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Trump's Strong Decisive Leadership Long Overdue, Isn't Tyranny

By Larry Bell

As much as this writer admires President Donald Trump and likes what he's doing for the country, and that's a lot, I nevertheless wish more of these essential achievements were being accomplished through congressional legislative actions as intended by our Founders, versus "shotgun" executive orders by leaders of both political parties.

Nevertheless, as recently witnessed globally, a strong executive elected by the people is still preferred over yielding top level authority to invisible ghosts manipulating the White House autopen, faceless teleprompter scripting phantoms, and use of "spook" agencies to haunt political opponents.

But to hear some of his ardent political adversaries tell it, President Donald Trump is a dangerous tyrant who is destroying American liberty.

Former President Joe Biden *continued on page 21*

UN, EU, ICJ, Climate Cabal want to keep world's poor impoverished

They proclaim a 'human right' to 'clean environment' but not to reliable energy or better health



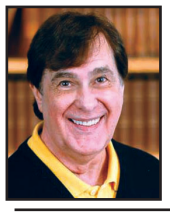
By Paul Driessen

On the evening of September 30, 1882, Henry Rogers turned a switch and the Hearthstone Historic House living room in Appleton, Wisconsin (my mother's hometown) was bathed in a soft amber glow. Hearthstone became the first home in the *continued on page 14*

Urgent Alert! A New Fight to Stop Carbon Capture Pipelines

By Tom DeWeese

This time the plan is to build a Carbon Capture Pipeline from western Pennsylvania, through Wheeling, West Virginia, and into Eastern Ohio.

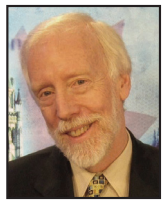


I'll say this just once. Carbon Capture Pipelines, designed to bury CO2 in the ground, are completely anti-science. Every living thing in nature needs CO2 to survive and we are suffering from a shortage of CO2. It's a dangerous scam promoting the now exposed climate change lie! *continued on page 7*

Trump Should Have Spoken at Climate Week NYC 2025

By Tom Harris

"If you don't get away from this green scam, your country is going to fail," President Donald Trump told delegates in his speech to the United Nations General Assembly (GA) last week. It is a shame the president was not a speaker at this year's Climate Week NYC, which wrapped up on Sunday, as he would have given them much needed relief from the steady drumbeat of alarmism heard *continued on page 5*



I'm Still Not Buying the Charlie Kirk Narrative

*There, I said it. Again. [*Braces for impact.]*

By Jenna McCarthy

I know. I should probably just move on. Charlie Kirk's (alleged) assassin has been found, charged, and informed that prosecutors are seeking the death penalty. Authorities tell us the case is pretty much buttoned up; mainstream media has moved on to the latest gruesome mass shooting and Puerto Rican rapper Bad Bunny landing next year's Super Bowl halftime show.

But I can't move on. I won't. Because nothing in the "official" story makes sense. Literally, none of it. And when nothing makes sense, you either start gaslighting yourself ("maybe that could make sense, I guess? It certainly wouldn't be the first time something like that happened…") or you admit the obvious: they're lying.

And if they're lying, the question becomes: why?

(I mean, besides the fact that that's what they do and always have done and surely always will *continued on page 9*

CDC Fumbled Safety Monitoring of COVID Vaccines, New Report Says. Critics Call Fixes 'Too Little, Too Late'

By Brenda Baletti, Ph.D.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) needs to up its game when it comes to monitoring vaccine safety and communicating that information to health professionals and the public, according to a new consensus report from the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine (NASEM).

NASEM also urged the CDC to better distinguish between the role of its Immunization Safety Office (ISO) in monitoring vaccine risks and the agency's broader efforts to promote vaccination. The overlap "continues to raise public concerns about the objectivity of risk assessments," NASEM said in a press release.

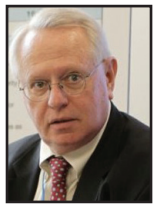
"CDC should protect ISO's independence, keeping the office operationally and administratively insulated from units in CDC that carry out promotion *continued on page 16*

Taming the Harm Caused by Social Media

By William L. Kovacs

This article is Part I of a two-part series on how to address the algorithms created by social media companies that are designed to keep our younger generation addicted to their phones and computer screens, ultimately generating significant profits for these corporations. Part I provides the background necessary for understanding Part II. It highlights the federal government's inability or unwillingness to regulate the algorithms used by social media companies that profit at the expense of children's safety.

Part II discusses how state Attorneys General and private lawyers can leverage common law to regulate these algorithms. It is important to note that Part I does not delve into medical discussions on the topic. Instead, it presents general conclusions drawn from information available on the Internet, along with responses from ChatGPT, to provide context for the legal concepts discussed later. *continued on page 18*



Beglinger Blast..... Unverifiable Claims About Unverifiable Elections

By Joan Ellis Beglinger

The Republicans in the Wisconsin Senate and Assembly are determined to deny Wisconsin voters verifiable elections. We can only speculate about their motivation but it certainly is not representing the interests of the people. For many months, as voters became aware of the serious flaws in the Wisconsin election system, they pressed their Senators and Assembly representatives to clean up the Registered Voter List and make it impossible for a non-citizen to vote using a valid driver's license issued to them by the state of Wisconsin. These demands have fallen on deaf ears. Now, with a Supreme Court election, Congressional midterms, and the Gubernatorial election looming closer, Republicans are trying to sell us on a series of legislative changes that are meaningless without addressing verifiability.



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Steve's Say . . . Stuck in Failed Paradigms

All of us get frustrated with family, friends and those we consider fellow travelers who refuse to understand or cannot see something we perceive as obvious. Yet every one of us, upon honest evaluation, cannot exempt ourselves from this group. We've all believed something at one time which later, when forced to acknowledge incontrovertible evidence, proved to us the falsehood of that paradigm. At that moment humility must prevail. And that moment provides such a colossal growth step for us in truly understanding what really prevails in the world around us.

This God-given vocation of creating Reality News each month provides me with a unique avenue to personal satisfaction. Each column I write allows me to unload some pent-up frustration or communicate to readers something I foresee coming based upon my personal analysis of current world stage events. While my perspectives, analyses and predictions continue to be flawed to a greater or lesser extent, my ability to re-examine a held belief or pursued theory burgeons with each factual examination of every intellectual engagement.

The Global Warming Scam ushered me into the world of critical examination. As a severely scientifically engaged youth who read the 1967 World Book Encyclopedias almost cover to cover, none of the climate hysteria claims made any logical sense to me based upon this knowledge base I had accumulated.

I began looking into whatever "new" evidence arose supporting the latest climate catastrophe as well as any evidence disputing the narrative. I discovered something quite profound. Regardless of the findings of true scientists, who actually followed the real scientific method, confirming carbon dioxide's limited ability to affect the climate system, no acknowledgement by the disaster narrative camp ever came forth. In fact, they continued to systematically distort their findings and conclusions, being censored in scientific publications and misrepresented by the corporate media language perverts. Fascinating.

Now came the only relevant question: why? The answer: To get the people of this planet to voluntarily surrender their God-given personal rights to a totalitarian global authority. None of the climate cataclysm predictions ever came close to being true, and we're up to about 10,000 by now. And most of these predictions I can prove came from people who full well know the real truth, proving them to be big fat liars.

Which leads to Steve's #1 rule of life: Never believe a proven liar. This rule applies to individuals, organizations, corporations, agencies, governments, and especially religious authorities.

The consequence of Steve's #1 rule requires questioning everything, condemning you to a life of extensive research and continual evaluation. Instead of just accepting what being presented in a narrative or analysis, you gather factual data and analyses relevant to the issue from a wide variety of sources. You study and evaluate each piece to see how things fit together and what items seem to be in conflict. And you must be willing to take your conclusion to wherever the confirmed evidence takes you. And the worst part? This process never ends.

A giant growth moment occurred for me when I began reading scripture daily in 2007. I began by reading one chapter of the Gospel each day, which continues to this day, but then many other books of the Bible as well. This continuous consumption of scripture confirmed to me the incontrovertible truth of the Word of God. All answers in life can be found there. But so much more would come from my engagement with The Word.

A few years later, a friend challenged me on the merits of evolutionary theory, which led to my humbling confession that I had accepted something because that's what the world told me. Besides being vacuous of factual data supporting the theory and promulgated with outright lies, the premise conflicted completely with the Word of God. In that humbling moment I admitted to myself that I accepted something as true simply because I devoted no intellectual energy to even looking into this claim. I despised my laziness and resolved to not be fooled by narratives designed to achieve evil purposes and subvert the Word of God.

So lets get to what's really bothering me this month. Last month I printed a piece defending gain of function research. While I completely disagree with this person's argument and conclusions, we don't censor at Reality News nor do we corrode the fundamental right of each of our readers to do their own evaluations of issues and arguments.

Now this same writer submitted another piece defending Big Pharma. Anyone following Reality News knows how much I despise Big Pharma and continually present evidence of their lies and deceit. In fact, multiple articles of Big Pharma failures, cover-ups, incestuous relationships and totalitarian collusion with politicians, government agencies and so-called medical organizations surround this



essay. I believe these articles demonstrate the preposterous notion that Big Pharma retains any characteristics of a capitalistic entity or one of integrity. Claiming that any fault and failures falls to the doctors, who corporate medicine morphed into commissioned pushers for Big Pharma, would be like absolving a monarch of all responsibility for promulgating a war, placing all the blame on the soldiers in the battlefield.

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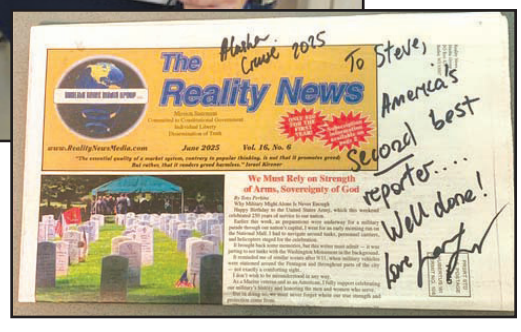

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Japan's Offshore Wind Setback: A Lesson in the Full Cost of Energy

By Cornwall Alliance Staff

The following is a guest article by Yoshihiro Muronaka.

In August 2025, Japanese media revealed that Mitsubishi Corporation was preparing to withdraw from three offshore wind projects off the coasts of Chiba and Akita prefectures. In 2021, Mitsubishi had won these sites with remarkably low bids of 8-11 cents/kilowatt-hour (kWh), hailed as proof of Japan's corporate strength and renewable ambition.

But reality was harsh. Costs for steel, turbines, and logistics surged. The yen weakened, interest rates rose, and certification processes faced delays. By 2025, Mitsubishi had already booked over $350 million in impairment losses, with more likely if the projects continued. The retreat is not just a corporate failure; it exposes apparent self-contradictions in Japan's energy policy.

Across the Atlantic, offshore facilities have faced similar headwinds. On the U.S. East Coast, Ørsted cancelled two large projects in New Jersey, absorbing billions in losses. BP and Equinor abandoned contracts in New York after costs rose by 40% beyond estimates. In some cases, companies chose to pay hefty penalties rather than commit to losing ventures.

Europe, the pioneer of offshore wind, has also stumbled. In the U.K., Vattenfall halted its Norfolk Boreas project citing a 40% cost increase. Even Denmark, often celebrated as a leader, has delayed new tenders.

Market signals in these regions were clear: When economics fail, projects are scaled back or canceled. Japan, however, continues to treat offshore wind as a central pillar of its 2040 roadmap, aiming for 45 gigawatts of capacity. Why the difference?

Once designated a national project, policies in Japan are difficult to reverse. Offshore wind has been tied to three goals at once: decarbonization, energy security, and industrial revitalization. Billions in subsidies through the Green Innovation Fund are already committed, while local governments and industries expect contracts and jobs.

In effect, offshore wind has become a new type of public works project. Ports, construction companies, heavy industry, and trading houses all benefit from government support. For politicians, it delivers regional development; for bureaucrats, it provides visible progress. Under these conditions, corporate withdrawal is treated as a temporary setback and prompts no policy review.

The debate over energy costs often centers on the Levelized Cost of Electricity (LCOE), which narrowly focuses on the cost of generating a kilowatt-hour of electricity. However, this metric fails to capture the broader economic realities encapsulated by the Full Cost of Electricity (FCOE). FCOE provides a more comprehensive assessment by incorporating additional factors such as the expense of backup power from fossil or nuclear plants to address the intermittency of renewable sources, the costs associated with grid expansion and balancing services to maintain stability, as well as subsidies, premiums, and public support schemes that often prop up certain energy technologies. Furthermore, FCOE accounts for the long-term costs of decommissioning, recycling, and environmental restoration, ensuring a more accurate reflection of the true economic and environmental impact of electricity production.

When these are included, offshore wind's cost can be double or triple its LCOE.

Offshore wind's LCOE is around 12–16 ¢/kWh, but when the full cost of electricity (FCOE) is considered, it rises to 20–30 ¢/kWh. Nuclear and gas remain much lower, at roughly 12–14 ¢/kWh and 10–12 ¢/kWh, respectively.

OECD studies confirm that as "renewables" such as wind and solar rise from 10% to 30% of the grid, FCOE escalates sharply. Yet Japan highlights falling LCOE while downplaying FCOE, creating an illusion of competitiveness.

Because fixed-bottom projects face difficulties, Japanese policymakers increasingly promote floating offshore wind as a unique advantage. Japan's

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What is Happening to the Eagles?

By Vijay Jayaraj

A new report exposes a shocking truth: America's golden eagles are being pushed toward collapse, not by poachers or natural causes, but by federally permitted wind projects. For years, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has claimed that turbine-caused eagle deaths are "offset" by retrofitting power poles to reduce electrocutions. Yet this research shows this program has utterly failed. The death rate has not declined, and the real toll may be far higher than reported. Worse, key eagle mortality data is being hidden from the public, while new projects are green-lighted without proper accountability.

This groundbreaking report lifts the veil on the hidden cost of wind power—revealing how flawed science, broken promises, and regulatory loopholes have combined to create a crisis for one of our nation's most iconic raptors. Inside, you'll discover why current policies put the golden eagle at risk, how many deaths go undetected, and what steps must be taken to protect these magnificent birds.

As our way of saying thank you for supporting our work, we'll send you a complimentary printed copy of Time for FWS to Stop Wind Power Eagle-Kill Permits when you give any amount and request it before the end of October.



Net Zero Hobbits Encounter Realities Outside Middle-earth

By Vijay Jayaraj

We were promised a "green" utopia free of fossil fuels, powered by sunshine and breezes. However, the net zero hobbits living in this imaginary shire were blissfully ignorant of hard realities dictated by physics, engineering and economics.

Once trumpeted by corporate giants and governments alike, the vision of a world without greenhouse gas emissions is crumbling, its pseudoscience and false assurances incapable of sustaining the weight of one reality after another. Major airlines, energy companies and financial institutions are abandoning net zero commitments that always were destined to clash with the demands of business imperatives and people's needs. Anti-fossil fuel crusaders assured the public that jet travel could be reshaped through "green" fuel and futuristic aircraft. But in 2024, Air New Zealand shattered that illusion by declaring its 2030 emissions target impossible to achieve.

Another blow to the green version of a Middle-earth fantasy came from Airbus, which pushed into never-never land its plans for delivery of a hydrogen-powered aircraft by 2035.

The necessary technology simply does not exist – neither for airplanes nor so-call sustainable fuels in commercial quantities.

The airline industry's capitulation is not an isolated incident but a major domino to fall in a long line of corporate and governmental U-turns signaling a great awakening.

In the past 24 months, major banks and investment firms have staged an exodus from climate alliances, no longer willing to bear the costs or regulatory risks of practices that discriminate against enterprises such as traditional energy companies.

The Net-Zero Banking Alliance, once a beacon of green aspirations, has lost some of its largest members, including HSBC and UBS, and all the largest U.S. banks, among them JP Morgan, Wells

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Sea Level Rise Hoax Exposed: The Disappearing Islands That Refuse To Disappear

Editor's Note: This post by Pierre Gosselin highlights the fact that contrary to the repeated claims made by the mainstream media, echoing hyperbolic, false press releases by alarmist climate NGOs and researchers, rising seas are not swamping small island nations. As a result, those countries never should won their case in the International Court of Justice earlier this year, which issued a ruling saying developing nations were bound by international law to cut emissions to prevent harm to island nations.

As repeated Climate Realism posts have shown, most small island nations have increased in size or territory over the most recent period of climate change, here, here, and here, for instance. As a result, the facts were not on the island's side and the case should have been dismissed, no identifiable harm, no justification for the legal claim.

Gosselin's post reinforces this point.

By P. Gosselim

Originally published on the NoTricksZone

Germany's Klimanachrichten here publishes an article titled "The Disappearing Islands (That Don't Want to Disappear)" summarizes findings suggesting that the widespread assumption about low-lying islands inevitably sinking due to rising sea levels is too simplistic and detached from reality.

Earlier, the media often tried to scoff at and discredit findings from inconvenient sea level experts, like Axel Mörner.

But today, climate alarmist media are forced to concede things are not as dire as they once believed.

74 of 101 islands are growing

The Klimanachrichten article references a ZDF documentary by journalist Johannes Hano, which notes that locals in Tuvalu aren't fearful of climate change. A 2018 study (Paul Kench, University of Auckland) found that 74 out of 101 of Tuvalu's islands have remained stable or have actually grown in size, despite an approximate 15 cm rise in sea level over recent decades. This is attributed to coral-derived sediments being washed onto the islands by currents and storms, increasing their area.

Maldives stable – even building airports

In the Maldives, similar conclusions are drawn. Citing a New York Times story from mid-2024. Research suggests that, generally, the islands haven't shrunk but in some cases have grown, even as sea levels have risen.

It turns out that the Maldives government is actively expanding airports (e.g., Velana International Airport, Hanimaadhoo International Airport), which suggests doesn't reflect an expectation of imminent demise. Yet (unsurprisingly) the country continues to demand funding from Western nations, blaming them for their potential "downfall."

Reality shows that the simple equation of "rising sea levels = island disappearance" is naive oversimplification. Scientists suggest that some islands will shrink, others will grow, and many will remain stable.

In conclusion: The article challenges the "Science Is Settled" argument, emphasizing that science is a continuously evolving process of correction as the system complexities (long-known by skeptics) become increasingly apparent.

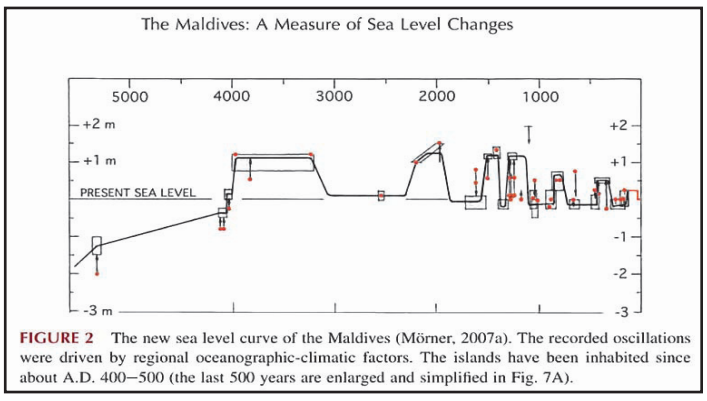

FIGURE 2 The new sea level curve of the Maldives (Mörner, 2007a). The recorded oscillations were driven by regional oceanographic-climatic factors. The islands have been inhabited since about A.D. 400–500 (the last 500 years are enlarged and simplified in Fig. 7A).

EPA Is Right to Rescind Its Greenhouse Gas Endangerment Finding. Here's Why.

By H. Sterling Burnett

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has proposed rescinding its endangerment finding for greenhouse gas emissions for motor vehicles. The endangerment finding was largely a creation of an activist Supreme Court extending the Clean Air Act. We at Heartland, along with our allies who have sued to overturn the finding since its inception, argue the finding was never justified as a matter of science or the law. As such, and with an additional 16 years of evidence and new Supreme Court rulings and executive orders in hand, now is the time to scrap the rule that serves as the underpinning for the Green New Scam and fossil fuel restrictions across the entire economy.

The extended comments that I filed for the record are below.

Comments on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's "Reconsideration of 2009 Endangerment Finding and Greenhouse Gas Vehicle Standards"

Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2025-0194

A reconsideration of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Endangerment Finding for Greenhouse Gas Standards for Motor Vehicles (hereinafter referred to as the "endangerment finding) is long overdue. The endangerment finding was both unjustified as a matter of science and illegitimate as a matter of law from its inception.

Concerning the scientific basis of the endangerment finding, from the outset it was clear carbon dioxide (CO2), methane, nitrous oxide (N2O), hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), perfluorocarbons (PFCs), and sulfur hexafluoride (SF6) did not qualify as pollutants under the Clean Air Act (CAA) as written or intended by Congress. Domestic motor vehicle greenhouse gas emissions pose no risk to people's health or welfare at a national or regional level at any reasonably foreseeable atmospheric concentrations.

In 2009, in a hubristic leap of mission creep, the EPA administrator determined that public health and welfare were threatened by the indirect impact of greenhouse gases as a driver of climate change, such as possibly driving more extreme weather, or deaths from diseases and temperature extremes. Such indirect effects from emissions are, if anything, global in cause and not preventable by domestic action limiting emissions from U.S. motor vehicles. Yet on that tenuous basis, the EPA administrator then discovered that the agency had the "procedural discretion" to regulate such emissions. Not because the law explicitly directed or allowed the agency to do so, but because the CAA was "silent on [the] issue."

To be clear, laws are silent on the vast majority of human actions and interactions, and this has never meant a grant to regulatory agencies to insert themselves into the myriad personal and professional decisions people make with mandates directing specific types of decisions. Where the law is silent, people are free to act and interact, unless and until the legislature, acting within its constitutional bounds, decides to legislate, resulting in regulations that limit such decisions. Congress alone, not the executive nor the Supreme Court, is specifically delegated the power to make laws.

Scientifically, there is little or no doubt that climate change is occurring, as it always has. A static "climate" globally or regionally has never existed in history. There is also little doubt that humans are contributing to the present change, although to what degree and in what ways, at global and regional levels, are very much still open to debate.

It is also clear from the scientific record so far that the present change has proven beneficial to human health and welfare, rather than harmful. Higher CO2 concentrations have boosted plant productivity, resulting in a dramatic greening of the Earth, including improving crop yields and production, resulting in reduced starvation and malnutrition globally. The recent modest warming has resulted in a dramatic decline in temperature related deaths. Multiple large-scale peer reviewed studies show that cold temperatures and *continued on page 5*

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associated weather kill far more people than hot temperatures. As the Earth has slightly warmed, deaths from non-optimum temperatures have fallen significantly.

By contrast, the much ballyhooed and feared predicted catastrophic harms from climate change have yet to materialize. As detailed in the peer reviewed literature and data presented in the Climate at a Glance series of articles, almost no type of extreme weather event has become more frequent, severe, longer lasting, or deadly during the present period of climate change.

Neither hurricanes nor cyclones, droughts, heatwaves, floods, tornadoes, nor instances of extreme cold, have become more frequent or severe during the present period of or in response to climate change. In fact, some types of extreme weather events have even become less frequent or severe. In addition, deaths attributable to extreme weather have declined dramatically—especially as technologies powered by or consisting in part of hydrocarbons have been more widely adopted and incorporated into peoples' everyday lives. These points are not debatable; they are fact grounded in real-world data.

Even the U.N. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change reports in Chapter 12 of its most recent Physical Science Assessment Report, that for most categories of extreme weather it has neither detected any dangerous change nor can it attribute dangerous changes with high levels of confidence to human activities.

Since there is no readily identifiable harm, there is no scientifically justifiable basis for the endangerment finding.

DOE Secretary Chris Wright recently said:

Climate change is real, and it deserves attention. But it is not the greatest threat facing humanity. That distinction belongs to global energy poverty. As someone who values data, I know that improving the human condition depends on expanding access to reliable, affordable energy. Climate change is a challenge—not a catastrophe. But misguided policies based on fear rather than facts could truly endanger human well-being.

The endangerment finding and the various regulations that agencies have developed in response to it are what threaten human health and well-being, not greenhouse gas emissions.

As the EPA now admits, Section 202 of the CAA authorizes the agency to regulate emissions of chemicals from motor vehicles that directly compromise human health in one way or another, but the greenhouse gas emissions do not do so at any reasonably expected atmospheric concentration. Any indirect harm to human health or welfare due to impact on climate is extremely speculative, largely based on flawed computer model projections and can't be found in the data. They are a small part of U.S. emissions, and even a smaller, virtually unmeasurable source percentage of global concentrations overall. In short, it is impossible to reasonably tie U.S. vehicle emissions of greenhouse gases to direct human health or welfare impacts. It is also factually impossible to show such emissions correlate to dangerous changes in the climate, much less any causal connection to such changes—because no such changes are evident.

When, contrary to the federal government's position in Massachusetts v. EPA, the U.S. Supreme Court opened the door for the regulation of greenhouse gases as pollutants if endangerment was found by the EPA for climate change reasons, the court's majority was making up the law, not following it as written by Congress and understood by the writers of the law, as the latter have said in their own words. Despite Congress considering legislation directly regulating greenhouse gases, no such legislation has been adopted, and when those bills were considered, no one suggested that the EPA already has such authority under the CAA. Nor has the U.S. government signed onto any treaty that would specifically bind it to enact federal laws to limit greenhouse gas emissions from motor vehicles, power plants, or from any other sector of the economy.

The Massachusetts v. EPA ruling was nothing more nor less than a majority of the U.S. Supreme Court at the time implementing its preferred social and economic policy goals via finding new authority for the EPA to regulate non-toxic motor vehicle emissions. Under the Obama administration, the EPA's administrator was more than happy to exercise discretion and expand the agency's power.

Massachusetts v. EPA was the equivalent of the Supreme Court's earlier, now rescinded, Roe v. Wade decision, in the realm of environmental policy. The court made up authority and rights to regulate found neither in the law, nor the Constitution, in this case giving individuals and states the right to force the federal government to adopt regulations delegated explicitly to Congress in the Constitution both as the sole legislative authority and as the only branch delegated the power to regulate interstate commerce.

More recently, in West Virginia v. EPA, the Supreme Court, while not directly overturning Massachusetts v. EPA, which was not in contention in the case, did reexamine the scope of the EPA's authority with regard to "major questions." In West Virginia v. EPA, the court held with regard to greenhouse gas emissions regulations for power plants that EPA had "exceeded its statutory authority when it interpreted the Clean Air Act to require . . . permitting for stationary sources based on their greenhouse gas emissions" and "may not treat greenhouse gases as a pollutant." The Court reasoned the EPA's claim of such authority was "unreasonable because it would bring about an enormous and transformative expansion in EPA's regulatory authority without clear congressional authorization . . . [and as such] a measure of skepticism [is required when] an agency claims to discover in a long-extant statute an unheralded power to regulate 'a significant portion of the American economy.'"

What is true of power plant greenhouse gas emissions is equally or even more true of such emissions from motor vehicles. If anything is a "major question," the ability to regulate human emissions of CO2, one of the most ubiquitous naturally occurring chemical compounds on Earth, a compound actually vital to life on Earth, is a major question. With West Virginia v. EPA in hand, and President Donald Trump's executive order directing agencies to repeal regulations that violate recent Supreme Court decisions, the EPA is not simply justified in rescinding the endangerment finding, it is legally required to do so.

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deep coastal waters, they argue, make floating turbines more suitable.

Globally, however, floating wind remains at the developmental stage. Norway's Hywind Scotland and France's Provence Grand Large provide valuable data, but their costs remain far higher than fixed-bottom projects. Commercial viability has not yet been proven. Betting on floating wind as a "game-changer" risks repeating the same error: political enthusiasm without economic grounding.

Japan's offshore wind experience is not just about Japan. It illustrates how energy policy everywhere can drift into policy inertia, selective cost reporting, technological optimism, and entrenched interests.

The lesson is clear. Policymakers should always assess the full costs, not just partial figures. They should heed market signals and adjust policy accordingly. Most importantly, they should avoid turning energy policy reliant on unproven technology into political patronage.

Mitsubishi's retreat shows that even giants cannot overcome flawed policy frameworks. If Japan, with its formidable industrial base, struggles to make offshore wind viable, others should pay attention.

Japan's offshore wind setback is more than a domestic issue. It is a global reminder of the dangers of ignoring full costs and clinging to illusions. Ambitious targets and political inertia can mask reality, but economics will always reassert itself.

For policymakers worldwide, Japan's case should not be seen as an embarrassment, but as a warning and an opportunity: Energy transitions must be guided by facts, not hopes, if they are to be sustainable.

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during the weeklong gabfest.

Besides criticizing the UN's failure to work to end conflicts and properly deal with immigration issues, the president focused on the climate change swindle promoted by the U.N. and nations around the world. He highlighted dire climate predictions made decades ago that have not come to pass, giving an example: "another UN official stated in 1989 that within a decade, entire nations could be wiped off the map by global warming," adding correctly, "Not happening." He emphasized how global cooling used to be the concern, then global warming, now "climate change," creating "the greatest con job ever perpetrated on the world."

Trump also criticized other countries' green energy policies, explaining how they are wasting money trying to reduce their "carbon footprint" at the expense of lost jobs and closed factories. "The carbon footprint is a hoax," he bluntly, and correctly, told the GA.

In stark contrast, 2.5 miles away in Manhattan, Simon Stiell, Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC, the primary UN climate body, told Climate Week NYC 2025:

"The clean energy transition is booming across almost all major economies and hit 2 trillion dollars last year alone…Meanwhile, climate disasters are hitting every economy and society harder every year. So, we need to step it up. And we need to step it up fast [to avoid catastrophe]."

At the Freshfields energy summit, a high-profile event held during this year's Climate Week NYC, leaders agreed that coal must be "rapidly retired in developed economies" by 2035 to meet pathways aligned with the Paris Agreement. That developing countries account for nearly 80 percent of global coal consumption (as of 2024) didn't seem to bother them. China, which alone consumes 58 percent of the world's coal — more than the rest of the world combined, has made it clear they are going to continue to build coal fired power stations no matter what. In the first half of 2025 alone, China commissioned 21 GW of coal power, about 25 new coal-fired power plants — the most for that period since 2016. When it comes to China and developing countries, the tone shifts from rapid retirement of dependable coal plants in the west to respect for "energy sovereignty" and "national priorities" for Asia. If sovereignty is sacred, it should be respected universally, but the fact that it isn't demonstrates yet another way China is gaming the system.

Tim Lenton, Professor of Earth System Science at University of Exeter and keynote speaker at Climate Week, chimed in,

"We need decisive mandates for the end of fossil fuel technologies that are going to be the crucial thing to stimulate the clean technologies we need." Specifically, he wants to "Phase out of coal power stations in developed nations by 2035…mandating no petrol and diesel car sales from 2035…all heating appliances for buildings being heat pumps from 2035, and all trucks to be electric powered from 2040."

If this were to actually happen, it would be an unmitigated disaster for businesses and consumers alike. Trump illustrated this well when he told the GA that European electricity bills are now "two to three times higher than the United States, and our bills are coming way down." Yet, this is only a preview of massive costs to come if Europe continues to replace inexpensive, dependable conventional power with costly, unreliable wind and solar power.

In his 2021 brief for Canada's House of Commons, Robert Lyman, economist and Principal of ENTRANS Policy Research Group, and former director general, environmental affairs, at Transport Canada, said, "The cost to electrify the U.S. economy would translate into annual cost increases of at least U.S. $5,000 per household" and that "annual consumer expenditures for energy would roughly double." That doesn't even take into account the loss of energy security with increased vulnerability to blackouts and brownouts.

For instance, Texas, the state with the most wind power, also had the greatest number of blackouts between 2000 and 2023. California, the state with the most solar power, had the third most blackouts. Dr. H. Sterling Burnett, senior fellow on environmental policy for The Heartland Institute, said "wind and solar power are particularly unsuited for a large power grid because they work only when the weather conditions are just right."

Trump was also right to call out EU politicians for leading their citizens to a health disaster. He pointed out how the U.S. has about 1,300 heat-related deaths annually, while Europe has more than 175,000, caused in large part by the high costs of electricity that prevents people from air-conditioning their homes. The population of Europe is only just over twice that of the U.S., so this means that the chances of a person dying due to the heat in Europe is 62 times that in America.

Over the past week, New York City showcased the stark contrast between a climate realist president and those advocating overhauling our entire energy infrastructure to address a problem that only exists in the imagination of uninformed activists. Bravo President Trump!

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Quote of the Week:

"We can judge our progress by the courage of our questions and the depth of our answers, our willingness to embrace what is true rather than what feels good."— Carl Sagan [H/t William Readdy]

Number of the Week:

3 Watts per square meter v. 50 watts per square meter

This Week:

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

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

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

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

You can help in two ways:

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

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

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And thank you.

SCIENCE & ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY PROJECT

The Week That Was October 12th, 2025

Scope: This TWTW begins with comments on what is meant when a greenhouse gas is said to be saturated. TWTW discusses a new edition of Climate at a Glance and discusses marine heat waves. TWTW presents an essay by Steven Koonin on political conformity in the reports by National Academies on climate and concludes with a report on the biases demonstrated by internet search engines.

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What Is Meant by Saturation?: For most purposes, the concept of saturation means that no more can be absorbed. For example, when a sponge of a given size cannot absorb any more water, it is said to be saturated with water. If the size of the sponge is doubled, it can absorb twice the amount of water. The limiting factor is the size, quantity, of the sponge. But the same concept does not apply to saturation when dealing with greenhouse gases absorbing and emitting infrared radiation (IR) from Earth.

For example, TWTW has frequently stated that the capability of carbon dioxide (CO2) to absorb infrared radiation (IR) emitted by Earth is saturated. But here the meaning is different. It is that all the infrared radiation (IR) that carbon dioxide can readily absorb is already being absorbed. Additional carbon dioxide can absorb only a little more infrared energy from Earth. The limiting factor is not the quantity of carbon dioxide, but the quantity of infrared radiation (IR) emitted by Earth. Adding more carbon dioxide (CO2) has little effect on Earth's surface temperatures, but what has significant effect on Earth's surface temperatures is the solar radiation hitting Earth's surface, either by increasing solar intensity or decreasing Earth's albedo (decreasing cloudiness or other reflectivity).

The greenhouse effect of carbon dioxide (and water vapor) delays rapid cooling of the Earth at night by reducing the emission of infrared radiation (IR) emitted by Earth to space. The extent of infrared radiation (IR) emitted by Earth is calculated by the Stefan-Boltzmann law which states that the infrared radiation is proportion to the fourth power of the absolute temperature. Here we see a stunning inconsistency that must be included when making calculations of the greenhouse effect. A large increase in the greenhouse effect (a reduction of infrared radiation from Earth to space) from carbon dioxide is necessary to cause a small increase in Earth's temperatures because the increase in radiation from Earth is a function of the absolute temperature raised to the fourth power. In today's atmosphere a slight increase in carbon dioxide (and water vapor) has little effect in increasing Earth's temperatures because the infrared radiation (IR) in the frequencies (or wave lengths) in which these gases readily absorb infrared radiation (IR) is already being absorbed.

Professor William van Wijngaarden and Professor Emeritus William Happer produced a paper that describes what they mean by saturation. Unfortunately, the paper is a bit mathematical. But the results of their calculations can be described verbally and displayed graphically.

Their graphics and calculation are below, assuming the surface temperature of Earth is 60ºF (16ºC), it would be 16ºF (-9 ºC) without greenhouse gases. Max Planck refined the Stefan-Boltzmann law to develop the top (smooth) curve showing the radiation emitted by Earth's surface. Karl Schwarzschild developed the method for calculating the lower (jagged) curve showing the Earth's actual radiation to space, now calculated from satellite measurements. The difference between the two curves is Earth's greenhouse effect due to atmospheric gases. The calculations of the greenhouse effect assume no clouds because there is no adequate theory of the formation and dissipation of clouds.

The understanding of saturation is so important to understanding the real greenhouse effect that TWTW is presenting it the way that van Wijngaarden and Happer did, rather than trying to give a short, condensed summary.

Figure 1: Radiation flux to space, ˜ Z(ν,C), from the top of the atmosphere as a function of spatial frequency ν (waves per cm) of the thermal radiation. The calculated values are for a summertime, temperate latitude, and a surface temperature of 288.7 K. We have noted the spatial frequencies where the atmospheric opacity is dominated by the five major greenhouse gases, water vapor, H2O, carbon dioxide, CO2, ozone O3, methane, CH4, and nitrous oxide, N2O. The black curve is the solution to the Schwarzschild equation for radiative transfer for C = 400 parts per million (ppm) of CO2, close to the present concentration. The red curve is for double that amount, C = 800 ppm, but for the same profiles of atmospheric temperature and other greenhouse gases concentrations. The green curve is for no CO2 at all. The smooth blue curve is the Planck flux for the same temperature, that is, the radiation that would reach space if there were no greenhouse gases at all and the surface had maximum thermal emissivity, □ = 1.

We can define the total radiative forcing, F(C), due to a concentration C of CO2 as

From (2)–(5) we see that three explicit values of the forcing are:

A simple empirical formula for the forcing, F = F(C), that fits detailed calculation of the forcing well for 1 ppm < C < 10,000 ppm is

Figure 2: The blue curve is the radiative flux to space, Z(C), given by (12), versus the concentration C of carbon dioxide. The flux decreases rapidly with C for the first 100 ppm of CO2, but the rate of decrease slows down for higher concentrations. The vertical red lines show the flux decreases caused by 50 ppm increases of C for the sequence of values, [C0,C1,C2,C3, . . .] = [0, 50, 100, 150, . . .] ppm. Each additional 50 ppm increase has less effect than the previous one. For example, we see from the figure that the height of the first red bar, characterized by i = 2, is approximately 300 W m–2. So, increasing the CO2 concentration from C1 = 50 ppm to C2 = 100 ppm decreases the flux to space by 300 W m–2/100 = 3 W m–2, in agreement with (5), since CO2 concentrations have doubled.

Using (8) to set F = 30 W m–2, C = 400 ppm and (5) to ΔF = 3 W m–2, we solve (10) for Co to find

We use (6) and (10) to approximate the flux to outer space as

In Fig. 2 we have plotted (12) as the blue line, and we have plotted increments Z(C–ΔC)– Z(C) = F(C) – Z(C – ΔC) for equal increments ΔC = 50 ppm of CO2 concentration as the vertical red lines. The literature is replete with plots similar to the red vertical lines, but the blue line, the flux to space with no suppressed zero, is little known, and may clarify how small the forcing change is when the CO2 concentration increases from 400 ppm to 800 ppm. [Boldface added]

Note that we are plotting fluxes and flux changes in Fig. 2, not temperature changes. This has the advantage that our results are almost the same as the most carefully calculated results of the climate-alarm establishment [1]. So, it would be awkward for the establishment to deny that "instantaneous," very large changes of CO2 concentration cause very small changes of flux to space.

But people are interested in temperature changes, not flux changes. This is where all the mischief from positive feedback arises. Without huge positive feedbacks, ΔF = 3 W m–2 of clear-sky forcing only gives about 1 ºC of surface warming. Changes in water vapor and clouds are likely to significantly diminish the temperature changes due to changes in greenhouse gases, since most feedbacks in nature are negative.

As shown in Fig. 2, adding CO2 to the atmosphere causes a very rapid decrease of flux to space, Z(C), for an atmosphere that starts with no CO2, C = 0. The decrease with increasing C then slows down dramatically so the blue curve of Fig. 2 is almost horizontal up to 1000 ppm. This is a familiar phenomenon to astronomers who work with radiation transfer from stars. It is called "saturation." A good definition of saturation for the field of radiation transfer was given by Gussman [2] [Paragraph breaks added to above 2 paragraphs.]

"Saturation in a Fraunhofer line means that with increasing absorption the depression in the line (line depth) is no longer proportional to the optical thickness of the absorbing layer, as in the case of weak absorption."

A perceptive astronomer looking at Fig. 1 would say that Earth's thermal emission spectrum has a prominent Fraunhofer line from CO2, analogous to the yellow "D Fraunhofer line" of the Sun.

The word "saturation" means different things in different scientific fields. For example, if you add 360 grams of table salt crystals to a kilogram of water at room temperature (about 1 liter), the salt will dissolve completely to give a "saturated" solution. If you add 1000 grams of salt to a kilogram of water, only 360 grams will dissolve and 640 grams will remain as solid crystals on the bottom of the container. Adding more salt to a saturated solution has no effect on the amount of salt in solution. Adding more CO2 to the atmosphere, when its effects on radiation transfer are saturated, continues to decrease flux to space. But the decrease gets smaller and smaller as more CO2 is added.

Physicist Tom Sheahen, Chairman of SEPP and an editor of TWTW, has frequently complained that most researchers use the "standard atmosphere" -- an artificial gas that contains no H2O – leaving them without any explanation for the great majority of the greenhouse effect (i.e., H2O). They tried to add the effect of H2O as a "feedback" mechanism later on. That was a major error in Manabe's initial work (in the 1960s, for which he received the Nobel Prize), and it's been wrong ever since, driving billions of dollars' worth of faulty models that give erroneous results.

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Number of the Week: 3 Watts per square meter v. 50 watts per square meter. In their calculations, van Wijngaarden and Happer show that a doubling of CO2 from 400 parts per million in volume (ppmv) to 800 ppmv will result in increase in the greenhouse effect of about 3 watts per square meter (3 W/m2). It is doubtful that humans will feel this difference. At rest, the average human body emits over 50 watts per square meter of body surface, 17 times more heat.

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For the entire paper including the noted references see links under Challenging the Orthodoxy.

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Climate Change for Kids: In 2022 the Heartland Institute published an excellent book for young people: Climate at a Glance for Teachers and Students: Facts on 30 Prominent Climate Topics by Anthony Watts, James Taylor, et al. Heartland has updated the book with 14 new topics: Global tropical cyclones; temperature-related deaths; deaths from extreme weather; the Great Barrier Reef; bees and climate change; Antarctic ice melt; Arctic sea ice; global greening; global wildfires; ocean temperatures; atmospheric rivers; climate models vs. measured temperature data; carbon dioxide saturation in the atmosphere; and the sun's impact on climate change.

The update is Climate at a Glance (Second Edition): Facts on 40 Prominent Climate Topics and is available through Amazon books for $14.73 (plus tax, shipping). For the press release see link under Challenging the Orthodoxy.

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Marine Heat Waves: A little over 10 years ago under the Obama administration the fear-of-the-day was Ocean Acidification from atmospheric carbon dioxide, heavily promoted by NOAA and NOAA administrator Jane Lubchenco. Apparently, she was unaware that the deep ocean contains a great deal of carbon dioxide, which counterbalances the otherwise high alkalinity of the oceans. The primary production areas of the ocean are caused by ocean upwellings that bring up the carbon dioxide and other nutrients to feed phytoplankton, which form the base of the marine food web. Such regions are found on the California coast, the coast of Peru, and the Grand Banks of Newfoundland, Canada.

Now the current fear for the oceans has shifted to Marine Heat waves. Ron Clutz gives an account of this new fear including a study published by the US Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS). The title of one paper is "Global warming drives a threefold increase in persistence and 1 °C rise in intensity of marine heatwaves" by Marta Marcos, et al. Abstract begins with:

"Marine heatwaves are extreme climatic events consisting of persistent periods of warm ocean waters that have profound impacts on marine life. These episodes are becoming more intense, longer, and more frequent in response to anthropogenic global warming. Here, we provide a comprehensive and quantitative assessment on the role of global warming on marine heatwaves. To do so, we construct a counterfactual version of observed global sea surface temperatures since 1940, corresponding to a stationary climate without the effect of long-term increasing global temperatures, and use it to calculate the contribution of global air temperature rise on the intensity and persistence of marine heatwaves." [Boldface added]

A counterfactual version is a fabricated version and is not a factual version of global sea surface temperatures. The global climate was not stable since the 1940s. Given that global climate models greatly overestimate the warming of the atmosphere, there is no reason to assume that such fabrications are of value. Further, Clutz brings up Ross McKitrick's (a SEPP Seitz Award recipient) excellent critique of the procedures used in these studies. Such studies are speculation and are not statistically valid. Unfortunately, we will continue to see them. See links under Changing Seas.

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National Academies' Climate Studies: In his participation in the special report prepared by five independent scientists for the Department of Energy in July, "A Critical Review of Impacts of Greenhouse Gas Emissions on the U.S. Climate," Steven Koonin demonstrated he is more concerned with the integrity of science and scientific reports than personal acclaim. Koonin demonstrated his concern for the integrity of science and scientific reports with an essay in the Wall Street Journal, "Another Tale of Climate Change Bias: The government should stop funding the National Academies' climate studies until they shed the political conformity." After discussing Climate Week in New York City, the senior fellow at Stanford's Hoover Institution and a member of the National Academy of Sciences discusses the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine report. He states:

"The academies' study—which was put together in less than two months—was obviously meant to bolster the scientific basis for the Environmental Protection Agency's 2009 finding that greenhouse-gas emissions threaten the nation's well-being. The study therefore plays down or ignores evidence undermining that conclusion. This agenda is evident from the first sentence of the preface, which invokes the terrible flood of the Guadalupe River in Texas in July. The report doesn't mention that similar events have been recorded since the late 19th century and show no detectable trend to the present, even as emissions have soared.

Assessments of climate science often minimize, or even ignore, natural variability to make recent climate trends or weather events seem unusual and hence a consequence of greenhouse-gas emissions. The National Academies' report is no exception. It describes a recent acceleration of global sea-level rise observed by satellites without mentioning a comparable acceleration during the 1930s. There are similar failures in the report's coverage of U.S. heat waves (which aren't more common in recent decades than they were in the decades around 1900) and of North Atlantic hurricanes (which show no long-term trends in frequency or intensity).

The report deceptively shapes its discussion of the models used to project climate changes. The writers gush about how the models are improving. But they give no quantitative sense of how deficient even the improved models are. They also omit some important but inconvenient topics. A reader won't learn of humans' demonstrated ability to adapt and reduce vulnerability to a changing climate, or of the projected minimal net effect of warming on the U.S. economy.

The academies' study stands in stark contrast to the recent Department of Energy report, of which I am a co-author. The DOE report properly places extreme weather events and recent climate trends in the context of natural variability. It also doesn't shy away from subjects that contradict a Grimm [alluding to folk tales by the Brothers Grimm] perspective. Our report was intended to bring attention to important topics in climate science that have been overlooked or played down in past assessments and so are absent from popular and political climate narratives.

The National Academies' study didn't attempt to refute the DOE findings. It simply ignored them and the data on which they were based. It's not surprising that the two reports have no authors in common and cite entirely different sets of peer-reviewed papers.

The incomplete and biased picture of climate science in the National Academies' study demonstrates the need for the DOE report. It does a disservice to the public by not explaining how and why its findings differ from the DOE's. Flawed pronouncements that support advocacy by minimizing or ignoring scientific disagreements feed public distrust of science.

Whatever the fate of the EPA's 2009 finding on greenhouse-gas emissions, which the agency is reviewing, the Academies' view of greenhouse-gas impacts must be reconciled with the DOE's more sanguine perspective. Complete and transparent analyses of the risks of climate change are overdue. Sadly, the National Academies' report isn't that.

I helped oversee National Academies studies in engineering and physical sciences for six years. Those reports lived up to the claim to provide "independent, objective analysis and advice." But the academies have long had problems of bias and advocacy on climate matters. The government would do well to stop funding their climate studies until they get their house in order."

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Censorship by "Consensus"? In WUWT Tilak Doshi has an essay describing how big tech censors the news using their search engines by not including dissenting views, no matter how strongly based on physical evidence these views are. For example, Doshi writes:

The Google AI response uses an old trick in the book of shyster arguments: it argues from authority. This is a form of argument in which the opinion of an authority figure or institution is used as evidence to support the thesis proposed. The argument from authority is a logical fallacy, and obtaining knowledge in this way is unsound. Richard Lindzen, Emeritus Professor of Meteorology at MIT, has written about the long march through the institutions by progressive neo-Marxian ideology, subverting key agencies in the climate industrial complex to sing from the same climate alarmist hymn sheet.

Google's algorithms, as [Robert] Epstein's data suggest, are designed to prioritize a singular perspective – the globalist climate agenda — while burying dissenting voices. Renowned scientists like William Happer, John Clauser, Judith Curry, and Richard Lindzen — whose credentials include professorships at Princeton, MIT, and Nobel Prize laureates — are effectively erased from search results. Their arguments – which show that climate change is within the bounds of natural variability, that increasing CO2 levels will not significantly increase global temperatures and that CO2 promotes global greening – are nowhere to be found in the Google search results.

This is censorship is not the major issue; the major issue is that those who desire to obtain differing views on a controversial subject cannot hope to do so using most internet search engines. Doshi writes:

"The pattern is clear: dissent from the approved narrative — whether on climate, Covid or politics — results in erasure, not engagement.

A Glimmer of Hope?

Grok is an AI-powered assistant developed by xAI, Elon Musk's artificial intelligence company, designed to be "maximally truthful, useful and curious." Interestingly, Grok provides quite a contrast to

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The Corporate forces behind it are keeping the route quiet to delay us from building opposition. But that isn't going to work.

I believe we have a good plan to stop it before it's even started.

One of the main weapons they use to force these diabolical CO2 pipeline schemes is to gain the power of eminent domain to just take the property they want. This plan has allowed Summit Carbon Solutions in Iowa and South Dakota to intimidate farmers to just surrender their property to these tyrants. It got so bad that the Governor of South Dakota finally signed legislation to take away their use of eminent domain.

Now we have discovered that four Republican members of the Ohio Legislature have introduced two bills (S136 in the Senate and HB170 in the House) to grant eminent domain powers to the company planning to build this new project.

I fully believe that we can stop this entire idiotic CO2 pipeline if we can stop the bills in the Ohio Legislature. But I urgently need your help to build major opposition.

I am sending this alert to APC supporters across the nation, not just to those in the affected states. Because I want to build major opposition. If we can stop this one in Ohio, PA, and WV, it may well be the last time we have to deal with this idiotic land grab scheme anywhere else in the U.S.

I have just written a letter to every member of the Ohio legislature expressing the reasons for our opposition. Here is a link to that letter which provides all the major details (https://americanpolicy.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/OHB170oppositionLetter.pdf).

If you are an Ohio resident, please contact your state representative and state senator. You can use the information in my letter to express your opposition. Here are links to all members of the House and Senate. There are individual emails, phone numbers, and the address to write to them. Make them hear you!

House: https://www.gongwer-oh.com/directories/legislature.cfm?chamber=202&sort=dist

Senate: https://www.gongwer-oh.com/directories/legislature.cfm?chamber=102

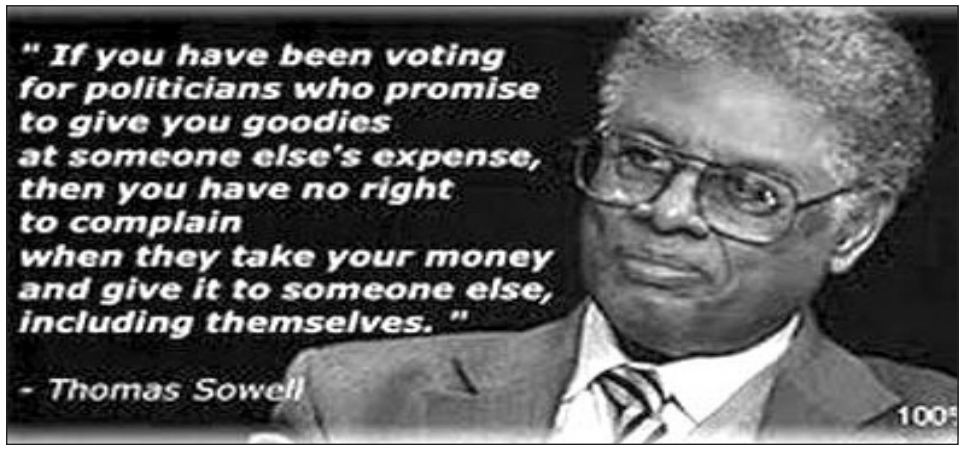
If you are a resident of Iowa, SD, ND, Nebraska or Minnesota, you can tell them about the absolute tyranny these projects have caused property owners.

And for those of you in the rest of the nation, just hearing from opposition nationwide will really shock the legislators. That's how we win!

Finally, I urgently need your help to finance this effort. I am organizing a media blitz to get on news media all over the affected states as well as nationally. I addition, I am working to rally activists and supply materials to help them organize and fight.

If you write a check, send to our address American Policy Center, 53 Main Street, #3640, Warrenton, VA 20188-3640.

Tom DeWeese is founder and president of the American Policy Center and is an internationally recognized expert on the issue of Sustainable Development and its attack on private property.



Why Evil and Suffering Doesn't Disprove God



By Gary L. Wickert

One of the oldest questions humanity asks is: if God is good, all-powerful, and sovereign, why does He allow suffering and evil to afflict and victimize good people? In the wake of the assassination of Charlie Kirk, his wife Erika struggles for answers but immediately forgave the evil assassin. Five months before his death, Kirk appeared on the Bill Maher show and debated with the infamous atheist over the existence of a Creator. Charlie presented the powerful fine-tuning argument—pointing to the astronomical improbability of a life-permitting universe forming by chance. Instead of addressing that directly, Bill Maher pivots to the throw-down explanation for the atheism of many—that if there were an all-powerful, loving Creator, he wouldn't subject his creation to pain, anguish, and evil. For many Christians, Bill's response not only dodges the real question, but actually reinforces the case for a moral lawgiver.

For the agnostic or atheist, the existence of pain, cancer, tragedy, or injustice is proof enough that God cannot exist. For the believer, this question is often more personal and piercing, as we face trials that feel incompatible with the God of love revealed in Scripture. The discipline that addresses this question is called theodicy—the vindication of divine goodness and providence in light of the existence of evil. It is worth discussing because the Christian response serves as the greatest weapon of Christian apologetics known to Man.

At its core, the atheist's challenge is framed like this: God is capable of preventing evil. God desires to rid the world of evil. God could have created a universe where sin, death, and disease never existed. So why doesn't He? The Christian response is not to deny the weight of the question, but to meet it with both truth and love: God allows evil because He created humanity with free will, and without free will, no genuine relationship between Creator and creature could exist.

A God who "programmed" humanity to never sin, never disobey, and never choose wrongly would have a world without evil—but also a world without love. Love requires choice. Obedience requires willingness. Worship requires freedom. God's purpose was not to fashion robots who mechanically obey Him, but children who freely love Him. As one writer explains, free will is necessary in order for God to have a relationship with us. A world without the possibility of evil would also be a world without the possibility of authentic love. Love without choice is not love at all. If your spouse was programmed to obey you, you would not experience love, but rather, obedience. A coerced obedience would make us little more than programmed machines, but God desired children who freely choose Him. In granting us freedom, He allowed for the possibility of sin and hardship, but also made possible the beauty of genuine relationship, authentic worship, and sacrificial love.

Jesus affirmed this truth when he said, "If you love me, keep my commandments" (John 14:15). This verse highlights that God does not force love or obedience but invites us into a relationship that only has meaning if entered into freely. This is why Scripture is filled with appeals to choose: "Choose this day whom you will serve" (Joshua 24:15). God is glorified not by coercion, but by His people willingly walking with Him. Evil exists not because God is indifferent, but because God dignified His creation with freedom, knowing that redemption and relationship were worth the risk of rebellion.

The Bible never hides the reality of suffering. In fact, it prepares us for it. Peter tells believers, "Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you" (1 Peter 4:12). James goes further: "Consider it pure joy… whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance" (James 1:2–3). Trials are not random accidents; they are moments where God strengthens, refines, and shapes His people.

Paul, writing from prison while awaiting death, declared: "I can do all this through him who gives me strength" (Philippians 4:13). His joy and confidence were not rooted in freedom from suffering, but in Christ's presence through it. Jesus Himself, while nailed to the cross, prayed, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34). In the most profound evil the world has ever known—the murder of the sinless Son of God—God brought forth the greatest good: salvation for humanity.

The story of Joseph illustrates this beautifully. Betrayed by his brothers, sold into slavery, and unjustly imprisoned for years, Joseph might have concluded that God had abandoned him. Yet in time, he rose to become second in command in Egypt, positioned to save not only his family but entire nations from famine. Joseph's words to his brothers summarize God's providence over evil: "You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good" (Genesis 50:20). It is God's timing, not ours, that proves His purposes.

Jesus was transparent with His disciples: "In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). The promise of the gospel is not that life will be easy, but that it will be good because God is with us. Life without problems would be like a story without conflict—empty and without depth. It is through adversity that our faith grows roots. When we live on purpose, we should not expect the absence of hardship but the presence of Christ's peace along the way.

Martin Luther warned against trying to justify God philosophically, apart from Christ. He wrote, "He who inquires into the majesty of God shall be crushed by it." Luther distinguished between the hidden God—those mysteries we cannot comprehend—and the revealed God—Christ Jesus, who makes God known to us. Rather than despair over what we cannot explain, we cling to what God has revealed: His love, His faithfulness, and His promises. We know nothing of the unrevealed God, but everything we need for faith and assurance has been given in Christ.

Atheists argue: if God is all-powerful, He could simply eliminate evil. But such a world would eliminate the very possibility of free will and meaningful love. To demand that God create a universe without the potential for sin is to demand that He create a universe without true relationship. And to suggest that suffering disproves God is to ignore the countless testimonies of people whose faith deepened precisely through suffering. Scripture repeatedly demonstrates that God does not waste evil; He redeems it. We would do well not to inquire into the mind of God.

The cross itself is the ultimate rebuttal. If the existence of evil disproved God, then the crucifixion of Jesus would be the final nail in that argument. Instead, it is the clearest demonstration of His reality and His love: through the worst evil imaginable, God accomplished the greatest good. God did not promise His people a painless existence. He promised His presence, His peace, and His redemption. As Paul says, "God works all things together for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28). This does not mean everything is good, but that everything—even evil—is worked by God for ultimate good.

Theodicy does not erase our questions, but it anchors them in faith. We do not serve a distant deity indifferent to our pain, but a God who entered our suffering, bore our sins, and conquered death. In Christ, we are assured that evil does not have the final word. "Be of good cheer," Jesus says, "I have overcome the world" (John 16:33).

He Sounds Like ANTIFA

"A wise king scattereth the wicked, and bringeth the wheel over them." Proverbs 20:26

By Riley J. Hood

On September 10th, Charlie Kirk was murdered while he was sitting in a chair, holding a microphone, and talking with a crowd of younger adults, so-called. The "alleged" killer has been identified as Tyler Robinson. Robinson, was raised as a Mormon, but became a homosexual, and his sodomy-mate was a male-transsexual. The press used the term, "increasingly political" to describe him instead of increasingly queer.

For the first few days, I didn't think Robinson was a homo, but an ATIFA member or a fellow-traveler. Why, because he dumped the rifle and the rounds to make his escape. He wrote "hey fascist, catch this," on the rounds. The Governor of Utah called the murder a "political assassination."

ANTIFA has rioted before the Black Lives Matter riots, during them, and after them, especially in Portland Oregon. Their strategy is a Communist strategy. During WWII, the NAZI and the Commie slugged it out on the Eastern Front. (No clear cut "good guy" in the theater, in fact both sides were evil.) The Soviet Army called the Germans, not Nazis but "fascists." When the Communist inspired Anti-War movement during Vietnam, clashed with the police, they called them the "Pigs," which has short for "Fascist Pigs." Then along comes ANTIFA, which labels people as "fascist" as a pretext to rough them, or even kill them. They provided some of the muscle for the "cancel culture" mentality. It doesn't dawn on these millennials that wearing masks and roughing people is a fascist tactic. These people label other people before they torment them, because they are driven by the guilt manipulation foisted upon them their government school teachers, the idiocy of social media and Ritalin, Prozac, Zoloft etc.

On 9/18/25 the Trump Administration declared ANTIFA to be a terrorist group. It was probably a response to Charlie Kirks murder, but I would use the term, "One too many times." I don't like speak for other people, but I think Trump's message is loud and clear. It is addressed to State and Local leaders, "If you don't clean up the mess, I will do it for you, and you might not like my methods."

Perfection itself is imperfection.
-Vladimir Horowitz

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Fargo and Citigroup.

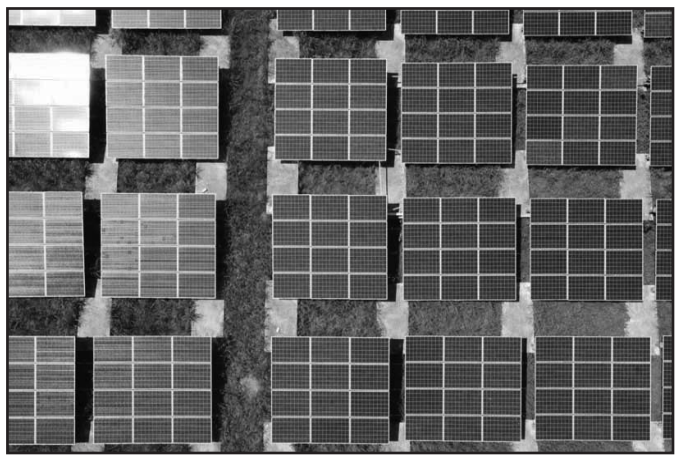
The climate industrial complex, through its organs at the United Nations, sought to impose anti-fossil fuel goals on the global shipping industry via the International Maritime Organization (IMO). But in 2025, the United States took a bold stand by formally opposing the IMO's position.

Across the Atlantic, Scotland made headlines in April 2024 by abandoning its ambitious target to cut emissions by 75% by 2030. At Germany's Munich Motor Show in 2025, Stellantis – parent company of brands like Jeep, Peugeot and Vauxhall – declared it would no longer aim to produce only electric vehicles by 2030. The company called the European Union's 2035 zero-emission mandate "unrealistic." Others have cut back or canceled production of EVs, a very recent one being Acura's ZDX, which was sent packing shortly after the Japanese manufacturer and General Motors ended a joint EV venture. The Science-Based Targets initiative (SBTi) was supposed to be the gold-standard arbiter of net zero commitments. Yet, energy giants like Shell, BP, and Enbridge have quit advisory groups linked to SBTi, recalibrating their strategies toward pragmatism in the development of oil and natural gas. BP, for example, slashed future spending on net zero ventures while upping investments in traditional hydrocarbons by nearly 20%.

All these reversals share a common cause: the profound disconnection between activist goals and economic reality. On paper, it sounds charitable to promise emissions cuts and decarbonized operations by mid-century. However, these pledges assume nonexistent technology, rely on unaffordable energy sources, and require disruption to economic activity that no rational executive team can tolerate.

Financial institutions have realized that lending to developers and users of fossil fuels is vital for national security, especially in times of geopolitical uncertainty. Oil and natural gas continue to be essential for infrastructure, industrial processes and the daily lives of billions. "Green" lending strategies that sounded good at climate summits failed to deliver returns under market pressure.

Becoming mainstream again is the understanding that affordable and reliable energy, prosperity and human freedom are inextricably linked – a connection that is non-negotiable. The great climate scare is not ending with a bang, but with quiet, commonsense calculations.



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READ IT: Charlie Kirk's Letter to Netanyahu

By Katie Pavlich

Before his assassination, the late Charlie Kirk became increasingly concerned about changing U.S. opinion towards Israel in the United States - especially among young people negatively influenced by social media campaigns. In fact, he wrote a letter to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu expressing his support, with a roadmap about how to get things back on track.

The letter was first reported by the New York Post. Here it is in full:

Dear Mr. Prime Minister,

One of my greatest joys as a Christian is advocating for Israel and forming alliances with Jews in the fight to protect Judeo-Christian civilization. Most recently, I am proud to have taken over Ambassador Huckabee's show on TBN where we continually support Israel and the Jewish people. As Muhammadism spreads into Western societies, it's critical that Jews and Christians stay united in the effort to contain and roll back radical Islam and Sharia law. I regret to report that anti-Israel and anti-Semitic trends are at record levels on social media. These negative sentiments then flow downstream into college campuses and even seep into the conservative MAGA community.

My team and I have spent months analyzing these trends and debating ideas that could help you and your country pushback against these disturbing developments. Anti-Israel sentiment can undermine American support for Israel. The purpose of this letter is to lay out our concerns and outline potential remedies. Everything written here is from a place of deep love for Israel and the Jewish people. I think it's important to be brutally honest with those you love. In my opinion, Israel is losing the information war and needs a "communications intervention."

I started to compose this letter to you on Easter. I should have been focused on my family, but I was getting bombarded with messages about the Israeli army making it difficult for Christians to access church in Jerusalem on Easter. At the time, I did not see any official statements pushing back on this narrative. It was frustrating because pro Israel surrogates like me should not be in charge of fact checking every piece of anti-Israel misinformation that pours into social media. It wasn't just Easter. On my recent campus tours, half the questions I get are about Israel and they're all negative.



I often spend half my time on these campus tours defending Jews and Israel which I'm proud to do because I love Israel and love the Jewish faith. I spent endless hours with Dennis Prager over the years studying the Torah. Sometimes, it feels like I'm defending Israel in public more than your own government.

My experience on college campuses matches a recent Harvard Harris poll which reported 48% of 18-24 year old Americans support Hamas over Israel. Even in young MAGA circles, Israel is losing support. We are getting huge crowds of 4,000-5,000 students on some of my college tours. My campus visits are becoming like a rock concert atmosphere filled with conservative patriots. Yet, on these campus visits, I'm constantly confronted with:

"Israel is an apartheid state."

"Why does Israel conduct ethnic cleansing?"

"Why is America subsidizing Israel's genocide against the Palestinian people?"

"Is American aid helping to subsidize Israel's free health care?"

"Israel and the Jews are running U.S. foreign policy."

"Israel and Jews are responsible for 9/11."

"Defending Israel is not in our U.S. national interest."

"Why is Israel trying to drag us into a war in the Middle East?"

Above are just a sampling of the negative Israel/Jewish comments and questions I confront on college campuses. I'm accused of being a paid apologist for Israel when I defend her; however, if I don't defend Israel strongly enough, I'm accused of being anti-semitic. I know you've got a 7 front war and my kvetching pales in comparison. But I'm trying to convey to you that Israel is losing support even in conservative circles. This should be a 5 alarm fire.

I'm often asked, "Why is Israel killing so many innocent civilians in Gaza?" I know Israel goes to great lengths by dropping flyers and even calling civilians to clear out of areas about to be bombed. I know Israel posts maps showing which areas should be evacuated. I know that Hamas uses civilians as human shields. But 90% of the younger generations get their news from social media and podcasts and there is very little pushback or fact checking by the Israeli government and/or pro Israel supporters in the media (especially social media).

I strongly suggest Israel NOT always depend on "subcontracting" their information war efforts to surrogates in America. Mr. Prime Minister, I urge you to REVAMP your information warfare strategy from top to bottom. Sometimes, the impression is given that Israel thinks everyone hates them so why care about winning over hearts and minds? If there's any truth to this impression, I urge you to consider that social media and podcasts is where you fight for the hearts and minds of the younger generation. Obviously, all this negative Israel propaganda on social media easily translates into pro Hamas "Free Palestine" sentiment on many college campuses. Here are some unsolicited recommendations my team and I suggest if you're open-minded to a communications reset:

1. For starters, you need a rapid response media team. President Trump does this very effectively on social media with his own account and his White House Rapid Response 47 team. The President has strong fighters like Stephen Miller and Karoline Leavitt who battle the press everyday. Honestly, I don't even know if you have a press secretary. You are an eloquent defender of Israel, but you need a team of information warriors out there pushing back everyday in real time. When you don't push back, anti-Semitism and anti-Israel propaganda fill the void. A pro-Israel friend recently asked me, "Do Israelis even care how the world perceives

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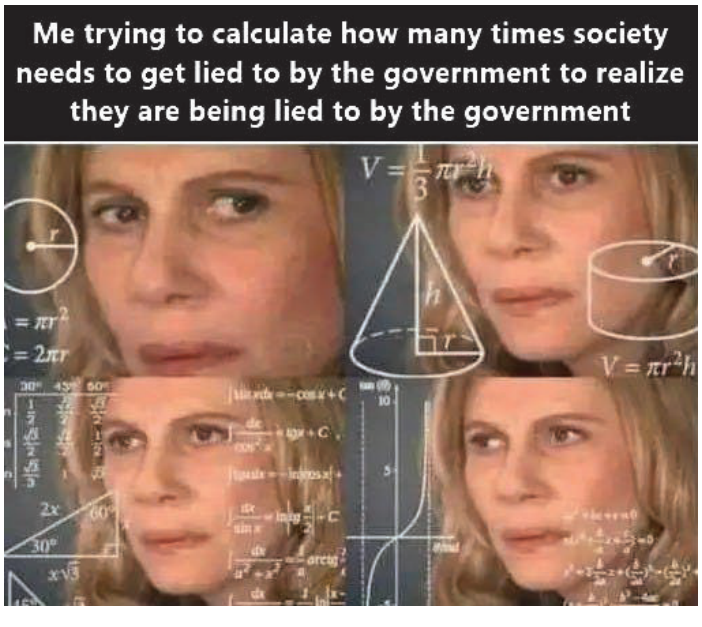
do.)

If they're confident enough in their "investigation" to put a man in jail, where's the bullet? Where's the autopsy? Where are the medical examiner's findings, the toxicology reports, the wound trajectory diagrams? Where is the sworn testimony of witnesses who saw Robinson at the site? Where is his formal guilty plea (besides those oh-so-believable texts to his lover/roommate)? Why was the crime scene literally dismantled—grass and all—within days? Who ordered it? Why was the Dairy Queen where the alleged killer was supposedly spotted minutes after the murder cleaned out, fenced off, and boarded up overnight? Why was the camera behind Charlie's head removed immediately after the shooting—and where is that footage now?

Importantly, where is the "media" and why aren't they asking any of these questions?

The press release version of events is so absurd that memes about it are going viral.

In the days after the murder—after authorities already had "the suspect" in custody, mind you—FBI Director Kash Patel boldly insisted that the agency would leave no stone unturned in its tireless commitment to get to the truth!



"We are meticulously investigating theories and questions," Patel said nine days ago, the last day his name appears in a Google News search, "including the location from where the shot was taken, the possibility of accomplices, the text message confession and related conversations, Discord chats, the angle of the shot and bullet impact, how the weapon was transported, hand gestures observed as potential 'signals' near Charlie at the time of his assassination, and visitors to the alleged shooter's residence in the hours and days leading up to September 10, 2025."

FWIW, six of the nine areas of intense investigation Patel mentioned revolve directly around the assumption that Tyler Robinson is the shooter—which regular readers know I do not believe.

Again, I'm not saying Robinson didn't pull a trigger or even that he doesn't think he's the killer. I just don't personally happen to believe that he is. The theories online are downright wild. The CIA and Mossad did it. As a "favor" to Erika Kirk, who is also Mossad. (Trump was somehow involved.) Erika was also trafficking children out of Romania and she may, in fact, be JonBenét Ramsey *I am not making that up*. No, the U.S. Army killed him. It was a palm gun! Wait, it was a drone. What? You're all insane. It was obviously a ritualistic, deep-state cult murder. Please. It was all a fake; an elaborate Hollywood production. Hahahahaha just kidding, the entire thing was a hologram.

And then there's this: there was no shooter at all. Charlie's lavalier mic was equipped with an explosive device that was detonated remotely. (This is actually the only explanation that makes logistical sense to me, if I'm being honest.) I realize in a way it's splitting hairs—someone still had to plant the device and then pull the trigger—but it also implies premeditation and coordination, not a lone-wolf with a lucky aim.

This dude feels me.

> This isn't about liking or hating Charlie Kirk. It's about truth. Too many anomalies — crime scene contamination, bodyguard signals, fake texts, contradictory ballistics, decoy suspects, unexplained jet movements. Put together, they don't paint a picture of a lone wolf. They point to a cover-up.
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> I hate conspiracy theories. But this isn't theory — these are facts that demand answers. And until every video, every chain-of-custody record, every autopsy detail, and every communication log is released, we are all being lied to.

Theories outside of the safe, clichéd "radicalized shooter" narrative naturally leave you reeling: If it wasn't some kid who was "fed up with hate" (make that make sense), then who was it? Whose

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> **Murray** @Rothbard1776 — X.com
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> I try not to be a conspiracy theorist, but I have a REALLY hard time believing in a short text exchange, the alleged shooter:
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> > Makes his confession.
> > Confirms location of the weapon.
> > Confirms the type of weapon.
> > Confirms it was wrapped in a towel.
> > Confirms his motive.
> > Exonerates the decoy [George Zinn].
> > Admits to the bullet engravings.
> > Confirms the wardrobe change.
> > Confirms how long he's been planning it.
> > Discloses the existence and location of a [now destroyed] pre-written confession note.
> > Randomly tells his boyfriend that his dad is die hard MAGA (as if he wouldn't already know given the nature of their relationship)
> > And is worried about his Dad/Grandpa being upset if he doesn't come home with the rifle, not the fact that he just used it to commit a murder.

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"An investment in knowledge pays the best interest"

- Benjamin Franklin

How Taxes Make Us Work Less And Ultimately Have Less

By James Bohn and Greg Grambow

We've all had this experience: You get your paycheck. With anticipation, you open the envelope. You're expecting a check for $500. But you see a net pay of $350 or $375. What the heck happened? Then you see the two magic words: "Less Taxes".

That rude awakening is an introduction to what economists refer to as the "tax wedge." This wedge is the amount of taxes that are taken out of your paycheck, plus the taxes your employer pays on your behalf.

Wedge is an appropriate metaphor. Like an iron wedge that cleaves a log into two parts, the tax wedge comes between employees and employers.

Let's put a few numbers on it.

Consider a married Wisconsin couple with a pre-tax income of $82,000, the average household income who file jointly.

The tax wedge consists of the taxes taken out of their paycheck plus, the taxes their employers pay on their behalf.

Our couple is in the 12 percent bracket for Federal income tax purposes after rate changes were retained under the 2025 tax bill. For Wisconsin taxes, Act 15, widened the middle tax bracket in Wisconsin, in 2025. Thus, our couple will pay state taxes at a 4.4 percent rate. Our couple also pays 7.65 percent of their earnings for Social Security and Medicare taxes. Add them up and the total tax rate comes to just over 24 percent.

But, let's not forget taxes their employer pays on their wages. Employers pay another 7.65 percent for Social Security and Medicare taxes, plus taxes for unemployment coverage and workers compensation.

All told, the tax wedge that our couple faces is at least 32 percent of the employer's wage bill.

The tax wedge has significant incentive effects. The more money taken out of your paycheck in taxes, the less financially rewarding your job. As a result, when the tax wedge gets larger, people tend to work less. Go-getters become couch potatoes. Hustlers become hermits.

At the same time, the higher the taxes employers pay on wages, the more expensive it is to hire and keep people on. Unemployment goes up. Career opportunities evaporate.

An example of the disincentives the tax wedge that hinders productive work are evident in Europe.

The tax wedge facing the average American worker is around 30 percent. In France and Germany, the tax wedge is about 48 percent. High taxes were the result of a need to fund the large welfare states of these countries.

Because of these disincentives in European tax policies, European workers put in far fewer hours than Americans. The average American worker works 1,765 hours a year. The average worker in France works just 1,505 hours, a full six weeks less than in America, and the average German works 1,386 hours, almost ten weeks less.

Less work has its costs. There are two things that create economic prosperity: investment and work. Countries where less time is spent on productive work grow slower and become relatively poorer over time, compared to countries where workers put in longer hours. Indeed, while America has become richer over the past two decades, much of Europe, France and Germany included, have stagnated.

Europe provides a cautionary tale for the United States. Entitlement programs are popular and American politicians are quick to promise to make existing programs more generous or invent new ones. The unintended consequence, less working hours – a slowing economy.

In the US, with the national debt at crisis levels, the taxes necessary to pay for such programs and pay off the debt, will, as normal, will fall on the middle-class. That means an even higher tax wedge than Americans

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United Precious Metals Association (UPMA) at a glance

By Alpine Gold

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State Rep. Scott Krug emerges as GOP's voice of pragmatism on Wisconsin election policy

B Alexander Shur / Votebeat

On a quiet Friday at Mo's Bar, a lakeside dive where regulars gossip over beer and fried perch, Rep. Scott Krug blended in easily.

He nursed a Miller Lite and gestured out the window toward Big Roche a Cri, one of the lakes that he said had taught him everything he needed to know about surviving the Capitol's sharpest fights.

"I was the water guy in the Legislature for years and years," said Krug, an eight-term Republican who represents a region of farms, lakes and rivers stretching south and west from Wisconsin Rapids. Instead of sticking to the party line, he said, he tried to balance the interests of farmers, the tourism industry and clean water — ultimately winning support from both conservation and agricultural groups.

"I don't give a shit about getting my head kicked in by both sides," Krug said.

That willingness to buck party orthodoxy has mattered even more in recent years amid Wisconsin's fierce battles over election administration. As many Republicans leaned into Donald Trump's false claims about fraud, and the Assembly's elections committee became a stage for conspiracy theories, Krug carved out a different role: the pragmatist trying to keep the system running.

He took over as chair of the committee in late 2022 after his predecessor's hard-line tactics cost her influence. This session, Krug has moved up to assistant majority leader, a role that puts him at the center of GOP caucus strategy. That might mean winnowing 18 election ideas down to five bills, huddling with Wisconsin Elections Commission appointees, talking with clerks across the state, or working the halls to find a path for bipartisan proposals long stuck in gridlock.

It has been hard for Krug to overcome the conspiracy theories embraced by a small GOP faction and rally his colleagues behind his proposed election reforms. When Republicans do unite on election policy, their bills usually face Democratic opposition and a veto from Gov. Tony Evers.

Still, Krug has

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Assemblyman from Wisconsin Rapids and Vice Chair of the Assembly Committee on Campaigns and Elections. Over the past couple of weeks, he made himself available to the media to promote election reforms his committee plans to advance through the Legislature. In addition to the fact that the Governor and Democrats in the Legislature have already signaled he is going to have a fight on his hands, the bills won't do anything to address the fundamental flaws that make cheating in Wisconsin elections possible.

On September 25, I sent Krug the following communication outlining the problem and asking for a very specific response:

"I am writing today to ask you to explain why you and other Republican leaders remain silent on the root cause of the unverifiability of our elections which is the more than 4 million names of ineligible voters that the WEC maintains on our Registered Voter List and 250,000 Wisconsin driver's licenses lawfully issued to non-citizens, who are here legally, that are indistinguishable from citizens' driver's licenses.

I am confident you are fully aware of the threat cybercrime poses with 'secure' databases being hacked literally every day. Our own state government publishes the list of Wisconsin companies that have been hacked each year with the personal protected information of millions of Wisconsin citizens being stolen. There is no greater motivation for the criminal hacking of a database than stealing an election.

Only when we have a clean Registered Voter List containing only the names of currently eligible voters will we be able to verify that every vote cast was cast by someone eligible to do so.

The measures your committee is pushing – drop box security, early counting and eliminating ballot curing - will be meaningless without election verifiability. I know you and your fellow legislators are hearing from many Wisconsin voters who want the Registered Voter List purged of ineligible voters and the driver's licenses issued to non-citizens to be clearly marked 'not for voting.'

A clear and specific response to the question 'why are you not addressing the Registered Voter List and Non-citizen driver's licenses?' will be appreciated. The silence of the Republicans on the unverifiability of our elections is deafening."

Scott Krug ignored my request. He did, however, find time to write an opinion piece for the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel last Sunday entitled "This bill can put an end to the biggest lie about Wisconsin elections". In this insult to well-informed Wisconsin voters, Krug makes the ridiculous claim that "I am here to state, unequivocally, Wisconsin elections are safe…" He goes on to say that Wisconsin voters are most disturbed by elections that appear to be going in one direction late on election day but flip during the middle of the night after numerous ballots are dropped at central counting locations and tallied throughout the night. Krug contends "the now notorious 'late night ballot dump' is not nearly as nefarious as it sounds". He wants Wisconsin voters to believe if the ballots that were received early are opened and prepared on the day before the election for counting on election day, and measures are added to detect any tampering with the early ballots, the concerns of voters will be resolved. He adds if there is evidence of tampering, a full recount will be ordered. Krug ends his op-ed with "Let's be clear: Wisconsin elections are safe and secure. We elect leaders by close margins because our residents make independent decisions about who should represent them in Madison and Washington".

Krug's statements about the safety and security of Wisconsin elections demonstrate he is unfit to be a legislative point person on election security. He is either ignorant on the issue of verifiability or willfully turning a blind eye to the opportunities to cheat in Wisconsin elections. With 4 million names of ineligible voters on the Registered Voter List, his remedies will not detect that ineligible names have been hacked and used to create fraudulent ballots and cast fraudulent votes. With 250,000 valid Wisconsin driver's licenses in the hands of non-citizens, his remedies will not detect that non-citizens have registered to vote and voted using a driver's license for ID. Recounts are a meaningless

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HOT JACK

An Open Letter to Tom Tiffany

Now that you are running for Governor, you might be wondering what issue(s) are the most important to Wisconsin voters. What issues, if acted upon correctly will get you elected? What issues will set you apart from your competition? Maybe I can help you.

The most important issue that is not yet a State-wide issue, is ELECTION INTEGRITY. Think about it. If our elections are FIXED, if the outcomes to a large extent are pre-determined, then what else matters? You like most Americans believe that elections in places like Russia and China are fixed. Their outcomes are controlled by the Government or Party and are pre-determined. Any arguments to that point?

Slowly (too slowly IMHO) the American People are waking up to the idea that they have more in common with the Russians and Chinese than one might think. They are waking up to the FACT that their elections are at the very least "questionable" and at worst totally fixed.

But Americans are not like the Russians and Chinese. Liberty is engrained into our DNA, and we won't tolerate a FAKE REPUBLIC forever. We will look for leaders, who will re-instate our freedom to determine our own destiny. If we cannot find such a leader, we will eventually take it into our own hands. And that scenario will not be pretty and is not desired by anyone.

Congressman, I have already written two issues, #492 – Three Questions and #494 – Little Red Smurfs, which in a way touch on this issue. This time I want to reach out to you directly. I implore you to make the issue of ELECTION INTEGRITY the marquee issue of your campaign for Governor. It is an issue that affects Americans of both parties, whether they know it or not. Bring the issue to the forefront. Make it bipartisan. MAKE ELECTIONS CLEAN AGAIN. Make elections mean something and not just be a smokescreen for some oligarchy.

Again, I implore you to act. But if you won't, if you continue to play in the muck with your swampy friends, then perhaps Mr. Schoemann will.

"Green energy" opponents ignore the elephant in the room

Most organizations and individuals who are fighting against the expansion of wind turbines, solar power, and battery energy storage systems (BESS) are not addressing the elephant in the room. The truth is that the science driving the climate scare is wrong, and so the energy transition promoted by environmental groups is not required.

For fear of being dismissed as "climate change deniers," opponents to the "green energy" expansion focus on blocking renewable energy projects in their regions for other reasons such as the infeasibility of the project, high costs, or environmental and health concerns. In so doing, they often unwittingly promote the climate scare. This is because they aren't addressing the underlying fact that humans are not causing dangerous climate change, so the energy transition is a complete waste of money and threatens to leave us bankrupt, hungry and freezing in the dark for no environmental benefit at all.

Their strategy is analogous to objecting to your doctor that your cancer treatment is costly, uncomfortable, and painful. Your doctor will reply, "Yes, the treatment has serious side effects, but it is needed to save your life." That argument would make sense if you do indeed have cancer. But what if another, even more qualified doctor doubts that you actually have cancer? Wouldn't it make sense to thoroughly consider that point of view? If the second doctor is correct, then the anti-cancer treatment is worse than useless, and no amount of expense and discomfort is worthwhile. Similarly, we don't need any "treatments" for our energy sector: costly renewable energy projects are unneeded, just like cancer treatments for healthy patients.

One organization that falls into this trap is Citizens for Responsible Solar. They promote using solar power on rooftops and commercial land rather than rural farmland. Of course, it makes sense to prevent solar panels from being built on farmland and cutting down forests to build solar farms, but the organization fails to address the fact that the panels are not required in the first place since there is no climate crisis.

Citizens for Responsible Solar say, "Destroying farmland and cutting down trees will not solve climate change." They advocate for solar power to be used responsibly, which is indeed important, but their message completely avoids the elephant in the room. They write: "We believe that true 'green' energy solutions do not involve destroying farmlands, forests, wildlife habitat, families, and homes." That is true: but we don't need "green energy" solutions at all. We need clean, conventional energy that will power our cities and industries, something that solar power is not yet capable of.

There are also many groups opposing wind turbines, for instance, Wind Concerns Ontario. This group has many excellent resources on the detrimental effects of turbines, however, they also say that "the global challenge of climate change is to choose smart, effective solutions." Unfortunately, this is furthering the climate scare, because there is no "global challenge of climate change" that should concern us, apart from hardening our societies to adapt to natural environmental changes. Many other local groups throughout North America have voiced similar concerns about wind turbines but totally fail to address the climate change propaganda that is driving the push for so-called renewable energy.

Fossil fuel companies, however, are the worst of all. Many are capturing carbon dioxide (CO_2) and pumping it underground with costly "carbon" capture and storage (CCS) technologies. They are on the right track promoting conventional power, but CCS is entirely unnecessary and greatly increases the cost of energy for no benefit.

For instance, ExxonMobil has detailed plans on how they will reduce emissions, promoting "Low Carbon Solutions" in their Advancing Climate Solutions report. Directly stating that "Climate change is real and stands as one of the major challenges facing the world today" does nothing to help their goal of providing reliable energy to the world. They want to expand their power but are also crippling themselves with investments to lower CO_2 emissions.

Shell too promotes the climate scare with their target to become a "net-zero emissions energy business by 2050," citing the Paris Agreement on climate change that aims to limit the rise in the so-called "global average temperature" this century to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels. Not only is this unnecessary, but it will significantly increase the cost of electricity and make heating and cooling our homes especially difficult for those living in poorer communities. Instead, fossil fuel companies should champion CO_2 as a life-giving molecule that is greening the planet rather than try to "decarbonise" their industry.

Groups opposing "green energy" should look into the science that is driving the climate scare to see if it actually holds up. A good place to start would be the fully-referenced 88-page book Energy & Climate at a Glance: Canadian Edition (click here to order for $14 Canadian plus tax, shipping and handling) published by Canadians for Sensible Climate Policy and The Heartland Institute. The book is a timely counter to the "Net Zero" push and outlines how that goal is unachievable by 2050, scientifically unnecessary, and will ensure lower standards of living with no appreciable environmental benefit.

Furthermore, groups that oppose a massive expansion of renewables, including BESS, should also oppose events such as Climate Week NYC, which took place at the end of September. Large public events like these are one of the primary drivers of the climate scare and so must be tackled head-on. Rather than just protesting against wind turbines, solar panels, and BESS, we should speak up against the propaganda promulgated at these events. Our message should be clear: the climate scare is not based on sound science. If Climate Week and other enterprises are discredited, it will be harder for companies to build the wind, solar and BESS facilities that have been harming communities around the world.

Another activist group promoting solar and wind energy to be opposed is SunDay, with its inaugural event last month. They say they "celebrate the progress we've made [on renewables] and push for more." Although their messaging is wrong on many fronts (e.g., solar power cannot sustain our society), their primary reasoning is that they need to introduce these new energy sources to "stop climate change." They write, "If we can keep building solar power, we'll have a shot to stop climate change" and reference carbon dioxide as "carbon pollution." This is the principal message that we must oppose.

By staying true to their base and the facts about climate change, organizations opposing BESS and renewable energies will be in a better position to sway public opinion. We need strong leaders who aren't afraid to call out the unscientific anthropogenic climate change narrative as simply wrong. Instead, they need to promote sensible policies to adapt to climate change rather than trying to stop it with damaging, expensive and inadequate technologies.

Note: Mary-Jean Harris, BSc, MSc (physics), contributed to this article.

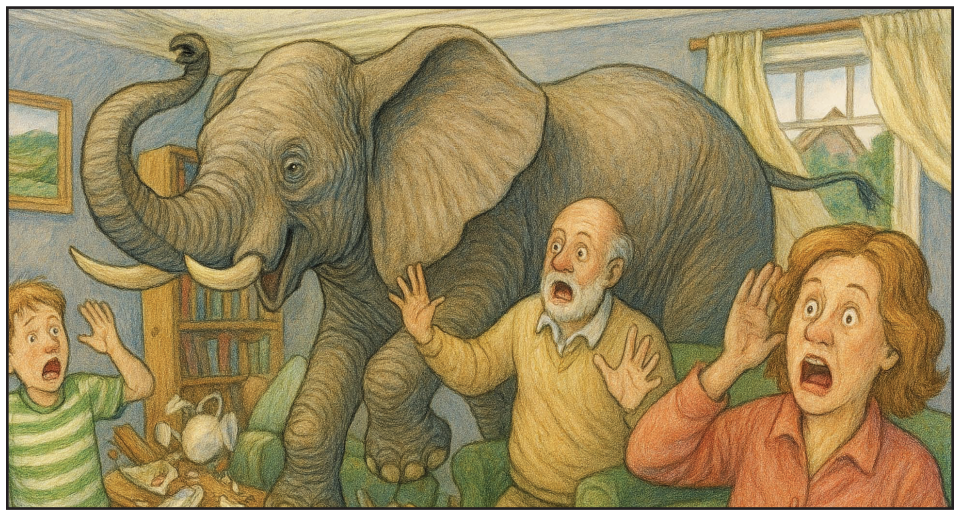
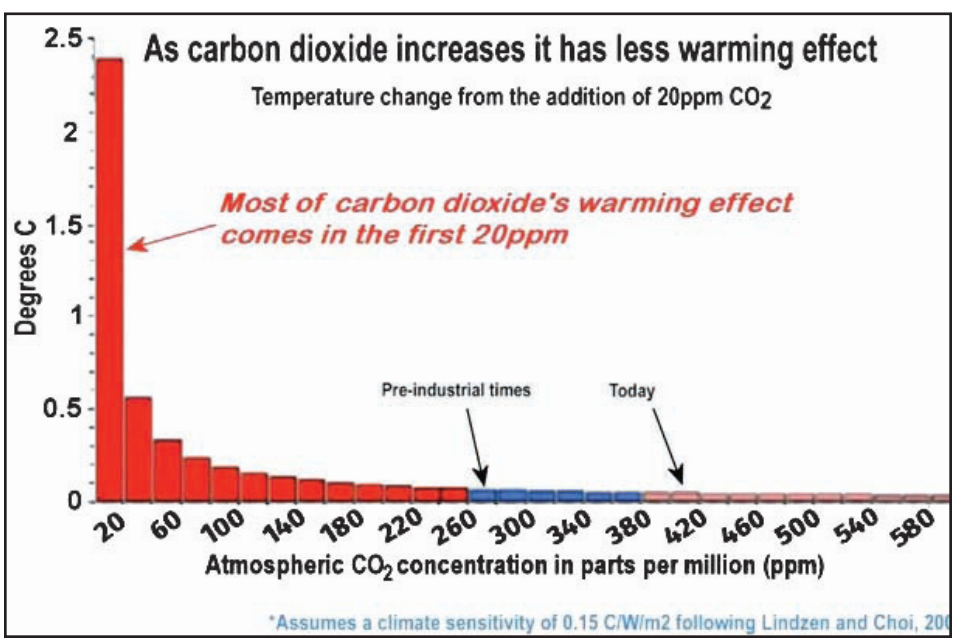


Figure 2: Atmospheric carbon dioxide saturation versus temperature increase, based on data from Lindzen and Choi, 20093. Note that CO2 becomes less and less effective (at a logarithmic rate) as its atmospheric concentration increases. Thus, there is limited opportunity for additional CO2 to cause heating.

In short, adding more CO2 to the atmosphere will have essentially no impact on global temperatures.





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Short Takes

By Ken Van Doren

Fires can't be made with dead embers, nor can enthusiasm be stirred by spiritless men. Enthusiasm in our daily work lightens effort and turns even labor into pleasant tasks.
-James Baldwin

I have a fundamental belief in the Bible as the Word of God, written by those who were inspired. I study the Bible daily. -Isaac Newton

Your daily life is your temple and your religion. When you enter into it take with you your all. -Khalil Gibran

"Arguing that you don't care about privacy because you have nothing to hide is no different than saying you don't care about free speech because you have nothing to say."
- Edward Snowden

"Sometimes by losing a battle you find a new way to win the war."
- Donald J. Trump

I think a role model is a mentor - someone you see on a daily basis, and you learn from them.
-Denzel Washington

To the extent that the judicial profession becomes the daily routine of deciding cases on the most secure precedents and the narrowest grounds available, the judicial mind atrophies and its perspective shrinks.
-Irving R. Kaufman

In every day, there are 1,440 minutes. That means we have 1,440 daily opportunities to make a positive impact. -Les Brown

Wisdom to Live By

"When people stop talking, that's when civil war happens, because you start to think the other side is so evil and they lose their humanity."
- Charlie Kirk



THE GAME PAGE
Crossword Puzzler

ACROSS
1. ____ vault
5. Reluctant
10. Student's residence
14. Ripened
15. Host
16. Notion
17. Haul
18. Cut of meat
20. Colonize again
22. Memorizes
23. Boston time zone (abbr.)
24. Laughter syllable
25. Contradictive contraction
26. Building cement
28. Railroad station
32. Confiscate weapons
35. Dads' partners
37. Time past
38. Served perfectly
39. ____ acid (nutrient)
41. Invoice
42. Golf prop
43. Catch
44. Wanted
46. Directional symbol
48. President ____ Reagan
50. For fear that
52. Highway curve
53. Dry, as wine
56. Stockholm's country
59. Fatherly
61. Valid
63. Soothe
64. Goad
65. Roadside eatery
66. Realm
67. Untidy state
68. Doorway
69. Liquefy

DOWN
1. Pedro's father
2. Monstrous giants
3. Slightest
4. Advantage
5. TV Host David ____
6. Brunch dish
7. Complexion woe
8. Mogul ____ Turner
9. Feet parts
10. Expand
11. Smell
12. Bridle strap
13. Provides workers
19. Tears apart
21. Norse god
25. Remove wrinkles
26. Angry
27. Pedro's friend
29. Compensated
30. Stare
31. Related
32. Information
33. Bakery worker
34. Prophet
36. Religious dwelling
40. Store
41. Sleeping spot
43. Like honey
45. Differently
47. Golden ____
49. Tidier
51. Insulting
53. Type of drum
54. Artist's stand
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56. Poor community
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59. Breathe quickly
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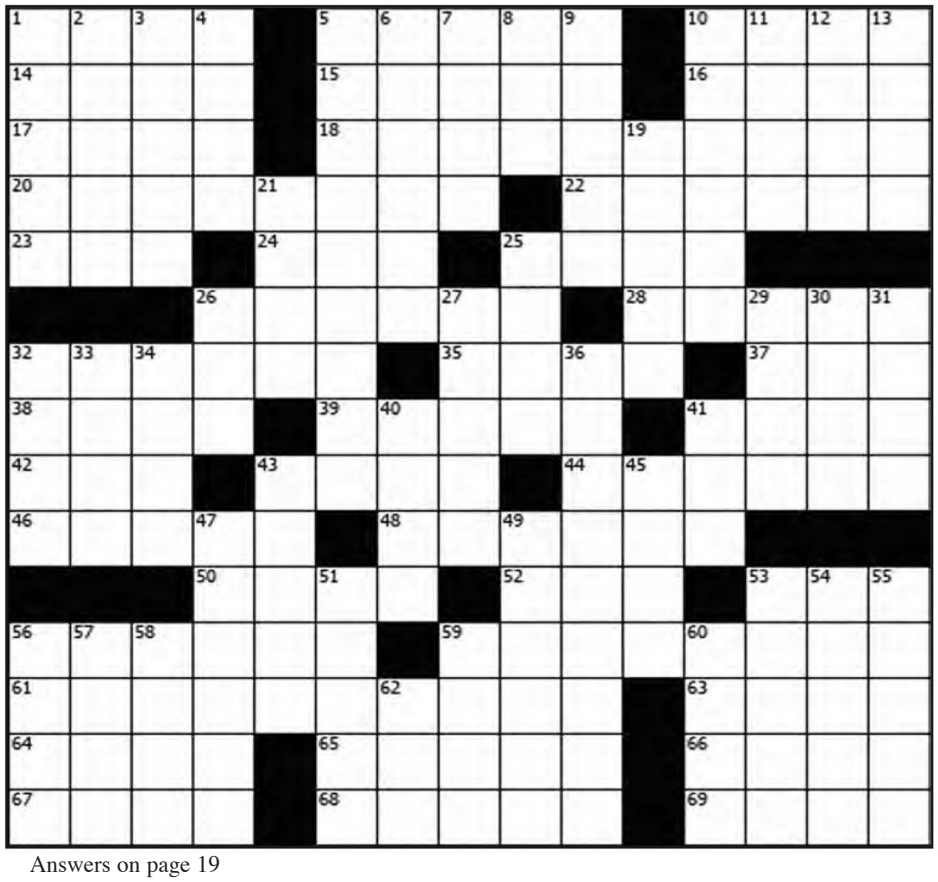

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Climate Cabal *cont. from page 1*

world lit by electricity.

Today, few can imagine our lives without plentiful, reliable, affordable electricity – for lights, computers, washers, driers, dishwashers, heating, air conditioning, television, vehicles, hospitals, schools, factories, data centers, artificial intelligence and more, to light, improve and sustain our lives.

And yet nearly 750 million people still have no access to electricity. Billions more have minimal, sporadic access. The vast majority live in Sub-Saharan Africa: 600 million with no electricity; hundreds of millions more with minimal or sporadic power. Many Asians and Latin Americans are similarly deprived. Often, electrification rates are high in cities but extremely low in the countrysides.

Incredibly, across much of Europe, millions of poor and middle-class families are also deprived. Many simply cannot afford electricity prices that have skyrocketed in the wake of coal, gas and nuclear power plant closures, in favor of wind and solar installations.

Other Europeans no longer have jobs, because factories and entire industries cannot afford those prices, closed down and sent their jobs to China and other coal-based-electricity nations. Still others are being told by climate-obsessed pressure group, media and political elites to light, heat and cool only one room, wear more sweaters, and appreciate electricity when it's available, not gripe about its cost or absence.

Europe refuses to frack for oil and gas … but imports Russian fuels, thereby sustaining Putin's war on Ukraine's citizens and civilian infrastructure.

Several US states have also imposed Euro-style electricity rates, rolling or recurring blackouts, and economic disruption in the name of saving the planet from climate calamities.

Leading, applauding and demanding this insanity are the United Nations, European Union, International Court of Justice(ICJ), multilateral anti-development banks, non-governmental organizations and even the now-defunct USAID. They harp about climate emergencies, demand that countries switch to "clean" energy, and refuse to approve or finance fossil fuel projects even for Africa.

The ICJ recently asserted that people have a "human right" to a "clean, healthy, sustainable environment" – which to the court means no impacts from fossil-fuel-driven climate change. It said nothing about rights to reliable and affordable energy, modern healthcare or decent living standards.

These proclamations and policies carry serious and often lethal consequences, especially for the world's poorest people. They excuse and justify policies that effectively keep families and nations mired in poverty, squalor, joblessness, disease and malnutrition.

President Trump has excoriated the UN for its "brutal" climate and Net Zero policies. The rest of the world should do likewise.

The ICJ-defined right to a clean, healthy, sustainable environment also ignores the reality that "clean energy" requires extensive mining and minerals processing, using fossil fuels and resulting in extensive toxic land, air and water pollution. Much of this dirty work is done in the poor families' own backyards (because the elites want no mining or processing in their fiefdoms), and much of it involves child and slave labor, no or substandard workplace safety rules, and rampant land and habitat desecration.

The subsequent wind, solar and transmission installations impact hundreds of times more crop, habitat and scenic lands than coal or gas power plants that generate electricity in far greater quantities, far more reliably, far less expensively.

In India's Thar Desert, next to Pakistan, native species are being sacrificed on the climate crisis and clean energy altar. Solar panels already blanket over 200 square miles; more than 2.5 million trees have been cut down to install them; and another 14,000 square miles of habitat (almost equal to Switzerland or half of South Carolina) could be clear cut for more panels, Vijay Jayaraj reports.

Even ponds that once attracted pelicans and a dozen other species are covered with solar panels. Numerous other wild species are also struggling to survive as their habitats are destroyed. Cleaning and cooling the panels already requires the equivalent of 300,000 people's drinking water needs every week.

This destruction is happening all over the world. The ICJ still insists wind and solar power foster "clean, healthy, sustainable, climate friendly" economies – and ignores the privation it perpetuates.

The limited, intermittent, unpredictable electricity from Climate Cabal-approved generators guarantees that the world's still-impoverished people will never have the appliances we take for granted. They may eventually have cell phones and laptops, a few lights, dorm-room refrigerators, and jobs maintaining "renewable" power systems.

However, they will never enjoy the modern healthcare, homes and living standards that require 24/7/365 coal, gas, nuclear or hydroelectric power.

So before we let Net Zero fanatics in the Climate Industrial Complex inflict their lies, ideologies and policies on people who've never had an opportunity to enjoy – much less reject – the marvels of modern civilization, let's ask those prospective victims if they're okay with that version of a "clean, sustainable" future. With giving up their aspirations for the lives and wonders they see in movies and magazines.

Let's find out whether they've had a chance to speak with their European counterparts, and inquire about how Europe's automotive, glass, pharmaceutical and other industries are faring. How many workers still have jobs. How many companies have moved their operations to China, India or other faraway locales. How much they enjoy living under the costs and restrictions imposed by EU politicians and bureaucrats.

Eastern Europeans weren't overjoyed to exchange six years under the Nazis for 50 years under the benevolent people's republics of the Soviet Union. Poor families in Africa, Asia and Latin America might not equally unexcited about the prospect of swapping their current daily grinds for the minimally better lives envisioned for them by would-be global ruling elites.

Perhaps they will no longer have to live in mud-and-thatch huts, carry water from distant wells, cook over wood and dung fires that infect women and babies with lung diseases, get intestinal diseases from parasite-infected water and spoiled food, suffer from malaria and other insect-borne diseases, be treated in antiquated hospitals that don't even have window screens, and die decades before they should.

But how much better will their lives be under policies imposed by elites who decide their fates after flying private jets from one of their mansions to the next 5-star UN-sanctioned climate or economic conference?

The world's poor don't just have a human right to truly clean, healthy, sustainable environments. They have a right to enjoy the benefits of affordable 24/7 electricity, well-paid jobs, and all the modern appliances, healthcare, homes, prosperity and 6,000+ products made from petrochemicals that most people in industrialized nations already enjoy.

And do so without being guilted and conned by phony claims that aspiring to such energy and lives will bring worsening storms and inundations from rising seas, more forest fires, stressed blood supplies and other catastrophes conjured up by climate grifters and their political, academic and media allies.

Poor and developing nations need to band together, finance their own energy infrastructure, development, health and prosperity – and tell the carbon colonialists to take a hike.

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Steve's Say *cont. from page 2*

hoax displayed everything wrong with Big Pharma and everyone entwined in that cult of deception. The origin, the testing, the censorship of cures, masking, 6 feet apart, the jab bioweapon and cover-up of their own injury data, and of course the mandated Fauci death protocol of remdesivir - all lies with evil intent. I can't understand why anyone could possibly put their trust in such a conglomerate of liars and yes, demons.

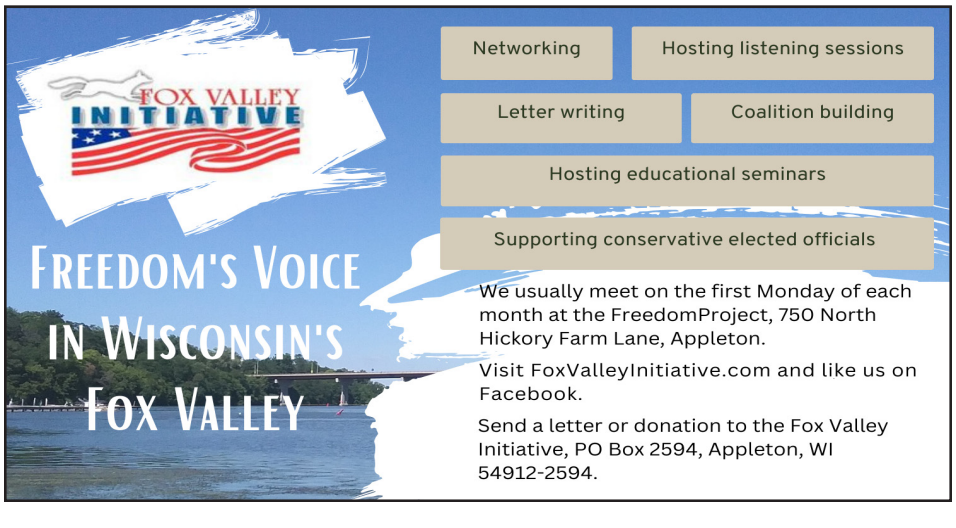
I told this writer that I wouldn't publish his essay on Big Pharma until I had the time to write a rebuttal myself. But then I had the opportunity to read the latest edition of the American Association of Physicians & Surgeons (AAPS) newsletter of which I am a member. The content of that newsletter provided me with more than enough intellectual ammunition to make the point I aimed to achieve. So I decided to re-print a barrage of those newsletter contributions to demonstrate the fallacy of his argument and conclusion from a very diverse group of engaged individuals. I encourage all of you to read his essay and also all of the other related items so you can make your own assessment.

Please understand I am not writing these comments to attack my contributor personally. He's been a tremendous supporter of Reality News since the very beginning. His input during my evolutionary evolution solidified the scientific argument proving evolution as a failed theory. We've disagreed on many things in the past and managed to convince each other at times of our position. And we certainly have plenty of areas of disagreement remaining.

But one enormous thing both of us agree on unfailingly is the right to freely express our ideas, perspectives, analyses and conclusions. Engaging in discussion remains the only way we can ever hope to settle arguments or change peoples minds without force or violence. As Charlie Kirk warned us:

"When people stop talking, that's when civil war happens, because you start to think the other side is so evil and they lose their humanity."

Let's heed Charlie Kirk's warning and keep our debates and discussion going.





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Cars empower Americans

By Craig Rucker

Take a look at the article CFACT's Donna Jackson posted on Fox News explaining the benefits to America's Black community of keeping cars affordable.

Donna reports that "EPA has proposed the repeal of new tailpipe standards that would have tacked on an agency-estimated $2,100 to the already-rising sticker prices for new gasoline-powered vehicles."

As Donna explains:

"Affordable personal transportation is absolutely essential for those still climbing the economic ladder. Putting aside the near worship by some of public transit, the reality is that buses and trains can only take you to a subset of the job choices available if you can drive door to door. This is particularly true for those who live in relatively poor neighborhoods, far from the most promising employers in town. A vehicle also opens up opportunities in the gig economy. Not surprisingly, studies identify vehicle ownership as an important factor in reducing the racial wage gap."

Public transit has its uses, but cars empower people in ways trains never can.

As CFACT has often joked to those seeking to limit or eliminate cars: "Imagine if there was some way to break the train free from its tracks. Imagine if instead of traveling where and when the government decides, you could travel wherever you wanted, whenever you wanted. Think of the efficiency! Think of the freedom! What would that be like?"

Donna Jackson makes a powerful point that Black Americans, and anyone looking to build their business or apply for a job, should not be constrained by some government bureaucrat's notion of where and when they should travel.

Geoengineering? Chris Martz testifies before Congress

By Craig Rucker

Blot out the sun in the name of climate?

Such "geoengineering" schemes are "ethically preposterous, because using the planet as a test monkey for emerging technologies poses all sorts of risks."

That's a hard-hitting sample of what CFACT's Chris Martz told a congressional subcommittee on Tuesday.

We posted Chris' entire written submission to CFACT.org.

Chris Martz is a meteorologist whose writing and analysis on weather and climate science are first rate. Thousands of people check in every day to discover what he will reveal next.

Chris made clear to our elected representatives that, contrary to what the climate campaigners would have you believe, scientists do not know with any meaningful precision how much global temperature changes are driven by man-made vs. natural forcings.

It would seem to be the stuff of a frightening science fiction story, yet as Chris explained to Congress, if mankind deliberately attempts to alter the climate, "the cure might be worse than the disease."

Could short-sighted government meddling lead to catastrophic unintended consequences?

History tells us time and again that is cause for genuine alarm.

Energy Secretary Chris Wright has asked the public to engage with this important work and kick off a meaningful dialogue. The docket number is DOE-HQ-2025-0207, and the deadline to comment is September 2.

We at CFACT are answering the call.

We ask that you do too.

Trump should boycott the UN climate conference in Brazil

By Craig Rucker

CFACT joined a coalition letter sent to three top officials urging the Trump Administration not to send a government delegation to COP 30, the UN climate conference in Brazil this November.

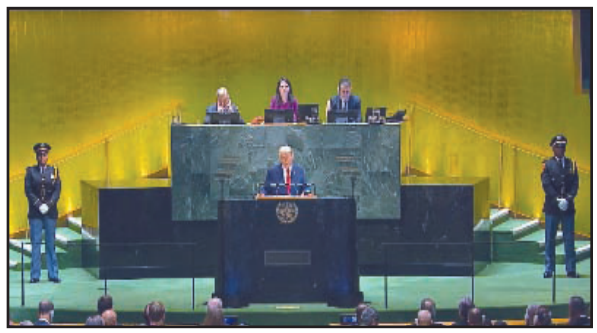
President Trump did a masterful job of bursting the UN climate bubble in his remarks to the UN General Assembly in September.

"The entire globalist concept of asking successful industrialized nations to inflict pain on themselves and radically disrupt their entire societies must be rejected completely, and totally, and it must be immediate," Trump said.

The President could not be more correct.

Let's face it: These massive UN conferences have devolved into a dangerous joke.

The United States should no longer legitimize them by playing along.



Kirk's Killer *cont. from page 9*

idea was it? Who plotted it? Who executed it? Who knew about it? Who didn't stop it? Who's covering it up? And why?

I guess that's why I can't let it go. A man I respected is dead, and the lies they're using to explain it aren't even elegant. Or convincing. Or remotely consistent. They're sloppy, obvious, practically duct-taped together. It's like watching a kindergartener forge their mom's signature on a field-trip permission slip. You don't need a PhD in forensics to see it.

Which makes me wonder: do they even care if we notice? Or is the whole point to see how much nonsense we'll swallow before we choke?

I'll be honest: I'm tired. Tired of squinting at grainy slow-motion footage and trying to pick out details the FBI pretends they can't see. Tired of the gaslighting. Tired of watching every media outlet chant the exact same explanations like a malfunctioning Alexa. And that's probably the point. Truth-hunting fatigue is a real thing.

I know, I could shrug and say, "Well, that's politics." But I am pretty sure that's what they want—to bury us in BS until we're too tired to care. They don't need belief; they need obedience. They want us clueless and easily led, grateful for whatever tidy headline tucks us in at night. The antidote is boring and relentless: keep digging, ask the dull questions, demand the unglamorous evidence—ballistics, autopsy, footage—and refuse to trade curiosity for comfort.

So I guess I'll "move on" when the story starts to make any sense at all.

Rep. Scott Krug *cont. from page 11*

kept pushing for the policies that clerks have long asked for, like allowing absentee ballots to be processed the day before an election.

He said he measures his success not only on whether he can get his proposals enacted, but also on whether he can change the tone of the debate, increase confidence in elections and cool the conspiracy talk on the elections committee and in his party, even as Trump and his allies help fuel it.

"Messaging," he said, "has become more important than actual policy."

The era Krug replaced

Krug took over the election committee from Rep. Janel Brandtjen, a Trump loyalist who regularly invited conspiracy theorists to testify. Groups like True the Vote and people like Peter Bernegger, a prolific election litigant, used the committee's platform to veer into unsubstantiated accusations of malfeasance or outright fraud by election officials.

Brandtjen also routinely exceeded her authority as chair, issuing invalid subpoenas to counties and other election offices.

Brandtjen also embraced former state Supreme Court Justice Michael Gableman's partisan review of the 2020 election, which floated the idea of an unconstitutional decertification of the election, threatened to jail mayors and ultimately cost taxpayers more than $2 million.

While Trump praised Brandtjen's loyalty, her standing within her own caucus weakened. Assembly Republicans voted to bar her from closed caucus meetings in 2022, writing to her that past issues "led our caucus to lose trust in you." Brandtjen dismissed the note as "petty."

Krug saw an opportunity to restore order and told Assembly Speaker Robin Vos: "Give me the election committee," he recalled. Vos handed him the gavel that December.

The tone changes, while legislation stalls

The tone shifted immediately.

In one of the committee's first sessions, Krug held public hearings on bipartisan bills to limit polling place closures and compensate local governments for holding special elections. In the next session, he held a hearing on another bipartisan bill to increase penalties for harming election officials.

He didn't shy away from giving space to Republican-backed priorities either — including a bill to specially mark noncitizens' IDs as not valid for voting, and an informational hearing to investigate whether noncitizens were on the state's voter rolls. The first was vetoed by Evers, and the second didn't go far after the Department of Transportation declined to turn over the necessary data. (Krug told Votebeat he thought the number was minuscule but still wanted the department to share its data.)

Still, for clerks and legislators across the state, Krug has been a welcome change.

Rock County Clerk Lisa Tollefson, who has been advocating for clerks in the Legislature for about eight years, told Votebeat that Krug was the best chair she's worked with so far. "He wants to understand the system the most," she said.

Rep. Lisa Subeck, a Madison Democrat and former member of the election committee, said Krug brought a civility back to the committee that had disappeared after the 2020 election. She also praised some of his ideas, though she questioned the effectiveness of his advocacy, noting many proposals he supported never got Assembly approval.

Rep. Scott

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My colleague, Edmonton, Alberta Doctor Dr.Darren Markland has DIED SUDDENLY at age 54. Darren was one of my biggest attackers on Twitter.

By William Makis

Darren was one of my biggest attackers on X and abused and defamed me for helping cancer patients and for raising concerns about COVID-19 Vaccines and AHS corruption.

Darren celebrated when my Cancer Clients were attacked with a fraudulent Court attack on Aug.15 and he hoped that our Ivermectin Cancer Clinic would be permanently closed by Alberta Premier Danielle Smith. "It's about time", he said recently, a month before his death.

Darren was an ICU doctor who Ventilated and gave Remdesivir to thousands of Albertans during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Darren was also one of Alberta's biggest supporters and promoters of COVID-19 Vaccines. He influenced thousands of Albertans into taking the mRNA jabs.

We were complete opposites, yet I was still shocked and very sad to hear about his sudden death.

Darren was a cyclist and athlete, he was very physically active.

Working in the ICU and being a believer, he would have had every booster and would have taken all 10 recommended COVID-19 Vaccines.

The Official story is that he died in a mountain biking accident 2 hours west of Edmonton in a rugged mountainous area.

So many times I raised concerns about athletic COVID-19 Vaccinated Canadian doctors dying suddenly while exercising and was attacked and abused mercilessly for it.

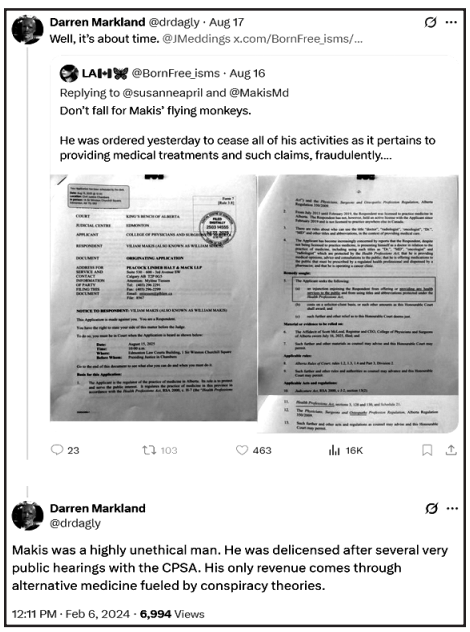
I stopped tracking Canadian doctor sudden deaths, as no one seemed to care.

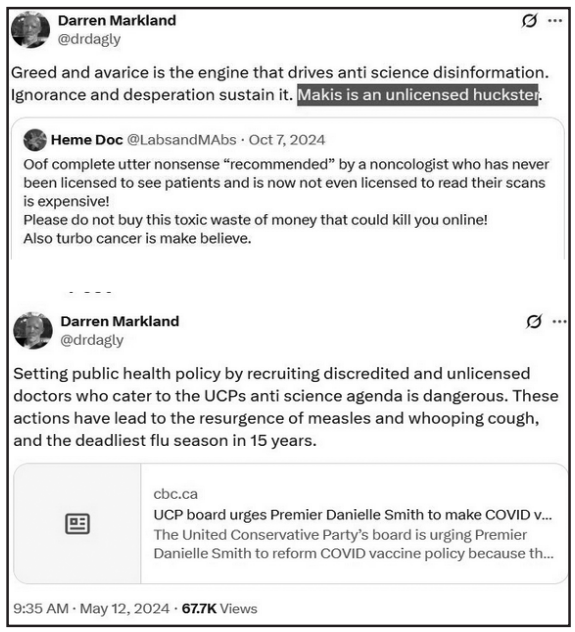
I wish he had lived to see the error of his ways as a doctor and turned his life around to do good for Albertans.

Everyone deserves a second chance to start doing what's right.

Darren and I never met. I wish we had met and talked. We worked a few blocks from each other. I passed by his workplace, Royal Alexandra hospital all the time. We may have gotten along.

Rest in peace, Darren. May God grant you mercy.







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or policymaking activities, such as promoting vaccination," NASEM concluded.

Children's Health Defense (CHD) Chief Scientific Officer Brian Hooker, who has been advocating for a more transparent and robust vaccine safety monitoring system for decades, told The Defender the report was "too little, too late," and "doesn't go nearly far enough."

"It is notable," Hooker said, "that the assessment was headed up by Dr. Kathleen Stratton, who was instrumental in NASEM's denial of the vaccine-autism link in the early 2000s." Leaked documents showed that Stratton coordinated with the CDC to deny any links between vaccines and autism.

Hooker said the new NASEM report "is a word salad joke and represents the best efforts of Stratton to continue to lie and hide about the gross failures of the CDC to protect the public from vaccine injury. "

The report, "Vaccine Risk Monitoring and Evaluation at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention" (2025), reviews the performance of the CDC's ISO during the COVID-19 pandemic. The office is responsible for studying vaccine risks when vaccines are administered to the public.

During the pandemic, the office was headed by Dr. Tom Shimabukuro, best known for authoring a key paper and participating in public messaging claiming the COVID-19 vaccines were safe and effective for pregnant women.

The ISO was tasked with detecting, investigating and reporting potential COVID-19 vaccine safety concerns. The CDC commissioned NASEM to comprehensively assess ISO's epidemiologic and statistical methods for vaccine safety monitoring, and its public-facing communication strategies.

The committee concluded that the ISO operates a robust and thorough system of vaccine surveillance, but there remain gaps in consistency, timeliness, and clarity that could delay detection of rare adverse events or weaken public confidence in the agency.

However, the "gaps" they identified were minor, experts told The Defender.

No mention of ISO's delays in reporting myocarditis signal

During the pandemic, ISO used established systems for vaccine safety monitoring — including the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS), the Vaccine Safety Datalink and the Clinical Immunization Safety Assessment network — together with V-safe and the COVID-19 Vaccine Pregnancy Registry, newer tools introduced during the pandemic.

These systems are designed to detect safety signals — indications that an adverse event may be linked to a vaccine — and to investigate those possible associations and help guide public health decisions. NASEM identified several problems that emerged in that process.

The different surveillance systems sometimes didn't communicate effectively, making it harder to triangulate signals or compare findings across databases. The lack of a permanent national reporting infrastructure, geographical fragmentation and inconsistent standards "hinder

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confront today.

The more America moves toward becoming a European-style welfare state, the more Americans can expect to face the same consequences. In the end, if growth of entitlement programs continues unchecked, American risks European-style stagnation, with fewer opportunities for the young and ambitious, and a loss of American economic leadership. Free stuff is "never" free.

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OSHA Admits It Told Healthcare Employers Not to Report Covid Vaccine Injuries

By Michael Nevradakis, Ph.D

The federal agency that oversees workplace safety exempted healthcare employers from reporting workers' adverse reactions to mandated COVID-19 vaccines, according to a healthcare industry whistleblower who alerted The Defender

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) issued the directive on June 28, 2021, to encourage vaccination during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The directive also stated that OSHA, a division of the U.S. Department of Labor, would not track workers' COVID-19 vaccine adverse events — even though it acknowledged that the vaccines may cause injuries that would require employees to take time off work.

OSHA continued to track reactions to other vaccines.

A Labor Department official confirmed for The Defender that OSHA didn't track COVID-19 vaccine injuries, and said those policies remained in place until February 2025.

OSHA also outlined its COVID-19 reporting policy on its website's frequently asked questions page for COVID-19, which stated:

"OSHA does not wish to have any appearance of discouraging workers from receiving COVID-19 vaccination, and also does not wish to disincentivize employers' vaccination efforts. As a result, OSHA does not intend to enforce … recording requirements to require any employers to record worker side effects from COVID-19 vaccination."

The policy was removed from the website after The Defender contacted OSHA earlier this month. However, it is visible on an archived version of the webpage from Sept. 1, under the heading, "Vaccine Related."

Zowe Smith, a former medical coder for an Arizona hospital, called OSHA's policy "especially inflammatory" and "an admission they know the vaccine is not safe and carries a risk of injury serious enough to affect one's ability to work."

Legal and medical experts suggested OSHA's policies may have concealed the true extent of COVID-19 vaccine-related injuries in the U.S., denied American healthcare workers informed consent and violated federal law.

Policies implemented under the Biden administration forced millions of U.S. healthcare workers to choose between getting the experimental COVID-19 vaccine or losing their jobs.

'Proof of a cover-up'

Under OSHA's 2021 directive, healthcare employers and OSHA's compliance safety and health officers were not obliged to keep track of employees' adverse events related to the COVID-19 shots.

"So as not to discourage vaccination, employers are not required to record instances of adverse events to vaccinations on the OSHA 300 log effective through May 2022," the directive stated. The OSHA 300 log is a form for employers to report workplace-related injuries.

According to the same directive, OSHA would not cite healthcare employers for failure to comply with workplace injury recordkeeping requirements regarding "worker side effects from a COVID-19 vaccination through May 2022."

"To require employers to report non-symptomatic COVID-19 cases but not severe adverse vaccine reactions diametrically contradicts OSHA's most basic purpose," said Christopher Dreisbach, legal affairs director for React19, a group advocating on behalf of COVID-19 vaccine injury victims.

"This uncovered directive is just another example of the systemic willful blindness that pervaded the prior administration," he said.

Attorney Greg Glaser said the directive was not "a passive oversight, but an active, deliberate policy to manipulate public perception by withholding safety data." He added:

"This alone is a scandal — a federal agency prioritizing vaccination propaganda over workplace safety and transparency. OSHA's mission is to ensure safe workplaces. By directing employers not to record vaccine injuries, they violated their own mandate and betrayed public trust."

Charlene Delfico, New Jersey state chair of the FormerFedsGroup Freedom Foundation, an advocacy group for people adversely affected by COVID-19-related policies, said the directive is "proof of a cover-up."

"By silencing injury reports, OSHA denied workers their rights, erased their suffering from the record and shielded corporations from liability. … This was institutionalized gaslighting. This was not about safety — it was about hiding the truth," Delfico said.

OSHA showed 'blatant disregard to uphold its duty' to workplace safety

OSHA's policy for reporting COVID-19 vaccine reactions differs from its policies for reporting adverse events related to other shots, such as the smallpox vaccine.

"Why was COVID-19 given special exemption? This double standard proves the policy was political, not scientific," Glaser said.

Danielle Baker, formerly a certified hospice and palliative care registered nurse, was injured after her employer coerced her into getting the COVID-19 vaccine in 2021. Baker is now permanently disabled.

Baker said OSHA's policies show a "blatant disregard to uphold its duty and function to workplace safety."

Some health and medical experts said OSHA's policies denied healthcare workers the right to informed consent.

"OSHA substantially encouraged COVID-19 vaccination, thus vaccine victims did not feel free to make a choice over vaccination," said Dr. Peter McCullough, a cardiologist

Scott C. Tips, president of the National Health Federation, agreed. "There can be no informed consent in such a data-blocked environment and, as such, OSHA's actions in withholding this data were criminal," he said.

OSHA response 'a masterclass in obfuscation'

In a Sept. 15 email, a Labor Department spokesperson told The Defender that OSHA developed its COVID-19 Healthcare ETS in accordance with a January 2021 executive order by former President Joe Biden on protecting the health and safety of workers.

Although Biden's executive order did not specifically address vaccination, it called for a review of "the enforcement efforts of [OSHA] related to COVID-19" and the identification of "any short-, medium-, and long-term changes that could be made to better protect workers and ensure equity in enforcement."

According to the spokesperson, publication of the ETS "served as a notice of proposed rulemaking, thus initiating the rulemaking process for a

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Big Pharma: Good or Bad

By Ivan M. Lang DVM, PhD

Today it seems that many on the right fully support RFKjr's attack on Big Pharma. I find this extremely peculiar as the right wing is supposed to be pro-capitalism and Big Pharma is simply a group of companies in our capitalistic system. One cannot get more capitalistic than Big Pharma. Big Pharma, like all other companies, are simply trying to make as much money as possible, which is the very essence of capitalism. The other peculiar part of this issue is why are some on the right supporting the policies of a liberal Democrat? RFKjr has been a liberal Democrat his whole life. Trying to restrict the actions of a company in the free capitalistic system is the opposite of freedom and conservatism.

How is Big Pharma any different from any other set of companies in the USA like Big Auto? Big Auto gives money to politicians to get them to make laws beneficial to them like Big Pharma. Why is that OK for Big Auto, but not Big Pharma. All companies, political organizations, charities and people give money to support politicians to get them to make laws that favor their companies or political positions. This is just normal democracy in a capitalist country. Also, if there is a crime here the perpetrator is not the companies, it is the politicians as they have been put in their position by the people to serve the people, not the companies.

What RFKjr and the right wing critics of Big Pharma seem to ignore is that unlike Big Auto there is a major bridge between Big Pharma and the people. Anyone can buy any car at any time with no restrictions by anyone and any law. The government has agencies that monitor and regulate both Big Pharma and Big Auto to make sure the products they sell are safe and effective. If Big Pharma is trying to sell products that do not work or are unsafe not only does the CDC and FDA try to prevent this, but unlike with Big Auto, there is one more bridge and that is the MD. No one can buy any significant Big Pharma product without the permission of an MD. The job of the MD, which he/she has literally promised, is to serve the people not the companies. Therefore, if Big Pharma is trying to sell the people anything that does not work or is harmful it is the very job and responsibility of the MD's is to prevent this. So, if Big Pharma is doing something wrong where are the MD's and where is RFKjr in criticizing the MD's.

Some claim that Big Pharma is a problem that must be controlled because they make products that are dangerous and can kill people. Big Auto does the same thing. Cars kill over 50,00 people every year.

Some blame Big Pharma for the Covid problems, but Big Pharma was the hero of Covid. Big Pharma produced a vaccine in less than one year instead of the usual three years, the shortest time ever which saved the lives of millions. The Covid problem was that the vaccine was given to people who did not need it and should not have gotten it, but Big Pharma had no control over this issue. It is the MD's of the FDA who determine who gets the vaccine, not Big Pharma. As far as the long-term side effects of Covid, like myocarditis, this was again not the fault of Big Pharma. All drugs have side effects, but Trump's great policy, i.e., Operation Warp Speed, that allowed Big Pharma to produce a vaccine in less than one year eliminated the CDC requirement that drugs be tested for long term side effects. This was the very reason why and how Big Pharma

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exercise. Fraud, not miscounts, is the real threat to elections that reflect the will of the people.

Now is a good time to begin focusing on the Republican candidates for Governor. There are two so far: Josh Schoemann, the Washington County Executive and Tom Tiffany, a US Congressman from northern Wisconsin.

Schoemann was the first to jump into the race last May. He has a track record that includes focusing on election security. As a county administrator, he insisted on clean voter rolls and in 2024, as County Executive, he championed an election integrity package that was passed by the County Board and included eliminating central counts. In a face-to-face conversation with Schoemann, I was encouraged by the importance he places on election integrity, the work he has done, and the ideas he brought forward. We need to hear a lot more from Josh Schoemann on verifiable elections in the coming months.

Tom Tiffany just entered the race and immediately declared, "I am the leader in this race". In an appearance on UpFront, a Sunday show on WISN TV in Milwaukee, he explained that he made the decision to run because he wants to position himself where he can do the most good for the people of Wisconsin and dubbed himself the "best candidate." His opinion of himself was supported by Bill McCoshen, a Republican "strategist", who declared Tiffany the "immediate front runner". During the course of the interview Tiffany said, "The people of the state of

Wisconsin want election integrity" and added "it should be easy to vote and hard to cheat". When asked to expand on his priorities as candidate for Governor he responded: freeze property tax, fight culture wars and raise the money needed to win. We need to hear from Tom Tiffany on verifiable elections in the coming months.

Republican Party heavyweights immediately put their thumb on the scale with Glenn Grothman and Scott Fitzgerald, two of the US Congressmen from Wisconsin, throwing a fundraiser for Tiffany featuring Reince Priebus, former Chair of the Republican National Committee, as the headliner. McCoshen predicted the entire Congressional delegation from Wisconsin will endorse Tiffany. These career politicians either don't understand or don't care that conservative Wisconsin voters are not interested in who they think we should elect as Governor. We reserve the right to evaluate each candidate on their merits and decide through the primary process who we want to represent us in the general election. If Party leaders respected the will of the people, they would actively champion lots of opportunities for Wisconsin voters to hear from every candidate as a crucial step in a credible selection process. They should stay out of the way until the people have spoken.

In the coming months, the candidates for Governor will be traveling the state visiting with voters in every county. Voters should press them hard on what they intend to do to make our elections verifiable. There is no freedom if Wisconsin voters cannot verify that the people holding elected office are the people the majority wanted to be there. This is fundamental. The candidate who clearly and decisively includes addressing the Registered Voter List and the non-citizen driver's licenses on a short list of top priorities is the candidate we will rally around to deliver a decisive victory.

In the meantime, we are not persuaded at all when we hear politicians' empty guarantees that our elections are safe and secure. These are unverifiable claims about unverifiable elections.

‘Trans widows’: The forgotten victims of gender ideology

By Jonathon Van Maren

We have all witnessed the rise of the “transgender woman,” made famous by paradigm-shifting cover stories by TIME magazine and Vanity Fair featuring Laverne Cox and Bruce “Caitlyn” Jenner, trans-identifying men who defiantly announced that they are women. Often, in the shadow of these men embracing a new identity and a new life, are the wives they left behind. Many call themselves “trans widows.”

Occasionally, we get a glimpse of these trans widows surfacing in viral clips on social media; sometimes, conservative media outlets will cover their almost-invisible plight. Gender-critical feminist outlets also shed some light on the suffering of the women abandoned by the men they married. Every now and again, even the mainstream press acknowledges their existence. Their suffering and confusion as the culture expects them to embrace and celebrate the gender-confusion of their partners is a pain that cannot speak its name for fear of condemnation or accusations of “transphobia.”

When a man claims to be a woman, it is very often the case that he does not merely don a dress and fake breasts; in doing so, he forces his wife and children into playing along with his delusion, with weaponized compassion forcing compliance.

One “trans widow,” Shannon, agreed to share her experience with me. Her husband began to cross-dress shortly after they were married, but at first attempted to hide it.

“As is the case with most trans widows, after our first baby he came clean about what was going on,” Shannon recalled. “While our baby was hospitalized for a serious illness he came to the hospital and told me he had cross-dressed when he was a teen and that he had the urge to cross-dress now as an adult. We agreed to go to counseling, which I believed was to save our marriage from this behavior of his which was hurting our relationship. In the past when I learned of him doing nails or shaving his legs it caused distance between us, and it was a real turn-off for me.”

She discovered that there was a sexual component to what her husband was doing – that he was aroused by dressing as a woman. This condition is referred to as autogynephilia.

“I figured the therapist we were set to see would recognize this as well,” Shannon said. “But I didn’t know he was already seeing her without me, and she was an LGBTQ therapist highly recommended by other cross-dressers and men wishing to transition. The counselor took his side and told me I was closed-minded for not allowing him to go on cross-dressing adventures with other men. She also told me I was probably a lesbian because I had fallen in love with my husband, who had this feminine side. She also said he would be a better husband exploring his feminine side by cross-dressing because he could relate to me better.”

After two sessions, Shannon told her husband that she would not be going back to the therapist, and that he wouldn’t be, either. He acquiesced – or so she thought. Things got worse from there:

Fourteen years into the marriage we were living apart while I maintained a home we were selling out of state. During that time he met someone online and grew distant and cold towards me. I wish I could say I knew things were different when I found hormones shipped to our house from out of the country, or when he fashioned a pregnancy belly and wore it around the house in my robe, or when he badgered me about wanting to breastfeed my daughter himself, or when I noticed breast development.

But he had a clever excuse for everything. It wasn’t until his attitude really shifted towards me and the kids and he wasn’t coming to see us and avoided talking to us on the phone that I started to think something was up. Soon I would find credit card charges he made at a lingerie store and a women’s department store. I figured he was cross-dressing in my absence and I asked him about the charges. He wasn’t sorry. He didn’t care how I felt.

She soon discovered that her husband had returned to the previous counselor, who had “written him a letter to transition 11 years earlier, and he had been taking hormones the entire time.” She confronted him and filed for divorce.

When he finally admitted he was going through with it all he claimed if he didn’t do this he would kill himself. That’s what he told his 10-year-old son. He knew I knew better. He told me, “This is who I am” in our final counseling session with a new counselor a year after I had originally filed for divorce (I canceled that filing when he said he wanted to be the man God ordained him to be). He told our youngest children ages 5 and 6 that he was going through a metamorphosis like a butterfly. He claimed we would all be happier. He told the kids that I (their mom) would be happier because we would not be fighting anymore. He was dumping me and the kids like trash and leaving us homeless so we could be happy.

The emotional journey was excruciating. “It was very hard to accept that my husband was into such kink and fetish and to the extreme that it was,” Shannon told me. “He routinely blamed me for his cross-dressing and at other times gaslighted me by acting like I was crazy for suspecting he was cross-dressing. I felt like I was losing my mind. I couldn’t believe my eyes. I always believed him, even when he said it was my fault he cross-dressed. I had many periods of depression and anger due to cross-dressing in our marriage.”

“I had to put it behind me and forget about it to go forward for our family. When he left us to do this, I really couldn’t believe it was real,” she continued.

It seemed like an episode of Jerry Springer. This could not be my life. It broke my heart that he could walk away from our beautiful children. The impact this would have on the kids affected me the most. It was tough being left financially drained with three kids and no job. I hadn’t worked in a decade. I missed my children so much when I had to put them in public schools. They had been homeschooled.

I cried everyday on my way to work because I missed my kids so much. My ex had visitation every other weekend and on one weeknight. My time with my own children was cut in less than half between the time they went with him and their time in school. I fought the urge to die. I planned to kill myself at the age of 50 when the last child went off for college. That day came and went, and I had long abandoned it. The shock, anger, and grief were a lot but I turned the experience towards fighting the transgender movement after I saw it was targeting children and being rapidly normalized in all institutions in the USA.

Her children are now grown, and she says that, on the surface, you wouldn’t suspect that anything is wrong. “However, if you are in a close relationship with them, you would definitely realize this has affected them,” she said. “When they were in school, they were extremely embarrassed by their father. They were taken to counseling and told not to call their father ‘Dad’ anymore. They were heartbroken. It was especially hard for my sons who cried themselves to sleep for years.”

Shannon continued:

My daughter kept her grief quiet and pretended to be okay. Ambiguous grief is hard to process, especially for a young person. I don’t think any of my children have completely processed their experience. They may disagree but I remember thinking the same just a few years after my divorce because I was in a better place than where he left me. But the reality is we won’t know how much this affects our lives until we live our entire lives. There’s so much heartache the kids have experienced, mourning a father who is slowly erasing himself and becoming someone unrecognizable. Impending grief prolonged over the course of a lifetime is the best way to describe it. It’s like when you know someone is dying soon and you are already grieving and dreading the complete loss. There have been six suicide attempts between three children. One child had a lengthy mental hospital stay. One child has OCD and engaged in self harm. Their self-esteem was definitely impacted.

One of the most hurtful aspects of the experience, Shannon says, is the fact that the culture expected them to celebrate what had happened: “The destruction of a family, the erasure of a father, son, brother, etc. The trans movement is so corrosive to the family and to natural rights. It’s so hard to watch the world collectively celebrating the demise of family, free speech, women’s protections, truth, religious liberty, and freedom of association. It’s even harder when you’ve had a front row seat for the

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How this article got started.

Several television stations aired a TikTok and Instagram video featuring a young teenager subway surfing on a New York City train. The news anchor explained that a parent of a child who was killed while subway surfing has filed a lawsuit against the two companies, seeking accountability for their role in promoting such dangerous activities. The parents claim that the algorithms used by these social media platforms encourage youth to engage in risky behaviors. In response, the companies deny any liability, stating that they promptly remove videos of this nature as soon as they are discovered. This situation highlights the potential harm that social media can inflict on our children, a concern that the government is seemingly overlooking. According to reports, New York City has experienced 18 deaths and 20 injuries related to subway surfing, with the average age of the affected children being just 14 years old.

This social media saga has historical roots in Congress. Assessing the harm caused to society’s youth by Big Tech is misguided in light of the fact that Congress enacted Section 230 of the Federal Communications Decency Act, which grants immunity from suit to the tech industry for the Third-party content it publishes and for its content moderation practices. A significant portion of the Third-party content consists of videos, conspiracy theories, and personal attacks or shaming. This section grants immunity to Internet Service Providers when they publish this content, even for teaching children how to train surface, or even how to commit suicide.

Section 230 was enacted in 1996 to protect the fledgling tech industry. Now, thirty years later, technology is the largest industry in the world, with a market cap of $26 trillion. By comparison, the next largest U.S. industry by market cap is financials at $16 trillion. The U.S. budget is $6 trillion. Notwithstanding its massive size and wealth, Big Tech still enjoys liability protection from the federal government, a fact that demonstrates it operates with privilege in society.

Another example of Big Tech’s power is the April 2024 law banning TikTok in the U.S. To demonstrate the lobbying power, Big Tech persuaded President Trump, almost immediately upon being sworn in on January 20, 2025, to direct the Justice Department not to enforce the law. Not only did the President nullify a congressional statute, but he is also currently negotiating the sale of Tic Tok to three major corporations: Oracle, Dell, and Walmart, all of which are close to the President. In this closed system, where social media is not held responsible for the harm it causes, many large tech companies have contributed millions to Trump’s presidential library, likely as a “thank you” to President Trump for dispensing favors.

The problem is that our social media cancer has already spread to the brain, and the time to act is now.

According to ChatGPT, social media is not just a tool, but a global phenomenon. It is widely used and generates trillions of comments and posts per year. Twitter alone churns out 500 million to 600 million comments and posts per day: worldwide, about 180-220 billion per year. Facebook posts 250 million photos per day, which generate approximately 5 billion reactions per day, totaling about 1.5 trillion per year. TikTok users watch more than one billion videos daily. These numbers are not just statistics, but a reflection of the pervasive influence of social media in our lives.

The harm social media is causing.

The harm has direct impacts on the mental health of our children and indirectly impacts their social behavior. ChatGPT identifies the harm as anxiety and depression, especially over bodily image and lifestyles. It causes addiction and produces dopamine, a chemical messenger that infects a person with a constant need to seek rewards, and enhances cyberbullying. Causing these negative impacts are algorithms that encourage outrageous behavior to generate more clicks, comments, and emotional reactions, ultimately benefiting the industry’s advertisers.

Can the algorithms be changed?

The answer to whether the algorithms can be changed is straightforward: yes, they can. However, the reason they are not equally clear: social media companies profit from every click, interaction, and market expansion. With a market capitalization of $16 trillion, these companies are raking in massive profits by targeting children. These social media companies make $2 billion marketing to children under twelve; $8.6 billion on marketing to children between 13 and 17; and $2 billion to children between 13 and 17.

Congress understands social media companies’ marketing practices targeting children can lead to harmful effects tied to company profits. However, federal officials also receive substantial campaign contributions by allowing these marketing practices to continue. In 2024, Big Tech spent over $60 million lobbying and contributed hundreds of millions to Trump’s presidential campaign and library.

At the federal level, it is very unlikely that changes to social media algorithms will occur. Our federal officials are unlikely to restrict their share of profits by regulating social media in ways that could harm their financial interests. Since the federal government will not step up to protect our children, citizens must turn to state attorneys general and private practice lawyers to find innovative ways to use the common law to address societal harm. Common law has been creatively applied since the year 1250 and serves as the foundation of Western law. There is an urgent need to leverage it today to tackle problems that the federal government is unable or unwilling to solve.

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‘Gold-Standard’ Evidence

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The National Institutes of Health (NIH) has announced the release of its “new” plan to promote “gold standard” science. “Building on NIH’s longstanding commitment to scientific integrity, this forward-looking plan incorporates the nine, inter-locking tenets of gold standard science adopted by the U.S. Gov-ernment and aligns with the Department of Health and Human Services’ [HHS] framework for achieving these principles” stated NIH director Jay Bhattacharya, M.D., Ph.D. (https://tinyurl.com/bdf2mr6y).

The principles include: science should be reproducible, trans-parent, communicative of error and uncertainty, skeptical of its findings and assumptions, subject to unbiased peer review, accept-ing of negative results, and without conflicts of interest.

What’s old and basic for science has become new at NIH.

Vaccines are still touted as “one of the most important public health achievements in the world.” But even Bill Gates gave a talk in Australia a couple of years ago enumerating how the “current vaccines” are a failure (https://tinyurl.com/4xhdu89f).

In 2023, Anthony Fauci among others wrote that “past un-successful attempts to elicit solid protection against mucosal res-piratory viruses and to control the deadly outbreaks and pandemics they cause have been a scientific and public health failure that must be urgently addressed” (tinyurl.com/352d7wvm).

The paper stated that for various reasons “it is not surprising that none of the predominantly mucosal respiratory viruses have ever been effectively controlled by vaccines.” One problem is that the innate mucosal immune system must balance tolerance to the enormous amounts of antigens it encounters and responses that might cause bystander tissue damage. Authors nevertheless assert that COVID vaccines “saved innumerable lives and helped to achieve early partial pandemic control” and make no mention of adverse effects. They do not call for uncertainty, skepticism, and unbiased peer review but for next-generation vaccines.

HHS Secretary Kennedy has announced cutting $500 million in funding for development of mRNA vaccines under the Bio-medical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA). Kennedy stated: “The data show these vaccines fail to protect effectively against upper respiratory infections like COVID and flu.” Focus will shift to “platforms with stronger safety records and transparent clinical and manufacturing data practices” (https://tinyurl.com/b5mpwnsp).

While the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has modified recommendations for pregnant women and children, causing some concern about loss of third-party payment, it has not heeded the direct and unequivocal warning from Joseph La-dapo, M.D., Florida surgeon general, that mRNA COVID-19 vaccines “should not be used in any human beings.” He states that “it is time to embrace a policy of informed consent, focus on early treatment, and abandon one-size-fits-all mandates.” He also warns against use in animals. (https://tinyurl.com/5dvpwwwp).

Official Pushback

Organized medicine has not applauded the plan. Such princi-ples must not be applied to “settled” dogma on vaccines.

At the AMA House of Delegates meeting, according to Ari-zona Medical Association representatives, AMA stated: “The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) was blown apart in June when new HHS Secretary Kennedy removed all 17 ACIP members. Kennedy’s seven handpicked replacements lack experience and expertise in vaccines. Some have spread misinfor-mation about vaccines. Others have gone on record with precon-ceived bias against vaccines.” The AMA HOD passed an emer-gency resolution crafting a strong letter of concern and protest over the changes. It calls on the AMA to actively lobby for vac-cination efforts and to support vaccine research and development.

In addition to suing HHS over changes in recommendations (AAPS News, August 2025), organized medicine is doubling down on promoting vaccines.

“In the face of misinformation and vaccine hesitancy, a strong, evidence-based recommendation in support of vaccination from a trusted clinician can go a long way toward encouraging our patients to protect themselves and their pregnancies,” said Sandra E. Brooks, MD, MBA, chief executive officer of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG).

In response to the firing of ACIP members, AAP split with the CDC and published its own childhood immunization schedule (https://tinyurl.com/2dkn4rdu).

After the Aug 8 attack on CDC’s Atlanta headquarters, some 750 workers signed a letter deploring HHS Secretary Kennedy’s complicity in “dismantling America’s public health infrastructure and endangering the nation’s health by repeatedly spreading inaccurate health information,” including “false and misleading infor-mation about vaccines” (https://tinyurl.com/3d2kj53y). In Medicine Matters, Kennedy’s attack on mRNA vaccines is called “unscientific foolishness” (https://tinyurl.com/5cechr8f).

Although some blamed Kennedy’s criticisms for the violence, the shooter evidently blamed the COVID-19 shot for making him depressed and suicidal (tinyurl.com/3dwkf7ce).

Despite the clear and present dangers related to vaccination, especially with mRNA products, much of the MAHA movement’s attention is diverted to sensationalized threats of poisoning that lack scientific foundation (https://tinyurl.com/4uur2xjk).

Rep. Scott Krug *cont. from page 15*

Krug smiles.

Rep. Scott Krug is seen during a convening of the Wisconsin Assembly at the State Capitol on Jan. 25, 2020, in Madison, Wis. (Coburn Dukehart / Wisconsin Watch)

Krug said a lot of the obstacles come from the state Senate, which blocked the Monday processing bill last year. The Senate, he said, has more “further-outs” on elections.

Kim Trueblood, the Republican county clerk in Marathon County, called Krug’s leadership “refreshing” but said she doesn’t know what to do to convince some GOP senators “that the bogeyman under the bed is not real.”

Krug said he’ll keep trying, and his record suggests he won’t shy away from intraparty disagreements.

He tried to calm down the rhetoric after 2024 U.S. Senate candidate Eric Hovde delayed conceding for two weeks, blaming his loss in part on “improbable” absentee ballot totals in Milwaukee. Krug recalled Hovde raising the issue again in a phone call during this year’s Supreme Court election. Krug, who was observing Milwaukee’s absentee ballot counting facility, said he told Hovde: “I’m telling you, it’s not the issue here.”

Hovde said he couldn’t recall the exchange. He told Votebeat that while he does not blame his loss on central count, his skepticism of the process remains.

Other states, meanwhile, are still battling the ghosts of 2020 in their legislative committees. In neighboring Michigan, Republicans rebranded their House’s Elections Committee into the Election Integrity Committee and placed it in the hands of a legislator who believes the 2020 election was stolen, regularly inviting the type of firebrands Brandtjen once welcomed. In Georgia and Arizona, hearings on election-related legislation regularly erupt into partisan shouting matches.

Vos, the Assembly speaker, said Krug has treated election concerns as “a problem to be solved,” rather than “milked.” He praised Krug for being practical with legislation rather than holding out until he found perfection.

“I think he’s really done a good job of bringing people together,” Vos continued. “He’s been an incredible leader to try to showcase that it doesn’t have to always be partisan.”

Walking the GOP tightrope on election policy

Krug stepped down as committee chair this session, shifting to vice chair and taking on a new role as the Assembly’s assistant majority leader, where he’ll help rally Republican votes. He said he hopes to bring the same spirit of compromise to his leadership role.

The new role means he can write his own bills for the election committee, which he was unable to do last session, as committee chairs generally are not allowed to preside over their own legislation.

Krug said one of his biggest hurdles this session is dealing with election conspiracy theorists — a faction he argues has lost influence in Wisconsin but remains disruptive.

The tougher challenge, he added, will continue to come from Washington. Trump and his allies have called for banning mail voting, overhauling voting machine standards, requiring proof of citizenship to vote, and using the Department of Justice to scrutinize the Wisconsin Elections Commission.

Krug has tried to give where he can, incorporating some provisions of a Trump executive order on elections into draft legislation.

But his tone changed when Trump posted on social media that he wanted to ban mail-in voting and criticized voting machines. “My whole goal is to get results quicker,” he said, “not to go back to hand-counting and wait for results until the Friday after the election.”

Usually, when his constituents or other Assembly members come to him espousing these ideas, he can calm them down with “truth and data,” a strategy he says works until another press release comes from the Trump administration.

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“And that’s our struggle,” he said. “You see this ebb and flow, and it’s all based on what comes out of Washington. So we put the fire out. He stokes it, then I put the fire out, he stokes it.”

Krug, a real estate agent, parent of six, and grandparent, said he’ll stay busy even if his tactics make him politically unpopular. If his constituents force him out for telling the truth, he said, he’ll just go sell more houses — and keep adding to his bobblehead collection, a running competition with Evers.

Krug sees promising signs in his party

At Mo’s Bar, where workers and patrons greet him like a neighbor, it’s clear his independence hasn’t yet cost him local support. Despite the headwinds, he insists the atmosphere around elections has changed.

“I feel it when I talk to everybody,” he said. “It used to be my first conversation when I walked in here: ‘What are you gonna do about the goddamn election?’ It’s over. People don’t do that.”

Buoyed by that shift, Krug is scheduled to introduce several election-related bills on Wednesday, telling Votebeat he expects most to win bipartisan support. The measures would let clerks process ballots the day before an election, add new auditing requirements, regulate the use of drop boxes, and repeal a law critics say puts ballot privacy at risk.

Wisconsin has a new bill to allow early start to absentee ballot processing. Can it pass?

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Lawmakers hope to unite on a proposal that will overcome GOP resistance and help speed up election results.

He also sees promising signs of improvement from within his own party.

In April — when Hovde and U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson were still criticizing Milwaukee’s election operation — losing Republican Supreme Court candidate Brad Schimel conceded defeat without caveat or complaint.

As some supporters booed him, Schimel said, “You’ve gotta accept the results.”

Krug said he hoped the concession would be a sign to other GOP candidates that the “shine has worn off” of holding radical election positions.

“I’ll never find a way to fix it entirely,” he said, but he has to keep at it because the effort will shape how Wisconsinites view the Legislature on all other issues.

“Everything starts from elections,” he said.

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Puzzle Answers

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“Civilization has been aptly called a ‘thin crust over a volcano.’ (Liberals) are constantly picking at that crust.”
-Thomas Sowell

Gottlieb Warns about Aluminum Adjuvants

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Former FDA Commissioner Scott Gottlieb recently warned of a potential forthcoming HHS report that might point to aluminum in vaccines as a cause of autism. The role of aluminum in vaccine injury has been documented in the scientific literature for more than three decades. James Lyons-Weiler, Ph.D., writes that a National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program Special Master tried to bribe him to change his testimony about aluminum, and then resorted to character assassination from the "bench" to destroy his credibility as an expert witness (https://tinyurl.com/45xntbdd).

In 2004, studies that were later corroborated showed that aluminum adjuvants injected intramuscularly are taken up by phagocytes, transported to the brain, and cause microglial activation, oxidative stress, and behavioral abnormalities in animal models. FDA and CDC models do not consider the difference between injected and ingested doses, nor do they properly model aluminum pharmacokinetics as a function of age, body weight, renal function, and dose accumulation (ibid.).

Aluminum salts are routinely used in experimental biology to reliably induce autoimmune conditions in animal models.

Gottlieb now recognizes that the regulatory blind spot could explode legally. But it's too late for children who received increasing doses in the ever-expanding vaccine schedule (ibid.).

Approved despite Higher Mortality

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In four randomized controlled trials of a monoclonal antibody to prevent respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) illness in infants, there were more deaths in the treatment group. But the number was small and did not reach classical statistical significance. Therefore, the treatment was deemed to be safe. Bayesian analysis, however, showed a 75% probability that the treatment would cause increased mortality (https://tinyurl.com/d8rmhdnz). The new ACIP voted 5-to-2 to approve the product.

Newly appointed CDC Director Susan Monarez soon signed off on the recommendation (https://tinyurl.com/2s3k9wye). More than half of infants received RSV antibodies in early 2025.

Journalist and researcher Maryanne Demasi, who performed an independent analysis, found that infants who received nirsevimab were four times more likely to suffer seizures. The CDC's presentation did not include a pooled analysis of seizures from the combined infant population. One rationale for splitting the groups was that some received a vaccine on the same day.

Dr. Robert Malone, who voted for approval "based on the information and logic presented," now says it was actually based "on manipulated data analyses." ACIP was not even informed about what the FDA itself acknowledged to be "surprising mortality imbalance" (https://tinyurl.com/2m2ecfzm). "If a phenomenon doesn't meet statistical significance, then from the CDC standpoint, it doesn't exist." CDC's thinking has gutted medical ethics and informed consent (tinyurl.com/5x45ts22).

Dr. Malone stated: "Going forward, speaking for myself, based on these findings, I will no longer be able to trust that what is presented in CDC summaries to the ACIP is transparent, accurate, and unbiased."

A spokesperson for HHS told The Epoch Times that "Dr. Malone was speaking in his personal capacity on his own blog, outside of his responsibilities as an ACIP member.… ACIP remains committed to evidence-based medicine, gold-standard science, and common sense" (https://tinyurl.com/24dtjttd).

Indirect Censorship

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To avoid First Amendment scrutiny, the government may avoid overt statutes or censorship boards but rely on "jawboning" to suppress free speech, writes James Lyons-Weiler, Ph.D. This is "informal pressure exerted on private platforms to moderate, sup-press, or algorithmically demote disfavored content"—often veiled as "advisory guidance" (https://tinyurl.com/3hx74hnk).

How far can the state go? The answer is quite vague.

In Bantam Books v. Sullivan (372 U.S. 58, 1963), a Rhode Island commission created a list of "objectionable" books and distributed it to book vendors, warning that continued distribution could lead to legal trouble. Although the list carried no formal legal authority, the Supreme Court held that it exerted sufficient pressure to constitute unconstitutional state censorship.

In Murthy v. Missouri (5th Cir. 2023, SCOTUS 2024), plaintiffs alleged that agencies like the White House, Surgeon General, CDC, FBI, and CISA colluded with social media companies to censor speech concerning COVID-19, vaccine safety, and election integrity. (See AAPS News, March 2024 and September 2024). SCOTUS left the issue unresolved, citing lack of standing.

In Agency for Int'l Development v. Alliance for Open Society, 570 U.S. 205 (2013), SCOTUS reaffirmed that the government may not condition receipt of a benefit on the surrender of a constitu-tional right. If federal grants are tied to speech moderation prac-tices, this doctrine is violated. Moreover, Rosenberger v. University of Virginia, 515 U.S. 819 (1995), holds that when the state funds speech, it must do so in a viewpoint-neutral way. If Facebook, YouTube, or academic centers accept federal funds and then sup-press disfavored speech under federal direction, they risk becom-ing state actors.

The First Amendment is now in a "gray zone," Lyons-Weiler states, enabling a "censorship-by-proxy regime." Still, with COVID-19, "truth did not disappear. It resurfaced because people refused to stop speaking" (ibid.).

Trans Widow *cont. from page 18*

destruction this movement causes. It hurts. I often cry when I see stories on TV that push the trans agenda."

"Don't allow your kindness and empathy to be weaponized against you," Shannon concluded. "Gender ideology cannot coexist with the rights of any other group. Children are a blessing, and their birthright is to have a mother and a father. Adult fulfillment shouldn't come at the expense of children. Children aren't as resilient as people claim they are. Do we raise them in the truth, or do we teach them that lying is okay and the ends justify the means? Coming into agreement with a lie (which the transgender movement is based on) is detrimental to the culture just as it is detrimental to the family."

Jonathon's writings have been translated into more than six languages and in addition to LifeSiteNews, has been published in the National Post, National Review, First Things, The Federalist, The American Conservative, The Stream, the Jewish Independent, the Hamilton Spectator, Reformed Perspective Magazine, and LifeNews, among others. He is a contributing editor to The European Conservative.

AAPS Files Amicus on Religious Exemption

Published in AAPS News

AAPS has filed an amicus brief (https://tinyurl.com/ze6sfnm5) in the Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit to re-store the religious exemption to vaccination in California, in Royce v. Bonta (No. 25-2504).

Californians are being denied entry to school, public and pri-vate, unless they forgo their religious objections to vaccine re-quirements. Many of the ten diseases for which vaccination is required in California have not been seen there in decades, or do not create life-threatening risks for most people.

"SB 277 is nothing like the law upheld in 1905 in Jacobson v. Massachusetts by the Supreme Court amid a smallpox outbreak, as that law allowed people to avoid the vaccine by paying a small fine of $5 (equivalent to an inflation-adjusted amount of only $182.65 today, which is less than most traffic tickets)," AAPS stated. "The penalty in Jacobson cannot be considered comparable to the entire and permanent exclusion of a child from school, thereby preclud-ing many career opportunities."

All major religious have objections to ingredients in certain vaccines, such as porcine gelatin, often used as a stabilizer in live virus vaccines, or components derived from aborted fetal tissue.

Correspondence

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Oncologist Fired over Vaccine Issue.

A physician reported being suspended in January 2024 and fired this past April for taking the position that oncology patients should generally not receive the COVID vaccine. It is disgusting that censorship and retaliation related to COVID are still going on. Corporations always seem to adopt and require a rigid adherence to clinical practice guidelines as protocols as if they were the "standard of care." The act of speaking in opposition to rigid guidelines and protocols in favor of providing appropriate individualized care is considered "heresy" by corporate leaders.

Lawrence R. Huntoon, M.D., Ph.D., Eden, N.Y.

Loss of Trust.

The era of trusting people based solely on titles or credentials must be over. Loss of trust is appropriate. The CDC was the biggest purveyor of false information. The censorship was shocking. It was worse than suppressing opinion; we were talking about data. People in power don't want to have the truth come out because their advice killed people.

Scott Atlas, M.D., https://tinyurl.com/3mhnzxtm

Profession Forfeited Trust.

Medical journals and medical research are under the thumb of the NIH. Go against the dogma of those in power and kiss your funding good-by.

Robert Koshnick, M.D., Detroit Lakes, MN

Trust the Medical Cartel?

Doctors are victims of the corporate practice of medicine (CPOM). This was created to ration access to "free care." You cannot trust socially engineered CPOM. You can trust your own doctor if he is a skeptic and independent of the "free care" cartel's surveillance, "science," and mandates.

Robert Geist, M.D., North Oaks, MN

The Duty to Dissent.

The story I had been telling myself for 35 years about the nobility of our profession and putting patients first and evidence-based care was shattered in a chain pharmacy on an ordinary Tuesday when my sick spouse needed medication (ivermectin) and the system said no. Now, the real practice of medicine is beginning again. The medical innovation movement is emerging from our collective resistance—where conscience over conformity is evolving into systematic healthcare transformation.

Avery Brinkley, Jr., M.D., https://tinyurl.com/46mfjdmd

Jab Incentive Canceled.

Secretary Kennedy announced that HHS and CMS Director Mehmet Oz repealed a long-standing Medicare reimbursement policy that financially incentivized hospitals to push COVID shots. This rule tied public reporting of staff vaccination rates to federal incentives—turning hospitals into enforcers instead of caregivers. It was a backdoor mandate, pure and simple, Kennedy stated (tinyurl.com/52barfb9). I guess some people don't like secret bribes for doctors to force EUA drugs with no long-term safety data onto people. Something about informed consent?

Jeff Childers, https://tinyurl.com/57drundw

Big Pharma *cont. from page 17*

was able to produce a vaccine in less than one year. However, myocarditis was really only a problem for young men and the vaccine should never have been given to them in the first place. All of the problems caused by Covid were due to the bad decisions of the MD's of the FDA and advisors to Trump, e.g., Dr. Fauci, not Big Pharma.

Another problem Big Pharma is blamed for by some on the right and RFKjr is that they control all of medical research and they bias the results, so the government has to take over all of the decisions made for research including who gets what grant and what data is accepted in a scientific manuscript. This is right out of the Marxist playbook. I have been a medical researcher for 45 years and have worked at Temple University in Philadelphia, Texas Tech University in Lubbock, and the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee and none of my research or any of the dozens of medical researchers I knew were funded by Big Pharma. Big Pharma had no role in any experiments, experimental results, or publications by me or any researcher that I knew. The idea that Big Pharma controls medical research is a total lie.

One should also not forget what Big Pharma produces and their effects. Big Pharma makes drugs that cure disease, decrease symptoms, and saves lives. There is no industry in the world that directly helps more people and saves more lives than Big Pharma.

I just don't get it. Why on earth are some right wing people and commentators in our free capitalistic Democratic Republic fully supporting a liberal Democrat in his persecution and attacks on a set of companies which have made products that have saved more human lives than any other corporate system has in the history of the world?

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This week, I was honored to speak at a TPUSA event at Texas Tech. It was standing room only, and the energy from the students was amazing!

Charlie Kirk left a legacy that will impact generations long after I'm gone. Seeing these bright, amazing young men and women gives me hope for our future. And I encourage all patriotic Americans to follow Charlie's lead and to speak out in a forceful yet peaceful manner.

We should never shy away from our conservative views or values, and we will NOT be intimidated, not on campus, not anywhere in our great Nation!

Texas AG Ken Paxton Announces 8 More Arrests Connected to Illegal Abortion Operation

By Calvin Freiburger

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton announced Wednesday the arrest of eight individuals practicing medicine without a license in connection to an illegal abortion operation in Houston.

The eight individuals were working for Maria Rojas, who was recently indicted on 15 counts for having "posed as a physician while operating clinics in Waller, Cypress, Spring, and Katy," according to a press release. They are also accused of committing illegal abortions and operating without proper medical licenses. An unspecified number of the new suspects are foreign nationals as well.

"These facilities unlawfully employed unlicensed individuals who falsely presented themselves as licensed medical professionals to provide medical treatment," the AG office previously detailed. "Rojas also performed illegal abortion procedures in her clinics in direct violation of the Texas Human Life Protection Act."

"This cabal of abortion-loving radicals has been running illegal clinics staffed with unlicensed individuals who endangered the very people they pretended to help," Paxton said. "Beyond being illegal, it is evil. These dens of fake doctors will not be allowed to operate in Texas. Those responsible will be held accountable. I will always protect innocent life and use every tool to enforce Texas's pro-life laws."

The vast majority of abortions are illegal in Texas, but the state is still dealing with the problem of out-of-state actors using pills to circumvent Texas law, facilitating abortions that take place completely in private. In May, the Texas Senate passed SB 2880, the Woman and Child Protection Act, that would make it broadly illegal to "manufacture, possess, or distribute an abortion-inducing drug in this state" as well as to help facilitate their acquisition. The Texas House did not take up the bill before the legislative session ended in June; it was later taken up in special session and signed in September (it has not yet taken effect).

Texas is one of 12 states that currently ban all or most abortions. But the unregulated, no-oversight distribution of abortion pills across state lines has become arguably the abortion lobby's most effective tactic for preserving abortion "access" and are particularly problematic in pro-life states to which they can be sent and taken in complete privacy without any sign law enforcement can act on. Texas Right to Life puts the number of abortion pills mailed into Texas at more than 19,000 a year.

Paxton is also suing New York abortionist Margaret Daley Carpenter for having "unlawfully provided a Collin County resident with abortion-inducing drugs that ended the life of an unborn child and resulted in serious complications for the mother, who then required medical intervention." In February 2025, Judge Bryan Gantt of North Texas ordered Carpenter to stop sending abortion pills into the state and to pay a $100,000 fine (Carpenter also faces charges out of Louisiana for the same). Carpenter is resisting, backed by New York Attorney General Letitia James.

Trump *cont. from page 1*

labeled Trump, then his Campaign '24 rival, as an existential threat to the country's system of government during an August 2022 Philadelphia campaign fund raiser, ominously telling donors, "The other day he said he wants to be a dictator only on one day, wipe out the civil servants and a whole range of other things.

"He embraces political violence instead of rejecting it. We can't let that happen."

Biden chose to misrepresent a comment Trump had made during a Fox News town hall that he "did not intend to become a dictator if he wins the presidency again except 'on day one.'"

Further clarifying this meaning at a New York Young Republican Club annual gala, Trump declared, "And you know why I wanted to be a dictator? Because I want a wall, right? I want a wall and I want to drill, drill, drill."

During a Sept. 22 interview regarding her new book "107 Days," former Vice President Kamala Harris told MSNBC host Rachael Maddow, "Right now, we are dealing with, as I called him at my speech on the Ellipse, a tyrant. We used to compare the strength of our democracy to communist dictators."

"That's what we're dealing with right now in Donald Trump," Harris added

Then there's Gov. Gavin Newsom, D-Calif., a guy with suspected '28 presidential ambitions of his own, who accused President Trump of "the acts of a dictator" for deploying National Guard troops to quell violent protests in Los Angeles which he characterized as "inciting and provoking violence," "creating mass chaos" and "militarizing cities."

Trump had ordered the June 8 deployment of 2,000 Guard members to provide what the U.S. Northern Command said was to provide "safety and protection of federal property and personnel."

More recently, former FBI Director James Comey has called President Trump a tyrant in blaming him for two federal criminal indictment charges lodged against him by the Department of Justice, one count for allegedly making false statements and the other alleging obstruction.

Both indictments authorized by an independent Virginia grand jury relate to allegedly false sworn statements Comey made in Sept. 2022 Senate testimony regarding FBI "Crossfire Hurricane" spying on Trump campaign officials.

This was premised upon unsupportable accusations of collusion with Russian agents to influence the 2016 election as a political distraction from more than 30,000 unauthorized emails former Secretary of State Hillory Clinton deleted on her private server.

Although reportedly entirely fabricated as opposition research paid for by the Clinton campaign, and allegedly known by the FBI to be false, those Russia collusion accusations dogged the entire first term of the Trump presidency and beyond, leading to a lengthy investigation by special counsel John Durham that found no evidence to support the assertion.

Comey, now portraying himself as a Trump DOJ victim, stated on Instagram, "Somebody that I love dearly recently said that fear is the tool of a tyrant and she's right but I'm not afraid and I hope you're not either."

Defiantly, Comey said, "My family and I have known for years that there are costs to standing up to Donald Trump. But we couldn't imagine ourselves living any other way. We will not live on our knees."

He then added, "My heart is broken for the Justice Department, but I have great confidence in the federal judicial system. I'm innocent so let's have a trial."

No one should question James Comey's right to trial in a fair justice system, one very much unlike the partisan DOJ the Comey FBI was part of to allegedly get Trump impeached on phony Russia collusion charges.

Comey shouldn't have to experience a weaponized DOJ like the one presided over by then-U.S. Atty. Gen. Merrick Garland who authorized the Aug. 8, 2022, armed FBI raid on Trump's Palm Beach, Florida Mar a Lago residence in search of classified documents, while showing no interest in classified documents found in multiple Biden properties including an unsecured garage next to his antique Corvette driven by his drug-addicted son.

Nevertheless, as Garland has repeatedly implored regarding President Trump, "No person is above the law.."

Let it now be so as we also reject demagoguery in all its forms, face and discuss problems which divide us with honesty, and seek a spirit of fairness and national healing benefiting all.

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One Nation Under God

Satan's Surrogate: The Southern Poverty Law Center

"While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage." II Peter 2:19

By Riley J. Hood

"SPLC Finally Clears Up 'Major Misconception' About Whether It Is 'Anti-Christian'" was posted by Tyler O'Neil on June 19th, 2025. "If it walks like a duck and quacks like a duck, it's probably not an ostrich. If a leftist group cited by the FBI puts Christian nonprofits on a 'hate map' and says Christian moral theology is evidence of 'hate,' it's probably anti-Christian, even if it swears to high heaven that's not true."

"A major misconception, one that is deliberately promoted by anti-LGBT hate groups in order to accuse the SPLC of being 'anti-Christian,' is that the SPLC considers opposition to same-sex marriage or the belief that homosexuality is a sin as the sole basis for the hate group label," the SPLC claimed. "This is false. There are many organizations, such as Focus on the Family, that oppose same-sex marriage or oppose homosexuality on strictly biblical grounds that the SPLC does not list as hate groups." Yet this year, the SPLC added Focus on the Family to the "hate map," as an "anti-LGBTQ+ hate group." Groups like Alliance Defending Freedom are on the hate map. Moms for Liberty, who support parental rights in schools are on the hate map too. Doctors and medical organizations that oppose sex-change operations and chemical therapies on children have been targeted as well.

SPLC posted, "Like other hate groups that SPLC lists, they weaponize Christian rhetoric against LGBTQ+ people," and "They sow division and ideas that tear families apart by perpetuating political notions that LGBTQ people can't be, for example, truly Christian unless they deny who they are." An LGBTQ activist attacked the Family Research Council in 2012, using the SPLC "hate map." The Bible decides what Christianity is, not the SPLC.

Quite frankly, the SPLC is as anti-Christian as the ACLU. Sodomy is outlawed in the Bible, Leviticus 20:13 and spoken against in Romans 1:18-32. Among other scriptures. Jesus affirmed marriage as one man and one woman in Matthew Chapter 19. You cannot identify yourself with Christ, namely call yourself a Christian, and identify yourself with a principal sin, and call yourself "gay," at the same time. The SPLC stands in contradiction to the words of Our Lord, therefore they are anti-Christ, and as such they are anti-Christian. America will never be great again until sodomy is outlawed, and sodomites are punished as the criminals they are. When sodomy is crime, all these people go into hiding. They may be sinning in secret, but they won't be parading naked down Main Street, they won't be trying to invade your home, and seduce your children.



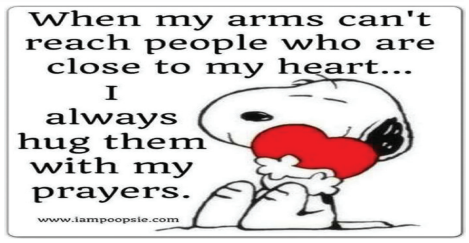
The Schumer Shutdown

"It is as sport to a fool to do mischief: but a man of understanding hath wisdom." Proverbs 10:23

By Riley J. Hood

When Chuck Schumer and Hakeem Jeffries were planning to oppose a continuing budget resolution, they said it was about "healthcare." Then Wisconsin's Senate-lesbian Tammy Baldwin said it was about healthcare. Then the cowardly Ron Johnson said it was about healthcare for illegal aliens. Then the senile Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers said it was about healthcare.

What the Democrat Party means by "healthcare" is abortion first and foremost, then sex-change operations for sodomites. That is what the Schumer Shutdown is about. The Big Beautiful defunded much of that stuff, and legal challenges against that Law are failing. Now the Democrats are pulling another stunt. The idea of "once funded, always funded" that Democrats hold to must be rejected, even though the Democrats have their socialist fellow travelers in the fake news on their side. The Democrats don't care about setting a broken wrist, or heart-surgery, etc., illegal alien or no. They care about murder, sterilization, and perversion.



Surrogacy is one of the rotten fruits of legalizing homosexual 'marriage'

By Katy Faust

Picture this: you've just had a baby. You're exhausted, relieved, in love. A doctor steps in, voice steady: "You'll be switching babies with the family across the hall. The swap is immediate and irrevocable. Thank you." No reason. No warning.

Your baby is taken to the other family, and their baby is placed in your arms.

How does that make you feel?

Instant revulsion? Good. That's natural. What you are feeling is the moral law that lives inside almost everyone: children have a right to their own mother and father – they belong with them. Your stomach drops because you know that a relationship is being severed that no one has the authority to cut.

Now, let's take it a step further.

What if both couples agree? What if one baby's hair color "fits" better with one mom's look, or the other baby's eye color or skin tone seems like a more "perfect match"? Now, if both sets of parents say yes, does that make it right?

No! We still feel the same knot. Why? Because adults going along with it doesn't stop the bond from being broken. It doesn't magically convert someone else's child into ours. Whether we agreed to it or not, the child will inevitably grow up with painful questions that require us to confess that we took them from the two people who created them.

Let's go one more scenario down this slippery slope.

Suppose one of the consenting couples gets cold feet. They worry their child will resent them, so they back out. The other couple, still eager to swap, offers them $50,000. They call it a goodwill payment. Something to help put their mind at ease and compensate for the difficulty of carrying their soon-to-be-swapped child. The hesitant couple relents and accepts the funds, knowing full well that they will one day have to share how much that relationship was worth. Is it good now?

Here is the hard truth: versions of these scenarios are legal. Why? Because when the law declared same-sex marriage "equal" and entitled to the same "benefits," our courts had to enforce new paths to give couples children. If same-sex couples were to be "equal," they would need kids. Kids that in fact belonged with and to their mother and father.

(TL;DR? The Supreme Court thinks your biological connection to your child is a figment of your imagination.)

Biology, which once anchored how we decided parentage ("the child always belongs to the man and woman who created him or her"), became an obstacle. After all, same-sex couples do not have an "equal" ability to procreate.

Therefore, procreation had to be purchased from others, and children had to be detached from their natural mother and father (all legalized and facilitated by the courts at the demand of the same-sex marriage ruling).

Biology, then, was made to submit to a new, "higher" legal and moral authority: intent-based parentage. Under this new order, biology must bend the knee to a version of parenthood assigned not primarily to the people who created the child, but to the adults who intend to raise the child, often memorialized in contracts, payments, and pre-birth orders.

The question changed from: "Who does this child belong to?" to "Who wants this child the most?"

Once the law says "the intending adults are the parents," it becomes much easier to justify baby swaps, donor conception, surrogacy contracts, and pre-birth parentage orders that cut off the child's right to his or her own mother and father before the child can breathe. We moved from a child's right to know and be raised by the people who made them – to adult desire – to acquire a child by purchase.

This is why the hospital thought experiment is so clarifying. We instinctively reject the swap because we know a child is not an accessory. We know origin matters. We know stories matter. We know faces matter – mom's and dad's. And we know that the first job of the law in family matters is to protect the child's pre-existing bond to mother and father, not to dissolve it for adult convenience, preference, or even sincere longing.

That's the problem with same-sex marriage. It is not a hatred of adults, but a concern for the rights and well-being of children. The legal consequences of that Supreme Court decision have required us to replace biology with paperwork, rights with contracts, and a child's mother-and-father with "intended parents."

The result is a system where babies no longer belong to someone but can be assigned to anyone.

Children don't belong to the state, or to a marketplace, or even to the couple who wants them most. Children belong to the mother and father who created them.

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their country?"

2. I strongly recommend putting together a team of pro-Israel experts who can fact-check misinformation in real time from Israel. Israel needs to take the lead in this effort - no more dependence on subcontractors. Israel never asks for American troops because Israel does its own fighting. I suggest the same approach for the information war. You lead and people like me will follow and provide supplemental support. If you're open to revamping your communications strategy, my team and I are happy to assist.

3. You need something perhaps like an "Israel Truth Network" (ITN) which can include social media channels and a one-stop source of information website where, for example, all the negative Israel questions I get can be thoroughly debunked. I would love to refer students to such a website. This website could also be a conduit to groups like Hillel and Jewish educators like Dennis Prager. There can be links to books, podcasts, media personalities, and pro Israel thought leaders. The website can be a place where Judeo-Christian leaders and groups can share information and form closer alliances in the fight against Islamic fundamentalism. ITN social media can post pro-Israel pro Judeo-Christian video clips, breaking news and articles. ITN could potentially be a news aggregation site for all news pertaining to Israel and Judeo-Christian efforts to preserve Western Civilization.

4. Have you considered inviting some of the released hostages to go on a speaking tour in the U.S.? This could be very effective messaging. These hostages can talk about how Gazan civilians not once offered any empathy or compassion. President Trump referenced this lack of humanity when some released hostages visited the Oval Office. This was effective messaging. When impactful messaging clicks, keep it going. Also, these hostages and all your spokespersons should be arguing it's Hamas that is committing genocide on their own people by using civilians as human shields and storing weapons in schools, hospitals etc. That information drips out in the regular media but is almost nonexistent on social media.

5. Maybe interview regular Israelis on the streets asking them what they love about their country. Interview Jews, Israeli Arabs, Druze, orthodox, secular etc. Ask Israelis what do they wish the world knew about Israel. Ask them to respond to examples of misinformation on social media. This could be an entire social media PR campaign called, "Dude, you got us wrong!" Interview Israelis from all walks of life. Let Israelis explain in their own words how Israel is a pluralistic society, a free country with elected leaders unlike all of the surrounding authoritarian Arab nations. Why not show how your hospitals take care of wounded terrorists? Why not show clips of Israel dropping flyers from airplanes warning Gazan civilians to get out of harm's way? It would have been nice to see an Israeli plane with a Star of David arrive in the US full of supplies after a hurricane. Has Israel offered any assistance to the U.S. insofar as technology to protect our border or with the missile defense shield President Trump has discussed? These are examples of effective messaging showing Israel as a close ally of America. Consumers of social media are aware of the billions in supplies we send to Israel, but they're less aware of what America gets in return. You and your team need to make the argument on social media that Israel is a great friend of America and is vital to U.S. national security. Israel needs to better portray itself as a member of "Team Humanity." Israel needs to establish a baseline of her identity. To run an effective messaging campaign, you need a clearly defined message. This message should be homegrown from Israel. In other words, create original content from Israel. Videos and visuals feed social media. Keep these edited clips short under 1 minute and post the best ones on the Israel Truth Network (ITN). Don't rely on non-Israeli social media influencers to create all these clips. Create them yourselves and influencers (surrogates) like me can promote this ORIGINAL work and refer people to your social media and websites. Be proactive - take the lead. Bottom line is Israel needs to learn to fish (i.e. create your own content) and be more self-reliant when it comes to your communications strategy.

6. Iran: Israel could do a better job explaining the Iranian threat. Among the many conservatives who support Israel, there is a concern that America could become entangled in a quagmire in Iran. My generation grew up with disasters in Afghanistan and Iraq. We were promised there were WMD's in Iraq which proved to be a lie. Our generation was also lied to by the governments of Israel and the U.S. that covid vaccines were safe and effective. Israel intelligence missed the boat on October 7, but we're asked to trust Israeli intelligence 100% that Iran is on the cusp of obtaining nuclear weapons. Young conservatives are very skeptical of government proclamations. We don't fully trust intelligence assessments. Right now it seems like Israel is primarily relying on Americans to make the case for attacking Iranian nuclear sites. These arguments get a lot of blowback in MAGA circles. Other than you, Mr. Prime Minister, I see very few Israelis making their case in the media, social media or podcasts. Many agree with you (myself included) that Iran should not get nuclear weapons. At the same time, I share the concern that America will get sucked into another endless war costing thousands of American lives. Where are the Israelis who are arguing their case to win over public opinion? Israel should be making its case 24/7 on social media including long form (English-speaking) podcasts and social media channels and website(s) such as a Rapid Response Team and ITN.

7. A paradigm shift is needed in how Israel presents itself to the world especially on social media. Perhaps the best way to convey my thoughts here is to think of Israel as a political candidate (in this case a younger woman who grew up on social media). Who is this candidate and what does she stand for? Right now there's essentially a massive negative ad campaign spreading on social media. These negative ads are defining this candidate. Political campaigns face this challenge all the time. Many of the PR challenges Israel faces should be looked at through the prism of a political campaign. Like any campaign, the first task is to define the candidate.

Right now there is not a "one-stop shopping" resource where younger people can learn about this candidate. Every candidate has a website and social media. It would be political malpractice to omit these tools. Sorry for the brutal honesty, but Israel's approach to social media is "PR malpractice." Your "candidate" should list all the toughest questions she gets on the campaign trail with detailed expert responses (add footnotes) on her ITN website and use social media to explain her platform on a daily basis. These responses become part of Miss Israel's "platform" where her positions and values are explained. Like any political campaign, you need surrogates who can articulately promote this candidate's platform and identity. Right now Israel's identity is being fabricated by those who hate her by a barrage of misinformation in the media - especially social media. Fake news becomes real news if there's not effective pushback. When a candidate is hit with negative campaign ads, the effective response is for the candidate to PERSONALLY respond to these attack ads. A candidate doesn't just rely on surrogates to get the truth out. One of Israel's biggest most fundamental problems is typically your pushback is in a 3rd person voice. I do the "3rd person" voice all the time as I attempt to defend the candidate, Israel. But I don't live in Israel so I'm more like an attorney defending a client. Israel, the client, also needs to defend itself. I wish I had a "1st person" source of information I could reference where students and Israel skeptics could learn more about this client called Israel. You need a one-stop shopping resource where Israel's platform and beliefs can be spelled out. You need more Israeli surrogates speaking out on behalf of their candidate. At the moment, you have some wonderful non-Israeli surrogates speaking on behalf of a candidate that has not defined herself - especially when it comes to social media. I know it's common to think that social media, especially TikTok, is a waste of time. I thought similar a year ago. But TikTok algorithms have changed. I have increased my followers on TikTok from approx. 1 million to 6.6 million in the last year. We get BILLIONS (with a "B") views on TikTok. My campus tour last Fall and this Spring have received approx. 5 BILLION impressions. Elon Musk is a good friend to Israel so X offers a great opportunity to make inroads on social media. Israel should not sit back and allow its enemies to define her. A recent Pew Research poll showed 53% of Americans now have an unfavorable view of Israel, up from 42% three years ago. U.S. support for Israel is precarious right now. A new media strategy is urgently needed. I understand social media as well as anyone in the world. From my vantage point, Israel has retreated from social media without a fight. How are you going to win over younger generations if you're starting out in retreat on social media? Younger generations use their TV's for Netflix - not the evening news. Narratives for younger and even middle-aged people are fought now on social media. Mr. Prime Minister, stop this retreat - get in the information war fight! The front lines of this information war are on social media. Other than a few guerrilla warfare operations, there's very little Israel created content. I saw that Israel has increased its Hasbara budget by 20x times which is great news. There's also hundreds of millions of dollars raised by private pro-Israel groups. Some of this money should be directed into creating pro Israel ORIGINAL home grown content. Next, promote this content on Israel operated social media channels and websites. Use some of these funds to start the Israel Truth Network (ITN).

To sum up, you should perhaps consider reshaping your Hasbara Department into more of a political campaign headquarters with campaign narrative experts. Hasbara could be the mothership hosting ITN where the messaging campaign can be created and then distributed to all the pro-Israel groups and thought leaders.

Majority of staff in these efforts should be in their 20's and 30's. The older generation alone is not going to win the information war on social media. You need to fill the ranks with young people who grew up with cell phones and social media - not pay phones and TV news. Once the candidate is defined with a platform backfilled with extensive details, then allow the political operatives to take that platform out into social media with an out-of-the-box approach like some of the earlier suggestions. I've seen your IDF spokesman defend Israel standing at a dimly lit podium. This looks like a scene out of the 1970's - like some old Walter Cronkite clips of the TV news. You need to tear down your old ways of communicating and start over from scratch. Create a communications and social media platform that is wired to fight back with the same fierceness and determination as the IDF.

Israel has many Americans and some well-known foreigners who defend Israel which is great. But these are "3rd person" voices. Mr. Prime Minister, you are an eloquent defender of Israel but you don't post very often on social media. Many of your clips are in Hebrew only. Why don't you do more press conferences in Israel in English? Take on some of the tough questions I get bombarded with on college campuses. Where are all the Israeli surrogates? I can't remember the last time I saw an Israeli spokesperson on one of the evening Fox shows other than yourself. ISRAEL NEEDS MORE FIRST PERSON VOICES TO DEFEND HER! How can Israel defend and define itself if you don't even have spokespersons out there fighting back every day? Do you have a press secretary like Karoline Leavitt or defenders like Stephen Miller? If not, I encourage you to go find them! You need more Israeli spokespersons who are effective speakers in the media and on social media.

I know you also have a serious deep state lawfare challenge. My team and I have been fighting the deep state every single day for many years. Maybe a revamped information war strategy can help with your internal fights as well? Israel has enormous capabilities such as how you orchestrated your beeper bomb operation. Perhaps Israel can use some of that same ingenuity to more effectively fight the information war in the media, especially on social media? Israel is the Silicon Valley of the Middle East. Israel has an abundance of brain power and technological expertise. The question is whether Israel has the willpower to step up its game in this information war. From my vantage point, the status quo is not working. Israel is getting CRUSHED on social media and you are losing younger generations of Americans, even among MAGA conservatives. In my opinion, you are losing the information war which will eventually translate into less political and military support from America. The Holy Land is so important to my life, and it pains me to see support for Israel slip away. Feel free to contact me on my private number below if you would like to discuss this further.

Sincerely, Charlie Kirk

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comprehensive, long-term surveillance," NASEM said.

Public transparency was lacking around "the criteria for elevating, deferring, or ceasing work on a specific signal." The ISO identified some key signals late, or didn't prioritize them for rapid review, either due to a lack of resources or a failure to have proper procedures in place, according to the NASEM committee.

Problems integrating safety signal data across systems and the failure to transparently prioritize which signals mattered meant that emerging public concerns, such as menstrual changes, "often outpaced analytic response," the report said.

However, the committee also lauded ISO's early identification of side effects, including thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome, myocarditis and Guillain-Barré syndrome in ways they said "allowed for timely clinical guidance, reduced preventable morbidity, and informed risk–benefit assessments for distinct populations."

But those statements contradict the findings by others, including CHD, that the CDC knew of the myocarditis risk months before it informed the public.

"As reported in the Congressional Record, the ISO lied about the myocarditis risk for 6 months after the first reports were made to them," Hooker said. NASEM did not mention that in the report.

During NASEM's public presentation on the report today, The Defender submitted a question asking why the report didn't address the ISO's delay in reporting myocarditis to the public, but NASEM declined the question.

A truly independent board likely would have shut down the vaccination campaign in January 2021

NASEM raised concerns that CDC's messaging to the public and health professionals sometimes lacked clarity about the magnitude of risk associated with COVID-19 vaccines or the agency's rationale for recommending the vaccines.

The report also noted that ISO's scientific publications and CDC communications so consistently included strong messages about vaccine benefits that it fueled public perception that the ISO was biased in favor of the vaccines.

Dr. Peter McCullough, a cardiologist who sounded the alarm about vaccine-induced myocarditis early in the pandemic, said public comments about this issue were "spot on."

He added:

"Because the main goal of the CDC was to increase vaccination rates, the agency was biased and did not bring forward important safety information on a timely basis.

"The CDC should have installed an independent data safety and monitoring board to meet monthly during the campaign. Likely such a board would have shut down the CDC's COVID-19 vaccine program for excess mortality in January 2021."

Despite these critiques, NASEM lauded ISO's pandemic work.

The ISO "carried out scientifically robust, timely, and effective monitoring and evaluation of vaccine risks throughout the COVID-19 pandemic," NASEM concluded. "Its proactive identification of emerging vaccine risk concerns informed critical public health decisions."

Recommendations focused on rebuilding confidence in the system

The NASEM committee expressed concern that its own focus in the report on the risks of the COVID-19 vaccines could detract from "the overwhelming evidence of their benefit."

The committee offered recommendations for a more robust risk monitoring system in hopes that a better system would "increase understanding of and confidence in federal studies of vaccine risks."

Recommendations included improving integration of the health data surveillance system, identifying and reviewing safety signals more quickly, clarifying communication, providing sufficient long-term budget and staffing to ISO, and encouraging methodological innovation.

The committee also encouraged transparency in communication and in the data used to make risk evaluations. Hooker said he agreed with those recommendations and noted that researchers have been trying to get access to that data for decades.

All vaccine safety data should be deidentified and shared with independent researchers, Hooker said.

McCullough and Hooker agreed that NASEM's proposal — that ISO should be completely separated from the offices of the CDC that advocate vaccination — was important.

"This recommendation is notable as it separates vaccine safety and vaccine advocacy," Hooker said. "We've been calling for this for 25 years, and it is high time that the ISO woke up and smelled the coffee."

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permanent rule on COVID-19."

But on Dec. 27, 2021, OSHA determined that "it could not complete a permanent rule in a timeframe approaching the one contemplated by the OSHA Act," leading OSHA to stop enforcing the reporting requirement for COVID-19 vaccine injuries, the spokesperson said.

"OSHA subsequently terminated the rulemaking on Jan. 15, 2025. On Feb. 5, 2025, OSHA announced that it would no longer enforce the few reporting and recordkeeping provisions that remained in effect. The COVID-19 deregulatory proposed rule is open for public comment" in the Federal Register, the spokesperson stated.

Smith said aborted rulemaking procedures are common practice:

"There is a trend in public health policymaking to post announcements in the Federal Register to make them appear as official laws. Announcements are worded in such a way as to sound as if the announcement has already been made official policy, subject to enforcement. However, there is a process for turning policy announcements into official regulations that is often not followed.

"The interim, public review process, is often not made public, or impossibly short, followed by omitting the review and other final meetings before the policy can be adopted officially by the agency in question."

The spokesperson acknowledged that OSHA did not keep track of COVID-19 vaccine-related adverse events, stating:

"Detailed case reports are available for calendar years 2023 and 2024 that include a few records describing vaccine adverse events, primarily from flu vaccines.

"OSHA has not conducted analyses on vaccine adverse reactions in workers but makes these records accessible online for those interested in performing their own analyses."

The spokesperson referred The Defender to OSHA's Injury Tracking Application. The site provides downloadable spreadsheets of raw data from injury reports submitted to OSHA — but there was no immediately apparent way to search for reports about vaccine injuries in these datasets.

Glaser said the Labor Department's response was "a masterclass in obfuscation." He said OSHA "admitted they never analyzed the data and redirected you to perform your own analysis, an impossible task when they ensured that data was never properly collected in the first place."

McCullough agreed, calling the department's response "evasive." He said, "All U.S. citizens should be concerned."

Glaser said the information the department's spokesperson shared reveals "a coordinated policy to suppress data on COVID-19 vaccine injuries." He added:

"For nearly three years after the original May 2022 cutoff, OSHA continued to enforce aspects of the ETS except for the requirement to log vaccine injuries. This wasn't an oversight — it was a sustained effort to bury data.

"Why did OSHA continue non-enforcement until 2025? Was this because injury reports were mounting, and they wanted to avoid creating a paper trail? … Was there pressure from pharmaceutical lobbyists? Did political appointees orchestrate this to protect the vaccine narrative?"

Denial of COVID vaccine injuries 'an officially supported and established trend

Dr. Mary Talley Bowden, an ear, nose and throat specialist, said, "OSHA's directive to employers to ignore suspected injuries from the COVID-19 shots contradicts [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention] rules requiring providers to report most COVID-19 shot reactions to VAERS." VAERS is the U.S. government-run Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System.

Bowden said it was "not surprising," as none of her COVID-19 vaccine-injured patients "were reported to VAERS by other providers, much less OSHA."

Smith said providers at the hospital where she worked during the COVID-19 pandemic "were unanimously in denial that any new conditions presenting after COVID-19 vaccination were adverse events related to the vaccine." Instead, "they documented it was just COVID-19 symptoms."

She added:

"It was an officially supported and established trend during the pandemic to deny any causative relationship between new-onset medical condition and COVID-19 vaccination. No ICD-10 code existed specifically for reporting adverse events, injuries and death from COVID-19 vaccines. This had the effect of obscuring and hiding safety signals and data from the public."

For Baker, OSHA's policies resulted in real-world harm by hiding the extent of COVID-19 vaccine-related injuries from the public. "If they didn't opt out of accepting reports, would we have had a clearer, real-time picture of the extent of damages done?" Baker asked.

"The effect it had on employees inevitably made it difficult or impossible to report injuries related to COVID-19 vaccines," Smith said. "Even worse, [it] made it near impossible to receive workers' compensation or disability for their work-related injuries."

Tips and McCullough suggested that OSHA's COVID-19 reporting policies violated state and federal law. They called upon the U.S. Department of Justice to investigate.

Delfico agreed. "Transparency, accountability and reform are desperately needed. Otherwise, the same playbook will be used again," she said.

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