.S. is bogged down in Ukraine, and Iran-supported Hamas just started a war with Israel. With climate, not defense or containment, as the U.S. focus, China is free to roam.

Only the foolish would ignore the urgent to focus on the mirage of importance now placed on punishing both the West and 600 million Africans without electricity by dancing to Mann's tune.





THE EDGE… Up Close and Personal with Nataly Andrade

School Choice WI; Hispanics for School Choice; Outreach Coordinator



By Geary Morales

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In these times of diminishing results and returns from the tax-payer funded investment of our states public school system, School Choice WI, the leading resource for private school choice, is proactively making a demonstrative difference in turning that around pointedly.

Enter Nataly Andrade, a lady on a mission to educate and alert Wisconsin stakeholder parents, and elected officials, on why they must get off the bench and start taking back the reins from an entrenched and failing public school system.

As the Hispanics for School Choice Outreach Coordinator for the State of Wisconsin, Nataly is calling for parents, and other community leaders to compare real-time results between public school and school choice; private and charter schools empirical evidence.

WI School Choice: The Winner

Andrade herself is a testimony of how School Choice WI is working for low to moderate income families.

As a grade, middle and high student of Milwaukee Notre Dame Schools, Nataly excelled with mentors like one of her teachers; Ms. Morales, who challenged and encouraged her to be deliberate in her studies.

This was a result of Notre Dame Schools being a partner with the Wisconsin School Choice program.

Nataly was recently interviewed on WISN1130AM News/Talk weekly VALOR LATINO (Sun. 9:30-10am) broadcast with host; Perfecto Rivera, and co-host Veronica Diaz.

She articulated the many reasons why the Wisconsin School Choice program is credited for leveling the playing field for families that are yearning to have their voices heard loud and clear on why and where they want their children to be educated.

Preponderance of ,Bottom Line Evidence

In 1990, the enactment of the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program (MPCP), along with the Wisconsin Supreme Court upholding the program;(Davis v. Grover, 166 Wis.2d 501, 540 (1992) has seen vast enhancements of the program for the past 4 decades

The MPCP has been the subject of unsuccessful legal challenges over the years, and it hasn't stopped anti-school choice zealots from continuing to challenged it's Constitutional legality, which includes a recent appeal to the Supreme Court to abolish it yet again.

This Wisconsin Institute for Law & Liberty provides a history here

https://will-law.org/wpcontent/uploads/2021/01/201304-22-School Choice-ReportPR.pdf

Who chooses? The School Choice program eligibility is limited to low income and working class families.

Students enrolled in the choice programs are 3 times more likely to be from Black and Hispanic families than are WI public school students.

Their families are 70% more likely to be economically disadvantaged.

The Milwaukee and Racine, Wisconsin programs enroll twothirds of students participating in Wisconsin choice programs.

Educational Freedom: Your Child, Your Choice

The enigma of this ongoing drama, and is being asked directly…why are these political disingenuous factions discriminating against low income parents (and children) from receiving the education they are paying for, through their tax-paying dollars?

Multiple polls show a substantial majority of Wisconsin voters support current choice programs.

Fifty-eight percent of these polls, support expanding Wisconsin choice programs.

(Source: https:www.wipolitics.com/2022 / afc-marquette-university-lawschool-poll-finds-majority-ofwisconsin-voters-supportschool-choice-expansion/)

Seventy-four percent of voters across the political spectrum oppose efforts to strike down the choice programs in court.

Ninety percent of Republicans, 77 percent of Independents, and 59 percent of Democrats oppose the state Supreme Court making school choice illegal.

(Source:https://www.wmcfoundation.or g/ wpcontent/uploads/2023/05/05.18 .23-WMC-Foundation-PollMemo-Education-Report.pdf)

Non-Discrimination

Admission to Wisconsin's parental choice programs is open to all students in families that meets program income eligibility criteria.

Private schools in the program may not screen based on academic or behavioral records or based on learning disability.

If the number of applicants exceeds available space students are admitted based on a random lottery.

Response to Freedom Critics

Some online media commentaries wrongly claim that private schools in the choice programs discriminate against and even expel students with disability status. A multi-year federal investigation found no evidence to support that claim.

Separately, since 2019 a total of six complaints reviewed by the Wisconsin DPI resulted in no finding of discrimination.

Well, there you have it, a cornucopia of irrefutable evidence, that School Choice Wisconsin and its mission to unabashedly advocate for educational justice, and freedom… with Nataly Andrade being a key and clear-cut champion in that noble pursuit!

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could bring their own guns.

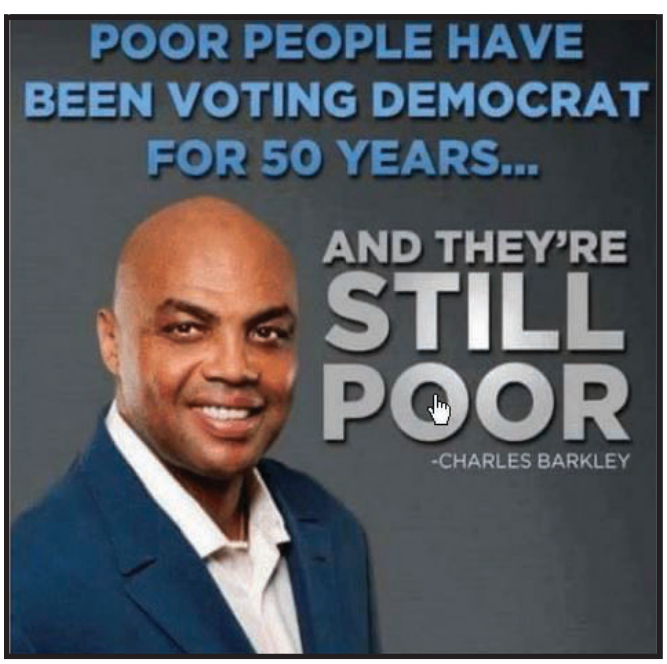
Australia plans to spend heaps of money and decades of time on AUKUS nuclear submarine dreams - another Snowy 2? Imagine the chance of getting our no-nukes mobs to build a nuclear-powered submarine in Australia that works and is launched before the barbarians are again knocking at our gate. Alexander Downer describes it "A political fantasy."

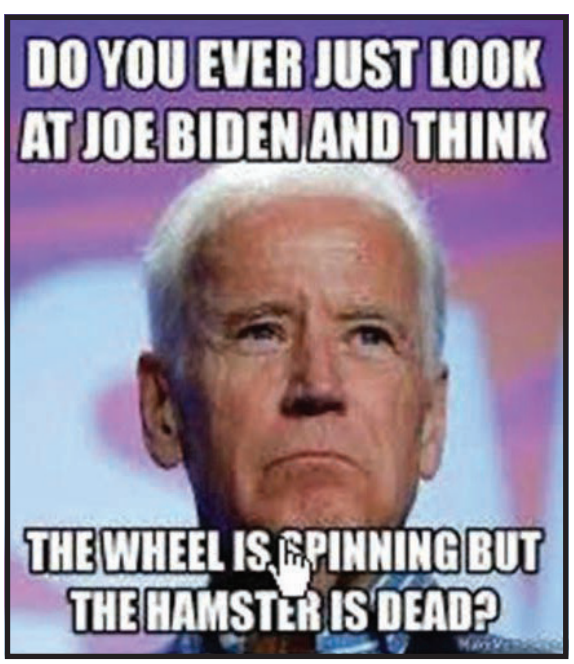
Another Asian tiger in Beijing is currently gazing south at the resources locked up in Red-Black-Green Australia. Its advance guards are already installed in academia and the media.

The next war may be very short with simultaneous attacks on US military installations from South Korea and Guam to Pine Gap. And imagine when our power, radar, internet, social media and electric engines are suddenly disabled with an EMP from a well-placed neutron bomb. And the tankers carrying our fuel supplies from Asian refineries meet a guided torpedo or an armed drone.

Our rainbow warriors with ill-chosen air and naval equipment, insufficient ammunition, rationed fuel and lubricants and half-built nuclear submarines will surrender quickly.

Wake up Australia.







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Legislators Gone Rogue - Binsfeld, Katsma, Grothman

Dear Patriots and RPSC Members, it pains me to have to write that several of our legislators have gone rogue in recent days. It is our mission to make you aware and hold them accountable.

First, State Reps. Amy Binsfeld and Terry Katsma are stonewalling the impeachment of Wisconsin Elections Commission Administrator Meagan Wolfe for what she did during the 2020 election. As I previously wrote, though her term ended on June 30, she continues to use her office and refused to leave. The Senate took an unofficial vote of 22-11 to impeach Wolfe and has asked Assembly Leader Robin Vos to pass an impeachment resolution so the Senate can make it official. Rep. Vos refuses to take a vote.

Reps. Binsfeld and Katsma should be pushing Rep. Vos to vote on Wolfe's impeachment. Instead, Rep. Katsma has stayed silent. And Rep. Binsfeld has strongly refused, writing in a response to a constituent: "I'm not moving this forward due to many unanswered questions." So, here is an open letter to Rep. Binsfeld:

Rep. Binsfeld, you recently stated that you have "many unanswered questions" that are keeping you from supporting the impeachment of WEC Administrator Meagan Wolfe. In order to assist you in any way that we can, please provide answers to our questions (email to Russ):

What questions do you have that are unanswered?

Of whom have you asked these questions?

Have you contacted Justice Gableman who has extensive legal knowledge about impeachment?

Reps. Binsfeld and Katsma have clearly touted their support for election integrity. Rep. Katsma has stated numerous times of his frustration that the governor has vetoed their legislation. Yet, in a moment when the governor cannot veto this impeachment, they both refuse to take steps to make it happen. People are saying that Rep. Vos is the reason for this situation. But Reps. Binsfeld and Katsma are aiding and abetting this. If Wolfe remains in her position and allows a repeat of 2020, this will be a direct result of their inexcusable inaction.

Second, last week, Congressman Glenn Grothman joined 21 other Republicans and all of the Democrats in voting against the censure of Rep. Rashida Talib for her anti-Semitic and anti-American comments. Several of us spoke with Rep. Grothman about his vote. He stated that it was probably a mistake but also defended his vote by saying, "It probably wasn't going to pass anyway." He also stated that he is one of the most outspoken members of Congress in support of Israel. However, in this most crucial moment to denounce anti-Semitism, Rep. Grothman failed. There is no excuse for his unwillingness to take a stand and do the right thing.

Several people have recently thrown around President Reagan's quote: "The person who agrees with you 80 percent of the time is a friend and an ally - not a 20 percent traitor." For the most part, I agree. But when legislators fail to secure our elections or denounce anti-Semitism, issues that are foundational to our nation and our humanity, the other 80% does not matter.

Russ

Tax Expenditures *cont. from page 1*

the White House use the appropriations process and tax code ("tax expenditures") to cheat taxpayers out of trillions. Tax expenditures reduce federal tax revenue by $1.3 trillion annually. Every tax expenditure (gift) benefits the recipient and punishes the non-recipients' who must pay for the lost revenue.

The most recent example is the Inflation Reduction Act ("IRA") which went into effect January 1, 2023. The Biden administration told the public the new law would reduce inflation and achieve deficit reduction. Staying with the card game analogy the many types of tax expenditures are merely different types of playing cards.

The various types of tax expenditure cards provide direct subsidies to specific individuals and industries in the form of loans, loan guarantees to keep bankrupt industries operating, tax breaks in the form of deductions, lower marginal rates for specific financial activities , the elimination of fees or penalties and the most dangerous - tax credits.

In the case of the IRA the federal government gives taxpayers credits against their tax liability if the taxpayers do what the government wants done. The tax credit is an unlimited charge against the federal treasury since anyone who conforms to the government's desires gets the credit to reduce their income tax. For example, taxpayers purchasing electric vehicles receive up to $7,500 in credits to reduce their federal income taxes by an amount equal to the credit.

The IRA gives the credits for activities that are asserted to reduce emissions causing climate change. Those activities include battery storage, energy efficiency, residential green energy, hydrogen, carbon capture, solar and wind generation and electric vehicles. The Congressional Budget Office ("CBO") initially estimated the tax credit would cost the treasury $391 billion between 2022 and 2031.

The IRA tax credits for anything "green," incentivized more pigs to show up at the trough than CBO estimated. Within months after the program started Goldman Sachs raised its estimated cost of the credits to $1.2 trillion for the same time period. The original forecast missed the cost of the credits for electric vehicles by $379 billion; energy manufacturing, $156 billion; renewable electricity production, $82 billion; energy efficiency, $42 billion; hydrogen, $36 billion; biofuels, $34 billion; and carbon capture, $31 billion.

Most troublesome is the fact that a trillion plus dollars of tax credits are creating few jobs. "Total [cost for every green job it created] range from $ 2 to $ 7 million per job." Unfortunately, the jobs created will have an average annual wage of $45,000. Where have all the millions gone?

While tax credits are the most abusive form of government gifts, the entire tax code is stuffed with over 2000 subsidy [gift] programs. Every federal tax expenditure, or gift, interferes with the entire market to which it is directed. Companies that receive the gifts are given a competitive advantage over non-recipients in the market. Farming is an excellent example. The federal government distributes $30 billion a year in subsidies to farm industry. "The largest 15 percent of the farm businesses receive 85 percent of the total farm subsidies."

Through the aggressive use of tax expenditures, the federal government controls what is manufactured, the energy used in the process, the type of research conducted, what is mined, medical benefits received, deductible building expenses, the cars purchased, the development of communities and many more. There are so many tax expenditures that the Department of the Treasury catalogs them in large groupings: National Defense, International Affairs, General Science, Space & Technology, Energy, Natural Resources & Environment, Agriculture and Housing, Transportation, Community and Regional Development, Education, Training, Employment and Social Sciences, Health, Income Security, Social Security, Veterans Benefits, General Government, Interest on Bonds.

The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities estimates that in 2019 IRS tax expenditures carried a value of $1.3 trillion for the recipients. The top 1% of the income earners received 24.1% of the value and the top 20% of income earners take 58.8%. The IRA adds another trillion to the free lunch pie.

The most deceitful aspect of tax expenditures is they do not compete for appropriations, they are just taken by whoever is willing to conform their business or lifestyle to the federal government's wishes. Which brings the discussion back to today's budget fights over how much money to spend or cut. Consider the consequences of exempting the $1.3 trillion in green tax credits from the budget fight. While Congress fights over cutting billions from the deficit, the green industry's tax credits are exempt from the cuts. The green industry laughs all the ways to the bank.

There are a few simple solutions. Over a decade ago a Missouri State Senator, Emily Kilmer, proposed legislation that would require every state tax credit program in Missouri to be limited to the amount of tax credits authorized by the legislature that fiscal year.

This simple solution would put tax expenditures into the same category as all appropriations, thereby giving the legislature control overall aspects of state spending. True to political form, the Missouri legislature never moved forward with the proposal. This type of law would work very well at the federal level. It would actually make federal appropriators responsible for all their spending. It would make budgeting and appropriations a more transparent since anything with budget implications would be on the table for being funded, cut or eliminated. Every person and interest group would be publicly fighting over the food in the same trough.

Another option is to repeal the 8-million-word tax code and replace it with the 1913-four-page Form 1040. It had few deductions and low rates, but it required everyone to pay some tax. Another benefit of this simple approach is it captures a greater amount of tax owed by closing the "Tax Gap." The IRS defines the tax gap as the difference between true taxes owed for a given tax year and the amount that is paid. The gap is caused by the under-reporting of income, non-filing, and tax evasion. While the exact amount is unknown, the IRS estimates it to range from $574 to $700 billion annually. A complex tax code invites under-reporting and manipulation, whereas a simple tax code fosters greater participation and prevents large-scale manipulation due to its transparency.

By requiring tax expenditures to be subject to the same rules as all appropriations and closing the tax gap, the federal government could achieve savings well over a trillion dollars annually. It's time for the federal government to stop dealing from the bottom of the deck and start fair dealing with its citizens.

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What Conservatives Can Learn from Communists



By Joseph Best

A review of Dedication and Leadership by Douglas Hyde (Notre Dame, IN: Notre Dame Press, 1966 (Sixteenth printing, 2014)).

"Why are Communists so dedicated and successful as leaders whilst others so often are not?" This is the question Douglas Hyde poses in the preface to Dedication and Leadership, a relatively small book originally published in 1966 and reprinted many times since then.

The leaders and staff of every patriotic think tank, advocacy group, and publication ought to read this book because Hyde presents a "To Do List" that can transform an organization from a mere debating society into an effective force for political change.

About the Book

Before leaving the Communist Party in 1948, Douglas Hyde (1911-1996) worked for the party in Britain and other parts of the world. He was the news editor of the party's daily newspaper, wrote curricula for its courses, and trained activists who then tutored factory workers and members of Communist cells. In 1950 he wrote a more famous book than this one titled I Believed: The Autobiography of a Former British Communist.

"When I left Communism after twenty years in the Party," he writes, "I knew its evils. But I also believed that the Communists were right in some important respects."

The Mission Secretariat of the Catholic Church in Washington, DC invited Hyde, a convert from atheism to Catholicism, to speak to its religious and lay leaders at an annual conference, asking him to "examine where Catholics were weak and, by contrast, where the Communists were strong." Hyde delivered a series of lectures explaining in detail how Communists recruit, train, and motivate dedicated leaders despite the obvious shortcomings and contradictions of their ideology and mission.

The Starting Point: An Inspiring Goal

The book contains dozens of insights into what conservatives can learn from Communists, starting with the need to identify and then focus constant attention on a truly inspiring goal. Communists say "there is a great battle going on all over the world which in the final analysis is a struggle for men's hearts, minds and souls." The world is at a turning-point in history, they said, making this "a terrible, yet tremendous time in which to live."

The goal of the Communist Party is nothing less than to change the world. Hyde writes, "Marx concluded his Communist Manifesto with the words 'You have a world to win.' Here is a tremendous aim. In material terms, one could hardly aim higher."

The promised Communist world would end poverty, oppression, and injustice. It would unleash a new world of prosperity and justice in which the arts would flourish, virtue would be rewarded, and harmony would be restored. This vision appealed to idealists as well as to those who are unable to find meaning or inspiration in other areas of their lives.

Question: How many conservative events begin and end with a description of our vision of a free society that is so bold and bright that it can capture the imagination of young people and fill the hearts of veterans with pride and renewed dedication?

Answer: Too few, indeed.

Donald Trump's rallies end with an appeal to that vision and as a result they attract tens of thousands of people. People still wear MAGA hats and Trump paraphernalia three years after the last election and a year before the next election because they identify Trump with our vision of a free society.

Dedication

Having a bold and audacious goal, Communists then demanded great sacrifices from their recruits, asking them to "give until it hurts." A Communist Party mantra was "If you make mean little demands upon people, you will get a mean little response which is all you deserve, but if you make big demands on them, you will get a heroic response."

How many conservative groups make "big demands" of their members? Most only ask that they attend events and listen to speakers talk about the need for change. Most do not even ask for annual dues or contributions. Few offer any guidance for what audience members can do to effect change, much less an invitation to join a global movement to change the world. No wonder most conservatives do little more than "meet, eat, and retreat."

Because they demand so much of their members, "Communism becomes the dominant thing in the life of the Communist. It is something to which he gives himself completely. Quite obviously it meets a need, fills a vacuum at the time when he is first attracted to it. More significant is that it normally continues to be the dominant force in the life of the Communist for as long as he remains in the movement."

Creating similarly dedicated conservatives ought to be the goal of everything our think tanks and advocacy groups do, yet it is hardly ever pursued or even mentioned out loud.

Communists regarded everyone they met as a possible recruit to the party and told them they could become leaders, not just followers, of something exciting and earth-shattering. Conservatives water down their message, promise entertainment instead of a life-changing mission (and usually fail to deliver even that), and give potential recruits nothing to do, no literature to share, and often don't even collect their names and contact information.

A Step-by-Step Process

Hyde describes the step-by-step process Communists used to recruit, train, and motivate new members. For example, they focused their recruitment efforts on young men ages 15 to 25 since "young people have always dreamed of better worlds and we must hope that they always will."

The Communist Party was constantly promoting and organizing for the next campaign, event, or election. It didn't worry about trying to do too much because joining the Communist Party was meant to be a turning point in the recruit's life and then a full-time hobby, vocation, and mission. Recruits weren't given down-time or time to rest (especially not after defeats) because such pauses often led to second thoughts, loss of interest, and attrition.

New Communist recruits were often told to sell party newspapers on street corners, a physically demanding and often humiliating experience. The purpose was not to sell newspapers — few, in fact, were ever sold — but to get the recruit to publicly commit to Communism, and then to turn to the party for more education and training to be able to answer questions and avoid future embarrassment.

Question: Can you imagine one of today's conservative think tanks asking its staff to sell its publications on street corners?

Communist Party members at all levels were expected to exhibit dedication to the cause by voluntarily sacrificing wages, marching shoulder-to-shoulder with factory workers during strikes, and going to prison if necessary. Most people who were new to Communism joined the party because they knew or knew of a dedicated Communist who was courageous, self-sacrificing, and dedicated.

Question: Can you imagine one of today's highly paid conservative leaders — Dinesh D'Souza, Tucker Carlson, Steve Bannon, and others — donating their millions of dollars back to the movement or doing anything for free?

Where Did We Go Wrong?

There is much more in this little book than I have summarized here. Buy a copy or, better yet, buy a dozen copies and share them with colleagues, friends, and family members. Read it, and you will look at the conservative movement with new eyes.

"Lenin," Hyde writes, "said he wanted a party of what he called 'professional revolutionaries.' He did not mean by this that they would be paid. They were to be professional in the sense that they would not be amateurs, that their methods would not be amateurish. They would fight for Communism as though they were fighting a war."

Today's conservative movement seems to have heard the first part but missed or has deliberately ignored the second part. We have handed our movement over to highly paid amateurs who have no interest in fighting "as though they were fighting a war." If they did, everything they do would be different. And maybe, just maybe, we'd be winning.

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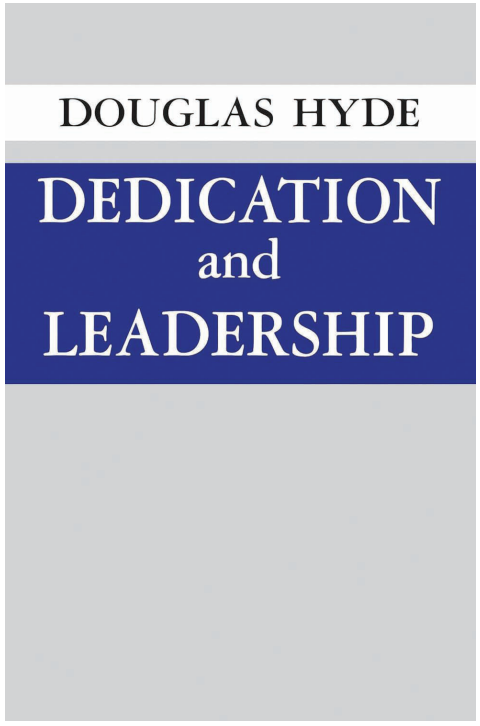




"No nation could preserve its freedom in the midst of continual warfare."
-James Madison

This is the most joyful day that ever I saw in my pilgrimage on earth.
-Donald Cargill

Take away love and our earth is a tomb. -Robert Browning

"We are right to take alarm at the first experiment upon our liberties."
-James Madison

Short Takes

By Ken Van Doren

The absence of alternatives clears the mind marvelously. -Henry Kissinger

Love is too young to know what conscience is. -William Shakespeare

The enemy of art is the absence of limitations. -Orson Welles

Laziness is nothing more than the habit of resting before you get tired. -Jules Renard

And when I breathed, my breath was lightning. -Black Elk

The actions of men are the best interpreters of their thoughts. -James Joyce

Marrying for love may be a bit risky, but it is so honest that God can't help but smile on it. -Josh Billings

A camel makes an elephant feel like a jet plane. -Jackie Kennedy

Where the spirit does not work with the hand, there is no art. -Leonardo da Vinci

I haven't spoken to my wife in years. I didn't want to interrupt her. -Rodney Dangerfield

People will buy anything that is 'one to a customer.' -Sinclair Lewis

We forget that the water cycle and the life cycle are one. -Jacques Yves Cousteau

Wisdom to Live By

The best way to start and end your day is by talking to God.

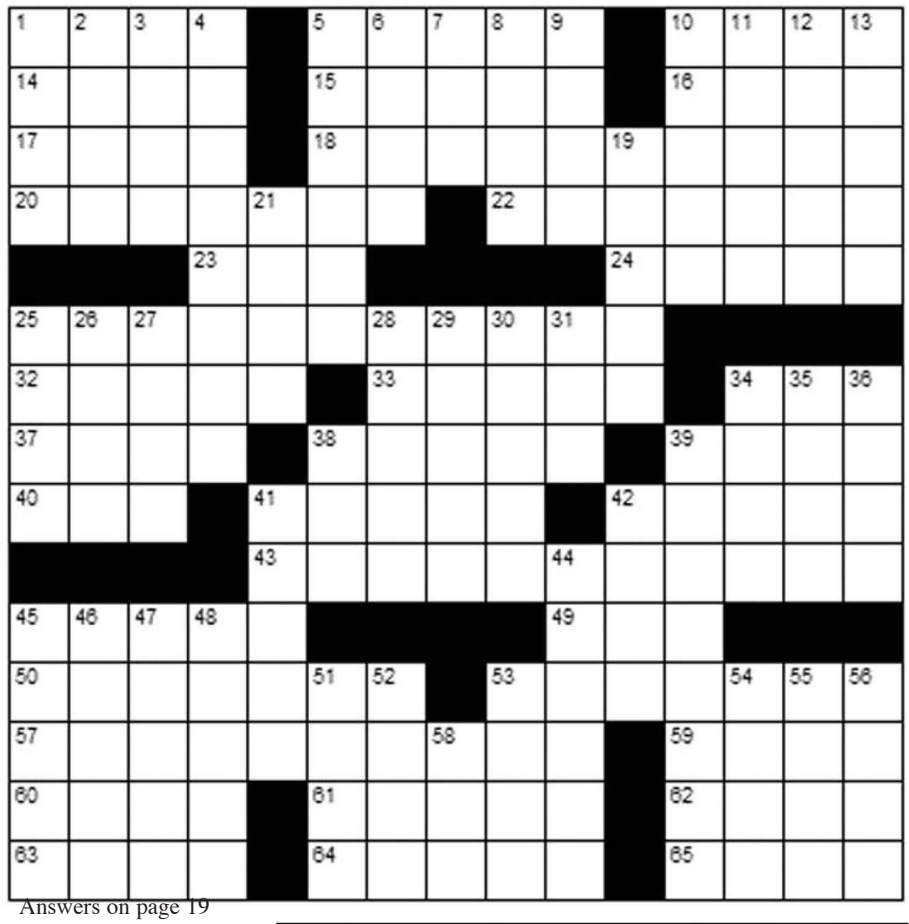


THE GAME PAGE

Crossword Puzzler

ACROSS
1. Mats of grass
5. The language of Persia
10. Academician
14. Threesome
15. Homeric epic
16. Magma
17. Beige
18. Symbolic
20. Security activities
22. A white crystalline alkaloid
23. Atlantic food fish
24. Courted
25. Shaped like an ellipsoid
32. Chinese currency units
33. Chews
34. Which person?
37. Telephoned
38. Wash out with a solvent
39. Masticate
40. Arctic bird
41. Cubic meter
42. Sound of an angry dog
43. Walkers
45. Genus of heath
49. Confederate soldier
50. Elongated yellow fruit
53. North American blackbird
57. Eclipse
59. Dwarf buffalo
60. Past tense of Leap
61. Avoid
62. Annoying insect
63. Picnic insects
64. Award
65. Feudal worker

DOWN
1. Stair
2. Killer whale
3. Soil
4. Obtaining
5. Meadows
6. Charity
7. Thorax protector
8. An exchange involving money
9. As just mentioned
10. Ancient Athenian philosopher
11. Relative magnitudes
12. Sheeplike
13. Confronted
19. Whimpers
21. Klutz's cry
25. Tropical American wildcat
26. Hawaiian feast
27. Lean
28. Leered
29. Accustom
30. Days of the month
31. Reverence
34. Stop for a horse
35. Axed
36. "Wise" birds
38. French for "Summer"
39. A card game
41. Straddles
42. Got bigger
44. A small hand tool
45. African virus
46. Large black bird
47. Bumbling
48. Wagons
51. Throat-clearing sound
52. Rescue
53. Musical finale
54. Hotels
55. A soft sheepskin leather
56. Escort
58. Pops



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Virginia – Don't follow net-zero lemmings over the energy cliff

States that link climate and energy policies to California and 'climate crisis' will pay high price

By Paul Driessen

Seventeen states – including Virginia – tie their vehicle emission standards and electric vehicle sale mandates to California, the most climate-centric state in the Union. Unless current laws change, by 2035 all their new cars, pickups and SUVs must be electric (or hydrogen-powered).

In further obeisance to California, most of these states also require that their utility companies generate 100% of their electricity from "renewable sources" by 2045 or 2050. They and the federal government also mandate that electric models replace gas-fueled furnaces, water heaters, driers, stoves and ovens within a decade or less.

This means electricity demand will double in the near future – at the same time that reliable, affordable fossil-fuel (and nuclear and hydroelectric) electricity generation plummets. Charging massive batteries to ensure power on windless, sunless days would double demand yet again.

Home, hospital, school and business lighting, heating, cooling, cooking and computing costs will likely double or triple, hitting poor and minority families hardest. Blackouts could become commonplace.

No wonder citizens in European countries are revolting against net zero laws, forcing politicians to delay or terminate their green dictates.

And yet Democrats in Virginia and elsewhere have refused to budge. They're so convinced that climate cataclysms are imminent – and government mandates will magically usher in a renewable energy era – that they are willing to compel families and businesses to follow them and other virtue-signaling lemmings off the net-zero cliff.

That's why – even with attention now focused on Israel, Ukraine, Taiwan and other global hot spots – voters also need to think long and hard about looming US energy cataclysms.

Democrats, some Republicans, and their media and environmentalist allies are determined to sweep vitally important energy realities under the rug. Voters mustn't let that happen.

Not one village on Earth – much less a city or state – has shown that wind and solar power backed up by grid-scale batteries can enable them to function normally ... or merely survive ... for even a week, winter or summer. And yet President Biden and the Climate Industrial Complex want to impose an all-electricity "green energy transformation" on the entire United States.

This total transformation would require literally millions of wind turbines, billions of solar panels, and tens of thousands of miles of new transmission lines. Billions of Tesla-EV-equivalent battery modules would be needed to stabilize increasingly large and complex electricity grids ... and back up sporadic, weather-dependent electricity ... to prevent repeated and widespread blackouts.

Building this equipment would involve billions of tons of steel, aluminum, copper, cobalt, lithium, concrete, plastics and other materials; hundreds of billions of tons of ore and overburden from thousands of mines; fossil fuels for mining, processing and manufacturing; and unprecedented greenhouse gas emissions, toxic air, water and ground pollution, and wildlife habitat destruction.

Installing all that equipment would impact thousands of square miles of habitats, scenic areas and croplands – decimating wildlife all across rural America – to serve major urban areas that have the votes to impose their views, but not the room or desire to have those impacts in their own backyards. Disposing of worn out and broken solar panels and wind turbine blades would require hundreds of huge landfills, also in rural America's

The costs would be astronomical. Net Zero Reality Coalition experts have calculated that grid-balancing and backup batteries alone would cost up to $290-trillion, depending on which capital cost, hourly or daily or weekly electricity generation data, and other factors are employed.

The wind industry loves to say such-and-such wind or solar project has the "capacity" to power 100,000 homes. That may be true – when the wind is blowing or sun is shining at optimal levels. However, that rarely happens. On an annual basis, those unreliable systems would likely generate electricity 20-40% of the year, in short intervals, at totally unpredictable times.

Since the Biden Administration and environmentalists steadfastly oppose mining in the USA, most resource extraction will be done overseas. The raw materials will mostly come from or through China, which often employs slave and child labor, zero to minimal environmental standards, subpar wage and workplace safety standards, and minerals as a political weapon.

That means wind, solar and battery power is actually the antithesis of clean, green, renewable, sustainable and ethical. All the dirty, evil, unsustainable activities just get done in faraway places, where they can be ignored; so they needn't be mentioned in slick product and campaign ads.

An all-electric economy also requires that home, neighborhood, local, state and national transmission systems be significantly upgraded to handle the massive additional electric loads. That's more trillions of dollars, further increasing the cost of electricity and every product and service.

Personal needs and choices will disappear. You will be told what cars you can buy and how far you can drive them; how big your home can be, and how warm or cool you can keep it; how often and how far you can travel on vacation; even what foods you can eat.

Where's the beef? Not on the menu. And just imagine being in your EV, in a massive traffic jam, during a blizzard or a hurricane evacuation. But as California goes, so will you if your legislators demand it.

Delving into specifics: President Biden wants 30,000 megawatts of offshore wind electricity by 2030. That would require 2,500 gigantic 12-MW wind turbines. But even if the wind is blowing optimally, their output would barely meet New York State's peak summertime electricity needs – today, prior to its transformation to a fossil-fuel-free, all-electric economy.

Equally crazy, New York's plan for 24,000 megawatt-hours of battery storage would provide backup for barely 45 minutes on a sweltering windless day – with today's power demands. And even that minuscule storage would require 300,000 Tesla 80-kilowatt-hour battery modules.

The 2020 Virginia Clean Economy Act requires that utilities have 3,100 megawatt-hours of electricity storage. If that's provided with 19-MWh Tesla Megapack battery modules, costing $10-million apiece, Virginia taxpayers and ratepayers would have to lay out $1.6 billion. For that they'd get one-half-hour of statewide windless/sunless day backup!

Ask your elected officials how many offshore turbines would be needed to power your state – or the entire USA. How many onshore turbines with a nameplate capacity of perhaps 6 MW. How many solar panels sprawling across vast scenic areas, croplands and wildlife habitats – in sunny Arizona or frosty Wisconsin. How many battery modules for a full week of backup storage.

Demand to know how much all this will cost – and how much mining, processing, manufacturing, toxic pollution, CO2 emissions, slave and child labor, and habitat destruction would go into making all that equipment. Watch the politicians bob and weave, run for cover, or have the police remove you for asking such impertinent questions.

Mandates for electric vehicles, wind and solar power, and a magical transition to a fossil-fuel-free energy utopia are critical issues this year and in 2024. Think carefully about them before you head to the polls.

Your vote – and whether you help your friends vote wisely – will determine whether we end this insanity ... or must live beneath the iron fists of increasingly oppressive climate authoritarians.



Unplug the Green Boondoggle

By John & Andy Schlafly

Many groups and countries are lining up for new handouts by Congress, now that it is functioning again with a new Speaker. Among those with their hats in their hands for billions of dollars is the green energy industry of windmills and battery-powered cars.

Fortunately, newly inducted House Speaker Mike Johnson (R-LA) is fully supported by conservative lawmakers in the House who want separate votes on spending-neutral bills. First out of the gate is a $14.3 billion aid package to Israel that is funded by repealing part of Biden's $80 billion IRS expansion.

On Monday, Biden's Treasury Department announced that it will borrow the most ever for a fourth quarter: $776 billion. The multi-billion-dollar cost of the Leftist green agenda is not something we can afford to ignore anymore.

Ask Ford Motor Company. Since last Thursday afternoon, Ford's stock has fallen by 14% in three business days on news of its losing a more-than-expected $1.33 billion in its electric vehicle (EV) unit for the third quarter, which translates into an average loss of $36,000 on every EV it sold.

Once a preeminent American corporation, Ford's value has fallen to only $38 billion in market capitalization, and it cannot survive annual losses of $5 billion on EVs. A sharp increase in costs for raw materials needed by the batteries in EVs has cast doubt on if and when electric cars would ever be profitable to sell, despite mandates by Biden and California Gov. Gavin Newsom.

Once a preeminent American corporation, Ford's value has fallen to only $38 billion in market capitalization, and it cannot survive annual losses of $5 billion on EVs. // Photo by Adam Mills on Unsplash

As found by a new study released by the Texas Public Policy Foundation, "the average EV accrues $48,698 in subsidies and $4,569 in extra charging and electricity costs over a 10-year period, for a total cost of $53,267." When converted into an equivalent subsidy per gallon of gasoline, it's as though the government paid an extra $16.12 per gallon for a conventional internal combustion engine vehicle.

Hertz took a hit in its latest earnings report due to unexpected losses from operating the largest EV fleet in the rental car industry. Hertz announced a pause in its acquisition of more EVs.

Another green energy money pit is the wasteful spending on wind power, as illustrated by the often-idle giant wind turbines visible from many highways. Despite decades of effort and billions of dollars in spending, wind power is still unable to pay for itself.

Record cold temperatures across the United States this Halloween include October snow showers in eight midwestern states. The 20 and 30-degree drops in temperature being felt from Dallas to the East Coast require affordable energy or else there will be another jolt to inflation.

In August 2000, General Electric was the most valuable company in the world, having a market capitalization of $601 billion. Today, as it loses $1 billion annually on its offshore wind farms that blight the ocean view for many Americans, the value of the company founded by Thomas Edison has fallen by more than 80%, to just $116 billion.

Wind turbines fail to produce power when it's needed most, such as on very hot or very cold days, and their maintenance expenses are exorbitant. The inconsistent supply of energy from wind turbines causes spikes that harm the energy grid.

Rising interest rates have laid bare the billions of dollars in operating losses generated by the noisy and ugly windmills. Since low-interest loans are no longer available, green energy companies will be forced to seek billions more in subsidies from the federal government to offset mounting losses.

As the funding of the federal government expires on November 17, the liberal wastefulness of green energy

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Victories on land and sea



By Craig Rucker

The good news keeps coming …

First up, the Commonwealth Court struck down struck down Pennsylvania's participation in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative — which is a coalition of northeast states that bought into the cap-and-trade approach to attempt to lower CO2 emissions. Although Pennsylvania signed on in 2019, the Commonwealth Court placed an injunction on Pennsylvania's participation in 2022 pending a court review. This week, the Court handed down its decision and sided against the RGGI implementation, noting that it required legislative approval and could not be done administratively.

Chalk one up for the separation of powers!

CFACT's readers and friends will recall that our organization has been opposing Pennsylvania's participation in RGGI for years. We even testified in Harrisburg against it.

Second, Ørsted, a major offshore wind developer, dropped plans to construct two monstrous sets of turbines off the coast of New Jersey this week. ØrstedChairman David Hardy noted, "macroeconomic factors have changed dramatically over a short period of time, with high inflation, rising interest rates, and supply chain bottlenecks impacting our long-term capital investments."

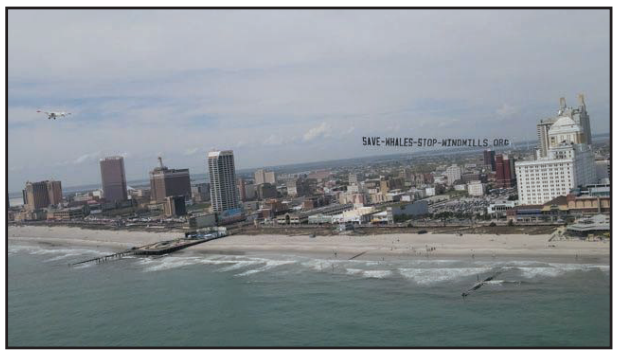
The truth is that these projects have been vigorously opposed by numerous local officials, including 50 Garden State mayors who co-signed a letter. Local activists have actively expressed their concerns about offshore wind impacts on marine life as well.

CFACT has been diligently at work opposing these projects. We flew a banner over Atlantic City on Earth Day, sponsored a "Save the Whales" concert at Brigantine Beach, and formed activists into a giant "whale tail" in Cape May.

These developments and other efforts to push back against President Biden's Green New Deal agenda didn't escape the notice of the national media. CFACT's Marc Morano summed it all up masterfully on Jesse Watters.

Every victory is important, but keep in mind the daunting forces arrayed against us. Senator Joe Manchin did tremendous damage when he caved at the last minute and provided the vote President Biden's staff needed for their Orwellian-named "Inflation Reduction Act" to barely squeak through Congress.

It's not easy fighting back against a trillion misallocated dollars, although it makes every victory all the sweeter.



The climate war on travel

By Craig Rucker

Team warming doesn't just want you to drive a tiny vehicle with more MPG, switch to an EV, or take public transit. They want to make travel a thing of the past. (Like snow?)



Marc Morano has been all over the Left's war on travel and reports on Climate Depot that a poll shows 41% of the French population thinks travelers should be restricted to only four flights in their entire lifetimes!

Marc has been appearing on radio and television sounding the alarm before our freedom to move freely is lost forever.

"The French government mandated flights of two and a half hours or less be canceled to save the climate, "Marc explained on Fox."So this is what the French public has been getting indoctrinated in, that flying is evil. They believe we're in a climate emergency...The EU is looking at flight bans and instead riding a train ride that takes under six hours. Bloomberg News said cheap airline flights are now a thing of the past due to 'climate compliance' costs. This is truly, 'You will go nowhere and be happy'. The public is being severely indoctrinated in this, and they're told that the earth can't handle it unless we radically change our lives. And most of these decisions are being imposed on us: the ban on gas-powered cars, the agricultural restrictions, the meat restrictions, flight bans. This is our world if we allow it."

Radicals at Extinction Rebellion are (literally, not figuratively) blocking and gluing themselves to roads to block travel!

Economist Milton Friedman said that, "underlying most arguments against the free market is a lack of belief in freedom itself."

We would be wise to take these warnings to heart.

Free Market Purchasers Unplug from Electric Vehicles

By Larry Bell

Only fools and frauds can continue to wish their government to subsidize products that the public doesn't want which nevertheless still sell for half or less what they cost to make — which depend upon rare earth materials mined by slave labor and monopolized by hostile adversaries — powered by replacing sources that provide more than 80% of reliable energy by increasing those that intermittently produce about 3% — all with knowingly no discernable climate nor environmental benefits — then pass the economic deficits and inflationary burdens on to gullible taxpayers and consumers represented as triumphs of free enterprise and social justice.

Enter the bizarre political era of electric plug-in vehicles.

In this upside-down new world, Ford's loss of $62,016 on each EV it sold during this year's third quarter is wildly successful when compared with nearly four times that much — a $227,802 hemorrhage — posted on each of a total 125 sold by Lucid Motors, a start-up luxury EV maker with a net $631 million bleed.

Meanwhile, Lucid has opened a new production facility in Saudi Arabia, whose government has pledged to buy 100,000 of its vehicles which will run on electricity produced almost entirely by oil and natural gas power plants that are under attack by the Biden administration.

Dealers report that part of the problem is that after a wealthier group of early EV adopters already purchased a vehicle, the industry is now confronting a more reticent group of consumers who are being squeezed by high interest rates and rising costs.

As Joseph Yoon, an Edmunds analyst, observes, "I think there was a miscalculation about demand and how much EVs would be coveted."

The slowdown has occurred after car companies have plowed billions of dollars into new battery plants and factories to build more EVs when many models were in demand with long wait lists.

Now, wiser and poorer, General Motors announced in October that it will delay the opening of an EV truck plant until the end of 2025, a year later than planned, while Ford has said it was temporarily cutting a shift of production for its F-150 Lightning pickup.

Resulting industry business losses are occurring both despite and in addition to generous $7,500 federal tax credit subsidies offered as EV incentives to reluctant buyers and jacked up costs for gasoline models consumers truly want to keep vehicle manufacturers financially afloat.

Even that isn't enough to keep EVs from piling up on unsold dealer inventory stock.

As reported in the Wall Street Journal, in September it took retailers over two months to sell an EV, compared with around a month for gas-powered vehicles and only three weeks for a gas-electric hybrid.

With his company's profits down 6.8%, Mercedes Chief Financial Officer Harald Wilhelm recently told Reuters that EVs are "a pretty brutal space" and "I can hardly imagine the current status quo is fully sustainable for everybody."

Nor is that brutal space sustainable for dealers forced to offer sales rebates and discounts to reduce painful interest payments on stacked-up EV inventories while simultaneously denting profits that hurt resale values for buyers owning those models.

Ford is offering a $7,500 cash rebate on top of the federal tax credit on some F-150 Lightning pickup trucks.

According to Edmunds data, September EV customers, on average, got roughly $2,000 sticker price discounts compared with $1,500 premiums last year. Industrywide, car shoppers paid around $930 less year-over-year.

Whereas the deepest EV discounts generally came with the highest sticker price luxury models, the average reported discount on a $50,000 Volkswagen ID.4 SUV was about $2,900, with Nissan Ariya around $2,200.

Volkswagen is also offering a lease deal for its EV SUV with no down payment.

Although lease agreements have historically comprised roughly 30% of the car market, according to Ed Reed who operates a Southern Calif. VW dealership, they currently account for around 80% of his ID.4 sales.

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How Pfizer Hid Nearly 80% of COVID Vaccine Trial Deaths From Regulators

By Angelo DePalma, Ph.D.

Pfizer-BioNTech delayed reporting vaccine-associated deaths among BNT162b2 clinical trial participants until after the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for the product.

The vaccine makers also failed to account for a large number of subjects who dropped out of the trial.

Together, these strategies kept regulators and the public ignorant of a 3.7-fold increase in cardiac deaths among subjects who received the vaccine, according to analysis in the International Journal of Vaccine Theory, Practice, and Research.

The authors of the paper described it as a "forensic analysis," defined by the U.S. National Institute for Standards and Technology as "the use of scientific methods or expertise to investigate crimes or examine evidence that might be presented in a court of law."

What the analysis shows

Corinne Michels, Ph.D., retired distinguished professor of biology at Queens College, New York, led the DailyClout Pfizer/BioNTech Documents Investigations Team on what the authors claim was the first independent examination of original data from the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 mRNA vaccine (BNT162b2) clinical trial.

Investigators looked at each of the 38 deaths occurring between July 27, 2020, the start of phase 2/3 of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine trial, and March 13, 2020, the end date culminating in Pfizer-BioNTech's 6-month interim report.

This trial phase involved 44,060 subjects. Half received a dose of BNT162b2, half got a placebo consisting of an inactive sterile salt solution.

The trial was unusual because at week 20 after the FDA issued the EUA for the vaccine, trial subjects in the placebo group were allowed to switch to the vaccinated group and receive their first BNT162b2 shot.

Switching from the placebo to the vaccinated group — or "unblinding" — normally occurs when the benefit of the drug is so great that not treating subjects becomes unethical. For example, investigators might consider unblinding a cancer trial if at some point all untreated patients deteriorated or died but all treated patients improved.

Unblinding conditions may be specified in the study design, but they usually involve input or review from medical ethicists.

Of 20,794 unblinded placebo subjects in the Pfizer trial, 19,685 received at least one dose of BNT162b2.

Normally the decision to unblind a vaccine trial would be based on the product's safety and effectiveness in reaching certain endpoints or objectives. Endpoints for a drug to prevent viral infections might be a positive test or self-reported COVID-19 illness (the "case" numbers that drove much of COVID-19 policy), illness requiring hospitalization or death.

But, perhaps unexpectedly, after 33 weeks the data revealed no significant difference between deaths in the vaccinated and placebo groups for the initial 20-week placebo-controlled portion of the trial.

After week 20, after most former placebo subjects had received the vaccine, deaths among those in the vaccine group continued unabated.

The authors revealed "inconsistencies" between data presented in Pfizer-BioNTech's 6-month interim report and subsequent publications by Pfizer-BioNTech trial site administrators:

"Most importantly, we found evidence of an over 3.7-fold increase in the number of deaths due to cardiac events in the BNT162b2 vaccinated individuals compared to those who received only the placebo."

This means that 79% of relevant deaths were not recorded in time to be included in Pfizer's regulatory paperwork.

By not including relevant subject deaths in the case report, Pfizer obscured cardiac adverse event signals, allowing the EUA to proceed unchallenged.

How did Pfizer get around legal, ethical obligations?

The Pfizer-BioNTech data, obtained through a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit, uncovered four additional deaths in the vaccine group and one more in the placebo group — but Pfizer failed to include these data in their FDA submission despite an explicit study design requirement to do so.

These data, and how they differ from what Pfizer-BioNTech reported in their applications, are summarized in Table 3 of Michels' study.

One case involved a 63-year-old woman who died 41 days after receiving the shot, but whose death only entered the data pool 37 days later. Another was a 58-year-old woman whose death 72 days after vaccination went unreported for 26 days.

Had Pfizer-BioNTech met their legal and ethical obligation to report all serious adverse events their data would have shown equal deaths in placebo and vaccine groups — which would have shown no clear benefit for the vaccine.

How were they able to skirt those obligations?

For one, they were able to hide behind the the 2005 Public

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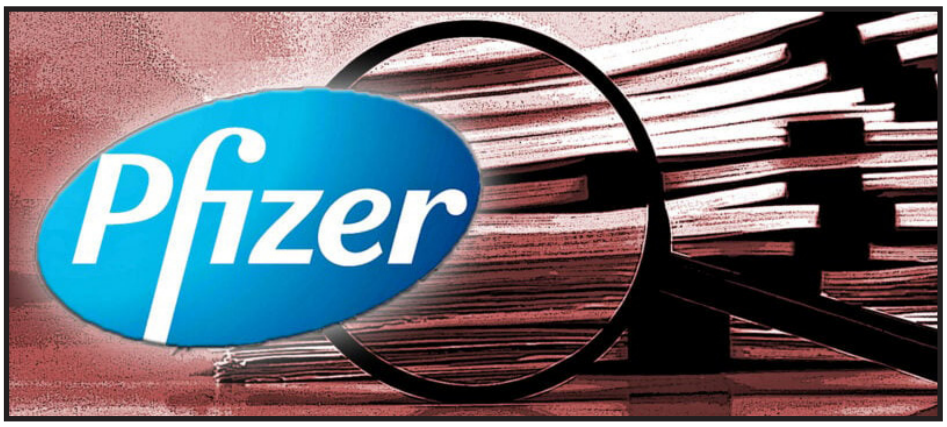



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later her insurance company provided notice of non-coverage (NC) on 10-26-21 and continued more NC notices for the next 3 weeks. She had a 2nd fall and ER visit on November 18th. Our insurance coverage appeals were successful until November 19th when the 3rd party insurance review agreed to terminate her coverage and the facility indicated that approximately $10,000 per month would be required for her to stay at the SNF.

On December 10th, the SNF indicated she tested positive for COVID and was placed in an isolated wing of the SNF alone for 2 weeks. After 2 days, her minor COVID symptoms were gone, but the isolation had detrimental impacts on her well-being and her health started to decline rapidly. Since staff attention and care had diminished because of her isolation, her family started in room PT and finally requested discharge to homecare so that she could at least spend the holidays with family.

An ambulance delivered her to a new home setting on the morning of December 17th. Her family rotated shifts for 24-hour home care with a licensed caregiver during the daytime and family had the night shifts. She continued to work on incontinence challenges and in-home therapy by family to prepare her for a flight on December 31st to Phoenix, Arizona where she would be admitted to a dementia assisted living facility with in-house therapy. At 6 a.m. on New Years Eve, we were notified that the flight was canceled because of COVID.

About this time, the SNF facility back in Illinois was issuing letters threatening suing my mother for non-payment of care services. They asserted that my mother owed several more thousands of dollars. When I had finally contacted the insurance provider, they indicated that they had settled with the insurance company months before and my mother owed them nothing. The PPO continued to fight for the extra money months later, despite the agreement I uncovered, not to mention my threats of following a lawsuit for all the pain and suffering my mother endured in the first 24-hours of their care.

On January 8th, 2022, my sister was remarried in California. We celebrated a new life for her and her husband, and we all hurried back the following day to celebrate my mother's 89th birthday. She was in Arizona and settling into her new dementia / Alzheimer's facility. The same one that my mother-in-law had passed away on Thanksgiving morning 2021. By the end of the month, I took care of some belated business. I went online to the VAERS database. I reported my mother's suspected adverse reactions, as well as those of my wife who was coerced into taking the jabs in order to continue visiting her mother in the Arizona care facility. My wife's post jab experiences were

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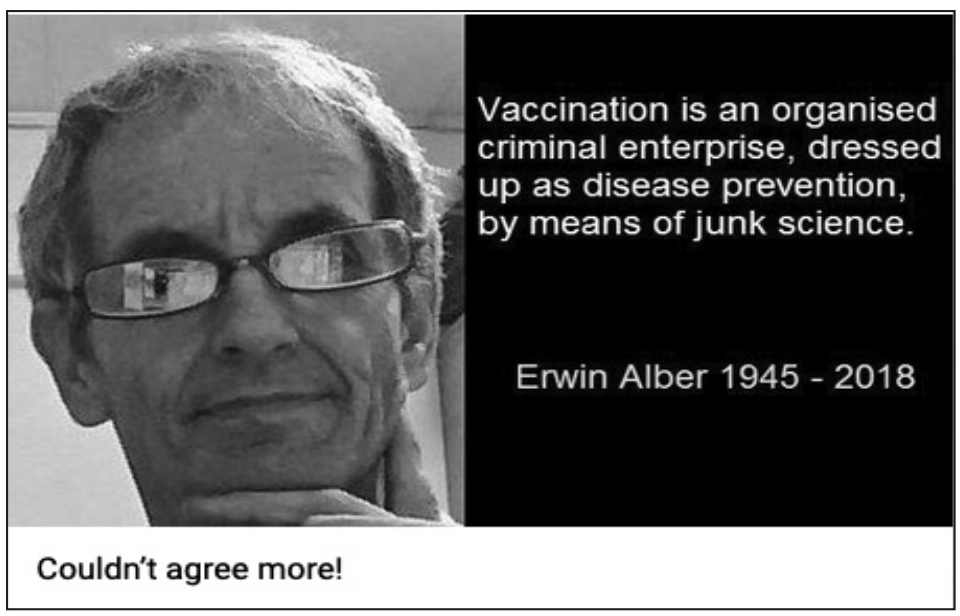

Dr. McCullough: Tsunami of cardiac arrests since COVID jab rollout demands urgent response

By LifeSite News

We are witnessing an tsunami of cardiac arrests since the advent of the worldwide mass genetic vaccination program. In virtually every case, the COVID-19 vaccination status is not disclosed to the public. Additionally, the general autopsy can be "normal."

I am commonly asked what should a modern COVID-19 vaccine era cardiac autopsy look like:

• Gross inspection, heart aorta, great vessels, lungs, pulmonary arteries.

• Heart weight <250 g for women, < 350 g for men.

• Coronary slices for atherosclerosis and thrombus.

• Myocardial slices for evidence of scar, congenital abnormalities, valvular disease.

• Myocardial immunohistochemical staining for SARS-CoV-2 Spike Protein and Nucleocapsid, inflammatory cells, amyloid protein.

• Buccal swab for Arrythmia and Cardiomyopathy Panel (In Vitae or equivalent).

• Research assays.

Anatomic coronary artery disease is highly prevalent in adults and it may be a bystander and not the direct cause of the arrhythmic cardiac arrest. Di Michele et al reported that small micro RNA fragments that are known to regulate genes, and in this circumstance, genes that control cardiac ion channels, do vary up or down in blood and cardiac tissue and help distinguish between a coronary event and a primary arrhythmic event.

At this time it is possible that mRNA and adenoviral DNA vaccines could influence key miRNA's in the causal pathway to a primary arrhythmic cardiac death in the absence of clinical myocarditis. So if you are involved in a circumstance with a family member or friend with an unexpected cardiac arrest, please push for the fullest autopsy possible. You will only have one shot.



The finest steel has to go through the hottest fire. -Richard M. Nixon

Only the broken-hearted know the truth about love. -Mason Cooley

"No nation could preserve its freedom in the midst of continual warfare." -James Madison

"If you thought that science was certain, well, that is just an error on your part." - Richard Feynman

The best proof of love is trust. -Joyce Brothers

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will be one of many senseless entitlements seeking new handouts in the next fiscal year. "Government is too invested to let these companies go bust, and taxpayers will be charged for the repair job," the Wall Street Journal warned last weekend.

The real federal deficit has doubled from $1 trillion (not just billion) to $2 trillion in merely one year, while Biden demands another $100 billion to spend on no-win foreign wars. House Speaker Johnson wisely separates a vote on emergency aid to Israel from a vote on the much larger spending package demanded by Zelensky in Ukraine with the support of Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-KY) despite rising conservative opposition.

A financial collapse, typically unpredictable in its timing, becomes increasingly likely under the weight of this crushing debt. Ending subsidies for green energy and foreign wars is a great place to start to save our economy.

Due to inflation caused by the wasteful government spending, the interest costs alone on the mountain of debt run up by Biden will soon exceed our total spending on our national defense. With a new Speaker, conservatives in the House have a golden opportunity to realign our nation's priorities.

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offer little benefit to U.S. auto manufacturers and employees since they can bypass domestic manufacturing, price and buyer income restrictions that otherwise disqualified many foreign-made vehicles from government perks.

In an EV lease transaction, lenders are eligible for a $7,500 tax credit that they can choose to pass along to the consumer in the form of a better lease deal.

Generous government taxpayer-funded incentives to subsidize a product that few consumers want or can afford to buy which put increased electricity demands on already vulnerably overloaded power grids won't benefit those least wealthy among us whose household energy, transportation and food costs will be a disproportionate burden.

As for saving the planet from climate change, EV handouts, heaped upon newly proposed fuel standards which include a 2% increase in mandated requirements each year, would reduce average global temperatures in 2060 by 0.000% according to the Department of Transportation's own environmental assessment.

Where's all the touted environmental and social justice we keep hearing about in that?

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episodes of numbness, tingling and shock throughout her entire body at night. Here is my mother's VAERS report:

Patient's brain injury has permanently impacted her cognitive capabilities, incapacitated her to the point she is no longer to live independently, and has tremendously impacted her financially due to care and living costs which are skyrocketing.

Patient was transferred into a Dementia-Memory Care facility on January 2, 2022, and then to another Dementia-Memory Care facility on June 2, 2022. Since the last VAERS notification, patient has had repeated seizures, TIAs and 8 rehospitalizations (ER trips) between March and December of 2022. Patient has also had repeated symptomatic COVID-19 positive tests along with repeated UTIs, numbness in hands and feet, bloody noses and falls as well as historic medical issues entered on original VAERS report from the 2021 hospitalizations. The most recent Care Plan dated 1-6-2023 included dx of encephalitis, HTN, cardiac arrhythmia, dementia, UTIs, and seizures. Patient remains stable but struggles with anxiety and facility room & board care costs which have gone up 40% in the last year.

I personally witnessed a couple of seizures at the ER, and I thought that my mother had had arrived at death's doorstep. My daughter then got to witness the same months later, shortly after we finally realized that her seizure meds had been discontinued. That's another story. My mother's faith and family helped her through her medical challenges over the 4-month period in 2021. She prayed to God every night in hope of her deliverance from care settings and back to a normal "home" setting where she could shop, cook and live. She was given natural supplements throughout her illness to aid in her physical and mental recovery.

In the early months following my mother's illness, I became obsessed with trying to research and determine what was going on within her body as well as my wife's. I had trouble sleeping and would wake up and spend hours researching COVID, the mRNA jabs and the spike protein online. I've accumulated my own personal library of information as well as naturopathic treatments and support groups.

In the 2nd quarter of 2021, the CDC's VAERS database had 278 reports of herpes zoster following the Moderna or Pfizer vaccinations, suggesting a correlation with the mRNA vaccines and the suppression of the innate immune response. A month later, the same researchers drew another correlation with adverse reactions tying the signaling cascade triggered in the heart vasculature to coronary artery disease, and activation in the brain could lead to stroke. Systemic hypertension would also be predicted. They hypothesized that this ability of the spike protein to promote pulmonary arterial hypertension could predispose patients who recover from SARS-CoV-2 to later develop right ventricular heart failure. Furthermore, they suggested that a similar effect could happen in response to the mRNA vaccines, and they warned of potential long-term consequences to both children and adults who received COVID-19 vaccines based on the spike protein (Suzuki and Gychka, 2021).

Two other studies in 2021 and 2022 had additional questionable side effects of the COVID injections. A 2022 study asserted that spike protein alone is sufficient to cause the endothelial damage associated with COVID-19. They noted implications of the vaccines with a link to cells manufacturing the spike protein along with a clear cause for concern. They added that neurological symptoms associated with COVID-19, including encephalitis and fatal brain blood clots, are all indicators of damaging viral effects on the brain. Buzhdygan et. al. (2020) proposed that primary human brain microvascular endothelial cells could cause these symptoms.

The same study proposed an association in the brain vasculature with dementia and hypertension, both of which are risk factors for bad outcomes from COVID-19. An in vitro study of the blood-brain barrier, a (S1) component of the spike protein, promoted loss of barrier integrity suggesting that the spike protein acting alone triggers a pro-inflammatory response in brain endothelial cells. This could support the neurological components and consequences of the disease.

This information is 2 years old; what does the new research show? I'm talking about the research that isn't bought and paid for by big pharma, or isn't fact checked by big tech. I am referring to basic science; peer-reviewed research with an open dialogue between professionals who want to protect and prevent people from further harm, and develop viable treatment options. It is apparent that the money big pharma has taken in circulates throughout the medical machine, and then passed on to big tech and MSM to suppress and censor any alternative viewpoints. They both control the messaging on the internet and media outlets.

Though I still ponder how Big Pharma was allowed to eliminate all liability from their "vaccines" and rake in the greatest profits in history off the backs of innocent victims throughout the world? Anyone who has survived the past 3 years should know why. A very small group has made a ton of money from it at the expense of We the People (WTP), stealing our savings as well as our dignity. Our government has allowed it to happen.

In November of 2021, we took Betty to her final visit with her neurologist who had become her biggest advocate. He confirmed that her HSV diagnosis was accurate and indicated that "it's a miracle (through God) that a woman her age has recovered from this illness!". Dr. Sucharit Bhakdi and Karina Reiss, Ph.D. have written 2 books describing how SARS-CoV-2 turns our immune system toward a path of self-destruction. This is similar to the Bradykinin hypothesis which helps explain some of the more unusual symptoms of COVID-19, including bizarre effects on the cardiovascular system. In particular, how SARS-CoV-2 downregulates your body's ability to degrade or break down bradykinin leading to a bradykinin storm, similar to the cytokine storm associated with the spike protein. Many of these symptoms and diagnoses appear on VAERS.

Our own government has failed WTP. Now more than ever we need to prioritize our personal health care in our pursuit of life (our HEALTH), liberty and the pursuit of happiness. The CDC and FDA knows that VAERS is a warning system to protect us, but now the data does not fit their pro-jab narrative.

At the beginning of 2023, The Epoch Times revealed a cover-up of VAERS data. The CDC and FDA agreed to monitor VAERS to identify health risks with COVID-19 vaccines. They do this analysis through proportional reporting ratio or PRR, which evaluates safety risks of new vaccines comparing them to historical vaccines. Some of this goes back to 2020, and some of the findings are alarming. My questions are why do we continue to get bombarded by pro-vaccine advertising and the CDC & FDA are not advertising any of the risks, and why the procrastination over the past 3 years? And since acknowledging that myocarditis and pericarditis are caused by the mRNA vaccines, why aren't they advertising that along with the other 500 adverse events obtained from the PRR results?

I give thanks and praise to God that the last year has been free of falls, seizures, and ER trips! Betty Warneke resides in Sun City West, AZ after surviving a 27-hour road trip through 4 snowstorms from South Beloit, IL on New Year's Eve 2021. Despite all her setbacks, she still retains her faculties despite dementia slowly eroding away at her brain and cognition. She has asked me to extend a big THANK YOU to all the wonderful doctors, nurses and caregivers who have helped her survive the past 2 years. Happy Thanksgiving!

I am truly blessed that I've been given the time and patience to care for my mother and my wife. Let us all remember the final words in Ecclesiastes: Fear God and keep his commandments; for this is the whole duty of mankind. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil. Amen!

Catholics protest Bishop Strickland's removal, show support for him with public rosary in Buffalo

By LifeSite News

Catholic laity in the Diocese of Buffalo, New York, assembled Sunday, November 12, at St. Joseph Cathedral for a public rosary in support of Bishop Joseph Strickland and to pray for him and Pope Francis.

While praying for Strickland and the Pope, Catholics in Buffalo held signs in protest of the bishop's removal. Signs read: "Punished for being Catholic," and "Stand with Bishop Strickland," and, "Reinstate Bishop Strickland! He committed no crime."

"This was the initiative of newly formed Buffalo Catholic Beacon, a FB group that strives to keep diocesan laity informed of issues that demand our attention and public prayer, both in Buffalo and in the greater Catholic world." New York laywoman Liz Zilbauer told LifeSiteNews. "Having more than 20 respond to the call to pray the rosary publicly only one day later shows the affection we have for shepherds like Bishop Strickland, the vehemence of opposition to an unjust removal, and our desire for his brother bishops to stand with him.

"We will have a second public rosary in solidarity with the Tyler, Texas March for Bishop Strickland on Saturday, November 18 at 11 a.m. (Maple Road in front of St. Gregory the Great) and hope other dioceses around the country join us as we pray for Bishop Strickland and the Pope. We believe Bishop Strickland committed no crime. We protest the seeming criminalization of Bishop Strickland's ardent defense of the Faith. We love you, Bishop Strickland!"

In a move that shook the Catholic world and drew global mainstream news coverage, Pope Francis removed Strickland from his position at the Diocese of Tyler in Texas on Saturday, November 11, after Strickland's increasingly public opposition to what he has called Pope Francis' "program of undermining the deposit of faith." The Vatican has not provided an official explanation for Strickland's removal.

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Strickland will lead a rosary rally on Wednesday in Baltimore as the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) holds its biannual plenary session. As an emeritus bishop now, Strickland can attend the meetings but does not enjoy voting rights within the assembly.

Strickland has been notable for raising his voice at the bishops' meetings confronting fellow prelates on such issues as denying Communion to pro-abortion politicians, accepting Catholic teaching on the sinfulness of homosexual acts, the scandal of allowing priests such as Fr. James Martin to promote homosexuality openly within the Church, and other controversial issues of faith and morals.

Bishop Strickland: I was removed because forces in the Church want to change the teaching of Jesus

By Andreas Wailzer

Bishop Joseph Strickland has said that he believes he was removed because he "threatened some of the powers that be with the truth of the gospel."

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Strickland said that he does not put the blame for his removal fully on Pope Francis because "there are many forces working at him and influencing him to make these kinds of decisions."

"That's why we pray for the pope, for him as a son of God and for his role as the supreme pontiff."

"But we have to acknowledge there are tremendous and powerful forces at work in the world," he stressed. "Saint Paul reminds us that we're not fighting against human beings, flesh and blood; we're fighting the powers and principalities of evil."

"And evil doesn't want the truth of Jesus Christ."

"There are people in the Church, rather than glorying in the truth of Christ, they want to delete significant portions of Sacred Scripture and say, 'Oh, we got that wrong,' or 'we're just going to ignore it.'"

Strickland emphasized that "the saints, through 2000 years, didn't get it wrong."

The American bishop noted that the Diocese of Tyler is in great shape because it is "blessed with many seminarians, fine young men…that would be wonderful husbands or wonderful spiritual fathers, priests."

According to Strickland, the diocese is also "financially strong" due to the "tremendous generosity" of the faithful.

"I really can't look to any reason except [that] I threatened some of the powers that be with the truth of the gospel. That will not change. That cannot change. It's perennial, it's everlasting. It's glorious. And if you want it to change, then I'm a problem."

"The Scriptures tell us that Jesus Christ is the face of truth," Strickland said. "He doesn't morph into a different being than He was when He died on the cross and rose for us. He is the same Lord; He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, and those who want to change that, for a day, in terms of human history, we have to live through this day, but it's a moment that will pass, and the truth will prevail."

"It is a sad day for me, but I'm strong in the Lord," Strickland told Westen on the day of his removal.

"These two images behind me, the Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, those pillars of the Church in this time are, and have been… the pillars of strength for me—hopefully the pillars of strength for all of us," he stated.

"I encourage myself and others to go more deeply than ever into prayer, to pray for Pope Francis, to pray for the church, to pray for a world."

"I appreciate the prayers, and I need them, and [I ask you] to pray for the Diocese of Tyler, the many people whose lives are disrupted by this," Strickland said.

The former bishop of Tyler repeatedly stressed that the faithful must remain in the Catholic Church in times of turmoil.

"I urge people not to feel like they can walk away from the Church. We are one body. We are the mystical body of Christ that is the Church."

"And we need to be strong and joyful and hopeful in all of that, praying hard, praying harder than ever, and praying that anyone who is upset, angry, confused, whatever the negative emotions, that they move past that to the knowledge that Jesus Christ is Truth and calm, and we rejoice to know Him, we rejoice to share Him."

When asked by Westen if he already knows where he will live after his removal, Strickland said that he does not know what the future holds.

"I'm in the hands of the Lord, as we all are," he stated. "None of us truly knows what tomorrow holds."

"All of us have many questions in our lives," Stickland observed. "But the answer is we are in the hands of God. We are the Lord's. The Church is His. We trust that we're strengthened by that. We're guided through the darkness in his light."

"Certainly, I remain a bishop and the successor of the apostles," he said.

"I encourage people, as I heard recently Bishop Athanasius Schneider urging people, to pray more deeply than ever for Pope Francis, for the Vatican hierarchy. All of them, all of those who have the tremendous responsibility of guiding the Church in these days."

Strickland addressed the confusion in the Catholic Church today and argued that it is at least partly because many in the Church hierarchy do not really know or believe the faith anymore.

"We know we're living through a time of questions and confusions of faith, and many people walking away, many Catholics saying, 'Oh, they don't really believe these things anymore.'"

"And too many of those in high places in the Church, at least they're acting as if they don't really know the Lord. They don't really know His mother. And because we know that, let us take on the charitable work of praying for the confused, praying for those who have turned their backs on the realities, the challenging realities of our faith."

The bishop confirmed that he would yield his position to the administrator appointed by the Vatican and his eventual successor in the Diocese of Tyler.

"I said that I couldn't resign, and I couldn't of my will abandon the flock that I'd been given. But … Pope Francis has the authority to remove me as bishop, and he's chosen to do so. I have to respect that."

Pfizer *cont. from page 16*

Readiness and Emergency Preparedness (PREP) Act, which provided an almost impenetrable liability shield for vaccine manufacturers for "medical countermeasures" in response to any "public health emergency."

Second, because COVID-19 was viewed as a national health emergency, regulators abandoned the established, patient-centered, safety-based approval process requiring years of preclinical animal testing — and Pfizer-BioNTech unsurprisingly went along.

Timing of death reports raises questions

Michels also raised issues regarding total death reports and their timing.

Since the death total from both study groups, 38, appeared "surprisingly low" to study authors — particularly during a pandemic — they undertook their own analysis based on population mortality expectations at the time.

Assuming that age-adjusted death rates for the study subjects were similar to those of the general population, they estimated that 222 subjects should have died from July 27, 2020, to March 13, 2021. The reported number, 38, is just 18% of the expected number.

Michels explained this by the large number, 4.2% of "discontinued subjects." The most concerning of these were subjects "lost to follow-up," which means missing scheduled visits or other required activities.

Pfizer-BioNTech tried to reach these subjects via phone, certified mail or through their emergency contact but despite their efforts could not account for 395 subjects who had dropped out.

The authors wrote:

"These are not insignificant numbers and could easily account for the low number of deaths reported in this safety period of the trial. Given the importance of knowing the status of each trial subject, there should have been greater effort to locate these individuals.

"Additionally, Pfizer/BioNTech was responsible for oversight of the trial sites. Sites with excessive numbers of lost to follow-up should have been evaluated for performance."

Michels was also concerned over how certain trial centers had many dropped-out subjects while others had none or just a few.

Ninety-six of 153 trial sites (63%) reported 0 or 1 subjects lost to follow-up and 34 (22%) reported 2-5 dropouts. But four sites reported more than 20 subjects lost to follow-up, amounting to about 5% of all trial subjects.

Since the vaccine makers were responsible for trial site oversight, the authors wrote, "Sites with excessive numbers of lost to follow-up should have been evaluated for performance."

Finally, based on the data, it appears Pfizer-BioNTech was in no hurry to enter death reports before the EUA submission deadline, particularly for the BNT162b2 group.

Of the 38 reported deaths only one case was added on the day the subject died. Delays of 20+ and 30+ days were common.

One death took 72 days to find its way into the database, and all were entered as occurring on the reporting day, not on the actual date of death.

Of the eight subjects in the vaccine group that should have been reported by Dec. 10, 2020, the EUA application cutoff, the average reporting delay was 17.5 days for subjects in the vaccine group, but just 5.9 days for deaths among subjects in the placebo group.

The Religion of Global Climate Change

By Michael Pakaluk

My worry about Laudate Deum ("all you praise God"), the recent Apostolic Exhortation "to all people of good will on the climate crisis," is that because it represents an incursion into the domain of the laity, it implicitly converts a matter of prudence, which always involves an awareness of trade-offs, into a matter of faith.

I take my doctrine on the laity from Vatican II. In Lumen gentium, bishops are accorded the role of defining doctrine in faith and morals. Their specific competence in this task "extends as far as the deposit of Revelation extends." (n. 25) The laity in contrast are tasked with applying these principles to the world: "laity, by their very vocation, seek the kingdom of God by engaging in temporal affairs and by ordering them according to the plan of God." (n. 31) "By divine institution Holy Church is ordered and governed with a wonderful diversity," the Council Fathers exclaim. (n. 32)

One would think that this genuine diversity, in the matter of the climate, would imply a division of labor: the bishops set down general principles drawn from the deposit of faith; and the laity, using their specific competencies, consider how most prudently to apply them. Lumen gentium imagines teamwork in the Church, in outline working like this.

But in Laudate Deum the Catholic laity do not make an appearance. What one finds instead is teamwork between the Holy See and an association of scientists, the "Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change" (IPCC), with a short-circuiting of the laity. (Perhaps teamwork is not propitious in the face of emergencies.)

At the same time, the relatively cautious statements of that quasi-scientific body are converted into certainties. Consider the contrasts. The Exhortation at one place asserts this: we know that every time the global temperature increases by 0.5° C, the intensity and frequency of great rains and floods increase in some areas and severe droughts in others, extreme heat waves in some places and heavy snowfall in others.

"We know." What I know, I cannot be wrong about. It makes no sense to say, "I know that my keys are on the nightstand, but I may be wrong." Rather, one should say, "I believe." Thus, "we know" implies certainty and the exclusion of doubt.

So on what basis do we "know" this? The Exhortation cites the 2021 IPPC report (B.2.2), which reads: every additional 0.5° C of global warming causes clearly discernible increases in the intensity and frequency of hot extremes, including heatwaves (very likely), and heavy precipitation (high confidence), as well as agricultural and ecological droughts in some regions (high confidence). Discernible changes in intensity and frequency of meteorological droughts, with more regions showing increases than decreases, are seen in some regions for every additional 0.5°C of global warming (medium confidence). Increases in frequency and intensity of hydrological droughts become larger with increasing global warming in some regions (medium confidence). There will be an increasing occurrence of some extreme events unprecedented in the observational record with additional global warming, even at 1.5°C of global warming. Projected percentage changes in frequency are larger for rarer events (high confidence).

In IPCC lingo, "very likely" means a probability of at least 90 percent based on their models. The number has no validity beyond the validity of their models. We do not know the probability that their models are correct. While "medium confidence" is a qualitative term meaning some (but not all) experts agree, and there is moderately strong evidence in favor. Thus, we see that a measured statement in the IPCC report, which certainly leaves room for doubt, is converted by Laudate Deum into a certainty. And the IPCC paragraph says nothing about snow, and it says that heat waves might be more frequent, not more extreme.

Quibbles, these last, perhaps – but why cite an authority to support you, if it doesn't support you?

The tone of impending crisis in Laudate Deum is driven by an anticipation of tipping points, that is, approaching boundaries of irreversible loss. It declares without any qualification that if global temperatures "should rise above 2 degrees, the icecaps of Greenland and a large part of Antarctica will melt completely, with immensely grave consequences for everyone."

It again cites the IPCC, this time their 2023 report (B.3.2). In the report one indeed finds the claim that "At sustained warming levels between 2°C and 3°C, the Greenland and West Antarctic ice sheets will be lost almost completely and irreversibly over multiple millennia." That is, irreversible, if lost over multiple millennia. But the IPCC qualifies and says there is only "limited evidence" to support even this claim. "Limited evidence" is their lowest level of support.

One can go on and on. Laudate Deum consistently turns qualified statements about the world into certainties appropriate only for articles of faith. Unlike a truly scientific discussion, it does not review counter-objections or conflicting evidence. Apparently, in the face of an emergency, one difficulty would indeed make one doubt. Doubts must be avoided, like vaccine hesitancy.

At the same time it speaks derisively of anyone who would disagree with its assertions. Such people are attempting "to deny, conceal, gloss over or relativize the issue." Scientists, too, who disagree only "seek to deny the evidence." (n. 13)

That global warming would be a net harm is also taken for granted: "it is indubitable that the impact of climate change will increasingly prejudice the lives and families of many persons." Perhaps, but what is the net effect? And are proposed remedies, all things considered, prudent? Who can say? We face an emergency; apparently trade-offs are excluded.

In a concluding section on "Spiritual Motivations," the Exhortation cites a book by a particularly disturbed feminist and anti-natalist professor, Donna Haraway, as the source of the idea of "contact zones" where diverse living things meet. Ah, but it was Mary Louise Pratt who famously came up with that concept, not Donna Haraway. But why worry about footnotes? Or sources?



Gaza *cont. from page 1*

refuse to accept the Jewish state. Hamas took control of Gaza in 2007, killed anyone who opposed its rule, and launched Islamist indoctrination against Jews and Israel. It stole humanitarian aid money to buy ammunition and build military tunnels, and launched thousands of rockets into Israeli communities.

These actions reflect Hamas's charter, which says "Islam will destroy Israel." Indeed, every Muslim is obligated to help liberate the "lost land of Palestine" because, having once been Islamic, Israel must be restored as an Islamic endowment or waqf.

On October 7, a Jewish holy day, Hamas terrorists slaughtered 1,400 Israeli, Thai, Filipino and Nepalese civilians. They shot and maimed 5,400 others.

They beheaded babies or burned them alive in their cribs. Wiped out entire families. Gunned down 260 young people at a peace concert. Raped women and girls on top of and next to dead friends. Mutilated live people and corpses and tried to chop a man's head off with a garden hoe.

They cold-bloodedly murdered caregivers from a hospital that tends to injured, wounded and disabled Jewish, Arab, Bedouin, Druz, Christian and other people.

Hamas butchers sliced open a 4-months pregnant woman, took out her baby and stabbed him to death in front of her and her children. Then they shot the mother in front of the children and murdered them. In another house, they put a little baby in an oven and baked him alive.

They tied a mother and her young child together with wire, soaked them with gasoline and burned them alive. Their remains were turned to charcoal so totally that forensics couldn't extract DNA to identify them and couldn't even tell what the black lump was until they had an MRI.

In yet another home, they murdered the husband and gouged his eyes out, then cut his wife's breasts off and chopped his daughter's leg off, leaving them to bleed to death. (see here, here, here and here)

They laughed and shouted "Allahu Akbar" as they raged, tortured, butchered, pillaged – and filmed it all on their cell phones and GoPros, while embedded "photojournalists" also recorded their savagery.

Then they fled back to Gaza, dragging 240 women, children, babies and elderly people with them into their 300 miles of tunnels – to use them as human shields, "martyrs," so that Israeli attempts to engage the terrorists would kill hostages and Palestinian civilians.

Well over half of Gaza's population supports Hamas and other terrorist groups. Thousands of Gazans laughed and cheered when Hamas hauled its kidnap victims back into Gaza. Many others detest Hamas and have no desire to be martyred.

Israel still warns Palestinian civilians to leave before attacking Hamas positions, even though that often means terrorists can slip away before bombs fall. What other army does that?

Hamas has never built one bomb shelter for Gazans. It prevents civilians from leaving Gaza City and shoots many who try to flee. It wants to continue using dead and injured civilians as propaganda tools with gullible, compliant and complicit media.

Senior Hamas leaders praised the October 7 atrocities and vowed that their "militants" and "martyrs" will carry out many more massacres, until Israelis are eradicated from all "Palestinian lands." Like mobs on campuses and in streets, they proclaim "From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free." Put more bluntly and honestly, they mean every acre from the Jordan River to the Mediterranean Sea will be cleansed of Jews (and other infidels) – in a genocidal bloodbath and mass expulsion of survivors.

Hamas leaders are "proud to sacrifice martyrs" to achieve these ends, fulfill their charter and establish a shariah caliphate across the region.

But meanwhile, the "international community" demands a "humanitarian" ceasefire. Hamas also wants a ceasefire – though not because they've suddenly been converted to humanitarian principles. Hamas wants time to steal food from UN convoys, rearm, shore up tunnels, find new hiding places for snipers and hostages, plant mines and IEDs, and prepare ambushes, to kill Israeli soldiers.

Pro-Hamas mobs also claim Gazan civilian death tolls are disproportionate to those inflicted by Hamas.

What, pray tell, is "proportionate" to those carefully planned, methodical Hamas atrocities?

What is "disproportionate," when Gazan casualties are due to Hamas using civilians as human shields, human sacrifices, willing or unwilling martyrs? When they're due to Hamas deliberately putting legitimate military targets – terrorists, weapons, munitions, rocket launchers and ambush sites – inside, next to and underneath hospitals, schools, daycare centers and homes?

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Puzzle Answers

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Cash Beats Electronic Money

Today's world is awash with electronic money.

But yesterday, much of Australia's electronic money disappeared for up to 14 hours with the crash of the Optus electronic network. The disruption to business and the community was "immediate and profound".

Rail networks, hospital services, retailers and banking were affected. Naturally this was not helped by babbling politicians waving big sticks. Shoppers rushed ATM's to get cash for a cup of coffee. Some were unable to pay for meals they had already consumed.

Electronic money is the modern expression of a very old monetary fraud - "fiat money".

"Fiat Money" is token currency supplied and regulated by governments and central banks. Its value relies on a government decree that it alone must be used as "legal tender" in paying for anything in that country. Its value falls as its supply increases.

Fiat money is not new - Marco Polo described its use in China over 700 years ago. Travellers and traders entering China were forced by Kublai Khan to exchange their real money (gold and silver coins and bars) for his coupons, made from mulberry bark, each numbered and stamped with the Khan's seal. The Khan decreed that local traders were forced to accept them ("legal tender"). Foreigners got the goods, the great Khan got the bullion and the Chinese traders got the mulberry bark (a bit like getting the rough end of a pineapple). By controlling the supply and exchange rates for mulberry money, he became fabulously wealthy, and his citizens were impoverished.

But unlike electronic money accessed via Optus, mulberry money could not disappear in a flash.

The world has a long history of pretend money.

During the American War of Independence, the colonial rebels had no organised taxing power so they printed the Continental dollar to finance the war. As the war dragged on, they printed too many dollars, and its fast debasement gave rise to the phrase "Not worth a continental". Later, in the American civil war, confederate paper money used to support the army also became worthless. It was widely referred to as "shin-plaster", after its highest value use in helping to bandage wounds.

Many dictators over the years tried the fiat money trick, but so many lost their heads or their thrones that it fell into disuse, being replaced by trusted real money such as English sovereigns, Spanish doubloons, Austro-Hungarian thalers and American gold eagles. It is mainly in wartime that people are sufficiently distracted or scared to allow rulers to secretly tax everyone who holds their depreciating pretend money.

Financing Big Wars



The last century or so has seen the explosion of big governments and big wars - race wars, class wars, world wars, regional wars, the war on want, the war on drugs, the war on inflation, the war on terrorists, the war on Covid and now the Net Zero War on carbon fuels and grazing animals.

All wars cost heaps of money. They are so expensive that to raise the full cost from honest taxes alone would cause a revolt.

The monetary watershed was World War I, which saw governments mobilise all community resources to the war effort. Money printing plus ration cards were their main tools. Money creation destroyed currencies everywhere.

The cost of the war destroyed the German currency and the replacement papier mark was subject to the terrible German inflation of 1923 which paved the way for the rise of the Nazis.

Even the mighty pound sterling was fatally weakened by wars and the discipline of the gold/silver standard was gradually destroyed. The British gold sovereign, first minted by Henry VII in the 16th century, disappeared from circulation at the height of the Great War in 1917. The British pound became a fiat currency in 1931 and silver started to disappear from British and Australian currency in 1945 after the Second Great War. Even the mighty US dollar started on the road to ruin during the Vietnam War and gold convertibility was suspended by Richard Nixon in 1971.

We have seen the death of much of the world's funny money in just the last 50 years. For example, in Peru, one million Intis would buy a modest home in 1985; five years later it would not buy a tube of toothpaste. Brazil had so many new banknotes they ran out of heroes to print on them.

In Vietnam in the 1980's, factories had to hire trucks to carry the bags of dongs to pay the Tet (New Year) workers' bonuses. In 1997 in Zaire, it took a brick-sized bundle of 500,000 notes of the local currency to pay for a meal - no one bothered to count them. On the Yugoslav border in 1989, tourists foolish enough to change "hard" currency for Yugoslav dinars got 14 cubic metres of dinars. "Dinars can no longer be measured in millions or billions, but only in cubic metres". It had become a cubic currency. These grim records were eclipsed in November 2008, when Zimbabwe suffered inflation of 98% PER DAY.

Most governments are good at destruction - concentration camps, gulags, dictatorships, genocide, mob rule, world wars and . . . the destruction of sound money. Fiat money is their underhand method of official larceny and few people realise that the robbery is happening until it is too late.

Future generations will look back in wonder at modern monetary madness. Words like peso, rouble, rupiah, baht, won, rouble, ringgit, inti, dinar, tolar, ostmark, dong, lira, zloty, cordoba, sole, cruziero, and yuan will join "shin-plaster" as descriptions of worthlessness. Most world currencies are on the same slide to oblivion (the Australian dollar has lost over 90% of its purchasing power in the last 70 years).

"You can't print gold or store it in computers."

Real money is always measurable by weight, such as pounds, grams, pennyweight and ounces of gold and silver, or carats of gemstones. It cannot be counterfeited or corrupted easily.

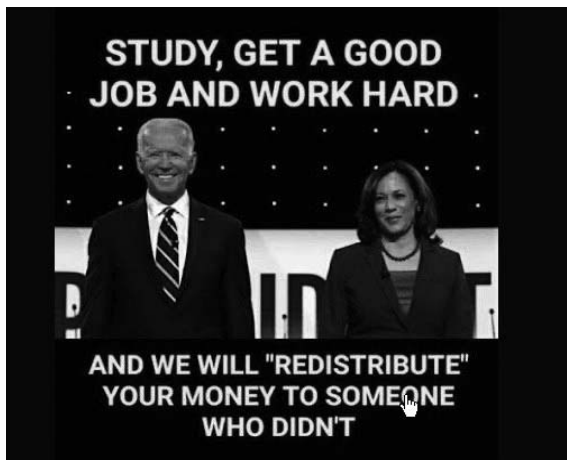
But fiat money relies for its value on the honesty and openness of the rulers. Even a monetary fool such as Fidel Castro could see what caused Cuba's inflation. In 1993 he stood up at a rally and declared: "There are nine billion too many pesos in Cuba".

Yesterday's Optus money crisis in Australia is a harbinger of the future.

But there is no safety in fleeing from Optus - to achieve their "Net Zero" the Green globalists plan to abolish all cash so that they can ration what we buy. "Sorry you have had your sausage for November - would you like a green smoothie instead?"

The Optus shock warns us that electronic money will join Mulberry Money, Shin Plaster and Cubic Currency in the long history of failed political money. Even our degraded paper money is better than that.

We must protect our right to have and use cash.



Sidney Powell *cont. from page 1*

following about the misdemeanors:

[Sidney's] plea deal is narrow and only relates to conduct that occurred in Coffee County, Georgia, where contractors accessed voting machines with the permission of local officials. Let us add a few words about those charges: Coffee County officials gave a written invitation for contractors from technical group SullivanStrickler to access their voting machines. Powell didn't authorize those actions; she approved payment to SullivanStrickler after the fact. Of course, Fulton County maintains that local officials had no authority to grant access to voting machines, therefore making all of their actions illegal. (Authority would have been an issue at Powell's trial.) In any event, Fulton County has no evidence that Powell or anyone from SullivanStrickler knew that Coffee County officials didn't have this authority.

Claims she flipped on Donald Trump are outlandish and without basis. We say that someone has flipped when a defendant agrees to testify/incriminate someone else in exchange for a lighter charge or suggested lighter sentence. But Sidney's plea agreement is for conduct unrelated to Donald Trump and only tenuously related to even Sidney herself. Simply put: Sidney agreed to take the rap for the disputed access to Fulton County machines.

Second, keep in mind that Sidney's plea is different from the other pleas. The media has been reporting on each plea as if each co-defendant is caving and pleading to the same serious charges—admitting the fight for election integrity was a fraud and there was a conspiracy with Trump. This is not true.

Although I have not studied Kenneth Chesebro's plea, it was to a single felony count for conspiracy to file false documents. CNN falsely reported:

Kenneth Chesebro…pleaded guilty Friday in the Georgia election subversion case to being part of a conspiracy alongside former President Donald Trump and others.

That suggests that Chesebro pled to the primary RICO charge, which is not true.

Jenna Ellis today also pled guilty to a felony count, admitting she made false statements to Georgia legislators about election fraud. She gave a tearful statement in which she suggested she had been misled by "lawyers with many more years of experience." She also said that if she "knew then what [she] know[s] now, [she] would have declined to represent Donald Trump." I have no idea what Jenna will testify in the future, but it is clear that her felony count is unrelated to the misdemeanors to which Sidney pled, and her statements cannot be attributed to Sidney.

Sidney's plea was the lightest of these three, and her plea did not require her to disavow her position that the 2020 election was stolen from Donald Trump and the American majority.

President Trump obviously understands this, since he posted a very supportive message to his Truth Social account yesterday:

> **Donald J. Trump** @realDonaldTrump
>
> Sidney Powell was one of millions and millions of people who thought, and in ever increasing numbers still think, correctly, that the 2020 Presidential Election was RIGGED & STOLLEN, AND OUR COUNTRY IS BEING ABSOLUTELY DESTROYED BECAUSE OF IT!!! Despite the Fake News reports to the contrary, and without even reaching out to ask the Trump Campaign, MS. POWELL WAS NOT MY ATTORNEY, AND NEVER WAS. In fact, she would have been conflicted. Ms. Powell did a valiant job of representing a very unfairly treated and governmentally abused General Mike Flynn, but to no avail. His prosecution, despite the facts, was ruthless. He was an innocent man, much like many other innocent people who are being persecuted by this now Fascist government of ours, and I was honored to give him a Full Pardon!
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To summarize, Sidney pled to light misdemeanors that do not undermine her position on election integrity or betray the many Americans who love and support her; the underlying facts of the plea are unrelated to Donald Trump; and it is a gross mischaracterization to claim she flipped on him. She is a wrongly prosecuted patriot who chose not to continue on in a criminal case that was stacked against her. As I stated the day she pled:

> **Molly McCann Sanders** @molmccann
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> Sidney Powell is absolutely innocent. The fact that Fani Willis dropped all 7 felonies tells the tale. She had no case, but she did have the coercive power of the state.
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> Criminal prosecution is crushing, and it has become clear that juries are no longer the protection to unjust prosecution they were created to be. Juries in these Democrat strongholds convict political opponents. It's that chilling and simple. And the process of a trial alone is, as I say, crushing.
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> She hasn't "flipped." She has made the right decision for herself and her family. The rest of us should be very afraid, though. Why should any successful lawyer put his or her head above the foxhole in future election struggles if the weaponized state can manufacture crimes to destroy them after the fact?
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> My heart is heavy, because Sidney is a wonderful patriot and did not commit any crime. But I am also happy she can be done with this and come home to all of us who love her and can't wait to hug her.

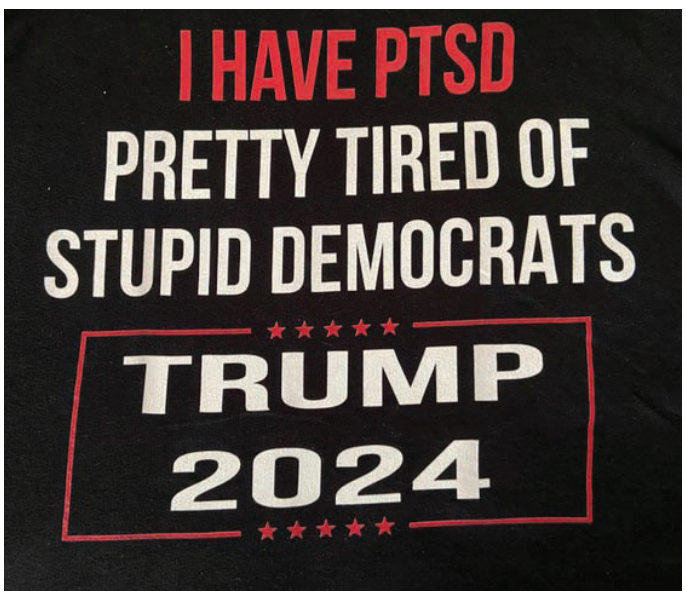
Patriot News

Patriot Events and Activities

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

Are Auto and Oil Companies Betting on GOP '24 Wins?

While freely admitting to a propensity for wistful thinking, this writer can't help but wonder if automotive backpaddling on Democrat government strong arm electric vehicle (EV) production mandates and an oil and gas company landgrab for increased reserves during their war on fossil fuels might suggest that they foresee an upcoming consumer and voter revolt.



It's one thing to ask the public if they support "clean energy" which is typically couched in terms which brand essential plant-nourishing CO2 as climate pollution, and quite another to ask what they are willing to pay for these green fantasies in terms of increased gas pump and heating costs, food and commodity inflation, and artificially reduced automotive market choices.

Customers expecting to make up added average Kelley Blue Book costs of $11,000 or more to buy a plug-in than a full-sized gas-powered car and nearly $30,000 more than an the average compact in net mileage efficiency are delusional as "gas guzzlers" are replaced with "electricity drainers."

Regarding those EVs, the simple fact is that most of the public isn't buying them largely because they cost more and impose long, uncertain recharging requirements for long trips.

As for saving the planet from climate change, according to an environmental assessment accompanying the Department of Transportation's newly proposed fuel standards including a 2% increase in mandated requirements each year would reduce average global temperatures in 2060 by 0.000%.

Despite generous taxpayer funded subsidies, EV sales have slowed due to a limited pool of consumers.

As Wall Street Journal contributor Sean McLain notes, "The first wave of buyers willing to pay a premium for a battery-powered car has already made the purchase, dealers and executives say, and automakers are now dealing with a more hesitant group, just as a barrage of new EV models are expected to hit dealerships in the coming years."

With falling demand, Ford pushed back a plan to produce 600,000 EVs annually to late 2024 instead of the end of this year, and as sales for that model falter, is reportedly considering canceling a shift of factory production on its electric F-150 Lightning truck.

According to Ford CEO Janes Farley, his company lost nearly $60,000 on each EV it sold during the first quarter of this year largely due to high battery costs.

Ford has temporarily cut one of the production shifts for the electric pickup, and has paused construction of a $3.5 billion battery plant in Michigan.

General Motors has said it will delay opening a planned large EV truck factory in Michigan by a year.

Meanwhile, there is no sign on the horizon that oil and gas companies are going to surrender their core businesses to climate alarm cartels anytime soon.

Quite the opposite, we are witnessing what The Wall Street Journal characterizes as "the smell of mergers and acquisitions in the air" this month following more than $110 billion worth of oil megadeals to increase holdings.

ExxonMobil cut a $59.5 billion deal to buy Pioneer, which in turn, apparently put pressure on rivals to pursue competitive purchases of their own.

Chevron signed a $53 billion agreement to acquire Hess, Devon Energy is eyeing Marathon Oil and CrownRock, and Chesapeake Energy is reportedly considering a bid for Southwestern Energy.

As observed by Dan Pickering, chief investment officer at Pickering Energy Partners,

"The FOMO [fear-of-missing-out] component of it is only going to accelerate. See one or two more deals, and there could be a scarcity premium that starts to emerge."

This trend may hopefully be countering a recent liberal government multi-agency policy push which has hamstrung fossil energy companies with punitive regulatory Environmental Social Guidance (ESG) requirements including investments in money-losing "green alternatives."

Whereas drillers have largely kowtowed to accommodate ESG pressures since Joe Biden took office, a new pro-hydrocarbon administration and Congress would be a huge boon to their profitability and American energy independence.

Meanwhile, drilling isn't only in the U.S. interest — global demand for oil last month surpassed its last peak — a pre-COVID-19102.3million barrels a day, reached in August 2019.

Saudi Arabia Energy Minister Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman has said that recent multi-billion-dollar acquisitions by U.S. oil majors ExxonMobil and Chevron of smaller rivals showed that hydrocarbons were "here to stay."

Accordingly, his country is investing heavily in increasing its oil production capacity by one million barrels per day (bpd) to 13 million bpd by 2027.

Supporting this policy, the secretary general of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) projects that global oil demand will increase by 23% through 2045 rising to 110 million barrels a day in about 20 years.

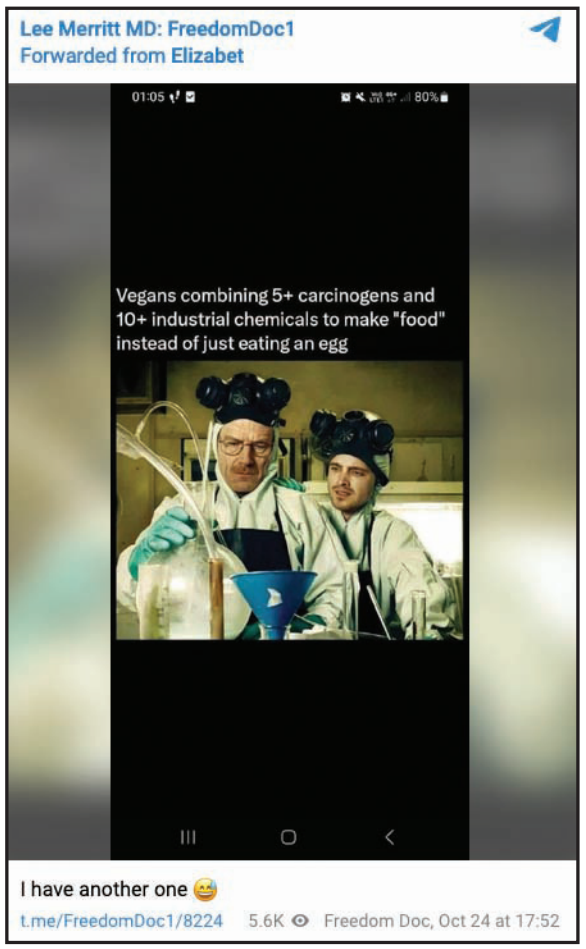
A report by the International Energy Forum (IEF) and S&P Global Commodity Insights records that oil and gas capital expenditures increased by 39% in 2022 to $499 billion, the highest level since 2014, and the largest year-on-year gain in history.

Further, IEF projects that annual world investment will need to increase to $640 billion in 2030 to ensure adequate supplies.

Who will supply this demand?

That answer — an urgent national security matter — will depend upon whom Americans elect in 2024 to seat in the Oval Office and majority congressional control.





One Nation Under God

Texas Rangers, Only Team in MLB NOT to Hold Pride Night, Are Now World Series Champs

By LifeSite News

"The Texas Rangers were the ONLY TEAM that did not cave to the pressure of the LGTBQ mob and refused to have a pride night with drag queens and indoctrination of children. They just won the #WorldSeries for the first time in history with many players wearing 'Jesus Won' shirts..." -Sean Feucht, Let Us Worship

The Texas Rangers defeated the Arizona Diamondbacks 5-0 in Game 5 to become World Series champions for the first time in the 63-year history of the franchise.

Earlier this year the Rangers defended its policy of not pandering to the radical LGBT activists.

"Our commitment is to make everyone feel welcome and included in Rangers baseball. That means in our ballpark, at every game, and in all we do—for both our fans and our employees," the team said in a statement to Associated Press.



"We deliver on that promise across our many programs to have a positive impact across our entire community."

The team even faced backlash from Fox News Channel. The news organization's website posted a critical story titled, "Texas Rangers face criticism for lack of Pride Night: 'Just Ridiculous.' ...

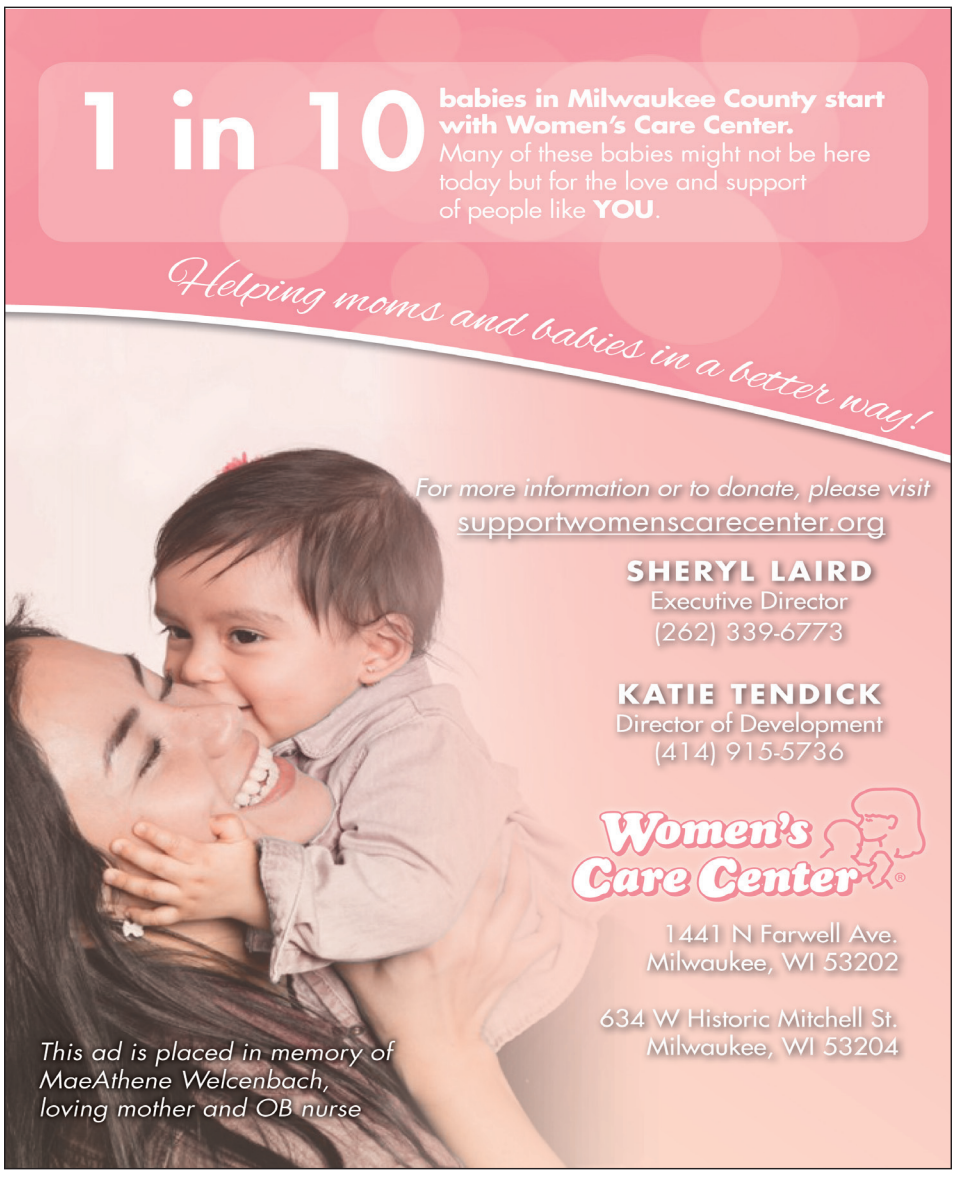
...Ray Davis, the majority owner of the Rangers, acknowledged during the trophy ceremony [Wednesday night] that he is a man of faith.

Best-selling author Nick Adams was among many pundits praising the Rangers and celebrating their victory.

"When the Texas Rangers refused to participate in MLB Pride Night, I instantly became a fan and predicted their World Series Victory," he wrote on Twitter. "God rewards those who don't go woke."

And based on the standing-room-only crowd in the stadium [last night], it's clear that fans appreciate a team that plays baseball, not politics.





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movie featured an unmarried woman without children, with merely a cameo appearance by one pregnant character who is portrayed as an outcast.

The Barbie phenomenon is joined by the female pop star Taylor Swift, whose record-setting concert tour caused an unprecedented meltdown at Ticketmaster. Now the film version has broken the box office record for a concert movie, drawing mostly young women to theaters where they dance on chairs and sing off-key rather than merely watching.

Taylor Swift, herself childless and nearly 34 years old, was asked when she turned 30 whether she wants to have children. She curtly replied, "I don't really think men are asked that question when they turn 30, so I'm not going to answer that now."

A man's fertility, of course, doesn't begin falling at age 30. But every young woman should be warned how much more difficult it becomes to have children as she moves through her 30s.

Taylor Swift won't need children to support her financially in her old age, due to her fortune. But the future of our country and the "Swifties," as her followers are called, is less rosy in our increasingly childless society.

The percentage of women under 45 having children has fallen to barely half today. Childless young adults will eventually become an elderly population dependent on public support, but Social Security works only if there are enough young workers to fund the system on a continuing basis.

For the most part, Swifties have not been attending these concerts on dates with young men. An estimated 90% of these concert fans are women, an imbalance so severe that it has caused havoc with the availability of restrooms at performance venues.

Our nation already has a record number of women and men who are single in the 18-29 age group: 34% of women and 63% of men. Many of them have given up on seeking a relationship.

This isolation is not healthy for our society, or for young women. Single women are obese at a rate of 7-12% more than married women, and Taylor Swift had to remove a reference to "fat" in one of her music videos last year to appease her fans.

Meanwhile, the number of men who have no close friendships has increased five-fold in the last 30 years, to 15%. The hordes of young men and women who are unmarried today are having difficulty finding partners who share their political views, while Democrat politicians play gender-gap politics for their benefit.

Married women typically vote Republican as married men do. But single women vote overwhelmingly for the Democratic candidates, in part because Democrats spend billions of dollars advertising to them.

The percentage of 18- to 34-year-olds who are married today is less than half of what it was a generation ago. In liberal Seattle, it is predicted that soon the number of older teenagers and adults who have never been married will surpass the number of married residents there.

Educated women are deciding not to have children at all. About 25% of women nearing the end of their childbearing age who hold at least a master's degree are childless.

The decline in the birth rate is something that President Trump and the Republican Congress addressed over Democrat opposition back in 2017, by instituting a $2,000 annual tax credit for each child under age 17. But this child tax credit has fallen in real value due to inflation, and a boost in it during Covid was not extended beyond 2021.

This child tax credit is paltry compared with the benefits that every newborn American contributes to our country over a lifetime. In addition to military service and other sacrifices, the average American will pay $500,000 in taxes over his life, so the child tax credit should be far higher than $2,000.

Other countries have changed their policies to encourage more childbearing. Communist China replaced its one-child policy with a two-child policy in 2016, and then ended its two-child policy in 2021 in favor of promoting having three children.

Poland's conservative-leaning government was just ousted from power in part because it allowed Poland's birth rate to decline to its lowest level since World War II. Our minuscule, inflation-depleted child tax credit should likewise become an election issue as our birth rate plummets.

John and Andy Schlafly are sons of Phyllis Schlafly (1924-2016) and lead the continuing Phyllis Schlafly Eagles organizations with writing and policy work.



VOICE OF JERUSALEM

"Innocent Civilians"

By Ivan M. Lang

The following statement should be uThe words used in the reporting of the Israel-Gaza war have been illogical and biased toward the perpetrators. We are continually told that Israel must protect the "innocent civilians" of Gaza. Who are these people?

The citizens of Gaza elected Hamas to be their governing party over Fatah. In Gaza Hamas is not a terrorist organization, it is their leading political party which they freely chose to run their country.

Have there been any political opposition to Hamas? Have there been any protests, demonstrations, or complaints by the Gazan citizens over the governing by Hamas? Did any Gazan civilian condemn Hamas for slaughtering 1500 innocent Israelis civilians on Oct. 7? How many Gazan citizens send their children into the Hamas military? How many Gazan citizens praise their children when they murder Jews? So who and where are the innocent civilians of Gaza?

In WWII the USA fought two countries which were thousands of miles away and posed little or no threat to the USA. Japan did attack Pearl harbor, but not the other 49 states, they only attacked once, and more innocent civilians were killed in Israel than Pearl Harbor. In response, the USA massively bombed both Germany and Japan killing hundreds of thousands of civilians in both countries. Where was the concern for "innocent civilians" then? We fought in Viet Nam and over 50,000 American soldiers died in war as well as hundreds of thousands of civilians. Yet not one American civilian was killed by the Vietnamese. Where was the concern for "innocent civilians" then? Since the 9/11 terror attacks it has been estimated that 400,000 civilians were killed in our wars in the Middle East. Again, where was the concern for "innocent civilians"?

In addition every single one of these countries we fought wars in and killed in total millions of civilians, are thousands of miles away from the USA.

Israel was attacked by a country that is one inch away from Israel in which about 1200 truly innocent civilians were massacred, and this is more, in an absolute sense and 35 times more relative to population numbers, than the total number of American civilians killed by Germany, Japan, Viet Nam, Iraq, Afghanistan, Syrian, etc. Gaza has rained down thousands of rockets onto civilian occupied Israel. Israel has every right to defend itself in any way it sees fit, and the USA has no right to say anything about it.

Israel and Palestine – History, Painful Present and Hope

Eliminating Hamas as a military and political power is key to Israel, Palestinian and world peace.

By Dean Bagdadi

Since October 7, nothing has been the same. But somehow, miraculously, we keep walking, and the world continues to exist. Even for those who've lost almost everything.

As a Shaliach, an Israeli emissary, my goal has always been to dive into the complex; to make it clear that things are not black and white. I've been doing this for the past year – on Israeli judicial reform, security threats, politics, everything. I always enjoy encouraging people to ask questions, and to feel safe doing so.

But after the events of October 7, everything has changed. That morning, my wife and I were at home watching the news, sitting glued to the screen, seeing the horrific events unfold. Missile alarms, breaching of fences, thousands of Hamas terrorists infiltrating Israel by land, air and sea – with one goal: genocide of Jews and eradication of Israel.

I have family in the "Gaza envelope," the area that surrounds Gaza. They were among the few lucky ones to survive the inferno. They hid in shelters for ten hours until rescued by Israeli security forces. But I have friends who are gone, and friends who were kidnapped.

Jews, Christians, Muslims, Thais, Filipinos. Men, women, elderly, children, infants. No one was safe, and no one is ever safe near Hamas.

1,400 massacred, 5,400 maimed and wounded, 240 hostages, including 30 children. Entire families wiped out in the most barbaric ways. And thousands of casualties on the Palestinian side, mostly because Hamas hides among and under civilians. Whatever Hamas did to Israel on October 7, Hamas did to Gaza first.

To even try to comprehend why this is happening, we must go back to the beginning – to understand the importance of that land to the Jewish people, and to Palestinians. For four thousand years, Israel has been the home of the Jewish people, and our ancestral connection to it is a major part of our beliefs as Jewish people. It is not just an aspect of faith. It's our history, our culture, our being.

And like us, others have those same connections.

The Jewish people have always been connected to Israel. But as the world goes, specifically the Middle East, those connections have shifted, repeatedly, for the past 2,500 years.

Israel itself has changed many times, going all the way back to the Kingdom of Judeah. Every empire that has ruled the Middle East took over the land and exiled the indigenous peoples. By doing so, they detached the people's connection to the land, and minimized the likelihood of rebellion. That happened to the Jewish people, too.

For all that time, we always prayed for one thing: security. But Jewish people were never safe. Discrimination, attacks, pogroms, lynchings. We are a hunted minority wherever we are. And after the World War II Holocaust, it was urgent that we establish a safe haven for the Jewish people – in our ancestral home, in Israel. But we were not the only ones there.

In 1948, the UN accepted a Resolution establishing two countries – one for the Jewish people, and one for the Arabic people of that land, whom we now call Palestinians. We were not the only two ethnicities at that time in Israel. Christians, Bedouins, Druze, Circassians and many others also lived there. However, we and the Arabs were the two prominent peoples.

The Jewish people accepted the offer and established the Jewish State of Israel, giving a home to many survivors who had nothing left but hope. Israel provided what we had wished for since the second exile 2000 years ago, a safe place.

Jordan and Egypt did not accept the Resolution. They attacked the newborn Israel. Jordan occupied the West Bank, and Egypt occupied Gaza, the two areas that were meant to be the state for the Palestinians. In Israel, we call this the War of Independence. The Palestinians call it the Nakba, Arabic for catastrophe. Both sides remember the conflict as a bloody war.

In 1967, Israel was attacked along all frontiers: Jordan, Egypt, Lebanon and Syria. That war resulted in a bloody victory for Israel, and the occupation of the West Bank, Gaza and other territories by the victorious Israelis.

As part of the peace agreements that followed, the West Bank eventually became a semi-autonomous entity, governed by the Palestinian Authority. Gaza remained a part of Israel until 2005, a year I remember well.

In 2005, Israel decided to disengage from Gaza. It compelled Jewish people to leave their homes, destroyed their villages and withdrew its military presence. People were furious and broken. They lost their homes forever and had to be relocated.

In Gaza, elections were held for the first time. Hamas was elected. There has not been another election since.

The moment Hamas took over, its focus was on one thing only: to eliminate all opposition to its rule, by inflicting terror. Hamas hanged or shot every Gazan who resisted. It followed that with extreme Islamic indoctrination of Jew and Israel hatred. It stole humanitarian aid money for ammunition and tunnels, converted sewage pipes into deadly rockets, and inflicted terror on Israel.

Hamas has one goal: To kill the Jewish people and destroy Israel. Not to resist. Not to liberate. To eradicate and kill.

When Hamas fired the first missiles on Be'er Sheva, the city I grew up in, I was 11 years old. I remember the attacks all too well, and they haven't stopped since.

Here is another tactic of modern terror. Anchoring terrorists in civilian areas – in daycare centers, schools, mosques and hospitals – so that any attempts to get rid of them injures and kills civilians, causing more pain and hate. If you leave them alone, they anchor even more deeply, using innocent people as shields and targeting innocent people in Israel. That's Hamas and they are worse than ISIS.

I understand why this is hard to understand. It is incomprehensible to most Americans, and humans anywhere. Neither life under the frequent rain of missiles, nor life under a constant reign of terror, is imaginable. The only hope for peace is for hatred to diminish. For Hamas to be gone.

Thankfully, there is much we can do to help. Support aid and peace-promoting organizations with your words, dollars and actions; spread awareness about Hamas and Israel's battle for its very survival; fight disinformation and hatred. Together we can achieve much, and the world needs us.

If you believe every human being has the right to life, security and a country – if you support humanity – there is only one thing to believe in: fighting Hamas and its terror, eliminating Hamas as a military and political power.

I say this with immense gratitude and painful optimism: Am Israel Chai. The people of Israel live.

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The horrific October 7 atrocities are unprecedented in the history of Arab-Israeli conflicts. They are matched in scope and barbarity only by the Nazis' Holocaust.

And yet Jew-hating "protesters" have expressed minimal, muted or zero outrage over the October 7 butchery. They've said nothing about the years-long killings of tens and hundreds of thousands of Muslims by other Muslims in Syria, Iraq, Lebanon, Yemen, Kurdish areas and Iran.

How is it that only Israel merits condemnation? Only Israel – the most racially and religiously diverse nation in North Africa and the Middle East – is "apartheid" and "racist" to its minorities? Only Israel is "committing genocide"? Only Israel is forbidden to defenditself in what is clearly a war for its very existence, and for its people's very survival?

Are US college students and global mobs so brainwashed by sick oppressor-oppressed doctrine, so filled with resurgent, undisguised, too-often countenanced or even encouraged anti-Semitism, that they feel justified, even righteous in praising Hamas atrocities and demanding Israel's destruction? That almost none of them demands the release of hostages or condemns the systematic October 7 slaughter?

Demonstrations at Poison-Ivy League universities continue to drive Israel- and Jew-hatred, generating outrage and condemnation from many – but collective yawns from school administrators and others. At the University of Maryland, with the fourth largest Jewish student population in the USA, anti-Semitic mobs have screamed for an "Intifada Revolution" and written "Holocaust 2.0!" on sidewalks.

The October 7 blood orgy is one of the worst hate crimes in Jewish history, the worst since the Holocaust. It makes the genocidal intentions of Hamas and many of its "pro-Palestinian" mobs crystal clear.

Strong, unwavering US support for a decisive Israeli victory over Hamas Jihadists would gravely damage Hamas, Iran and other terrorist powers, ambitions and plans. But if Hamas wins this war that its bestial slaughter began – if it even emerges with many terrorists and leaders still alive – global Islamists will conclude that even mighty Israel and the West cannot defeat them. They will think the time has come for total jihad against Israel, and perhaps against the Great American Satan, Europe and the entire West.

Support pro-Israel organizations with your donations and by volunteering; write to elected officials; join the March for Israel in Washington, DC or your own area; and help spread the truth about Hamas, the frightening surge in anti-Semitism, and Israel's right and duty to battle for its survival.

As Roman politician Cato the Elder might proclaim, Hamas delenda est! Hamas must be destroyed – for the good of Israel, Gazan and other Palestinians ... and a safer, more peaceful Middle East and world.

Report: Hamas Began Planning Attack on Israel Two Years Ago — After Afghanistan

By Kristina Wong

Hamas began planning Saturday's terrorist attacks across Israel two years ago, according to an interview Sunday by a senior Hamas official.

Senior Hamas official Ali Baraka told Russia Today on Sunday (via the Middle East Media Research Institute) that Hamas had been secretly planning the invasion of southern Israel for two years — which would mean after President Joe Biden took office, and after the disastrous, deadly U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan.

"We have been preparing for this for two years. We have local factories for everything. We have rockets with ranges of 250 kms, 160 kms, 80 kms, 45 kms, and 10 kms," he said in an October 8, 2023, Russia Today interview.

"We have factories for mortars and their shells. We have factories for manufacturing B-7 and B-10 guns and their shells. We have factories for manufacturing Kalashnikov rifles and their bullets. We have a Russian license to produce Kalashnikov bullets in Gaza," he added.

Baraka said Hamas was assisted by Iran — a claim for which the Biden administration it lacks direct evidence.

"Our allies are those that support us with weapons and money. First and foremost it is Iran that is giving us money and weapons. There is also Hizbullah, and the Arab and Islamic people who are standing by us," he said.

Baraka also indicated Hamas wanted to carry out a prisoner swap with the U.S., as the Biden administration recently did with Iran — releasing $6 billion and five Iranians held in the U.S. in exchange for five Americans being held in Iran.

"There are also prisoners in the U.S. We want them. Of course. There are Hamas members sentenced for life in the U.S. We want them too. Of course. We demand that the U.S. free our sons from prisons. The U.S. conducts prisoner swaps. Only recently, it did one with Iran. Why wouldn't it conduct a prisoner swap with us? After all, it is participating in this war," Baraka said.

"Biden, the highest authority in the U.S., declared that he stands with Israel against Hamas and the Palestinian people. Therefore, he is a partner to this aggression, he must pay the price," he said.

He bragged that only a limited number of Hamas leaders knew about the coming attack and that the group intentionally projected a "rational" image to world to hide its plans.

"We made them think that Hamas was busy with governing Gaza, and that it wanted to focus on the 2.5 million Palestinians [in Gaza], and has abandoned the resistance altogether," he said. "All the while, under the table, Hamas was preparing for this big attack."

"The zero hour was kept completely secret," he said, adding, "The number of people who knew about the attack and its timing could be counted on one hand."

Baraka expressed surprise in a separate interview at how the terrorist group was able to kidnap and slaughter so many, telling the Associated Press, "We were surprised by this great collapse."

"We were planning to make some gains and take prisoners to exchange them. This army was a paper tiger," he said.

A source told Al-Monitor that the original plan had been to "kill some Israelis, embarrass the IDF and return to Gaza with two or three kidnapped Israelis."

"Instead, they roamed inside Israel for more than a day, killing over a thousand Israelis and getting stuck with something like 200 abductees," the source told the outlet. "Their success surprised them, too."

As Breitbart News also reported:

A manual reportedly used by Palestinian Hamas terrorists has been discovered by first responders in a Toyota pickup truck used in Saturday's attack on Israel.

Dating to October 2022, the "operational document" includes plans for a raid on Israeli towns near Gaza, including details about breaching the border fence, and about expected Israeli defenses. The plan also called for taking "prisoner soldiers, residents, and … hostages for negotiations." The plan was circulated Thursday by "South First Responders" on Telegram.

Asked whether this was a "massive intelligence failure," and if so, who bore responsibility, National Security Council Coordinator for Strategic Communications John Kirby on Thursday said now was not the time to assign blame.

"There's going to come a time when it's appropriate for us to take a look back retrospectively and see what the intel picture showed us or didn't show us, whether there's any gaps that need to be closed. There's going to be a time for that, and I suspect that our Israeli counterparts will do the same thing. Now is not that time. It's just not that time," he said.

Netanyahu Ordered Israel's Military To Stand Down For 7 Hours During Hamas Attack To Gain An Excuse To Go To War Against Gaza

By Ethan Huff

Citing official government sources, Cecily Routman from the Jewish Pro-Life Foundation has revealed that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu ordered Israel's military to stand down for a full seven hours during the recent Hamas attack – meaning Israel's government just let the slaughter of its own people happen on purpose to drum up an excuse to go to war against Gaza.

In order to justify Israeli retaliation against Gaza with the intent of wiping the Palestinian enclave off the map – this has been Netanyahu's long-term goal, by the way – Netanyahu and his coalition regime told the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) to do nothing while 1,200 Israelis were slaughtered by terrorists.

"Israel has the most sophisticated intelligence in the world," Routman told conservative activist Lauren Witzke in a recent interview – watch below. "There is no way the government didn't know that that was going to happen."

(Related: According to Israeli officials, the roughly 2.3 million Palestinians who live in Gaza, many of them young children, are just "human animals" who do not deserve access to food, water, fuel, or electricity.)

Rabbi Chananya Weissman "sent out a missive" about IDF stand down order

Routman would go on in the interview to explain that Rabbi Chananya Weissman, a well-connected religious leader who has the ears of top Israeli officials, "sent out a missive that, indeed, the IDF was given stand down orders – both the army and the air force – seven hours to stand down while those attacks took place."

"And this allowed the terrorists to come in and begin slaughtering and torturing the citizens," Routman explains. "Personally, I think that this situation is akin to a family keeping a rabid dog in their home and then blaming the dog when their baby gets bitten."

The fact that Israel is widely known to have the strongest borders in the world coupled with the most invasive intelligence makes the matter even more disturbing in that average Israelis never would have suspected that such an attack was possible.

Believing their government to be on their side, the Israeli people were led to believe that they are safe and secure no matter what – but what they did not know was that their own government would betray them on purpose for political capital.

"I look at the government of Israel and they really needed to make sure these people did not proliferate on their borders," Routman added. "And so, they are held partially accountable for having to kill God's creations in order to secure their border. This should never have happened."

Routman's claims corroborate with official reports from October 7, the day of the attack, showing that in the first hours of the Hamas attack, the IDF was basically nowhere to be found, which is highly anomalous.

"What happened to the 'strongest army in the world?'" asked journalist Efrat Fenigson in a post on X. "How come border crossings were wide open? Something is VERY WRONG HERE."

It actually makes a lot of sense for Israeli officials to claim that the Hamas attack was Israel's 9/11. America's 9/11 was an inside job, after all, and so appears the Hamas attack, which only happened because of "Israel's inexplicable intelligence failure," to quote one independent media source.

What comes next in the Middle East is likely to shock the world.



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Heres an interesting point made by Br. Alexis Bugnolo in his blog FromRome.info: " I also think that the Globalists have abandoned their Plandemic 2.0, because they tried the 5G triggers and they did not work to produce the pandemics they wanted. As I warned on August 19, they were most likely already sending out such signals. But since no pandemic occurred as of mid September, it was clear the technology failed to work. This is why we have had 2 new wars in a month, Sept 19 in Artsakh, and October 7 in the Holy Land. And I expect new wars each month, as the Globalists desperately try to dominate the narrative."

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