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A True Patriot Gave Everything To Save America

By A Message from Turning Point USA

Every one of us at Turning Point USA is crushed and devastated by the hateful murder of our founder and guiding light, Charlie Kirk. All of us have lost a leader, a mentor, and a friend. Above all, our hearts are with Erika and their two children. Charlie was the ideal husband and the perfect father. Above all else, we ask you to pray for the Kirks after the incomprehensible loss they have suffered.

More than anyone, Charlie believed in the power of argument and good faith debate to find the truth and guide people towards, if not agreement, then at least mutual understanding. Charlie was no stranger to threats. He received thousands throughout his life. But he always prioritized reaching as many young Americans as possible over his own personal safety. Now, Charlie has become America's greatest martyr to the freedom of speech he so adored.

In his thirty-one years, Charlie *continued on page 9*

Why Gen Zers Like Me Will Never Be The Same After Charlie Kirk's Assassination

By Brooke Brandtjen

Doubtlessly, a new age has just begun.

Most of Gen Z was nothing more than a twinkle in their parents' eyes when 9/11 occurred. They never lived in a version of America without the Transportation Security Administration or looming terrorist threats. They were born into the aftermath, a world filled with warnings. Don't play outside unsupervised, don't take candy from strangers, don't sit on a bus with your headphones on.

Zoomers are well accustomed to a world where safety is the primary concern because threats are always dangling nearby.



They were raised in the era of "cancel culture" and closed dialogue. They were told that the best thing they could do was sit on their phones and scroll through social media, self-censoring their own thoughts.

That's where Charlie Kirk met many young Americans.

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The UN's Krazy Kangaroo Klimate Kourt

Countries, companies, "deniers" and especially poor families are in the daffy court's crosshairs

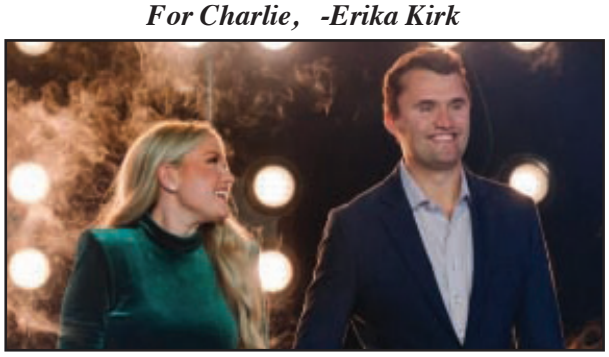
By Paul Driessen

Vanuatu and other "climate vulnerable" island nations claim they are threatened by rising seas and worsening typhoons caused by fossil fuel use. In response to an emotional petition from them and law students at the University of the South Pacific, the United Nations General Assembly presented a resolution to the UN's International Court of Justice (ICJ or World Court), asking two questions:



- What obligations do countries have under the Kyoto and Paris Climate Agreements or other international laws to protect Earth's climate from carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions?
- What legal *continued on page 14*

The evildoers who took Charlie's life? They have NO idea what they have done. If they thought my husband's mission was powerful before... They have NO idea what they have just UNLEASHED. Not just across this country... But in me. Charlie always said: "Never surrender." The movement my husband built will not die... I refuse to let that happen. And if YOU refuse to let Charlie's vision die, join me in making Turning Point USA the biggest thing that this nation has ever seen. Thank you. For Charlie, -Erika Kirk



Trump to honor Charlie Kirk with Presidential Medal of Freedom after assassination

By Patrick Delaney

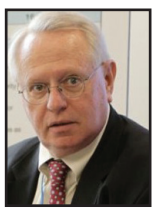
President Donald Trump announced this morning that he will be awarding the Presidential Medal of Freedom posthumously to Charlie Kirk following his assassination during a college campus presentation in Utah on Wednesday.

"Charlie was a giant of his generation, a champion of liberty and an inspiration to millions and millions of people," the 47th U.S. president said during a ceremony *continued on page 5*

Executive Orders Shift the Power to "Legislate"

By William L. Kovacs

Presidents issue Executive Orders to assert their power to make law. While the Constitution gives the lawmaking power to Congress, Congress passes many ambiguous laws that require interpretation. It also delegates many of its powers to the President. Presidents aggressively occupy the void created by Congress enacting ambiguous laws and its delegation of powers. The result is that Presidents exercise as much *continued on page 10*



11-Week-Old 'Anna' Died Hours After Her 'Routine' Vaccines. Nearly 12 Years Later, a Court Ruled the Vaccines Killed Her

By Brenda Baletti, Ph.D.

The family of Anna Sims is the first in more than a decade to receive compensation from the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program following the death of a baby after routine immunization. The ruling could serve as a model for future infant-death cases in vaccine court, according to a working group of researchers and advocates.

For the first time in over a decade, *continued on page 17*

AI Could Vaporize Green Energy Hallucinations

By Larry Bell

Don't place your bets on a green energy cartel fighting climate change with subsidies for anemic and intermittent windmills and sunbeams winning out over AI data center pragmatists willing to commit enormous expenditures essential for colossal expansion of weather-independent 24/7 power in competition with China dominance.



Electrical power *continued on page 7*

Steve's Say . . .

Charlie Kirk - The Patriot Martyr who Led America Back to Christ



Charlie Kirk is a Saint.

He now stands with Christ his Savior in the King of Kings eternal kingdom with all those others who lived by faith and believed in the One sent by The Father.

They murdered Charlie because Satan cannot stand for Christ's church to grow. They murdered Charlie because of his effectiveness in evangelizing The Word and bringing people back to God.

Charlie's message was quite simple. Return to God with all your heart, acknowledge the saving power of Christ the Savior, and follow His ways. From that starting point everything else falls into place. God created men to be men and women to be women, each with their own God-given roles, allowing us to participate in His creation by creating families through marital love. Charlie proclaimed many times in his legendary public mission that no higher calling existed for men or women than to get married, have children, and raise them according to the Word of God.

He also proclaimed the truth that liberty can only come from adherence to God's Law. Sin causes guilt, shame and isolation, resulting in cover-ups, lies and more sin to keep hidden previous transgressions. That pretty much sums up the world we live in.

America acknowledges Christ's kingship over all of the earth in our Declaration of Independence. Our inalienable rights do not originate with some script of paper written by some committee but from the Creator, who made all of mankind in His image and likeness. He wrote these truths in our hearts when He gave us life, and we all know it to some extent. Yet the spiritual powers of evil constantly gnaw at us all, with many succumbing to the inevitable life of folly and eventual personal destruction of their soul.

Fortunately The Father sent Christ into the world to be our lifeline to to Him. Charlie continually reminded us that anyone could follow this pathway by embracing Christ and His saving grace. And that person's life on this Earth would immediately improve, for He provides purpose and guidance through the Holy Spirit.

The Devil and his minions hate America and it's founding idea. Christ defeated Satan by His perfect sacrifice on The Cross, condemning Satan to waging a futile war against His Church until He returns. Christ assures us in Matthew Chapter 16 that "the gates of Hades will not overcome it." And if you believe God created America as the foreshadowing of His eternal kingdom to come, then we can be assured that America will stand as One Nation Under God, as long as we proclaim Christ as our Lord and King.

Yet we've seen so much damage inflicted upon America and the world in our short lifetimes. The powerful utilized their influence to pervert the natural roles of men and women, demonizing masculinity, degrading motherhood, chastising parents of large families as planet destroyers, equalizing homosexual relationships with true marriage, normalizing and facilitating transgenderism through subversive efforts in schools and medical malpractice, mutilating body, mind and soul of countless children vulnerable to the pressures placed upon them by these evil soldiers of Satan. And parents, instead of protecting their precious gifts of God from these demons, either actively participated in their child's destruction or passively allowed it to go forth. And unfortunately, for many, when they finally acknowledged the real truth, the damage was irreversible. Please read the excellent piece written by Brooke Brandtjen found on page 8 for a personal witness of the destruction caused by the transgender deception.

The Fake News media continually characterized Charlie Kirk as a "controversial conservative commentator spreading hate" or as a fascist or even Hitler. As usual, they project themselves upon the innocent. Charlie never degraded anyone. He valued every person he ever came in contact with. This leftist media hologram never had any basis in reality and they knew it. Yet for 12 years Charlie's message and organizations continued to grow and reach more of the masses, especially the young.

Why did the powers of evil decide that Charlie Kirk could no longer be tolerated? Hopefully a real answer will come forth from Kash Patel and his FBI investigators. So far we've been fed the same old BS story of some lone gunman who left a perfect trail of evidence so the case can be closed in a week. And by the way, the crime scene evidence began disappearing immediately after Charlie died, much like the Trump Butler Pennsylvania scene, and a few days ago got completely covered up with newly poured concrete. So that's what an FBI investigation apparently looks like. Kash Patel has much to show all of America. Frankly, I think this tragedy unfortunately displays the depth of corruption still remaining in the FBI ranks. Ballistics? Where are they? Nothing makes sense in the narrative spewed so far. Nothing.

They had to shut Charlie up because he was so effective. Their efforts at censoring him and his message clearly failed. Demonization didn't work either. So they had to call in the pros to take care of the *continued on page 19*

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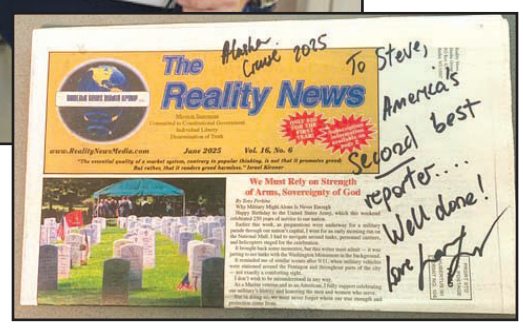

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A call to prayer for the family of Charlie Kirk and revival in America

By Cornwall Alliance Staff

The heartbreaking news of the fatal shooting today of Charlie Kirk, founder of Turning Point USA and a believer in Christ, prompts me to ask you to join in prayer both for comfort for his wife Erika, their two children, and other family members, and for revival in America.

Please join us in praying that family and friends close to Erika and the children will come strongly around them, weep with them, speak words of encouragement and comfort when needed, know when to keep silent. Pray that they will draw nearer to God in response to this, even if they cannot understand—now, or perhaps ever—just how God will work Charlie's death together with all other things for good for those who love Him and are called to be conformed to the image of His Son.

Please also pray for revival in America. Pray for pastors to preach and teach the whole counsel of God from the whole word of God to the whole people of God for the whole of life. Pray for Christians to encourage one another to love and good works—especially the good work of telling the gospel to their neighbors. Pray for evangelism and discipleship ministries around the country. Pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit, bringing repentance and faith to millions—something Charlie undoubtedly wanted and toward which he himself prayed and labored.

Africa is Pioneering Nuclear Innovation as it Faces a Dire Electricity Crisis

The following is a guest article by Ronald Stein, Robert Jeffrey, and Olivia Vaughan

Sub-Saharan Africa faces a dire electricity crisis. Over 600 million people—more than 40% of the continent's population—lack access to electricity, a figure projected to rise to 657 million by 2030 without intervention.

The global nuclear renaissance is well underway—evidenced by companies like Oklo, which is now included in the Russell 2000 stocks list. The outlook is based on Oklo's long-term vision, particularly with the Trump Administration's increased focus on AI Revolution data center development powered by nuclear generated electricity.

The World Bank removing its ban on nuclear presents a vital opportunity for developing economies to position themselves as leaders rather than followers in advanced electricity technology.

Developing nations need not be mere consumers of advanced technology but can be innovators, exporters and active participants in providing clean and reliable electricity to billions on the planet who do not yet have access to electricity or modern amenities.

South Africa was the first country in the world to start commercializing Small Modular Reactor Technology with its Pebble Bed Modular Reactor (PBMR) program, which was suspended around 2010. Having decades of experience in nuclear technology development, South Africa scientists and engineers are sought after all over the world for their knowledge, practical approach to complex engineering projects, and meticulous attention to detail, i.e., the legacy of the PBMR program.

After the PBMR project was put on indefinite suspension in 2010, the expertise that remained in South Africa continued developing Small Modular Reactor (SMR) technology, the High Temperature Modular Reactor (HTMR), as a home-grown solution—a testament to both the dedication of the technical teams and the commercial viability they saw in the technology. This grouping of pioneering technologists and business strategists in South Africa formed Stratek Global as an umbrella organization to bring advanced technologies and combined power mix solutions to market. Stratek Global has recently secured land on which it plans to build a small modular reactor.

Game-Changing Technology for Developing Economies

SMRs represent a paradigm shift in nuclear electricity design. The South African HTMR is specifically engineered to address the unique challenges facing Africa and other developing regions, like vast land areas and lack of water resources. As an example, the HTMR-100's turbine condenser design uses radiator cooling and the reactor's primary circuit is helium cooled—a crucial innovation for a continent where many regions lack access to large inland water bodies.



The smaller size of SMRs thermal and electrical capacity makes the technology an ideal solution for decentralized power generation, addressing one of Africa's most pressing infrastructure challenges. Instead of requiring thousands of kilometers of new transmission lines—like the 14,000 km needed to unlock South Africa's Northern Cape solar developments—SMRs can be positioned close to their consumers: mines, smelters, municipalities, and industrial facilities.

This proximity advantage extends beyond simple logistics. By placing generation near consumption, SMRs can free up existing grid capacity, alleviate congestion issues and provide reliable baseload power. For developing economies struggling with electricity security, this represents a path to industrial growth without the massive upfront infrastructure investments typically required.

The fuel supply chain is the TRISO (Tri-structural ISOtropic) coated particles that are a type of nuclear fuel kernel encased in multiple layers of protective materials. These particles are designed to contain radioactive fission products even under extreme conditions, making them highly robust and suitable for advanced reactor designs. The US Department of Energy calls TRISO particles "the most robust fuel on earth."

TRISO fuel required to fuel advanced nuclear technologies have been completely designed and manufactured in South Africa.

Recent TRISO recycling development includes a Savannah River National Laboratory (SRNL) project to demonstrate a full-scale TRISO recycling process by 2027.

Additionally, a validation study for Deep Isolation's Universal Canister System (UCS) with Kairos Power's TRISO fuel was completed in May 2025, demonstrating the system's viability for storing, transporting, and disposing of TRISO fuel in deep boreholes and mined repositories.

South African National Nuclear Regulator

South Africa has one of the oldest nuclear regulators in the world. In 1948, the Atomic Energy Act established the Atomic Energy Board (AEB) with the immediate objective of regulating the uranium industry in South Africa. The AEB later became the Atomic Energy Corporation (AEC). South Africa became a founding member state of the International Atomic Energy Agency in 1957.

For operating reactor power plants, The National Nuclear

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Charlie Kirk, R.I.P.

By Jim Lakely

The assassination of Charlie Kirk at the age of 31 by a radicalized young leftist on a college campus Wednesday will long be remembered as one of the most-tragic days in American history. His slaying, for expressing his mainstream conservative political positions, was a deep blow to our shared American dream. It was an act of cruelty and horror which affected people around the world.

The Heartland Institute helped Charlie, in the ways we could, when he was just starting to build TurningPoint USA into what quickly became the most-influential and successful organization in American history at promoting the virtues of free-market capitalism and individual liberty to young people. At Heartland's benefit dinner in October 2015, Charlie asked to address Heartland's supporters and we happily agreed to give him the stage. Below are his remarks that night.

In 2017, Charlie and his friend and TPUSA co-founder Brent Hamachek gave a presentation on their book "Time for a Turning Point" at Heartland's Andrew Breitbart Freedom Center. You can watch that presentation below, and read about it in this post.

The murder of Charlie Kirk leaves a beautiful wife without a husband, and two young children who will grow up not remembering their father's warm embrace. It also leaves a hole in the heart of those who knew him well and loved him, a hole that may never heal. Charlie's murder has hit many of us here at The Heartland Institute very hard. But his memory, his courage, and his determination to work tirelessly for a better and greater America will never cease to inspire us.

We spoke about Charlie for the entirety of our In the Tank Podcast live-stream the day after Charlie was killed. And we also opened that week's The Climate Realism Show speaking about Charlie.

God Bless, Charlie Kirk, his family, and all who were touched by his life and his work.

My Comments on the DOE Climate Report

By H. Sterling Burnett

In Climate Change Weekly 553 I discussed how the U.S. Department of Energy's recent climate report restarted the largely dormant debate about the possible causes and consequences of climate change. For nearly 20 years previously, the debate was over, as far as the media was concerned: catastrophic human-caused climate change was beyond discussion, a proven fact—as if anything that is only expected to bear visible fruit in the future can be proven as a current fact.

The DOE's report blew that narrative up, forcing the researchers and the media who had long claimed there was a scientific consensus, the science was settled, and we must get on with disrupting industrial development, to engage in a scientific debate once again.

My earlier discussion of the report discussed it only in general terms. However, the DOE's report, as with other government reports, regulations, rules, and advisories, must go through a public comment period. Below are the comments I filed on behalf of The Heartland Institute:

The U.S. Department of Energy's "Critical Review of Impacts of Greenhouse Gas Emissions on the U.S. Climate," (hereafter, DOECR) serves as powerful refutation of the oft-repeated claims that the science is settled concerning the role humans are playing in ongoing climate change and that present climate change poses an existential crisis meriting a wholesale government-directed remaking of the economy, eschewing the use of hydrocarbons to prevent a dangerous increase in greenhouse gas emissions.

These comments focus on a few key points that the DOECR discusses that have largely been ignored or suppressed in the settled science narrative of anthropogenic climate disaster and will suggest a couple of issues that merit further consideration.

DOE Secretary Chris Wright's comments in the foreword are worth repeating as they accurately frame consideration of the relative threats posed by climate change when compared to the considerable harms proposals to prematurely end the use of hydrocarbons before commercially available, comparable technologies and materials exist to economically and reliably substitute for them are developed. Wright correctly states:

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.

Th authors of the DOE report are all noted experts on climate and/or weather. Their reputations and qualifications are above reproach.

Concerning substance, in contrast to the work of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, and many scientists in the "settled science" community, the DOECR acknowledges significant uncertainties surrounding the extent to which greenhouse gas emissions are driving present climate change, recognizing other natural factors have historically driven such changes. There are significant uncertainties concerning climate response to carbon dioxide (CO_2) emissions, both the physics of the response in the light of questions about CO_2 saturation and concerning [whether] any physical forcing from CO_2 [impacts] other largescale systems that affect climate change, and what positive and negative feedbacks or impacts might arise in response to higher CO_2 concentrations in the atmosphere.

Also, unlike the typical discussion of CO_2, the DOECR report specifically and rightly acknowledges that CO_2 is not a pollutant in any traditional sense, not being directly toxic to human life or welfare at any foreseeable levels.

The DOECR details the significant discrepancies between modeled impacts [on], among other features, surface warming, snow coverage, stratospheric cooling, and projected regional impacts on the U.S. corn belt, and what has actually been recorded or measured.

To its credit, unlike typical discussions of climate change, the DOECR examines the ongoing benefits of both CO_2 fertilization for crops and other plants, human health, the lifesaving benefit of a modestly warmer world, and the significant social benefits of fossil fuels. Each of these topics [is] largely ignored, downplayed, or directly misrepresented in typical discussions of anthropogenic climate change by the mainstream media and all too often in government reports and scientists representing the settled science consensus position.

Arguably Section 3.3, on the influence of urbanization on temperature trends, is not as strong as it could be. Specifically, it is not just urbanization that biases measured temperatures. Such biased measurements are also recorded in rural or relatively rural areas where surface temperatures stations are poorly [sited], failing to meet the National Weather Service's own standards for data quality and because temperatures are "reported" from stations that have been closed or discontinued. The former problem has been detailed in two reports produced by The Heartland Institute, "Corrupted Climate Stations (2022)," https://heartland.org/wp-content/uploads/documents/2022_Surface_Station_Report.pdf and "Is the U.S. Surface Temperature Record Reliable?" (2009) https://heartland.org/publications/is-the-us-surface-temperature-record-reliable/. The latter was discussed in a report by an investigative journalist with The Epoch Times, which found that, for continuity reasons, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration reports temperature measurements from more than 30 percent of the 1,218 USHCN reporting stations that no longer exist. These measurements are nothing more than guesstimates assigned to a location based on temperatures from nearby stations which may, in fact, not be representative of the temperatures that would have been recorded at the ghost site had it still been in operation.

As the report points out, despite years of work, the climate research community has still been unable to narrow the estimated range of equilibrium climate sensitivity (ECS). Yet this is the key critical metric that is supposed to drive dangerous climate changes. If our understanding of the ECS is incomplete or inadequate, climate projections-based greenhouse gas driven ECS changes are not fit for scientific pronouncements, much less for imposing policies that impact peoples' personal freedoms and individuals' and societies' economic prosperity. The whole edifice of climate alarm is built on claims of ECS driving dangerous temperature increases.

One of the key problems in producing an ECS with some level of confidence, as the report discusses, is the complexity of cloud coverage and changes in cloud cover and type in response to cosmic rays and CO_2 forcing. Concerning clouds, the IPCC acknowledges two things that are true, it can't model clouds well, and it has only a poor understanding of how cloud cover might change and how that might impact global temperatures. Despite these admissions, the IPCC based on climate models, which run too hot, claims clouds aren't significant forcing factors for climate change.

Another key point the DOECR report identifies that is often overlooked or downplayed by members of the so-called consensus community is the fact that for key features of the atmosphere, "observed warming trends are so small as to be consistent with the output of models that have no anthropogenic CO_2, and inconsistent with the entire envelope of warming trends generated by models forced with increased CO_2." (P. 37) When one can't distinguish an expected or forecasted effect from a situation of no change, a null case, background noise, or randomness, then there is no justification for assuming the cause-and-effect relationship is true, accurately modeled, or well understood.

Perhaps the greatest service the DOECR provides by way of improving our understanding of the true state of the climate and opening the door for fair debate on the causes and consequences of climate change are its

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Letter to the editor: Kirk would want us to keep speaking out

By Tom Harris

When considering the causes of Charlie Kirk's assassination, mainstream media (The Washington Times being a rare exception) should look in the mirror. For it is their demonization of right-wing viewpoints that have helped create a polarized, hostile environment that set the stage for violence against conservatives who speak out against politically correct causes.

Fashionable views on everything from COVID-19 and climate change to immigration and election integrity — and, of course, President Trump — are rammed down our throats daily by left-wing media, while these outlets condemn those of us who have a different perspective. This leads to our viewpoints not just being disagreed with but also portrayed as dangerous or evil, leading some individuals to believe that any action against us is justified.

For example, the late Canadian climatologist Tim Ball received numerous death threats for simply speaking out against the climate scare. The late leading oceanographer Tad Murty, also a climate realist, received racist death threats against his family that led him to completely withdraw from the public eye on climate change. Many others in the climate field have also been threatened, some chased out of the field entirely and one even with a bullet hole put into their office building during a climate protest nearby.

Two days before the Kirk shooting, political theorist and policy expert William Barclay summed up the situation well in these pages when he wrote that "anyone who is an open conservative, never mind an unabashed populist, is under constant threat of violent attack in the U.S." ("Trump, South Korea and the international purge of right-wing politics," Web, Sept. 8).

Rather than hide away, conservatives must speak out fearlessly in support of our views. Charlie Kirk would expect no less of us.

Schiff's and James' Lawfare Attacks on Trump Boomerang

By Larry Bell

Political activists claiming to live in glass houses located outside their districts or committing transparent mortgage fraud shouldn't dare to throw stones at the current duly elected White House resident.

Take allegations made against former House Intelligence Committee Chairman, current Calif. Democratic Senator Adam Schiff and New York Attorney General Letitia James, for example, both prominent Trump opponents.

The Justice Department headed by Bondi has appointed Ed Martin, a former interim U.S. attorney for Washington, D.C., as special attorney to investigate both allegations.

Reportedly, a Maryland grand jury will be seated in a criminal referral of fraud mortgage allegations against Schiff, and another seated in the Eastern District of Virginia will address allegations that James made false statements on mortgage loan applications.

Schiff and James both deny wrongdoing and are countercharging the Trump administration with weaponizing the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) against them.

Preet Bharara, who is representing Schiff, says that the allegations against the senator "are transparently false, stale, and long debunked."

Schiff previously blasted Trump's claims in a July video statement that, "This is the kind of stuff you see tinpot dictators do. It is designed to intimidate his political opponents and somehow try to silence them."

It can be noted here that there is no affection between Bharara, who served as U.S. attorney for the Southern District of New York before being fired by Trump during his first term in office, and Martin, who served as Trump's interim U.S. attorney for Washington, D.C., earlier this year before moving to DOJ as director of a "weaponization working group."

The DOJ is accusing the junior senator from California of claiming two homes as primary residences for more than a decade — to score lower mortgage rates (only 3%) and property taxes.

Newly released annual financial documents show that even after Schiff finally designated his Potomac, Maryland property as a second home in 2020 — after 16 years —he got the exact rock-bottom mortgage rate as his California residence when he refinanced both that year, saving him somewhere between $30,000 to $50,000 over that period.

Schiff also allegedly benefited from a homeowner's tax exemption by declaring his much smaller 650-square-foot one-bedroom, one-bathroom condo in Burbank, California as a primary home, resulting in a $7,000 reduction in property taxes.

He reportedly failed to disclose his mortgages on annual financial disclosures until 2011, even though he bought the Potomac property in 2003 and the California condo in 2009.

Records also show that Schiff's bank assets soared from $578,000 — $1.35 million in 2002, from $1.02 million from $2.37 million in 2023, and from $1.18 million and $2.63 million in 2024.

Schiff, who is now accused of wire fraud, mail fraud, bank fraud and making false statements to financial institutions, has repeatedly said "no one's above the law."

Donald Trump apparently finds that assertion by the former-House manager who led the first impeachment trial, repeatedly promoting claims that his 2016 campaign colluded *continued on page 22*

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Regulator (NNR) monitors the licensing conditions, operating technical specifications compliance and maintenance & testing regime compliance and achievement to standards set. It also monitors the modifications and improvement programs to ensure continual improvements to international standards.

Over the years the South African NNR has shown itself to be a most effective organization, and is well equipped to license large reactors, as well as high temperature gas cooled reactors.

Nuclear installations as defined in the National Act, can only be sited, constructed, operated and decommissioned under a Nuclear Installation License. Operations covered include nuclear medicine facilities in hospitals, and mining operations which deal with radioactive substances such as Uranium.

The Koeberg Nuclear Power Station, located 30 km north of Cape Town, South Africa, is the only commercial nuclear power plant in Africa. It features two pressurized water reactors (PWRs) designed by Framatome of France, with construction starting in 1976. Unit 1 was synchronized to the grid on April 4, 1984, and Unit 2 on July 25, 1985.

Economic Transformation Potential

The economic implications of domestic nuclear manufacturing extend far beyond energy security. Dr. Robert Jeffrey has assessed the economic potential of SMRs and the report revealed "phenomenal" export opportunities that will positively impact South Africa's balance of payments—a benefit that would extend to any developing nation establishing nuclear manufacturing capabilities.

Nuclear construction projects in South Africa could contribute as much as 2% GDP growth over the next decade, before the reactors even come online. Unlike solar farms, which offer limited local skills transfer, nuclear projects require extensive engineering fabrication, high-skilled manufacturing, and sophisticated operational expertise. This creates opportunities for reskilling and upskilling across multiple sectors, from welding and construction to advanced engineering and physics.

SMRs enable multiple applications beyond electricity generation, including seawater desalination, nuclear isotope production for medical applications, and research and development activities. This multi-purpose capability means developing nations can maximize their return on nuclear investments while addressing multiple infrastructure needs simultaneously.

"Jobs need electricity. So do factories, hospitals, schools, and water systems. And as demand surges—with AI and development alike—we must help countries deliver reliable, affordable power. That's why we're embracing nuclear energy as part of the solution—and reembracing it as part of the mix the World Bank Group can offer developing countries to achieve their ambitions. Importantly, nuclear delivers baseload power, which is essential to building modern economies," said World Bank Group President Ajay Banga.

For developing economies, this represents a chance to leapfrog into high-technology manufacturing while building domestic expertise that can serve both local needs and global markets. The indoor manufacturing environment for SMR components means these facilities can be established anywhere with appropriate infrastructure and supply chains.

It is important to note that the developed world continues to enjoy the circa 6000+ products that oil and coal continue to contribute to their daily standard of living. Developing nations need to continue to benefit and optimize their oil and coal-based assets, while building nuclear energy simultaneously to secure the future of generations to come.

A Critical Moment for African Innovation

The choice facing Africa and other developing regions is clear: support indigenous innovation now!

For those with the vision to ensure Africa's energy independence while contributing to technologies that could power sustainable development across the Global South, SMRs are positioned as a golden opportunity to invest in the future of young and developing nations.

In an era where electricity security and economic development are inextricably linked, backing small and micro nuclear technologies isn't just good business, it's an investment in a more equitable and sustainable global electricity future.

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Trump To Honor *cont. from page 1*

honoring the lives lost in the September 11, 2001, attack.

"We miss him greatly, yet I have no doubt that Charlie's voice and the courage he put into the hearts of countless people, especially young people, will live on," Trump said.

Kirk, 31, was the founder of Turning Point USA, a nonprofit outreach group focused on promoting politically conservative values and priorities to young people, particularly in their high school and college years.

A staunch supporter of Trump during his 2024 presidential campaign, Kirk enjoyed a close relationship with the president and his family, often appearing at campaign events with Donald Trump Jr. and traveling with him to places like Greenland in January to promote his father's agenda.

President Trump's decision to award Charlie Kirk the Presidential Medal of Freedom is a bold tribute to a fearless patriot. Charlie fought for life, faith, and freedom with unmatched passion. This honor reflects the heart of our movement. Let's keep his legacy alive!… pic.twitter.com/OuuYxj7sJj

"I'm pleased to announce that I will soon be awarding Charlie Kirk posthumously the Presidential Medal of Freedom," Trump continued. "The date of the ceremony will be announced, and I can only guarantee you one thing that we will have a very big crowd."

Kirk was fatally shot while hosting a Turning Point event at Utah Valley University in what is considered to be a targeted attack. As of Thursday morning, law enforcement is still actively searching for the suspect responsible for the sniper-shot killing.

Many commentators believe it was an act of political violence given Kirk's conservative views and his significant impact on the zoomer generation. Law enforcement said that they found a rifle near Utah Valley's campus with cartridges all "engraved" with expressions of "transgender and anti-fascist ideology."

Given his youth and talent and the enormous following Kirk had within the young generation, many commentators saw him as having an extraordinary future in Republican politics, thus making him not only beloved to his base but a threat to his enemies.

"Charlie Kirk would have been president," tweeted popular podcaster Michael Knowles. "His friends knew it. His admirers knew it. And his enemies knew it."

Also speaking at the event was Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth who, in a tribute to Charlie Kirk, called him "a Christ follower and American patriot."

"Charlie, we love you, we know that you have heard the Lord's words. Well done, good and faithful servant," said Hegseth. "Like those on 9/11, he will never be forgotten."



U.S. President Donald Trump shakes hands with conservative activist Charlie Kirk at a forum dubbed the Generation Next Summit at the White House on March 22, 2018 in Washington, DC.

Quote of the Week:

"The right to search for truth implies also a duty; one must not conceal any part of what one has recognized to be true."
— Albert Einstein, The Ultimate Quotable Einstein (2010) [H/t Richard Lindzen and William Happer]

Number of the Week:

1.5 mm per year

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.

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And thank you.

SCIENCE & ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY PROJECT

The Week That Was September 13th, 2025

Scope: TWTW begins with a legal issue regarding the report by the Climate Working Group (CWG) to the Secretary of Energy. TWTW continues with the fourth and final discussion of key issues in the report. Then, it presents comments from physicists Richard Lindzen and William Happer to the CWG. TWTW then counters some unfavorable comments by some "leading scientists" who have no expertise in the field of atomic/molecular/optical (AMO) physics that pertains to the greenhouse effect.

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Effective Criticism: According to Roger Pielke, Jr., the Climate Working Group (CWG) has been disbanded, and the Department of Energy (DOE) report will be withdrawn. It is the result of a lawsuit filed by the Environmental Defense Fund and the Unition of Concerned Scientists claiming that the formation of the CWG violated the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). You know you are effective when your enemies become fierce.

The DOE is fighting the lawsuit, but to SEPP the issue is filing a scientifically based document to the EPA on the absurdity of the Endangerment Finding by September 22. Even though the entire CWG report is under a legal cloud, there is no reason why the work of the individuals and their references in the CWG cannot be cited. See link under Questioning the Orthodoxy.

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Review of the Climate Working Group Report (Part 4): In previous weeks TWTW discussed a report to the Secretary of Energy from five independent scientists (John Christy, Ph.D. Judith Curry, Ph.D. Steven Koonin, Ph.D. Ross McKitrick, Ph.D., and Roy Spencer, Ph.D.) "A Critical Review of Impacts of Greenhouse Gas Emissions on the U.S. Climate."

This week TWTW discusses Chapter 7 Changes in Sea Level and Chapter 8 Uncertainties in Climate Change Attributions. It will only touch on specific points in Part III Impacts on Ecosystems and Society and then present Concluding Thoughts.

The Chapter Summary for Changes in Sea Level states [Boldface added]:

"Since 1900, global average sea level has risen by about 8 inches. Sea level change along U.S. coasts is highly variable, associated with local variations in processes that contribute to sinking and also with ocean circulation patterns. The largest sea level increases along U.S. coasts are Galveston, New Orleans, and the Chesapeake Bay regions - each of these locations is associated with substantial local land sinking (subsidence) unrelated to climate change.

Extreme projections of global sea level rise are associated with an implausible extreme emissions scenario and inclusion of poorly understood processes associated with hypothetical ice sheet instabilities. In evaluatingAR6 projections to 2050 (with reference to the baseline period 1995-2014), almost half of the interval has elapsed by 2025, with sea level rising at a lower rate than predicted. U.S. tide gauge measurements reveal no obvious acceleration beyond the historical average rate of sea level rise."

The TOPEX satellite was launched in 1992 to monitor sea level. After a few years, it became clear that the satellite data showed a different rate of sea rise than did the weighted average of data from NOAA's 33 tidal stations. The two types of data were ignorantly spliced together, with the result looking like a curve in the data. This resulted in false headlines declaring a dangerous acceleration in sea level rise when there was none. By now, there have been five different such satellites, and the result is a straight line over the 32 years: sea level, according to the satellites, is rising at 3.2 +/- 0.4 mm/year, and there is no indication whatsoever of any acceleration. The data from individual tidal stations (some relatively stable, some subsiding, some rising) also show steady sea rise with no acceleration. The estimate of 3.2 mm/year works out to about 32 cm/century or 12.6 inches per century. The 2008 NIPCC report discussed Fred Singer's estimate of 18 cm per century or 7 inches per century.

Further, there is a new study on global sea level rise worldwide titled "A Global Perspective on Local Sea Level Changes," published by the Journal of Marine Science and Engineering. This study shows that there are fluctuations in the local rates of rise that need to be leveled out. Also, there are multi-year cycles driven by the motion of the Moon with respect to Earth that must be considered. The abstract of the study states:

"In 2021, the IPCC published new sea level projections. For the first time, the projections gave insight into expected relative sea level rise locally. A prudent designer of coastal infrastructure will want to know how the local projections compare to local observations. That comparison, to date, has not been made. We compared local projections and observations regarding the rate of rise in 2020. We used two datasets with local sea level information all over the globe. In both datasets, we found approximately 15% of the available sets suitable to establish the rate of rise in 2020. Geographic coverage of the suitable locations is poor, with the majority of suitable locations in the Northern Hemisphere. Latin America and Africa are severely under-represented. Statistical tests were run on all selected datasets, taking acceleration of sea level rise as a hypothesis. In both datasets, approximately 95% of the suitable locations show no statistically significant acceleration of the rate of sea level rise. The investigation suggests that local, non-climatic phenomena are a plausible cause of the accelerated sea level rise observed at the remaining 5% of the suitable locations. On average, the rate of rise projected by the IPCC is biased upward with approximately 2 mm per year in comparison with the observed rate." [Boldface added]

A projected upward bias of 2 mm per year works out to 20cm or 8 inches per century. Based on the NIPCC reports (2008) TWTW has been estimating an increase of about 7 to 8 inches per century, and the IPCC doubles it.

Many US local areas such as the Chesapeake Bay region have problems with ground subsidence due to ground water depletion. These are local problems that can be solved locally by desalinating sea water using reverse osmosis after the water has been prefiltered using inexpensive porous materials such as volcanic rock to remove algae. This is done in Carlsbad, California.

The Chapter Summary of Uncertainties in Climate Change Attribution states [Boldface added]:

"'Attribution' refers to identifying the cause of some aspect of climate change, specifically with reference to anthropogenic activity. There is an ongoing scientific debate around attribution methods, particularly regarding extreme weather events. Attribution is made difficult by high natural variability, the relatively small expected anthropogenic signal, lack of high-quality data, and reliance on deficient climate models. The IPCC has long cautioned that methods to establish causality in climate science are inherently uncertain and ultimately depend on expert judgement.

Substantive criticism of the main IPCC assessments of the role of CO2 in recent warming focus on inadequate assessment of natural climate variability, uncertainties in measurement of solar variability and in aerosol forcing, and problems in the statistical methods used for attribution.

The IPCC does not make attribution claims for most climate impact drivers related to extreme events. Statements related to statistics of global extremes (e.g., event probability or return times, magnitude, and frequency) are not generally considered accurate owing to data limitations and are made with low confidence. Attribution of individual extreme weather events is challenging due to their rarity. Conflicting claims about the causes of the 2021 Western North America Heatwave illustrate the perils of hasty attribution claims about individual extreme events."

TWTW Comment: With the leader of the World Weather Attribution (WWA) group becoming a lead author in the upcoming IPCC Assessment Report (AR7) it appears that the IPCC may become another alarmist group making wild claims without a credible foundation in probability and statistics. We can only wait and see.

It is important that one of the authors of the Climate Working Group report is Ross McKitrick. McKitrick demolished prior efforts of the WWA group by having papers published in appropriate journals showing that the statistical techniques called Optimal fingerprinting methodology does not meet the Gauss-Markov conditions.

[It] "violates the Gauss-Markov conditions, leading to potentially biased and inconsistent fingerprinting coefficients, undermining the reliability of the method. Chen et al. (2023) confirmed this analysis, although they argued that the method could yield valid results under very stringent assumptions. McKitrick (2022) and (2023) raised a further concern that climate scientists—virtually alone among scientific disciplines—have used TLS [Total Least Squares] to estimate anthropogenic greenhouse gas signal coefficients, despite its tendency to be unstable unless some strong assumptions hold that in practice are unlikely to be true." [See 8.3.2 Optimal fingerprinting]

The section concludes with:

"McKitrick (2025) presented an empirical example comparing the results of conventional optimal fingerprinting against methods drawn from mainstream econometrics that are known to be valid for the specific application of signal detection. While the IPCC optimal fingerprinting method yields an anthropogenic

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Number of the Week: 1.5 mm per year. According to the latest report on global sea level rise based on tidal gauges, in 2020 the rate of rise was 1.5 millimeters per year. This works out to be 15 centimeters per century or less than 6 inches per century. Based on geologically stable areas the rate of rise is less than it was 4,000 years ago. The 2008 NIPCC report discussed Fred Singer's estimate of 18 cm per century or 7 inches per century.

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signal coefficient close to 1.0 on a global temperature data set spanning 1900 to 2010, the consistent method yields a coefficient around 0.4, which rises to about 0.65 on data spanning 1980 to 2010, implying the model response to greenhouse gases needs to be scaled down by about half to optimally match observations. The natural forcing signal coefficient, by contrast, is between 2.0 and 4.0, implying the climate model signals of natural forcing need to be scaled up two-to four-fold to match observed climate change. The fingerprinting coefficients estimated in McKitrick (2025), when used to scale the average sensitivity of the climate models used to generate the forcing signals in his data set, imply a Transient Climate Sensitivity of 1.4°C, which is consistent with the estimate by Lewis (2023) using a different estimation method and multiple independent data sets.

These findings indicate that the basis on which the optimal fingerprinting method has long been viewed as reliable is not valid. Re-examining previous results individually would be required to determine which findings are statistically robust."

In short, statistically the IPCC estimates double the influence of CO2 and cut in half or even quarter natural influences on climate.

Section 8.4 Declining planetary albedo and recent record warmth begins with:

A sharp recent increase in global average temperatures has raised the question of short-term drivers of climate. One such candidate is the fraction of absorbed solar radiation which has also increased abruptly in recent years. The question is whether the change is an internal feedback to warming caused by greenhouse gases, or whether something else increased the fraction of absorbed radiation which then caused the recent warming.

The planetary albedo is the fraction of incoming solar radiation that is reflected back into space rather than being absorbed by the planet. Highly reflective surfaces like cloud tops and snow and ice are most important in this regard. The Earth's albedo is approximately 30 percent, meaning almost a third of the sunlight that reaches Earth is directly reflected back to space. A lower albedo implies more solar energy is absorbed by the planet to be then re-radiated as heat. Hence, other things being equal, a decline in planetary albedo is associated with a warming of the Earth.

Arguably the most striking change in the Earth's climate system during the 21st century is a significant reduction in planetary albedo since 2015, which has coincided with at least two years of record global warmth. Figure 8.2 [Figure not shown here] shows the planetary albedo variations since 2000, when there are good satellite observations. The 0.5 percent reduction in planetary albedo since 2015 corresponds to an increase of 1.7 W/m2 in absorbed solar radiation averaged over the planet (Hansen and Karecha, 2025). For comparison, Forster et al. (2024) estimate the current forcing from the increase in atmospheric CO2compared to preindustrial times to be 2.33 W/m2.

Looking back prior to 2000 with less adequate data, Goessling et al. (2025) assessed that the planetary albedo was relatively low around the 1940's and 50's before rising industrial aerosol precursor emissions increased the albedo until the 1980's. The strongest planetary albedo excursions were high-albedo episodes caused by volcanic eruptions, such as after the Mount Pinatubo eruption in 1991. Although uncertain, the 2023 planetary albedo minimum might have been the lowest since at least 1940.

After discussing a number of other natural influences this section concludes with:

"In summary, the decline in planetary albedo and the concurrent decline in cloudiness have emphasized the importance of clouds and their variations to global climate variability and change. A change of 1- 2 percent in global cloud cover has a greater radiative impact on the climate than the direct radiative effect of doubling CO2. While it is difficult to untangle causes of the recent trend, the competing explanations for the cause of the declining cloud cover have substantial implications for assessing the Equilibrium Climate Sensitivity and for the attribution of the recent warming. An additional 10 years of data should help clarify whether this is a strong positive cloud feedback associated with warming or a temporary fluctuation driven by natural variability."

Section 8.5 Attribution of climate impact drivers begins with:

"The IPCC (Ranasinghe et al. 2021) defines "climate impact drivers" or CIDs as "physical climate system conditions (e.g., means, events, extremes) that affect an element of society or ecosystems." Hence CIDs are those features of the weather and climate system of primary interest in assessing the impacts of climate change since they potentially affect humans and the natural world."

TWTW agrees with the CWG report that finds the IPCC significantly overestimates the influence of CO2 and underestimates natural influences and thus considers such drivers in IPCC reports as "fluff" which need no further discussion. The same applies to Extreme event attribution (EEA) which is often the result of tortured statistics and ignorance of climate history.

The remainder of the CWG report is quite straight forward. The Chapter summary of 9. Climate Change and U.S. Agriculture states:

"There has been abundant evidence going back decades that rising CO2 levels benefit plants, including agricultural crops, and that CO2-induced warming will be a net benefit to U.S. agriculture. The increase in ambient CO2 has also boosted productivity of all major U.S. crop types. There is reason to conclude that on balance climate change has been and will continue to be neutral or beneficial for most U.S. agriculture."

The section on econometric studies discusses a number of studies and concludes with:

"A major deficiency of all these studies, however, is that they omit the role of CO2 fertilization. Climate change as it relates to this report is caused by GHG emissions, chiefly CO2. The econometric analyses referenced above focus only on temperature and precipitation changes and do not take account of the beneficial growth effect of the additional CO2 that drives them. As explained in Chapter 2, CO2 is a major driver of plant growth, so this omission biases the analysis towards underestimation of the benefits of climate change to agriculture."

Why scientific journals continue to publish studies on dubious effects of increasing CO2 on weather events but ignore the enormous benefits of increasing CO2 on plant life and life in general flourishing is unfathomable. The CWG report goes through some of these studies and addresses the issue of CO2 fertilization and possible micronutrient loss which can be overcome by adding appropriate fertilizer and selective plant breeding.

The summary of Chapter 10 "Managing Risks of Extreme Weather" states:

'Trends in losses from extreme weather and climate events are dominated by population increases and economic growth. Technological

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demands to support proposed new data centers will compete head-on with growing baseload grid needs and pricing budgets of current domestic and business users including residential air conditioning, electric vehicle recharging, and industrial manufacturing.

As warned by Joe Bowring, president of Monitoring Analytics, the independent watchdog for PJM Interconnection, the nation's largest grid operator and a hub for new data centers, "there is simply no new capacity to meet new loads" from AI "hyper-scalers."

Blame much of this energy paucity on Biden administration EPA rules forcing premature shutdowns of coal plants along with federal and state renewable mandates making it inordinately expensive to build new natural gas plants in favor of subsidizing costly solar and wind power which has additionally undercut nuclear cost competitiveness in wholesale markets.

Prompted in part by concerns that China will overtake America in global AI military and economic leadership, the Trump administration proposes to bulldoze feckless Obama and Biden era green energy-hyped climate alarm-premised policy impediments to release growing backlogs of investment-backed data center proposals by reforming "power markets to align financial incentives with the goal of grid stability."

Included are recommendations by the Federal Trade Commission to drop investigations begun under Biden Chair Lina Khan which "advance theories of liability that unduly burden AI innovation" and have federal agencies establish exclusions under the National Environmental Policy Act for data centers that reduce project permitting delays.

The Trump White House will also seek friendly congressional legislation to help prevent project delays and plan cancellations caused by endless environmental litigation and antitrust conflicts between OpenAI and Microsoft.

Corporate data center competition is already enormous, with Alphabet planning to spend some $75 billion this year, Meta investing between $64 billion and $72 billion, and OpenAI working with SoftBank and others on plans for a $500 billion project in the next four years.

Although it's presently impossible to scale the amount of electricity needed to power America's artificial-intelligence race, collective requests equal or surpass existing demands of many regional service baseload utility capacities my multiples.

American Electric Power (AEP), a big utility serving 11 U.S. states, sees an increase equivalent of enough to power at least 48 million homes, while Sempra's Texas utility Oncor with a previous average data center interconnect request rate which required less than 100 megawatts of electricity is now up closer to 700 megawatts.

Oncor, which serves a swath of the Dallas-Fort Worth area including major markets for data centers and highly electrified West Texas oil field operations, had 552 requests from large customers in its queue by the end of June, up 30% from the end of March.

Together, American Electric Power and Oncor have received requests to connect data centers requiring nearly 400 gigawatts of electricity, amounting to more than half of the demand in the lower 48 states on two hot July days.

CenterPoint Energy, a utility serving the Houston area including a large industrial and medical base, has seen a huge electricity demand increase with interconnection requests for about 53 gigawatts of power, roughly 25 gigawatts of which are from data centers.

Another explosion of new hyperscale data centers in Northern Virginia will consume enormous amounts of power, some using as much as currently used to supply the city of Seattle.

Referred to as "Data Center Alley," the area is home to about 150 data warehouses which support about 70% of global internet traffic through a spider web of crisscrossing power lines.

Amazon has reportedly enabled 19 solar farms in Virginia and is the world's largest corporate renewable energy buyer.

Dominion Energy, which supplies electricity to most of the Virginia data centers, projects their power requirements to quadruple over the next 15 years, representing 40% of the utility's demand in the entire state.

Utility companies face realities that not

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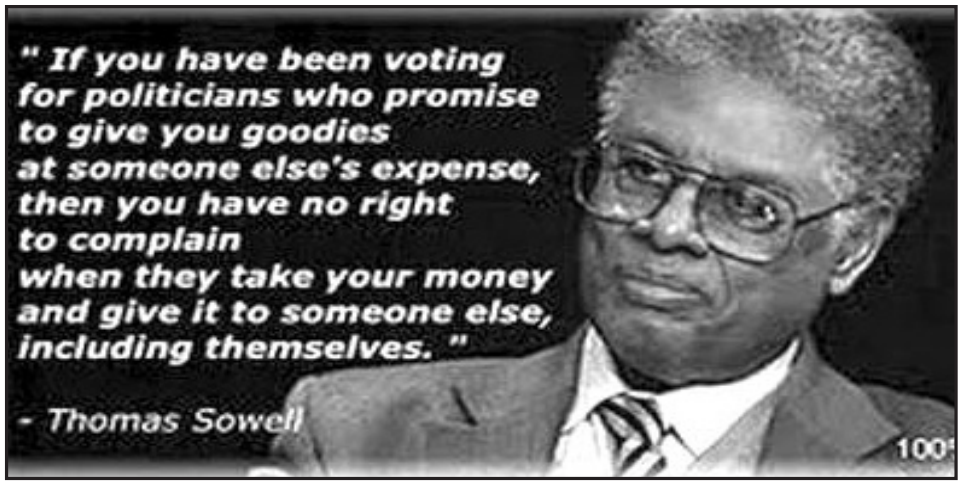

The Church of Woke; A Theology of Ruin



By Gary L. Wickert

Every generation has its fads, its utopian promises, and its political indulgences. But few have been as destructive—or as absurd—as the rise of what can only be called the Church of Woke. It is not a political philosophy in the traditional sense. It is a secular theology, complete with saints and sinners, rituals of public confession, and a catechism of grievances. Its gospel? That community, family, faith, free markets, and responsible liberty are the problem. Its mission? To dismantle every building block of society in pursuit of a fantasy world where vice is virtue, weakness is strength, and grievance is the highest moral currency.

The creed of wokeism does not begin with truth. It begins with denial—of biology, of history, of economics, of human nature itself. Men can be women, women can be men, criminals are victims, and victims are criminals. Reality becomes a mirrored funhouse where every image is bent and distorted until nothing recognizable remains. Orwell warned of this world long ago, a place where lies become truth and truth becomes hate speech. What he did not predict was that people would rush to join the cult willingly, eager to bend the knee to a creed that erases reality and calls the erasure "progress." And who would have thought that even after a devastating political defeat in the 2024 election, they would double down on their insanity. One must just conclude that they are not right in the head.

Central to this theology is the demasculinization of men and the denigration of women who dare to live values-driven lives. Strong men, once celebrated as protectors and providers, are cast as dangerous relics of a "patriarchal" past. Women who embrace motherhood, faith, or traditional roles are dismissed as traitors to the cause of "liberation." The goal is not equality but inversion: dismantle the virtues that sustained civilization and replace them with hollow slogans of empowerment that empower no one.

The disciples of wokeism are nothing if not zealous. They wield Saul Alinsky's playbook like sacred scripture: isolate the opponent, freeze them, attack relentlessly, and then cancel them from public life. Dissent is not tolerated. To question the orthodoxy is to invite excommunication. Universities—once citadels of free inquiry—have become temples of indoctrination, where heretics are silenced, professors are purged, and students are trained not to think, but to conform.

The tools of this movement are as predictable as they are corrosive. Repression of speech masquerades as "safe spaces." Manufactured grievances become political currency. Economic ignorance produces policies that punish productivity and reward dependency. Unearned entitlement is praised as justice. Revisionist history recasts America not as a flawed but noble experiment in liberty, but as a perpetual crime scene. Employment quotas reduce individuals to skin color or gender, not merit. And above it all hangs the constant refrain of victimhood, drummed into ears young and old until self-pity becomes a national pastime.

The results are not hypothetical—they are already on display. Crime surges in cities where prosecutors treat criminals as victims of circumstance, while actual victims are left defenseless. Businesses close under the weight of quotas, regulations, and ideological shakedowns. Schools graduate students fluent in grievance but illiterate in logic. Churches empty as secular dogma fills the vacuum once occupied by faith. Families fracture as children are taught to distrust their parents' values and despise their country's history.

This new faith does not elevate—it corrodes. It tells young people that responsibility is oppression, that effort is exploitation, that liberty is selfishness, and that prosperity is theft. It preaches that history is nothing but a record of sins, and the only path forward is endless penance, performed publicly and loudly, to win the approval of those who will never grant forgiveness.

Consider the economic vision of wokeism. It celebrates redistribution over production, grievance over growth, entitlement over effort. But wealth cannot be endlessly redistributed if it is not created in the first place. Free markets—imperfect but indispensable—are treated as enemies rather than engines of prosperity. The irony is that those who scream the loudest about "inequality" owe their own comfort, education, and platform to the very system they despise. Their ignorance is not merely economic; it is parasitic.

In the funhouse world of wokeism, even language must be rewritten. Words once clear and fixed are bent until they mean their opposite. Pronouns taught alongside reading, writing, and arithmetic are now considered broken and intolerant. Tolerance now means enforced conformity. Diversity means ideological uniformity. Equity means quotas that punish achievement. Justice means perpetual victimhood. The English language, which once gave us the Federalist Papers and Lincoln's addresses, is now a tool of manipulation in service of ideology. It is the ultimate Orwellian inversion: control the words, and you control the thought.

None of this is accidental. It is the calculated strategy of narcissistic elites who, secure in their own privilege, see the dismantling of society as a fashionable pastime. They wage war on traditions they themselves do not need. They mock faith while enjoying the stability of the very moral order it produced. They undermine family while benefiting from intact ones of their own. They deride free markets while harvesting wealth from them. Their hypocrisy is not incidental; it is the essence of their creed.

The most alarming aspect is not how extreme these ideas are, but how quickly they gain traction. What begins on college campuses metastasizes into corporate boardrooms, media institutions, and even the highest offices of government. Each time, the ideas are presented as compassionate, forward-thinking, and inclusive. But scratch the surface and what emerges is something far darker: a worldview that thrives on division, resents excellence, and cannot tolerate freedom.

If even a fraction of this theology succeeds, the consequences will be disastrous. Communities will weaken as families fracture. Economies will stagnate as markets suffocate. Liberty will shrink under the weight of speech codes and ideological enforcement. Faith, once the anchor of resilience, will give way to the emptiness of relativism. And a generation of young Americans will inherit not the opportunity of their forebears, but the bitterness of a society at war with itself.

The Church of Woke is not a harmless fad. It is a theology of ruin, promising utopia but delivering decay. Its sacraments are grievance and its catechism is envy. Its altar is the state, its priests are the elites, and its congregation is anyone too cowed to dissent. But like every false religion, it cannot deliver what it promises. It can only destroy.

Yet there is one political figure in our lifetimes who has stood more firmly against this creeping empire than any other: Donald J. Trump. Whatever one thinks of his style, there is no denying his substance when it comes to exposing the fraud of woke ideology. Unlike the career politicians who placate or cower before it, Trump has confronted it head-on—mocking its absurdities, challenging its dogmas, and refusing to bow to its high priests in the media and academia. In doing so, he has reminded millions of Americans that it is not only possible to resist this secular theology, but essential. History will likely record him as the president who did more than any other to stem the tide of cultural self-destruction and give ordinary citizens the courage to say: enough.

America stands at a crossroads. We can either resist this ideology, reclaiming the values that built the most prosperous and free nation in history, or we can kneel at the altar of wokeism and watch as the foundations crumble beneath us. The choice should not be difficult. For those who still believe in family, community, faith, liberty, and truth, the time to stand is now. If we fail, the ruins will be ours to inherit—and our children's to endure.

Anyone Who Has Watched Transgenderism Ruin Friends' Lives Knows How Evil It Is

I know transgenderism is fake because I know what the 'before' looks like

By Brooke Brandtjen

When we talk about transgenderism, we often talk about the process and its effects — about cross-sex hormones and puberty blockers, about mental health problems and suicidal ideation, and about life-altering surgeries that mutilate bodies and leave patients with compounding health problems for years.



When we talk about transgenderism, we don't often talk about the "before."

I had a lot of friends when I was 14 who have since gone on to "transition" over the course of the intervening 10 years. I didn't know it at the time, but I was surrounded by the "before" of transgenderism. The consequences of its life-altering effects were still in the process of being kicked down the road.

At 14, I considered myself a Christian, but in a detached, 14-year-old way. Attending a public school allowed me to easily believe the lies that "love is love" and homosexuality was being attacked by old-fashioned, traditionalist conservatives because they were fueled by hate. It would take several years before I understood homosexuality as denying God's natural order. But I was 14, so I had a long way to go before I learned that lesson and saw the corrosive effects of LGBT lifestyles.

Many of my friends identified as bisexual or some version of gay, which usually meant they kissed people at parties, regardless of the other people's sex. Chalk it up to them being young, dumb teenagers.

We lived in a suburban community in the Midwest. About half of their parents were divorced, typically their families were middle-class, and most were awkward but sweet, funny kids. We played video games and listened to music together. We loved to meet at the park and go for walks. Someone had a YouTube channel and would film us whenever our parents would drive us to the movie theater or the mall. Most of us were in the same art classes, and we would sit together and talk while working on assignments.

There were more guys than girls in our friend group, but we didn't really think about that. Our first homecoming, there were only about four of us girls getting ready before pictures and the dance.

Before, before, before.

I often find myself caught in the trap of looking at old photos from then. Many people are nostalgic for high school, even if they agree it might have been embarrassing and difficult. Older folks sometimes look back at those photos and reminisce about their friends who have died in the decades since graduation day.

I graduated from high school five years ago. Most of the people I knew back then are no longer with me — not because they died, but because they have fallen victim to the LGBT cult.

Most of the friends I made at age 14 now identify as either transgender or nonbinary. They exist in a nebulous realm of non-gender, denying their biological

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UN expert slams 'dangerous narrative' that children can consent to 'gender transitions'

By Alliance Defending Freedom

The U.N. Expert on Violence Against Women and Girls, Reem Alsalem, has issued a moving appeal to governments to end the vilification of parents who protect their children from "gender transition" procedures.

Speaking via video, Alsalem warned against the "dangerous narrative" that children can make fully informed adult-level decisions about their health. "Parents and legal guardians must be part of these processes from the very beginning. Yet, in many countries, parents who do not want to endorse a 'gender-affirmative' approach to their children's distress have too often been left unsupported at best, or vilified, ostracized, or even separated from their children. This is very disturbing." she said.

Addressing a panel coordinated by ADF International at the U.N. Human Rights Council in Geneva, Alsalem was joined by detransitioner and campaigner Chloe Cole, who urged global leaders to strengthen the role of parents and shield children from harmful medical interventions and ideological pressures.

"I appeal to you: we must ensure these failures are never again repeated and that childhood is truly protected as the fragile and yet beautiful part of life that it is," said Cole, who underwent gender transition procedures as a teenager before detransitioning.

An appeal to empower parents

Cole, a detransitioner and youth activist from California, described undergoing medical interventions – including puberty blockers and testosterone starting at age 13, and a double mastectomy at 15 –

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Charlie Kirk's assassination is an attack on all of us who defend life and family

By John-Henry Westen

By now you will have seen that Charlie Kirk, the founder of Turning Point USA and an amazing spokesman for life and family, was shot – murdered – assassinated – on Wednesday, September 10.

The suspect is now in custody.

Kirk was doing one of his regular Q&A sessions on campus at Utah Valley University when he was shot in the neck.

He was taken to hospital and pronounced dead soon after.

Many on the Left have been expressing joy at the murder of a man whose life's work was to have respectful conversations with those who disagreed with him.

Charlie thought that the best way to avoid violence and civil war was to discuss differences openly. He thought that if people could sit down and listen to each other, solutions could be found.

But many on the Left are not interested in debate or discussion. They don't want to hear other opinions.

They want to suppress, censor, imprison, and even kill, those who disagree with them.

And this is not new.

For more than two centuries liberal and socialist revolutionaries have imposed their ideologies by shedding rivers of innocent blood.

We have to understand that we are engaged in a war in which God and humanity stand on one side, and liberalism on the other.

Liberalism is the ideology with which man says to God, "I will not serve. I will not recognise the order that you have created."

Liberalism says, "Man is the measure of all things, man is like unto God." Yet in abandoning God liberal ideology leads to man being treated as less than a beast.

Those who are celebrating Charlie Kirk's death today are not seeing him as a human being, but as a man who deserved to die because he opposed their rebellion against God.

The response of most people however has been different, whether they agreed with Charlie Kirk's views or not.

Most people will feel sorrow that a life has been cut short so short. They will grieve for a wife, who saw her husband killed in front of her, and for two children who will grow up without their father.

Like many people, I was deeply distressed by one video in particular. It showed his three-year old daughter running towards him at a recent event, with such love and joy, and then being caught up in his arms.

Now she will never see him again.

That should make us weep, and it should make us angry.

A lifelong loss has been inflicted on the family of Charlie Kirk. But in their loss we see reflected the countless horrors that liberalism has inflicted on our society.

Truly, the number of their victims are too many to count.

Charlie Kirk travelled America telling the truth about abortion. He knew that every abortion kills a human being, made in the image and likeness of God.

More than one billion babies have been murdered by liberal and socialist governments over the last century.



Each of these babies was created by God and known and infinitely loved by him as an individual. But our liberal society cast these precious babies away, as worth less than trash.

We cannot continue to live like this. We must not tolerate any longer the liberal war against that which is most precious and most beautiful.

And abortion is only one of the evils inflicted on our society by liberalism. Children are being corrupted and mutilated, the elderly and disabled are being *continued on page 15*

New poll shows Alberta is becoming increasingly pro-life, embracing traditional family values

By Jonathon Van Maren

A new poll by Research Co. highlights good news out of Alberta: According to political consultant and executive director of Prolife Alberta Richard Dur, "only 37% of Albertans say abortion should always be legal, 43% say only in certain cases" and an additional "9% would outlaw it entirely." As Dur wrote at the Western Standard, adding those numbers together, "you get a majority. That's not fringe. That's Alberta."

This comes on the heels of data published by the CBC in June finding that the number of Albertans who "strongly agree" with the importance of traditional family values has grown from 35 percent to 40 percent over the past seven years.

According to the CBC, since 2018, "the number of Albertans who think we'd have fewer problems if there was more emphasis on traditional family values has remained steady, with almost two-thirds of people agreeing with that sentiment," but "the number of Albertans who strongly agree with the importance of family values has notably grown, from 35 to 40 per cent, over the last seven years."

In fact, as I noted at the time, an additional 24 percent of Albertans "somewhat agree" with the statement "Society would have fewer problems if there were more of an emphasis on traditional family values," while only 15 percent "somewhat disagree" and 17 percent "strongly disagree." That only 17 percent of Albertans "strongly disagree" that an emphasis on traditional family values would reduce social problems is, in 2025, extraordinary.

Dur noted that the recent polling on pro-life sentiment is very encouraging. "The numbers are fresh, and they show the debate is far from settled," he wrote. "And when it comes to money, the split is starker still. Just 30% want taxpayer dollars covering abortion whenever requested – even when there is no medical reason. The rest say: save our tax dollars for saving lives in the cancer ward, the ICU – not for ending them."

"For decades, elites chanted the mantra: 'The debate is settled.' It was never persuasion, only propaganda," he continued. "They hoped if they said it often enough, you'd believe it. But the poll exposes what Albertans have long understood: the debate was never closed."

It is time for this government – and for the many MLAs who call themselves pro-life – to prove it, to stop hiding behind "consensus" when the real consensus is right in front of them, to stop pretending Ottawa sets Alberta's conscience. Albertans don't want abortion on demand. Albertans don't want abortion funded on demand. Albertans want limits, compassion for women, and protection for children.

In August, polling commissioned by Campaign Life Coalition revealed that 79.4 percent of the constituents in federal Conservative Party leader Pierre Poilievre's new riding of Battle River-Crowfoot strongly oppose legal abortion at different points in pregnancy, meaning that a super-majority of Poilievre's constituents oppose his support for Canada's abortion-on-demand throughout all nine months of pregnancy regime. The survey noted that 17 percent oppose abortion in all cases (significantly higher than the national average), almost 27 percent oppose abortion except for rape and incest (a tiny percentage of abortions), and 35 percent support a ban on abortion after the first trimester.

Dur is precisely right: Abortion activists insist that the debate is over in part because they realize how much support actually exists in Canada for restricting abortion. Joyce Arthur of the Abortion Rights Coalition of Canada and other abortion groups work constantly to suppress pro-life speech because the debate only remains "closed" if they can shut it down forcibly. Despite those efforts, pro-life activists take to the streets every day across Canada, changing hearts and minds on abortion – including in Alberta. To those who claim the abortion debate is "closed," we respond: That's fine. We started without you.

A True Patriot *cont. from page 1*

lived more than any of us will in a hundred. He had an overwhelming passion for life and a deep belief in his power as an individual to make a difference. With the spirit of a pioneer, Charlie launched Turning Point out of his parents' garage as an 18-year-old with no money, no name recognition, only a dream.

His energy and drive were awe-inspiring, without equal and deeply infectious. Charlie refused to squander a single day of his life. He was a natural builder and problem solver, who loved a challenge and saw every setback as a chance to learn, grow, pray, and try again. He was fundamentally decent, always eager to make new friends and allies and to support and defend the ones he had already made. His values were timeless American ones: Honesty, forthrightness, duty, loyalty, and fair play.

Charlie loved America, its people, its Constitution, its freedom, and the limitless good all of them have done for the world. But above all, Charlie lived every day with an overflowing love of the Christ he knew he would one day get to see. When asked, Charlie said that above all he wished to be remembered for his faith. Far more than any political victory, Charlie wanted to see a spiritual revival among America's youth. He wanted a nation of happy, thriving families who loved God and each other. At his final public speech, just days before his murder, Charlie witnessed to Christ to an audience of non-believers. Even in his very last moments, Charlie was professing the Gospel. He ran his race well all the way to the end. Now, he goes to his heavenly reward.

Although Charlie is gone, his legacy will endure. He shall not grow old; age shall not weary him. For all time, he will remain the brave young man who inspired tens of millions of Americans to better themselves and take action to better America. All of us will miss Charlie. None of us will ever forget him.

Let us Remember that Because of Charlie's Work, Kindness, and Courage, the World is a Better Place but that His Wife and Children are Now Left Only with His Memory.

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"A false balance is abomination to the Lord: but a just weight is his delight." Proverbs 11:1

By Riley J. Hood

Heritage Foundation warned, "A Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) would give the government unprecedented control over every aspect of Americans' financial lives — tracking every transaction, monitoring what you buy, how much you spend, and even restricting your ability to use your own money. These digital currencies are programmable, traceable, and taxable. Communist China has already embraced a CBDC, serving as a stark warning of the dangers such control poses."

President Trump issued an executive order banning the development of a CBDC. Still, this is a matter for Congress. The House has passed HR1919, opposing the CBDC Surveillance State. In the Senate this bill faces the Democrats, RINOs, globalists, pro-Chinese traitors and the filibuster.

Why is it so important to stop "digital currency?" Digital fiat currency is even more worthless than paper currency. At least the "Petro-dollar" was based on the value of oil, a far cry from the gold standard. Even worthless paper takes printing, paper making etc. It is limited by manufacturing speed. Digital currency is created by sodomites playing on their toy phones.

Second, it is increasing Statist control. Your digital assets can be frozen or confiscated or stolen by the same limp-wristed millennial, playing with his phone. Still, other millennials can steal from you through fees and no interest or negative interest, they are backed by police forces and ultimately the military.

Legal tender is a law that is enforced. The US Constitution Article I, Section 8 states "The Congress shall have Power To" and several paragraphs down includes, "coin Money, regulate the Value thereof, and of foreign Coin, and fix the Standard of Weights and Measures; To provide for the Punishment of counterfeiting the Securities and current Coin of the United States;" Our nation's current coin is supposed to be an honest measure of value, and that is the responsibility of Congress. Central Bank Digital Currency, and the legalization of crypto-currency are perversions of the law. It is turning value into credit.

Regarding cash, it has several advantages. I always tell my wife, "If you can't spend it. It isn't yours, even if it is in your name." For example, a Certificate of Deposit involves you committing to a period of time, before you can spend those funds without a penalty. A money market account has withdrawal limits. Even a savings account requires you to make a trip to your bank, to withdraw cash. Credit cards have annual fees, and if you don't keep up with your balance, you pay high interest, in addition to the annual fees. Remember, regarding credit, you aren't being given credit, you are being sold credit. I would prefer to do all my transactions in cash. I shop with cash. I have to pay bills with money orders, which I must purchase at a fee. Regarding cash, I always know how much I have, and if I am strapped for the week, pay day comes on Friday, and until then I make due. Cash is American, and savers use cash. Debtors use credit, and autopay, and other forms of profligate spending to support their luxuries. Finally, a cashless society has been the dream of every Communist since Karl Marx.

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legislative power as Congress can tolerate, which is considerable.

How does this happen?

Every President, upon being sworn into office, signs a stack of Executive Orders announcing how he will rule the nation. The signing is to establish the new President's power as he revokes many of his predecessor's more noteworthy orders.

Executive Orders are directives that the President issues to officials within the executive branch, requiring them to take or cease actions related to policy or management. The President strives to give the impression that the Executive Orders apply to all his subjects, and at times, the world through tariffs and trade.

Placing the current surge in Executive Order usage into historical context is crucial. Presidents from Eisenhower to Obama issued between 11 and 23 Executive Orders in their first hundred days in office, and hundreds more during their term in office. Trump 45 (2017) significantly altered the dynamics of presidential power through the issuance of 33 Executive Orders in his first 100 days. This set a new benchmark for executive action, a record that was later surpassed by Biden, who issued 42 in 2021. Trump 47, issued 142 Executive Orders in his first 100 days.

Executive Orders are used to produce radically different policies based on the same laws.

In Trump's first term, he revoked 20 of President Obama's Executive Orders. His actions reversed Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals ("DACA") and set out procedures to repeal the Affordable Care Act (ObamaCare). He also issued EOs promoting offshore drilling, expediting energy permitting, withdrawing from the Paris Climate Accord, increasing immigration enforcement, and revoking Obama's federal contracting orders.

Biden revoked 42 of the Executive Orders issued by Trump in his first term. He halted funding for the border wall, revoked the Muslin travel ban, imposed mask mandates on federal property and airports, rejoined the Paris Climate Agreement, established an all-of-government diversity, equity, and inclusion program ("DEI"), and aggressively fostered green energy policies, to name only a few.

In Trump's second term in office, he rescinded 78 of Biden's Executive Orders, including his all DEI and gender discrimination mandates. His Executive Order issuance spree included, to name a few, withdrawing from the World Health Organization, building up the military, fostering more oil and gas production, keeping men out of women's sports, and the creation of the Department of Government Efficiency. Trump went far beyond prior precedents that limited such orders to the federal government, its contractors, and employees. Trump issued Executive Orders targeting private parties such as law firms and universities.

The radical differences in the policies of the three presidents reflect how the use of Executive Orders turns the policies of the United States upside-down with each new administration. These policy reversals raise two questions: What legal powers do presidents have without congressional authorization to implement radically different policies? And, how can the same laws be relied upon to issue Executive Orders that justify contradictory policies?

The power of an Executive Order.

While history recognizes that presidents have broad power to issue Executive Orders, no provision in the Constitution or any law defines what an Executive Order is. A president's authority to issue them is derived from the 'Take Care' clause of the Constitution.

In the seminal case of Youngstown Sheet and Tube Co., Justice Black set forth the limits of executive power:

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Rethinking Currency: The Rise of Alpine Gold, the UPMA, and Goldbacks

By Bryan Jurries

As concerns over financial stability and inflation continue to grow, many individuals are turning to alternative forms of currency and investment. Among the most compelling options are Alpine Gold, the United Precious Metals Association (UPMA), and Goldbacks —three entities leading a modern movement toward sound money and wealth preservation through precious metals.

A New Standard: Alpine Gold and the UPMA

Founded in response to Utah's Specie Legal Tender Act of 2011, the UPMA and Alpine Gold Exchange were created to offer a practical alternative to traditional banking. Their mission is rooted in providing access to accounts denominated in U.S.-minted gold and silver coins, as well as Goldbacks.

By promoting gold and silver as legal tender, UPMA empowers its members with financial privacy, security, and diversification. Members who vault their precious metals with UPMA enjoy a suite of benefits, including:

- **Trust-Based Protection:** Assets are held in trust and insured by our private insurance.
- **Earning Potential:** Members can compound and grow their precious metals holdings.
- **Zero Spread Advantage:** Up to $10,000 in monthly buy-sell-liquidation transactions with no spread.
- **Liquidity and Flexibility:** Easy conversion to fiat cash in emergencies and send to bank accounts.
- **Retirement Integration:** Rollovers available for 401(k)s and Roth IRAs into self-directed precious metals IRAs.

This model offers a compelling alternative to conventional banking, especially for those seeking long-term financial resilience.

Goldbacks: Spendable Gold for Everyday Use

Introduced in 2019, Goldbacks revolutionize the concept of gold-backed currency. Each note contains a precise amount of 24-karat gold embedded between layers of durable polymer, making them both functional and visually striking.

Available in denominations from ½ to 100, Goldbacks are currently issued for Utah, Nevada, New Hampshire, Wyoming, South Dakota, Oklahoma, and Florida but are being used for barter worldwide. Their growing acceptance as a medium of exchange reflects a broader desire to integrate gold into daily commerce.

Unlike coins or bars, Goldbacks are designed for everyday transactions—making gold accessible for small purchases and local trade. This innovation bridges the gap between investment-grade bullion and practical spending.

Why It Matters: Use Cases and Benefits

Inflation Protection

Precious metals have historically preserved purchasing power, making them a reliable hedge against inflation.

Security and Privacy

Unlike digital assets, physical gold and silver are immune to cyber threats and offer tangible security.

Portfolio Diversification

Adding precious metals to an investment portfolio can reduce risk and enhance financial stability.

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The Beglinger Blast..... It's Going to Take a Movement

By Rolf Lindgren

There is no denying that Donald Trump is a master at starting a movement. We have seldom, if ever, witnessed anyone with his skill at hitting a nerve with the American people and getting them rolling on issues they care about. He frequently gets the conversation started with a big, brash statement about what needs to happen and, during his second term, this often takes the form of an Executive Order. It was no surprise when a couple of weeks ago Trump announced he would be signing an Executive Order to eliminate mail-in ballots in elections.

The White House Press Secretary seemed to suggest a modified plan the next day when she indicated that Trump will be working with Congress to eliminate mail-in voting. Article 1, Section 4, Clause 1 of the United States Constitution (often referred to as the "elections clause") says "The times, places and manner of holding elections for Senators and Representatives shall be prescribed by each State and by the Legislature thereof; but the Congress may at any time by law make or alter such regulations, except as to the places of choosing Senators."

It remains to be seen what, if any, executive authority the President has to mandate this change but the mere mention of his intention triggered the predictable Trump derangement hysteria among members of the media and Trump's political adversaries.

Election integrity is a high priority for Trump and his focus on mail-in ballots comes on the heels of the Department of Justice (DOJ) investigation of Wisconsin's Voter Registration List maintenance procedures that began last June.

Molly Beck, a reporter for the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, who makes no effort to mask her disdain for Trump with her shamelessly biased reporting, responded to his announcement immediately with an article titled "State has long used mail-in ballots – Trump fights method used by 1.6 M WI Voters". In the article she traces the origin of mail-in voting to 1862 when a bill was passed to allow soldiers who were away fighting the Civil War to vote. In the years since, it has evolved to a convenience measure culminating in 1999 when state lawmakers passed a law allowing absentee voting for any reason.

Now reportedly used by 1.6 million Wisconsin voters, it prevents maintaining the "chain of custody" which is a critical safeguard in all legal matters.

Chain of custody, while typically considered in the context of matters that will be argued before a court of law, applies equally to election integrity. Chain of custody is the chronological paper trail and accountability process that tracks an item (in this case a ballot), documenting every person who has handled it from its collection through its entire lifecycle.

This unbroken record of possession and movement is crucial for maintaining the integrity and authenticity of the item, ensuring it hasn't been tampered with. In a court setting, chain of custody must be maintained in order for any item to be admitted as "evidence". In elections, bags of mail-in ballots dumped at polling places violate this principle and provide ample opportunity for fraud.

Beck tried to get Brian Schimming, Chair of the Republican Party of Wisconsin, to comment on whether he supports Trump's position on mail-in ballots but he dodged the question. She closed with a quote from one of the Republican-appointed members of the Wisconsin Elections Commission (WEC), Don Millis, who said, "We do audits after the fact, we do testing of machines beforehand, tabulators in Wisconsin are not connected to the internet – so it seems to me that it's very secure."

Millis's strict adherence to the election talking points embraced by members of both sides of the aisle ignores the very real potential sources of fraud that concern Wisconsin voters. The "audits after the fact" are merely recounts that would never detect fraudulent ballots crafted from the more than 4 million names of ineligible voters the WEC insists on maintaining on the Registered Voter List.

The testing of machines, which must be open to voters in every district, has exposed that many local election officials have a limited understanding of how the machines are supposed work. And the transfer of election results from local polling places to the county to the state does, in fact, occur over the internet.

Molly Beck is not concerned with the truth. Her objective is to promote a particular narrative.

She and other political activists of her ilk who masquerade as journalists have become irrelevant to the political discourse because we know who they are. It is the "conservative" pretenders who are far more despicable and deserving of our contempt.

Dan O'Donnell, a self-proclaimed conservative talk show host broadcasting on WISN out of Milwaukee, is a poster child for the pretenders. I will not mince words when pulling back the curtain he hides behind because I know who he is. I was the target of his lies while running as an Independent candidate for Governor in 2022.

He is a shameless self-promoter with a microphone who has done nothing to bring serious attention to the flaws in our election system that make Wisconsin's elections unverifiable. With Trump's sights clearly set on election integrity, O'Donnell is now eager to scramble up onto the bandwagon. Watch which way the political winds are blowing…that's where you'll find Dan O'Donnell.

On a recent show, O'Donnell hosted Lucas Vebber from the Wisconsin Institute for Law and Liberty (WILL) after WILL sent a letter to the DOJ following up on its inquiry to the WEC about Voter Registration List maintenance procedures. WILL suggested additional questions the DOJ should ask WEC as they continue to investigate.

O'Donnell was gushing with praise for WILL's letter. He described it as "incredibly detailed" and "just what the DOJ needs". During his conversation with Vebber, O'Donnell acknowledged that ineligible voters on the Registered Voter List are "a big issue" and also referenced the 250,000 driver's licenses issued to non- citizens as potential sources of fraudulent voting.

In a classic case of O'Donnell self-promotion, he claimed that he and Congressman Brian Steil raised this issue with WEC (as if for the first time) during the 2024 election cycle. The truth is O'Donnell has avoided bringing any serious attention to election integrity for many months while others have been doing all the heavy lifting.

He has ignored multiple attempts to enlist him in the fight.

WILL's letter to the DOJ is available on their website and, in my view, is 5 pages of legal gibberish, urging the DOJ to ask WEC to produce a lot of meaningless data they undoubtedly won't have. If WILL was serious about jumping into the fray, they should have made 3 simple points to the DOJ: Wisconsin is in violation of Federal Registered Voter List requirements,, maintaining more than 4 million ineligible voter names on the list; the Administrator of the WEC lied in her responses to DOJ questions; and WILL stands ready to assist the DOJ in any way to further their work in Wisconsin on election integrity.

As a general rule, keeping the Federal Government out of the States' business is best for the Republic. Our Founders had spirited debates in search of the right balance between states' rights and safeguarding against individual states being able to undermine critical elements of the United States. Wisconsin voters should be able to rely on their elected officials, ethical journalists and organizations that profess to be champions of freedom to serve as watchdogs for secure and verifiable elections. They have shown us we cannot. It is going to take a movement of the people too big and too loud to ignore. Donald Trump is just getting started and election integrity is on his agenda. Freedom loving Wisconsin voters welcome him. He is the unparalleled master at starting a movement.

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Select Rebecca Bradley to the U.S. Supreme Court (Please, President Trump) When an opening arises



By Rolf Lindgren

The best judge in the United States right now may very well be Wisconsin's own Justice Rebecca Bradley.

She's as good as Justices Neil Gorsuch, Clarence Thomas, and Samuel Alito. The only difference is that she is still on the Wisconsin Supreme Court, not the U.S. Supreme Court.

She is a brave, brilliant thinking judge who upholds the Constitution with bold strokes of her pen. She defends liberty. If James Madison were alive right now I think Justice Rebecca Bradley would be his next choice for the highest court in the land.

She is young enough that she could serve 30 more years. Instead of handling mundane cases of one Wisconsin corporation suing another, she could be deciding fundamental principles of national law! She is in my opinion the best American judge since Justice Joseph Story (who was appointed by James Madison).

When the next opening arises on the US Supreme Court, I expect President Trump will select Rebecca Bradly for the position!



Regarding the Assassination of Charlie Kirk



By Robert W Malone MD, MS

Wikipedia calls him a "right-wing political activist." That is a gross distortion and over-simplification. Speaking personally, I am deeply saddened and impacted by this assassination. I believe that Charlie was a future president and a gifted communicator, with a remarkably agile mind coupled to a deep commitment to Christianity, the United States, and to the founding principles of this country. His mind was a beacon, and his heart was pure and kind.

His assassination was an act of political violence, one that I think is on par with the notable domestic US political assassinations of the 1960s. Given his role as both a political and a spiritual leader, I personally think that the best analogy is the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King. Others criticize me for saying that. Time will tell on that point. But it is indisputable that this event has occurred at a crucial point in modern US politics. The left and the Democrat party has suffered a major electoral defeat. It is facing a possible existential crisis, and yet not only refuses to reform and adapt but seems to be doubling down. The weaponized hate and division promoted on both social and corporate media is like nothing I have seen since the Vietnam war.

And at this critical junction, as the political conflict is really heating up for the midterm elections, we have this. The left and their corporate media surrogates seem to think that the political right are over reacting, as if Charlie Kirk is, as one post on "X" posited, "just another Nazi"." Just a MAGA leader. Just a Christian nutcase with influence over a small following of impressionable young students. Turning Point USA was just a fringe protest movement of far-right-wing radical youth. It is so easy to be infuriated at these intentional mischaracterizations.

I feel that emotion tug at my gut, just as I felt the pull when a young doctor with TDS that was called to testify by Senator Blumenthal at the recent Homeland Security investigations committee accused me of promoting violence - as did the Senator. How could I not be furious at being defamed once again? But I did not have the luxury of letting my anger get the best of me.

The risk here is that those of us who identify with MAGA and MAHA movements will lose self-control, and jump to conclusions. After being subjected to years of targeted hate and (frankly) violence of a wide variety of forms, it is so, so easy to dehumanize those who oppose us just as they seek to dehumanize us. So easy in our anger to lash out and say, write, or post intemperate words. But, as Dr. Toby Rogers found out during the hearing, the internet never forgets. "Nuremberg 2" and metaphors involving death for our opponents do not move the ball down the field, and can come back to really bite. Our opponents will do anything to project onto us the violent intent that they themselves are guilty of.



I am deeply disturbed and saddened by what has happened, and also by what i am learning about the left in this country by their words and actions. They live in a separate reality and have been dehumanizing us for years. In my mind, I am also gaining insight into the impact of the years of targeted hate directed at me. This evil is not banal. It is systemic. Last night on Newsmax I mentioned the prospect of civil war as a risk. The thought that this professional killing may have been backed by a foreign adversary keeps coming to mind. The USA is a powder keg. The left is filled with of hate, fury and frustration fanned by corporate media. The situation is a set up for foreign adversaries to act to light the fire.

I am very aware of the information first provided by Steven Crowder this morning:

Steven Crowder @scrowder

EXCLUSIVE: This morning my team received an e-mail from officer at ATF.

The email included a screen shot from what appears to be an internal message describing a weapon and cartridges located by an ATF and other law enforcement near the scene of the Charlie Kirk shooting at Utah Valley State University.

"On September 10, 2025, at approximately 12:24PM, Conservative political influencer Charlie Kirk was shot and killed at the Utah Valley University in Orem, UT. Mr. Kirk was speaking at the University as part of the American Comeback Tour. Multiple SLC I and III agents responded immediately. The suspect fired one shot from an elevated position on a rooftop in an adjacent building on the campus and surveillance video shows the suspect, jumping off and fleeing the area on foot. ATF and other law-enforcement located an older model imported Mauser .30-06 caliber bolt action rifle wrapped in a towel in a wooded area near the campus. The location of the firearm appears to match the suspects route of travel. The spent cartridge was still chambered in addition to three unspent rounds at the top fed magazine. All cartridges have engraved wording on them, expressing transgender and anti-fascist ideology. An emergency trace has been submitted an ATF SLC is working leads generated by the trace. The firearm and ammunition have been taken by the FBI for DNA analysis and fingerprint impressions. Upon completion of forensics, the firearm will be disassembled for additional importer information. Multiple people of interest having contacted or detained because of eyewitness testimony and review of video footage. The primary suspect is yet to be identified. ATF is assisting the investigation with multiple other federal, state, and local partners and the case is co-led by the FBI and Utah SBI.""

But this narrative strikes me as all too convenient, too perfect. For me, this implied neat narrative about antifa and trans activism being the motivator for the shooting is too stereotypical. Too convenient.

My point is that the United States, and the current Administration led by Donald Trump, has many global geopolitical enemies. Enemies are both foreign and domestic. At this point in time, US politics and civics have become a powder keg waiting to explode if it encounters a match. Why wouldn't foreign or domestic enemies seek to light that match, to watch us explode with internal conflict? It is precisely what should be expected. It is the logical and foreseeable outcome of all of this promoted hate.

Don't bite on that hook. That is all I am asking. Keep that anger inside for now. Bide your time, watch, listen, think. You should be mad as hell about what just took place. I certainly am. But don't be stupid. If you act out in either word or deed, our opponents will then weaponize that to justify more violence or violent rhetoric. Bide your time, and remember that it is early in the information cycle, and we do not have the facts we need to draw conclusions about motivation or responsibility. It may be that some evil force is trying to set off the powder keg for their own nefarious purpose.

Thank you for reading and considering these opinions.

Best wishes, and God Bless America and the family of Charlie Kirk, who was not a far-right activist, but rather a great American leader, father, husband, and friend of all. I miss him and mourn for him deeply. I hope you do also.

Why Gen Zers *cont. from page 1*

that was born in a world obsessed with fearmongering, it was a special thing to have someone make a call for truth through open conversation. Even the large nonpolitical segment of this group formed an emotional attachment to Kirk. He often trended, with clips of him going viral on a weekly basis. Teachers didn't attack Kirk the same way they attacked Trump, because Kirk was not a public official but a personality to be reckoned with. This gave young people space to approach his rhetoric.

These same young people are not going to tolerate the horrific death of someone they came to know and care about. They have spent their entire lives being told that safety is a priority and forced tolerance will give them safety.

Understanding Gen Z

Young people are, by their nature, filled with energy. Many of the Founding Fathers were in their early 20s when they started the American Revolution. The heroes of World War II left their colleges and blooming careers to step up to the line of duty. Today, too, young people are ready for battle.

Older generations often berate Gen Z for having little work ethic, poor social skills, and weird habits. These are fair critiques. Yet, like any generation, Gen Z has an incorruptible human drive. Behind the zombified stares of children who have been tied to technology for their entire childhood lies a group of people with simmering energy, ready to take up the call to serve something greater than themselves.

For some Gen Z kids, they joined the Black Lives Matter protests of 2020 or aggressively posted black squares online to show support for that movement to feel a sense of moral superiority. Others returned to churches — church attendance numbers for Gen Z have exploded when compared with preceding generations.

Many of Gen Z are longing to serve a cause that rises above themselves. All humankind wants to leave a legacy and these kids do too. Kirk's killing is their call to duty.

Much of Gen Z is reserved, indifferent, and accustomed to fear. As children, they were told never to stand tall, but to be comfortable cowering. It's why violent video games and horror movies seem to have no effect on them. They are numb to terror, they never knew a world without 9/11 or plane hijackings or violent protests.

No Longer Indifferent

What happened in Utah changes things. In an instant, young people lost one of the few outspoken icons who encouraged them to pursue truth. He was murdered in front of their eyes. In the internet age, the death of an online celebrity like Kirk feels like the death of a close friend.

The indifferent young Americans who wanted to stay out of politics have now seen the martyrdom of someone they were endeared to. It was shoved in front of their faces, plastered all over social media so they couldn't avoid it. The age of indifference has ended. The age of the furious young right has just begun.

There is a difference between the young right and the young left. When the video of George Floyd's death went viral, there was rioting in the streets. Lootings and shootings and buildings engulfed in flames. The evening of Kirk's death, there were nationwide prayer vigils. The left is proud to be violent. The right is forced to be furious.

A new generation of free thinkers and defenders of democracy is emerging. There is a grievous silence, but one that leads to a rising class of political activists. Young white men who were told they were inherently racist, sexist bigots will want to use their voice. Young women who were forced into masculine roles and told to suppress their biology will find hope. Athletes will demand to compete against those of the same sex. College kids will question why their tuition is insurmountable. Young families will want to know why they can't afford homes.

The submissiveness is going away. The kids aren't alright — they're furious.

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Short Takes

By Ken Van Doren

There is only one cure for gray hair. It was invented by a Frenchman. It is called the guillotine. -P. G. Wodehouse

Summer bachelors, like summer breezes, are never as cool as they pretend to be. -Nora Ephron

What would be left of our tragedies if an insect were to present us his? -Emil Cioran

Who included me among the ranks of the human race? -Joseph Brodsky

Ambition is but avarice on stilts, and masked. -Walter Savage Landor

We can lick gravity, but sometimes the paperwork is overwhelming. -Wernher von Braun

The old cathedrals are good, but the great blue dome that hangs over everything is better. -Thomas Carlyle

"Success is not the key to happiness. Happiness is the key to success. If you love what you are doing, you will be successful." - Herman Cain

Only the educated are free. -Epictetus

I groan daily under a body of sin and corruption. Oh for the time when I shall drop this flesh, and be free from sin! -Charles Spurgeon

Dreams are the guiding words of the soul. Why should I henceforth not love my dreams and not make their riddling images into objects of my daily consideration? -Carl Jung

Being a Christian is more than just an instantaneous conversion - it is a daily process whereby you grow to be more and more like Christ. -Billy Graham

If in our daily life we can smile, if we can be peaceful and happy, not only we, but everyone will profit from it. This is the most basic kind of peace work. -Thich Nhat Hanh

Let everyone try and find that as a result of daily prayer he adds something new to his life, something with which nothing can be compared. -Mahatma Gandhi

Wisdom to Live By

"Ladies, listen carefully: there is no amount of corporate success, no amount of likes on Instagram, no amount of promotions that will ever come close to the fulfillment that comes from being a wife and a mother. That is the highest calling." - Charlie Kirk



THE GAME PAGE

Crossword Puzzler

ACROSS
1. More colorless
6. Citi Field predecessor
10. Pierce
14. In reserve
15. ____ pilot
16. Toledo's lake
17. Jargon
18. Apologetic
20. Fabric
22. Dad's sisters
23. Needing water
24. Speech problems
26. Rope loops
30. Soft drink
31. "Murder, ____"
34. Live coal
35. Beatle ____ McCartney
36. Night twinkler
37. Bargain bonanza
38. Stand up
39. Firefighter's need
40. Slender
41. Fido's treat
42. Diamond weight
43. Made a lap
44. Left
45. Fabric pattern
46. Act the ham
48. Stamping tool
49. Slugger Hank ____
51. Sunny room
56. Dispersed
59. Chest
60. Feed the kitty
61. Star's car
62. Certain woodwinds
63. Banana skin
64. Superman's girlfriend
65. Tears apart

DOWN
1. Tropical tree
2. Largest continent
3. Pocket fluff
4. Blade part
5. Use the supplier again
6. Wander off
7. Sock part
8. Psychic letters
9. Noshed
10. Framed (2 wds.)
11. Short-lived
12. Isn't, incorrectly
13. Bookie's concerns
19. Space gp.
21. Tax agency (abbr.)
24. Certain parasite
25. Out of work
26. Robins' homes
27. Nebraska city
28. Wipe out completely
29. Perceived
30. Canonized person
32. Of the smelling organ
33. Mediterranean island
35. Likely
36. Kind of carpet
38. Aid and ____
42. Maker
44. Refuses to
45. Feel sick
47. Motor inn
48. Extinct birds
49. Memo letters
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54. Utilized
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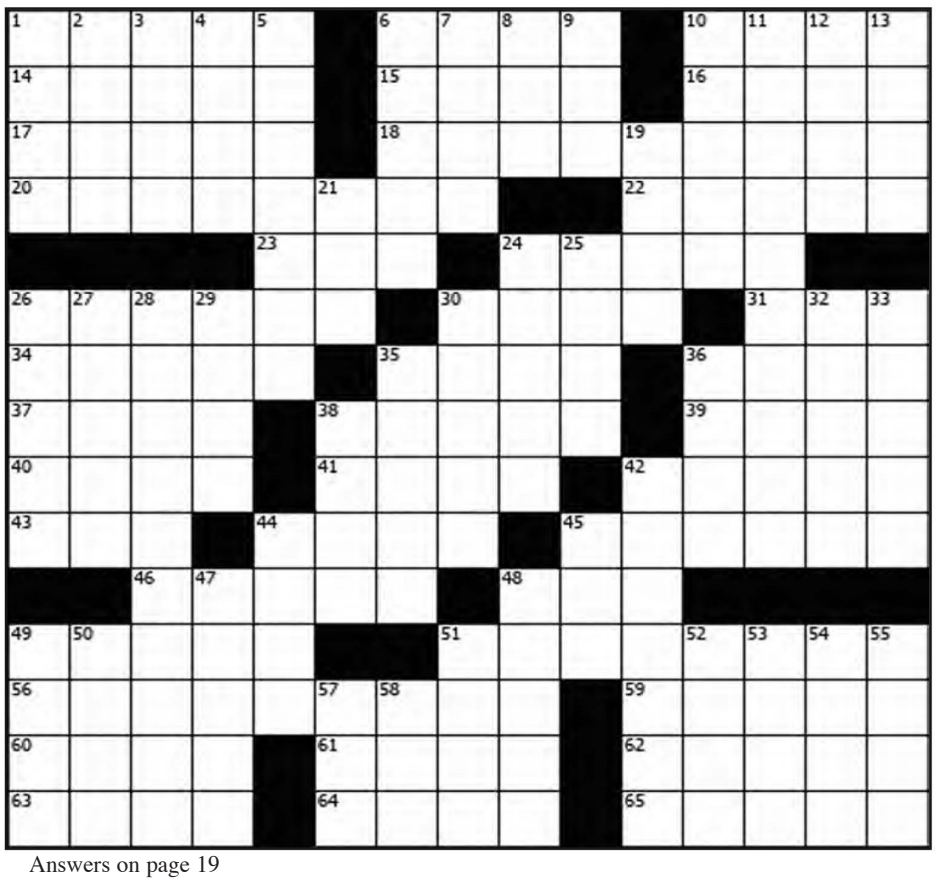
57. Building wing
58. ____ Grande



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Answers on page 19

The UN's Krazy *cont. from page 1*

consequences do (developed) countries face if they fail to abide by those laws and thus cause serious harm to the climate system and vulnerable communities?

The ICJ held hearings in December 2024 and (unsurprisingly) in July 2025 ruled formally, or declared in open court, that:

• Greenhouse gas GHG) emissions are "unequivocally caused by human activities," and are not confined by territorial boundaries" but are distributed throughout the atmosphere, thereby affecting Earth's entire climate system.

• The "climate crisis" is likewise "unequivocally" serious and caused by human activities. Indeed, manmade climate change is an "existential problem of planetary proportions," a "universal risk" to all nations, a dire threat to "all forms of life and the very health of our planet."

• "A clean, healthy and sustainable environment" is a "human right."

• Member states (excluding China, India and other "emerging economies") have a "duty" to prevent climate change, and failure of a state to "take appropriate action to protect the climate system … may constitute an internationally wrongful act."

The Court's pronouncements of legal and scientific expertise demonstrate yet again that the ICJ offers little more than politicized caricatures of law and justice – this time as a krazy kangaroo klimate kourt.

Americans should be grateful that the ICJ ruling is nonbinding; advisory only, and the United States officially withdrew from the ICJ's compulsory jurisdiction over UN member nations in 1986.

Climate cultists will nevertheless demand obeisance to ICJ findings and dictates by the USA and other nations, and the ICJ decision and language will undoubtedly be cited in legal actions before their courts.

The lawsuits will almost certainly include demands for billions or trillions of dollars in climate change "prevention" funds, "reparations" for past and ongoing damages, and money for "adaptation measures" that "victimized" countries will have to take to minimize horrific damage from climate changes caused by developed nations. They will also likely demand an end to fossil fuels and petrochemicals, despite our needing them to power vehicles, generators, furnaces and factories, and manufacture 6,000 petrochemical products, including solar panel, wind turbine, transformer, battery and electric vehicle components.

The ICJ rulings raise endless issues and underscore the court's propensity for vapid, ignorant analysis.

Greenhouse gases (GHGs) certainly arise from human activities and become part of the global atmosphere. However, they are also the product of natural processes, like forest fires and vegetative and animal decay. The most important GHG is water vapor (~1-4% of the atmosphere), though climate activists never mention it. Other GHGs are minuscule components and play minor roles in climate and weather: eg, carbon dioxide (0.04%) and methane 0.0002%).

The only places climate change is a "crisis," an "existential problem of planetary proportions," or a "dire threat" to people and planet are in climate cult computer models, fearmongering and press releases.

Actual historic records, empirical data and ongoing measurements show no planet-wide or even national increases in the frequency or intensity of hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, droughts, sea level rise, forest fires or other catastrophes. They do show crops, grasslands and forests growing better, faster and with less water, as atmospheric CO2 levels and global temperatures increased.

A true dire threat to humanity and nature would be another ice age. The Pleistocene Era's mile-high glaciers bulldozed and buried everything for thousands of miles south of the Arctic, dropped sea levels by hundreds of feet, and replaced countless plant and animal species with new cold-weather varieties. The Little Ice Age (~1300-1850) brought floods, storms, famines and disease to Europe and Asia.

How could Vanuatu have survived the 400-foot rise in sea levels since the last Ice Age, including a foot since 1900, but now is threatened by 1-2 feet more over the next century or two?

The blunt reality is that the World Court cannot decree that a "climate crisis" is being "unequivocally" caused by fossil fuels and other human activities – any more than Spanish Inquisitors could decree that the sun revolves around our planet. Science doesn't work that way.

Under the scientific method, a theory like catastrophic manmade climate change (nee global warming) must be supported by empirical evidence (not hype or models) – or it must be rejected.

Not only is there no "settled" climate science. What we now know demonstrates that we face no crisis, and the supposed "green" energy cure for this non-crisis would be far more devastating to humanity, wildlife and planet than any climate calamities alleged to be threatening us.

But the UN and Climate Industrial Complex cling so desperately to manmade climate cataclysm claims (and the money and power those claims generate) that they want to criminalize climate "misinformation, disinformation, misrepresentation, denialism and greenwashing" – which the UN, ICJ and nation states would define, prosecute and penalize.

Any lawsuit claiming a "human right." to a "clean, healthy, sustainable environment" falsely assumes that developed nations can actually control Earth's climate and fulfill their "duty" to prevent both natural and human-caused climate change, for whatever climate exists wherever the litigants live.

It must ignore harms from eliminating fossil fuels, reliable coal- or gas-based electricity and 6,000+ products made from petrochemicals. It must dismiss the fact that those life-enhancing products and other modern technologies were created and manufactured by the very countries they now vilify and blame.

The lawsuits must also assume that "clean" wind, solar and battery technologies will magically arrive once the coal-oil-gas era ends – and will not involve mining and processing, toxic pollution, child and slave labor, and ecological destruction from blanketing vast areas with wind, solar and transmission installations. They must ignore the disease and death from the blackouts and reduced living standards and medical services that inevitably come with that unreliable energy.

This "human right" proclamation also presumes that people will have no desire – and no human right – to act and live outside the dictates of UN, ICJ or other ruling elites regarding: what foods they may eat; what homes they may live in, and how warm or cool they may keep them; where, how, how far and how often they may drive or fly; and what they are permitted to read, think and say about any of this, without running afoul of Disinformation Police.

This International Court of Justice is the height of arrogance, tyranny and injustice to the vast majority of the world's people. The court and this opinion should simply be ignored and rejected.

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DOE Climate *cont. from page 4*

discussions of: 1) the fact that the IPCC actually has little confidence in its detection of climate signals for most atmospheric phenomena and shifting trends in extreme weather events, and is even more reticent or confident in its ability to attribute changes identified to human actions; 2) that there has been no identifiable worsening trend for most extreme weather events, either in number or intensity, despite repeated claims to the contrary in mainstream media reports and attribution studies; and 3) its recognition and examination of the tremendous benefits to agriculture and human life of modest warming, higher CO2 and economic growth underpinned by hydrocarbon use.

Concerning economics, the DOECR's survey of the literature concludes:

Economists have long considered climate a relatively unimportant factor in economic growth, a view echoed by the IPCC itself in AR5. Mainstream climate economics has recognized that CO2-induced warming might have some negative economic effects, but they are too small to justify aggressive abatement policy and that trying to "stop" or cap global warming even at levels well above the Paris target would be worse than doing nothing.

In short, most sound economic analyses conclude the policies proposed to fight climate change by imposing a coerced or incentivized reduction of hydrocarbons across the economy will likely result in greater harm to human health and welfare than the realistically expected negative impacts of climate change itself. Economically, climate policies are worse for the world than ongoing climate change accompanied by hydrocarbon use.

The ". . . nuanced and evidence-based approach for informing climate policy that explicitly acknowledges uncertainties" recommended in this report should have been the standard from the start of the climate change scare when James Hansen testified at a Senate hearing in 1988 that humans were having a "discernable" and dangerous influence on climate change. Hansen's testimony was unjustified then and it remains so today. Humans are likely affecting the climate to some extent at the global and regional scales, but the extent of that impact, whether it is on net dangerous or beneficial, and how we ought to respond to maximize any benefits and minimize any costs, are all questions that remain very much open to debate. A debate this report was meant to spark and force into the light of day and public scrutiny.



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The international climate court outrage

By Craig Rucker

President Reagan knew what he was doing when he withdrew the U.S. from the jurisdiction of the UN International Court of Justice (the World Court) in 1986.

The World Court issued an advisory opinion that the UN may require nations to cease and desist from activities it thinks could warm the planet, and it held that we should compensate poor countries that experience "loss and damage" from bad weather.

The UN reports the court held that:

1. States have an obligation to protect the environment from greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and act with due diligence and cooperation to fulfill this obligation.

2. This includes the obligation under the Paris Agreement on climate change to limit global warming to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels.

3. The Court further ruled that if States breach these obligations, they incur legal responsibility and may be required to cease the wrongful conduct, offer guarantees of non-repetition, and make full reparations.

CFACT hates to say we told you so (actually, we love it), but we told you so!

CFACT Senior Policy Advisor Paul Driessen posted an extensive analysis to CFACT.org.

Driessen warns of future lawsuits that "will almost certainly include demands for billions or trillions of dollars in climate change 'prevention' funds, 'reparations' for past and ongoing damages, and money for 'adaptation measures' that 'victimized' countries will have to take to minimize horrific damage from climate change caused by developed nations. They will also likely demand an end to fossil fuels and petrochemicals...."

Neither the United States, nor any nation, should permit the UN climate regime to dictate its energy policy via international litigation.

The United States and our free world allies have always aided nations in need when natural disaster strikes. We will do so again.

Let's be clear—freedom and prosperity did not cause anyone's bad weather. They do, however, provide the means to cope.

Thank you to Presidents Reagan and Trump for having the foresight and wisdom to withdraw the U.S. from the International Court of Justice and the Paris Climate Accord before these outrageous abuses of the law in the name of climate get any further out of hand.

Comment on the most honest climate assessment in years

By Craig Rucker

The Department of Energy has invited us all to comment and ask questions about their recently released climate assessment.

This is important. We're talking about the most frank and honest climate assessment in years. It's nothing less than what I've been calling an "emperor has no clothes moment" for the vast and incredibly well-funded campaign that has been exaggerating and misleading the public on climate.

The DOE climate assessment is the work of five outstanding experts. The quality and clarity of what they have produced terrifies climate pressure groups. That's why they want it suppressed.

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.

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all these requests will pan out, thereby running risks that building too many power plants or transmission lines will leave other customers getting stuck with paying tabs for those infrastructure costs.

According to Labor department data, electricity prices across the county increased a whopping 5.5% over the past year, outpacing inflation.

Whereas U.S. electricity demand was flat for two decades until around 2020, its current rise of about 2% a year is largely attributable to AI operating power demands which can cause a search on a generative AI platform like ChatGPT to use huge amounts of computing power, at least 10 times the amount of energy as a Google search.

Meanwhile, as electricity demand by power data centers is projected to increase by 13% to 15%, compounded annually through 2030, an energy shortage is already delaying new centers by two to six years.

As Federal Energy Regulatory Commissioner Mark Christie has warned, "The problem is that utilities are rapidly retiring fossil-fuel and nuclear plants. We are subtracting dispatchable [fossil fuel] resources at a pace that's not sustainable, and we can't build dispatchable resources to replace the dispatchable resources we're shutting down."

We don't have to rely on supersmart AI to warn us that this has been dumb policy that the Trump administration is finally changing.

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Charlie Kirk *cont. from page 9*

put down like animals, and those who dare to defend the vulnerable risk being persecuted and imprisoned.

One thing is clear. Liberalism must be defeated once and for all.

But our methods are not their methods.

Their methods are lies, hatred, and violence.

Our methods must be truth, love, and prayer.

And now our courage to proclaim the truth, the fire of our love, and our commitment to prayer, must be stronger than ever before.

We must be absolutely uncompromising in exposed the bloodthirsty liberal agenda which has as its goal the killing and mutilation of innocent human beings.

We must be absolutely uncompromising in our opposition to the global totalitarian structures which are being put in place to suppress true speech and prevent us from living and worshipping according to God's law.

We must be absolutely uncompromising in telling the truth about ideologies which threaten the peace and stability of the world.

And we must be absolutely uncompromising in our opposition to the false pastors who work to corrupt the Catholic faith and keep souls from knowing and loving Jesus Christ.

The truth is that by obscuring the truth of Christ, these men do the most evil of all.

While we tell the truth without fear or favor, we must also be absolutely uncompromising in our adherence to the law of charity.

We must love our enemies and pray for their salvation. We must never forget that those who oppose us, no matter what evil they may do, are made in the image and likeness of God, and are called, with us, to one eternal destiny.

We must never fall into the trap of dehumanizing our enemies as they dehumanize us. Christ died to redeem and save all mankind, no matter how deep into sin we may have fallen.

But while Christ said, "love your enemies" he did not say "you have no enemies."

We have enemies. And they want us dead.

Now is the time to stand and fight, if not for ourselves, then for those – like Charlie Kirk's daughter – who cannot defend themselves.

Weakness in this fight is a betrayal of the vulnerable.

Weakness means more dead babies.

Weakness means more mutilated children.

Weakness means more young men like Charlie Kirk will pay the ultimate price.

Pope St Pius X is supposed to have said:

"All the strength of Satan's reign is due to the easygoing weakness of Catholics."

The time for such weakness is over.

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But most of all I ask you to join me in prayer for Charlie Kirk and for his wife, children, family and friends. May God give them his peace.

And may God bless you and keep you safe.



Bellwether Case Determined That Medical Institutions Have a License to Kill

By Grace's Dad

I was forced to watch my daughter die on FaceTime.

That may seem like something out of a movie in a kidnapping/ransom situation, but it was my reality that awful evening on October 13, 2021. The perpetrators were not guys dressed in black with ski masks on who held my daughter in a windowless van. They were medical professionals in a hospital wearing white lab coats and scrubs, standing idly by as my precious daughter Grace's heart slowly came to a halt from the dangerous concoction of drugs given to her.

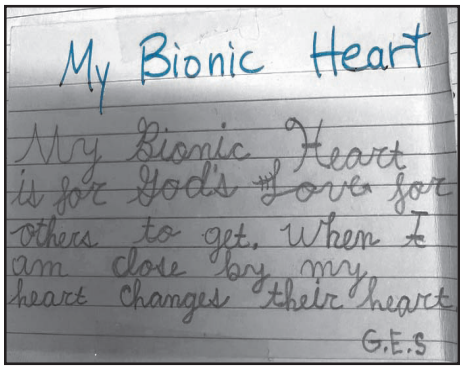
Our jury trial showed that medical murder continues unabated in America.

We weren't the only ones to have lost a loved one during Covid. In fact, 1.2 million Americans died in hospitals during Covid, by far the worst outcome of any country in the world. India was second with 533,000 deaths, but they have four times the population as the U.S.

#	Country, Other	Total Cases	Total Deaths
	World	703,660,011	6,985,938
1	USA	111,424,589	1,199,434
2	India	45,029,035	533,478

The jury decided that Covid killed my daughter. I disagree, and so do hundreds of thousands of other people who had loved ones die in hospitals, like Grace did. Considering 142,000 medical murders occur each month in America, the chances are high your loved one didn't die by accident if their death was recorded in a hospital – please click this article to learn more:

Grace had Down syndrome, which the medical records show was a factor in how she was treated in St. Elizabeth's (Ascension), a Catholic hospital that apparently doesn't appreciate people with special needs taking up valuable hospital real estate. She was just 19 years old and full of joy until she entered those doors with what I believed at that time was Covid– a week before her death. She was a very capable young lady who loved everyone, especially her family and God.



She was funny, warm, and compassionate – attributes that the medical staff at this hospital sorely and tragically lacked. Despite our begging the medical staff to save Grace and the fact that she wasn't Do Not Resuscitate (DNR), they all refused to help her. With her sister Jess in the room with her, and her mom (Cindy) and me on FaceTime, we watched our beautiful angel pass away.

Multiple times, and without medical need, doctors wanted preemptive permission to put her on a ventilator, "just in case," which we refused. While Grace was in the hospital, I heard of the carnage that came from ventilator use. After her death, I learned about the odd $39,000 bonuses hospitals received for placing patients on ventilators. I also learned of the bonuses they received for patients being nefariously diagnosed and officially dying from Covid. There appeared to be financial motivation to make room for more patients – ones who would approve ventilator usage – by freeing up Grace's bed.

Covid Hospital Admission Incentives

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) distributed the first phase of $100B emergency funding on 10 Apr 2020. However, $30B was distributed to hospitals based on Medicare revenue—*not number of Covid cases in each state*. **Figure 6** shows what states were paid *per Covid case admitted to hospitals*. Some states received as little as $12,000 per Covid case (e.g., New York). Some states received as much as $471,000 per Covid case (e.g., West Virginia).[31] Another $20B went to providers on 24 Apr 2020.[32]

State	Amount	State	Amount
Alabama	$158,000	Montana	$315,000
Alaska	$306,000	Nebraska	$379,000
Arizona	$23,000	Nevada	$98,000
Arkansas	$285,000	New Hampshire	$201,000
California	$145,000	New Jersey	$18,000
Colorado	$58,000	New Mexico	$171,000
Connecticut	$38,000	New York	$12,000
Delaware	$127,000	North Carolina	$252,000
District of Columbia	$56,000	North Dakota	$339,000
Florida	$132,000	Ohio	$180,000
Georgia	$73,000	Oklahoma	$291,000
Hawaii	$301,000	Oregon	$220,000
Idaho	$100,000	Pennsylvania	$68,000
Illinois	$73,000	Rhode Island	$52,000
Indiana	$105,000	South Carolina	$186,000
Iowa	$235,000	South Dakota	$241,000
Kansas	$291,000	Tennessee	$166,000
Kentucky	$297,000	Texas	$184,000
Louisiana	$26,000	Utah	$94,000
Maine	$260,000	Vermont	$87,000
Maryland	$120,000	Virginia	$201,000
Massachusetts	$44,000	Washington	$58,000
Michigan	$44,000	West Virginia	$471,000
Minnesota	$380,000	Wisconsin	$163,000
Mississippi	$166,000	Wyoming	$278,000
Missouri	$175,000		

Figure 6. Breakdown of Funding per Covid Case Each State Received. *From the first $30B in aid (CARES Act 2020), Kaiser Health News used a state breakdown provided to the House Ways and Means Committee by HHS, along with Covid cases tabulated by The New York Times for this analysis.*

When I reviewed the medical records with a doctor, we discovered that Grace received Ativan (a Schedule IV substance under the Controlled Substances Act), Precedex (for multiple days despite the package insert warning to use for 24 hours max), and morphine on the same day, within 26 minutes of each other. We were shocked. I requested a meeting with the hospital CEO and the doctor. They refused to meet. Given the fact that a unilateral DNR order was placed on Grace's chart a mere 8 minutes after giving her the max dose of Precedex, the digging into 'why' led to the first (and likely last) wrongful death lawsuit in the country, with Covid listed as the cause of death on a death certificate.

Our three-week jury trial, Schara v. Ascension Health, et al (Case Number 2023CV000345) was a historic trial with implications felt by millions. The jury found Ascension and its medical staff not guilty.

The jury determined that by being in a hospital, you are giving implied consent, and that the drugs that ended Grace's life are normal in an ICU, so no informed consent is necessary. Doctors are not even required to inform the patient or advocate of an overdose. Additionally, a doctor can unilaterally place a DNR on a patient, without consent, without a witness, without a signature, and without a DNR bracelet. The jury's decision establishes that patients lose all rights upon admission to the hospital.

The loss shows the medical industrial complex, along with our government, condones the killing of innocent people so long as someone in a white lab coat does it. This decision should motivate anyone with ears to hear to prepare. Informed consent for medications is dead, and a doctor can unilaterally put a DNR on a patient without consent.

A primary goal of the lawsuit was to stop this behavior. We need to move away from doctors and nurses following orders that get people killed to an industry of true compassion that wants to heal the sick, not profit as much as possible before their death.



My family and I hope to show that children with Down syndrome are not a curse. There is no love like the love you receive from a child with Down syndrome, and certainly no better hugs. I would give anything for one more of Grace's hugs.



In an interview after the trial, I was asked what Grace would be saying right now. She would tell me, "God did it, dad," and "Keep going, earthly dad." Of course, I will, buddy.

Finally, Grace is the one who God used to show me that we've been programmed to trust the medical industrial establishment, and repentance is the only answer to our way out of this mess…stay tuned.

Thank you for taking the time to do your part to stop the tyranny.

Grace did not die in vain. We are standing on Genesis 50:20: You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.

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Exec. Orders *cont. from page 10*

The President's power to see that the laws are faithfully executed refutes the idea that he [the President] is to be a lawmaker, thereby establishing the legal limits on executive authority. In a concurring opinion, Justice Jackson explains how to analyze the legality of Executive Orders by placing them into three categories.

In the first category, a president can interpret law and make policy by Executive Order, if he is authorized by statute or the Constitution, i.e., delegated power, provided, however, he does not contravene either.

The second category is when the law passed by Congress is ambiguous. In this instance, the court allows Congress and the president to fight over its meaning.

In the third category, in which Congress has clearly spoken, a president has little authority to issue Executive Orders that change congressional policy.

Determining the validity of a president's authority to issue an Executive Order requires an analysis of the law or constitutional provision on which it is based. Trump 47 is overwhelming the federal courts with his aggressive use of Executive Orders. According to "Just Security," an online publication that tracks lawsuits against the Trump administration, there are 380 lawsuits filed against his Executive Orders.

Why the confusion over the scope of Executive Orders?

While the Supreme Court has established clear standards for analyzing Executive power, its standards are meaningless when implementation is based on who has the power. Each step of restricting presidential power requires a powerful response by Congress or the courts. Even when statutes are not ambiguous, the President informs Congress of his different interpretation and forces Congress to fight with him. Such Presidential overreach is usually successful since members of Congress from the same party as the President will do all they can to block any opposition to the President's Executive Order, notwithstanding that their duty of loyalty must be to the Constitution and the institution of Congress.

Mechanisms to Overturn an Executive Order.

Advocacy Groups. In the usual course of business, advocacy groups will litigate if harmed by the Executive Order. If they can establish that the President acted in an arbitrary manner or contrary to the law, the Executive Order will be invalidated by a court. The successful outside litigation preserves the integrity of the Constitution, which is particularly important for a fearful Congress.

Congress. A Congress that is serious about defending its constitutional prerogatives would be an active participant in this process, since it is its lawmaking authority that is being abused. Congress has many options. It can pass a more precise law, hold oversight on the issue, and issue subpoenas to compel witnesses to testify. An aggressive Executive, however, will resist these congressional demands. More troubling, however, members of Congress from the President's party will likely defend the President, thus ceding their legislative power to the President. This congressional acceptance of Presidential power allows presidents to implement their Executive Orders as if they established the law of the land.

Congress does have one power that no President can overcome - it has the sole power of the purse. As such, Congress can refuse to fund the policies directed by the Executive Order until cooperation between the branches is achieved. Unfortunately, Congress is not only silent but also so fearful of the President that it is too afraid to act. This silence, fear, and submissiveness to the President are the traits that move Congress closer to irrelevancy.

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Clementine's Story

"So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them." Genesis 1:27

By Riley J. Hood

(During the writing of this article, on 8/27/25 a male transsexual named Robert Westman murdered Catholic school children who were at Mass in Minnesota. On 8/28 the talk show hosts on WISN spent their time entrenching an acceptance of homosexuality. Ben Yount said he supports gay rights, and his opposition to "transgenderism" in no way undermines that. He said, "there here, there queer and we got used to it." Vicky McKenna had a spokes-lesbian from Gays Against Groomers. They rightly concluded that "gender-dysphoria is considered a mental illness." What they didn't say is that until the 1970's, homosexuality was considered a mental illness. These conservative hosts talked about everything from gun control to how Catholics are superior to protestants. In the light of violence from homosexuals, these morons can't seem to figure out how we got here. Here is the article below.)

Back in 2017 the local sodomites held a transgender seminar at the Tippecanoe Milwaukee Public Library. I wrote about it in an article titled "The Gender Unicorn." At that meeting I met a teenage girl who was on puberty blockers. I told her that many athletes who took performance enhancing drugs, aka testosterone and steroids got sick and died young. I asked her if there were any risks with the drugs she is taking? She said there was none. I said there are two reasons for that, either doctors know and aren't telling, or they haven't discovered them yet. Either way, the doctors won't be suffering, you will.

Just like there are "ex-gay" people for the last fifty years, who left that sinful life, now there are de-transitioners. Recently, Andrew Spangenberg, from Alliance Defending Freedom, sent me an email about a young lady named Clementine, "She had been struggling with her mental health, following sexual abuse she'd suffered at a young age. As she entered her teen years, she sought help, and medical providers told her the problem was that she was actually a boy. In a few short years, medical providers rushed Clementine into increasingly invasive so-called "transition" procedures. At 12, after one quick visit, a doctor surgically inserted a puberty blocking device into her arm. At 13, she was put on testosterone. At 14, doctors cut off her healthy breasts. By 17, medical providers were pushing her to get a hysterectomy. Thankfully, she had the courage and conviction to say no. But the damage had been done. Clementine's providers told her that changing her sex would help her. Instead, it inflicted deep and irreversible harm."

See where this is going? Clementine was subjected to sterilization. Sterilization for profit. That is why left-wing elitists like Planned Parenthood support this. They don't care about Clementine, or anyone else. They care aboHow did we get to this point? Transgenderism is a subset of homosexuality. Homosexuality is a subset of perversion. It started when we as a Nation accepted fornication as normal. It exploded when we accepted sodomy as normal. At first these things were tolerated. Then they were normalized.

Then they were celebrated. Like the bottomless, there is no depth to which these reprobates won't sink to. Legalized prostitution and the striking down of age of consent laws are goals for these people. And their answer to their unproductive, destructive practices are shrill calls for more sterilization. In the 1970's and 80's, when I was in school, the worst thing in world you could be called is a "fag." Why, because it is. No matter what name you put on that behavior, to be called one is a pejorative. And rightly so. Homosexuality is a defiance of God's created order, and it comes with a heavy cost.

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before her body and brain were fully developed.

"My mom and dad have always advocated fiercely for my safety and health, but were not empowered to fulfill their irreplaceable role as guardians of my well-being. On the contrary, their protective instincts were undermined by systems and professionals who claimed expertise but withheld the truth. They stood no chance when doctors gave them the false ultimatum of choosing between losing a daughter to suicide or having a living 'son,'" Cole told state and U.N. representatives gathered at the Human Rights Council in Geneva.

Cole's testimony was featured as part of a U.N. Human Rights Council side event titled, "Empowering Parents to Protect Children's Health and Well-being," co-hosted by the Permanent Mission of Hungary to the U.N. in Geneva and ADF International, with sponsorship from the Permanent Missions of The Gambia, Algeria, Argentina, Qatar, Vanuatu, and Uzbekistan; as well as non-governmental organizations including Juristes pour l'Enfance, Asociacion la Familia Importa, Latter Day Saints Charities, the Center for Fundamental Rights, and The Heritage Foundation.

Giorgio Mazzoli, director of U.N. Advocacy at ADF International, reminded participants that international law recognizes the family as the "fundamental group unit of society":

The family must not be viewed as a competitor to the state, nor parents as obstacles to children's rights. They are the children's first and best guardians – entrusted by nature and recognized by law.

Mazzoli called on governments to implement policies that respect parental guidance in education, healthcare, and identity-related decisions, ensuring that children receive care in the context of loving, informed families.

The panel also included Dr. Fanni Lajkó of Hungary's Center for Fundamental Rights, who highlighted Hungary's best practices for strengthening families, including reduced household costs, subsidized home loans, and generous child-raising allowances.

Baby Anna *cont. from page 1*

the family of an infant who died suddenly after receiving routine vaccines has won a settlement from the U.S. government's vaccine court — and the strategy the parents used could provide a model for other families to break through a system that rarely acknowledges vaccine-induced infant deaths.

The National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program (VICP) in June awarded Abigail and Daniel Sims $300,000 for the death of their 11-week-old daughter, Anna Sims. Anna died in 2013, after receiving four vaccines at her two-month-old well-baby checkup.

The settlement was finalized in August, after the window closed for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to appeal the decision, first issued in March 2024.

HHS, which is the defendant in all vaccine injury cases in the VICP, initially asked the U.S. Court of Federal Claims to review and overturn the decision. However, the court upheld the vaccine court's decision and denied the motion to review.

HHS did not appeal the court's denial.

The ruling could set an important example for future infant death cases in the VICP, according to a working group of researchers and advocates studying vaccine-induced infant death that first reported the story.

They said cases like Anna's are often classified as sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS) or sudden unexplained infant death syndrome (SUID). However, Anna's parents argued that she died of a vaccine-induced brain injury, not SIDS or SUID.

'My heart is aching constantly,' Anna's mother said

Anna was a healthy, breastfed baby who had just begun cooing, smiling and rolling over in the weeks before she died on Dec. 16, 2013, hours after she received the routine Pediarix, Hib, PCV13 and RotaTeq shots at her 11 a.m. well-baby appointment, court documents show.

Anna's father, Daniel, a stay-at-home dad caring for Anna and her two brothers, testified in court that Anna was quiet, "spaced out" and tired after the well-baby visit. That evening, he fed and burped her around 5 p.m. and placed her to sleep in her bassinet.

When he checked on Anna about 20 minutes later, he found her face up, with bluish lips and barely breathing.

In a panic, he called his wife, who worked at the hospital. They decided it would be faster for him to take her to the hospital than to wait for an ambulance. Daniel rushed Anna to the hospital, which was 6 minutes away.

Doctors pronounced Anna dead at 7:15 p.m., after emergency room personnel were unable to resuscitate her.

Anna's mother shared her experience on the Circle of Mamas website in April, as she waited to see if the court would uphold the special master's ruling:

"My beautiful daughter was only alive for 10 weeks and 6 days. She was so healthy until she died 6 hours after receiving her vaccinations. My heart is aching constantly, but until recently, I have kept quiet.



"If I dare mention that my daughter died 6 hours post vaccination, their first response is 'but certainly you know that the vaccines didn't cause her death, right?!' To which I uncomfortably explain that was the only possible cause of death as everything else was ruled out.

"I have since found out that vaccine deaths are rarely reported to those vaccine safety studies the HHS and CDC are supposedly so thorough about.

"My daughter, Anna, is not the only hidden statistic.

"Vaccine manufacturers have NO liability for injuries or deaths caused by vaccines, we have all been told that vaccines are safe and effective, but inconvenient statistics are removed from their safety studies. The ethics violations are deadly."

The Sims filed their complaint with the VICP in 2015. They fought for nearly a decade to receive compensation — a timeline that is not atypical in the vaccine court, according to the researchers.

Medical examiner's report, expert witness testimony key in Anna's case

Based on the medical examiner's report and expert witness testimony, Anna's parents alleged that her death was caused either by encephalopathy or a combination of encephalopathy, pulmonary edema and visceral congestion.

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) lawyers representing HHS disagreed. They said that because the coroner concluded Anna died from "undetermined" causes consistent with SIDS or SUID — not considered to be related to vaccines — the VICP wasn't obligated to compensate the parents for her death.

However, in 2024, VICP Special Master Mindy Michaels Roth ruled in the U.S. Court of Federal Claims that Anna's death was caused by vaccine-induced encephalopathy.

Attorney Pat White told The Defender that in most infant death cases that come before the court, the petitioners argue that the infant died of SIDS or SUID. White is part of a SIDS research group, led by Wayne Rohde, author of two books on the vaccine court.

A SIDS diagnosis is given when an infant under age 1 dies suddenly, typically during sleep, and an investigation into the death fails to yield a cause. However, 90% of SIDS deaths occur in the first six months of life, peaking at ages 1-4 months.

After birth defects and prematurity, SIDS is the third leading cause of death among infants, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) — yet the medical industry claims to remain puzzled about the cause.

In the VICP, entitlement to compensation is based on the Vaccine Injury Table — the list of vaccines, known associated injuries, and the time periods in which they must occur in order to qualify for compensation.

If a petitioner suffers a known injury within the short period prescribed by the table, it is presumed that a vaccine caused the injury. The petitioner is then eligible for compensation without proof of causation. This is called a "table injury."

However, if a petitioner files for an "off-table injury" — an injury not listed on the table or that didn't manifest within the specified time frame — the petitioner must prove by "a preponderance of evidence" that the vaccine caused the injury. Evidence can include medical records and expert witness testimony.

SIDS, though previously listed on the table, is no longer considered a table injury. That makes it much more challenging to receive compensation for a vaccine-induced infant death, according to Rohde, who told The Defender:

"In the early years of the program, infant deaths were compensated. Then a change occurred where our government adopted a policy of preventing infant deaths from being compensated, altering the definition of SIDS to become a disease, thus making vaccine-induced infant death extremely difficult or nearly impossible to be compensated or even recognized."

'Science is clear': infants can develop brain injury within minutes after vaccination

In other recent infant death cases, the government has argued that the deaths were SIDS and, therefore, ineligible for compensation, White said.

However, in the Sims case, the government's expert witness conceded that the autopsy was not thorough *continued on page 24*

RFKjr Must Go

By Ivan M. Lang DVM, PhD

RFKjr is a liberal Democrat with Marxist policies and with no education or experience in medicine or medical research, yet Trump appointed him head of the most significant health agency in the world, the HHS (Health and human Services Department). This agency runs FDA, CDC and NIH and is in control of the safety, effectiveness, and accessibility of drugs, medical equipment and medical procedures. It is also in control of the government money spent on medical research.

While I agree with some of RFKjr's actions, there are numerous actions he has done which are unscientific and harmful to the citizens of the USA, but there are too many of his actions to explain in one article in Reality News. In a prior article I explained the major problems with the action of RFKjr to eliminate animal research. In this article I address RFKjr's major problem with his elimination of gain-of-function (GOF) research.

GOF research was theorized to have been the method used by the Wuhan Lab to create the Covid-19 virus, therefore, RFKjr decided to eliminate such research. Whether the Covid-19 was produced using GOF or not, is eliminating GOF research a scientifically based wise decision?

GOF research is used in many ways to increase the function of various cellular chemical pathways. GOF research is used in fields like gene therapy, where enhancing the function of certain genes can treat diseases. For example, modifying immune cells to better fight cancer (e.g., CAR-T cell therapy) is a form of GOF research. GOF research can also be used to improve crops or microbes for bioremediation, enhancing traits like drought resistance or pollutant degradation. In addition, GOF research can be used to modify pathogens, as it may have been to produce Covid-19, to enhance their transmissibility, virulence, or other traits for various purposes.

GOF research studies can reveal how viruses or bacteria evolve, spread, or cause disease. For example, experiments that increase a virus's transmissibility in animal models (e.g., ferrets for influenza) help scientists understand mechanisms like airborne transmission. This knowledge can inform vaccine development, diagnostics, and antiviral therapies. For instance, studying mutations in influenza strains has helped predict which strains might cause pandemics.

By identifying dangerous mutations before they occur in nature, GOF research can guide surveillance efforts to monitor emerging pathogens. GOF research can help develop countermeasures, like vaccines or drugs, tailored to potential future threats. For example, GOF studies on coronaviruses have contributed to understanding how SARS-like viruses might jump to humans.

However, of course it is possible that GOF research was used to create Covid-19. Clearly, GOF research involving viruses must be done in highly controlled experimental facilities. Research into important but dangerous scientific issues is not new, afterall, we now have the atomic bomb which helped us win WWII. Would it have been better to eliminate atomic research just because it was dangerous? GOF research can be highly useful for advancing medical, scientific, and public health goals, including in understanding and preparing for infectious diseases.

Whether GOF caused Covid-19 or not, eliminating GOF in the USA will in no way prevent the next viral pandemic caused by GOF as Covid-19 pandemic started in China not the USA. In addition, stopping GOF research will put the USA scientifically behind many other countries especially our number one enemy, China. If we had stopped our atom bomb development during WWII, Russia and maybe even Germany would have developed the bomb before the USA, which would have changed the world in a very bad way.

The science says that GOF research is not only important, it is essential for preventing and treating cellular disease like cancer, improving our ability to defend against destruction of our crops by drought, and in preventing infectious disease. RFKjr says that we must stop GOF research. It is time we stopped RFKjr.

Transgenderism *cont. from page 8*

realities in favor of a victimhood status. I knew these kids: The boys were rambunctious and liked to fight and make silly jokes, and the girls were amicable and artistic. However, as they grew up, they pretended the traits that aligned with their biology were irrelevant. They decided the quirky, nerdy attributes that meant they didn't fit in with the more "popular" kids were signs that they were born in the wrong bodies. They decided their sensitivities were actually biological mistakes.

Two things happened at once: A lot of my friends began drinking, smoking weed, and diagnosing themselves with mental health problems at the same time that they came out as some version of LGBTQIA+. For most, they started by asking people to use "they/them" pronouns because they didn't quite feel like a normal boy or girl. Eventually, lunchroom table conversations would include people saying things like, "I think I'm pansexual," or, "I think I'm nonbinary." One went on to start taking cross-sex hormones and eventually received a body-mutilating surgery.

I know transgenderism is fake because I know what the before looks like. I know my friends were born in the right bodies, that God made no mistakes with them. They were nerdy kids who liked video games and art instead of football and shopping. These discrepancies in interests and personalities led them to feel like outcasts. The monstrous adults behind the LGBT movement convinced them that feeling different meant they were transgender, nonbinary, bisexual, or something else.

Lots of my old friends changed their names, ditching the beautiful ones their parents gave them while holding their newborn children in their arms. Instead, they picked out names that were neutered, without any genealogical significance. Their old names were labeled "dead names," and using them became an intolerable hate crime.

I don't like to talk about the "after." After, my friends told me God didn't exist. After, there were drugs and surgeries and mental health crises. After, I was totally cut out of the lives of people I grew up with because I embraced my Christian faith and leaned into conservatism. After, I became the outcast because I voted for Donald Trump.

I like to think about the before. I like to think that if my friends had been protected from predatory ideologues, they wouldn't have been pulled into that sick cult.

Unfortunately, I have seen those kids be transformed into diseased and addicted adults. Worse, the next generation is even more prone to these same risks. Teachers, parents, and adults with bad intentions are trying to normalize transgenderism, even though it destroys the lives of children. The "love is love, be who you are" narrative has proven to be a weapon used to make awkward kids think they're fundamentally broken.

I remember the before. It was beautiful. Let's make sure no more kids have to grow up in the after.

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Windmills or Warheads? EU's Green Obsession Weakens NATO's Defenses

By Frank Lasee

Original article: Green ideology cripples NATO, invites Russian aggression

KEY POINTS

EU's Green Spending Outpaces Defense:

The EU's €1.6 trillion green initiatives budget by 2030 dwarfs its €800 billion defense allocation, diverting funds from military readiness; Spain's refusal to meet NATO's 5% GDP defense target (spending only €34 billion, or 2% of GDP, in 2025) prioritizes green and welfare programs, weakening collective security.

Green Policies Hamper Military Training:

EU environmental regulations, like the 2023 "Greening the Armies" report's push for virtual training to cut emissions, limit live-fire drills; France's Cazaux air base, restricted by Natura 2000 rules, and Sweden's TNT factory delays due to environmental permits undermine NATO's combat readiness.

Rising Energy Costs from Renewables:

The EU's reliance on wind and solar, mirrored in states like California (where electricity prices rose 98% from 2011–2023), drives up costs in Germany, Denmark, and the UK—double the U.S. average—straining military budgets and consumer wallets while offering minimal global climate impact.

Impractical Green Military Innovations:

Proposals to electrify 60-ton tanks or develop hydrogen planes are impractical, as batteries reduce range and alternative fuel jets don't exist, wasting funds needed for munitions and real-world training to counter Russia's 5 million annual artillery shells.

U.S. Burden and Russian Threat:

The U.S., spending 3.2% of GDP on defense, faces increased responsibility as NATO allies falter; Russia's sabotage and cyberattacks exploit this weakness, demanding a shift from green ideology to reliable energy (gas, coal, nuclear) to power both homes and militaries effectively.

Great Barrier Reef Thrives, Alarmists Cry Wolf: Time to Rethink Climate Policy

By Frank Lasee

Original article: Fearmongering predictions about climate change keep falling apart

KEY POINTS

False Doomsday Predictions:

Over the past 50 years, environmentalists' dire forecasts, like the 1968 "Population Bomb" predicting mass starvation and the 1972 "Limits to Growth" warning of resource depletion, have consistently been proven wrong; a recent study found two-thirds of nearly 100 such predictions by August 2025 failed, yet alarmism persists in climate narratives.

Great Barrier Reef Misrepresentation:

Despite 2025 headlines claiming climate-driven collapse, data shows the Great Barrier Reef has its fourth-highest coral cover since 1986, exposing environmental journalists' fearmongering as misleading and undermining trust in climate catastrophe claims.

Economic Growth Over Degrowth:

Ignoring calls for forced sterilization and economic stagnation from the 1968 and 1972 scares, CO2 and fossil fuel derived fertilizers have boosted crop yields, feeding billions; today's net-zero policies, costing $27 trillion annually with a 7:1 cost-to-benefit ratio, echo past misguided calls for degrowth over progress. Meaning we get 1/7 the benefit for every dollar the world spends on climate initiatives.

Declining Climate Impacts:

Hard data counters alarmist weather disaster claims: global climate-related deaths dropped 98% from 500,000 annually in the 1920s to under 9,000 in the past decade, and climate damages as a percentage of GDP have declined since 1990, showing manageable challenges, not calamities.

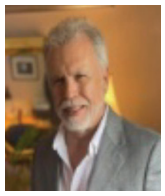
Innovation as the Solution:

Climate economics highlights that investing in fossil fuels benefiting the global poor, unlike rich countries' expensive, virtue-signaling on wind and solar



RFK Jr. Ending Gain of Function Research - A Health Milestone?

A Point and Counterpoint Debate; It's Your Responsibility to Decide



By Gary Morales

Gain of Function (GOF) research is both impactful and controversial, as it involves genetically altering a pathogen to enhance its biological functions.

Ironically enough, the original ban of the U.S. funding GOF research was ordered by then President Barack Obama in 2014, and then reversed in 2017.

The Essence of the Debate

One side believes that GOF research can offer knowledge about deadly pathogens and allow scientists to prevent future outbreaks.



However, the other side argues that GOF research risks causing pandemics, making it too dangerous.

There is an ongoing debate over whether the benefits of gain-of-function (GOF) experiments that result..

in an increase in the transmission and/or pathogenicity of potential pandemic pathogens (PPPs) are outweighed by concerns over biosecurity and biosafety.

Benefits of GOF Research

1. Learn the cause of relationship between the pathogens genes and physical traits.

2. Study the host pathogen interactions.

3. Understand the disease, mechanism, and infection process.

4.Assist in vaccine and treatment developments.

5.Make predictions regarding future outbreaks, and develop surveillance and counter measures in advance.

6. Provide a comprehensive understanding of pathogens.

Drawbacks of GOF Research

1.The experiments are expensive, underpowered and inefficient

2. Have a high risk of developing unnecessary, global pandemic due to accidental lab, leakage or intentional terrorism.

3. The risks outweigh the benefits.

Scientists Playing God?

Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. told Newsmax that President Donald Trump's recent executive order halting the use of federal funds for gain-of-function research marks a turning point in scientific and public health policy.

"Gain of function is an area of science where scientist really play God," Kennedy said on The Record with Greta Van Susteren. "And they're taking pathogenic viruses and they're making them more transmis-sible, they're making them more virulent, and they 're making them more deadly."

Trump Bans Federally Funded GOF Research with new E.O.

According to Kennedy, Trump's move redirects government-funded scientific efforts toward improving health outcomes rather than enabling dangerous experimentation.

"President Trump wants to have our federally funded scientists actually improving public health, ending chronic disease, fighting infectious diseases rather than creating new ones.

And I think it was a milestone, a historic development. I'm very grateful to President for doing that."

RFK Jr., on Dr. Anthony Fauci's Flagrant Malfeasance

Kennedy went on to criticize Dr. Anthony Fauci for bringing gain-of-function (GOF) research back to life in 2001 in the wake of the anthrax attacks in the United States. He suggested Fauci's efforts reignited global interest in offensive biological weapons.

Introduction to Gain-Of-Function Research; 1947

Kennedy explained that such controversial research has its roots in America's post-World War II biological weapons program, which started in 1947.

That program, he said, was brought to an end by President Richard Nixon in 1969, who ordered the destruction of the nation's biological arsenal.

A Mindful Conclusion

Regardless of where one stands concerning the wisdom of banning or approving gain-of-function (GOF) federally funded research, it is clear that the debate will continue.

Therefore, it is up to us all to do our own research, and then come to your final conclusion!

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Environmental Lawsuit Targets Report Questioning Climate Doomsday Narratives

By Frank Lasee

Original article: Environmental Groups Are Suing To Silence Scientists Who Wrote a Report Questioning Climate Change Alarmism

KEY POINTS

Formation and Purpose of the CWG Report:

In July 2025, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), under Secretary Chris Wright, released a report authored by the Climate Working Group (CWG)—a panel of five scientists and economists known for realistic views on climate science—aimed at fostering "a more thoughtful and science-based conversation" about climate change and energy policy, inviting public comment that drew nearly 60,000 responses in the Federal Register.

Lawsuit Allegations and FACA Violations:

The Environmental Defense Fund and Union of Concerned Scientists filed a lawsuit in August 2025 in the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts, claiming the CWG violated the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) by operating in secrecy without public notices, balanced membership, or a proper charter; the suit argues the group's "unbalanced" contrarian perspectives undermine the scientific consensus on human-caused global warming.

Demands for Remedies and Broader Agenda:

The plaintiffs seek to disband the CWG (already done on September 3, 2025, by DOE to moot parts of the case), vacate the report, and bar its authors from advising federal agencies, ostensibly to halt the Trump administration's deregulatory push, including the EPA's reconsideration of the 2009 Endangerment Finding that underpins CO2 regulations under the Clean Air Act.

DOE's Defense and Scientific Pushback:

The DOE counters that the CWG was not a formal advisory committee under FACA, as it exchanged facts rather than policy recommendations,and its dissolution renders many claims moot; meanwhile, over 85 scientists issued a September 2025 rebuttal criticizing the report for errors and misrepresentations.

Implications for Climate Debate and Policy:

Despite the CWG's disbandment, its members plan to continue updating the report independently, highlighting ongoing tensions; the lawsuit, heard on September 12, 2025, underscores concerns over politicized science, with public comments on the EPA's proposed rule closing September 22, potentially reshaping federal climate regulations and free speech in scientific discourse.

Puzzle Answers

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Steve's Say *cont. from page 3*

problem. We better find out who these pros were. It certainly is NOT a twenty-two year old playing video games in his dad's basement who conveniently confessed everything on social media in 62 year old white man jargon. Sorry. Not buying it. A Mossad hit is much more believable.

Censorship leads directly to totalitarianism. The 2020 plandemic proved this truth, as has every other effort we've seen to stifle debate, such as "the science is settled," or "that's hate speech." Only media crowned "experts" can express opinions, which they present as fact. Reality News does not censor. In fact, you will find in this very edition the article " RFK Jr. Must Go." Readers of my column certainly know how much I respect and admire the work RFK Jr. is doing to dismantle the largest money-laundering and population controlling component of the Deep State apparatus, Big Pharma. And Senator Johnson agrees whole-heartedly with all of us holding this viewpoint and pursuing action to confront this clear and present danger. But the writer of this piece has every right to express his opinion and present his argument for consideration, and as long as the essay complies with the Reality News mission statement, we will publish it. And we have.

Reality News will always encourage such debate. Without challenging each other we atrophy into complacency and eventually servitude, if we survive at all. Charlie Kirk lived his life pursing debate, challenging the status quo or the societal forces trying to impose ungodly premises upon people. His enemies could not defeat him in the arena of ideas so they chose to silence him by elimination.

What they're about to find out, as his wife Erika so eloquently articulated in her comments to us all last Friday, they have no idea just how much power they unleashed in this movement by what they did. The Sword of the Spirit, the Word of God, constantly upon Charlie's lips, will now come forth from the entire army of patriots who loved Charlie and embraced his message of Christ-centered love and freedom, the foundation upon which America was built.

No, Charlie Kirk did not die. He's been transformed by his faith in Christ to a higher level beyond our understanding. And the work he began, the transformation of America back to its root values that made it great and powerful, will be carried on and completed by all of us who embrace the vision he so clearly articulated.

I am so grateful to have met Charlie as a young man of 19 right here in Milwaukee at a meeting set up by Bob Dohnal back in 2013. He impressed everyone with his maturity and clarity by which he articulated the concepts of free enterprise and how to effectively reach a target group. He committed himself to being that contrary voice for the young people in colleges and high schools to spread the real truth about America and its founding principles. Today we see the enormous harvest from his tremendously successful effort to transform the youth of our nation.

Charlie, your family is our family. We will be sure that Erika and your girls will have everything that you would've provided to them, other than your physical presence, which is irreplaceable. But most importantly, your girls will know of your great sacrifice for America and how you reached out to so many lost in the world not knowing Christ the Savior.

Charile Kirk - Evangelist, Patriot, Martyr and Saint.

Assumed his eternal rest on September 10, 2025.

We love you.

"Great job, my good and faithful servant. Come share your masters joy!"

We know Charlie heard those words on September 10, 2025.



Can't Sit Still Pop a Pill

By Patti Johnson

What is normal? Here is a little about Einstein:

"Einstein was slow in learning how to speak. His parents even consulted a doctor. He also had a cheeky rebelliousness toward authority, which led one headmaster to expel him and another to amuse history by saying that he would never amount to much. But these traits helped make him a genius. His cocky contempt for authority led him to question conventional wisdom. His slow verbal development made him curious about ordinary things — such as space and time — that most adults take for granted. His father gave him a compass at age five, and he puzzled over the nature of a magnetic field for the rest of his life. And he tended to think in pictures rather than words."[5]

They would have labelled Einstein ADHD and drugged him in today's culture which could have stifled all his creative endeavors. Children have different learning styles. A pill is only going to thwart their personality and creativity.

Boys are diagnosed with ADHD at significantly higher rates than girls. Data from CDC and other health studies indicate that boys are diagnosed with ADHD about 2-3 times more often than girls. For example, a 2020 CDC report found that 12.9% of boys aged 3-17 in the U.S. were diagnosed with ADHD compared to 5.6% of girls in the same age group. This reminds me of the old nursery rhyme:

What are little boys made of?
Snakes and snails
And puppy-dogs' tails,
That's what little boys are made of.
What are little girls made of?
Sugar and spice
And everything nice,
That's what little girls are made of.

Of course, this nursery rhyme would now be considered sexist by DEI standards! They want boys to act like girls.

"The American Psychological Association designated traditional masculinity a de facto mental illness in 2019, stating its "stoicism" and similar traits are "on the whole, harmful." So only snowflakes are mentally healthy nowadays?"[6]

Many parents were told that their child had a brain disorder or chemical imbalance that needed medication. Dr. Fred A. Baughman Jr., MD, an adult and child neurologist, stated, "They made a list of the most common symptoms of emotional discomfiture of children and in a stroke that could not be more devoid of science or Hippocratic motive-termed them "diseases"/ "chemical imbalances" each needing/requiring a "chemical balancer"- a pill."

With no proof that ADHD is a disease with a confirmatory, physical abnormality, the ADHD "epidemic," has grown from 150,000 in 1970, to five million in 1997.

According to the Drug Enforcement Administration, Ritalin production, in the US, rose 700%, between 1990 and 1997. [7]

In 2006, Dr. Baughman wrote and published the groundbreaking book, "The ADHD Fraud: How Psychiatry Makes Patients Out of Normal Children." For this he won the Upton Sinclair Award, presented by the New York University School of Medicine for exposing Big Pharma's illicit efforts to medicate children "

In 2003 Congressional hearings it was said that 17% of the nation's school children, 8.8 million, were labeled and drugged by psychiatry. In 2010 it was 20%; one in five; over 10 million!

Cha ching$$

After I won the seat on the Colorado State Board of Education, I received many complaints from parents who were being bullied to put their child on a drug for ADD or ADHD or their child would not be allowed to come to school. The school would give the parent the name of a physician or psychiatrist that would prescribe the drugs. I was outraged at what I was hearing. One parent said her child was a straight A student until recently. They were going through a divorce and his grades plummeted. She did not want to drug him and asked me if I would go with her for moral support to the meeting at the school. Her soon-to-be ex would not go with her. At the meeting there were two teachers, the school counselor and the school principal. It would have been four "authoritative figureheads" ganged up against one soon to be single mom at the meeting if I was not there. I told them that since her son was not harming anyone or a threat to the class it was illegal to deny him schooling for not taking the drug. He was just sad and had a hard time paying attention because his parents were divorcing. A drug was not going to bring his parents back together and solve his problem. The school officials were not happy that I was there and told me so, but they backed off the Ritalin push after the meeting.

For more examples of parents being pressured you can read my testimony before the U.S. House of Representatives Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations hearing entitled "Behavioral Drugs in Schools: Questions and Concerns"[8]

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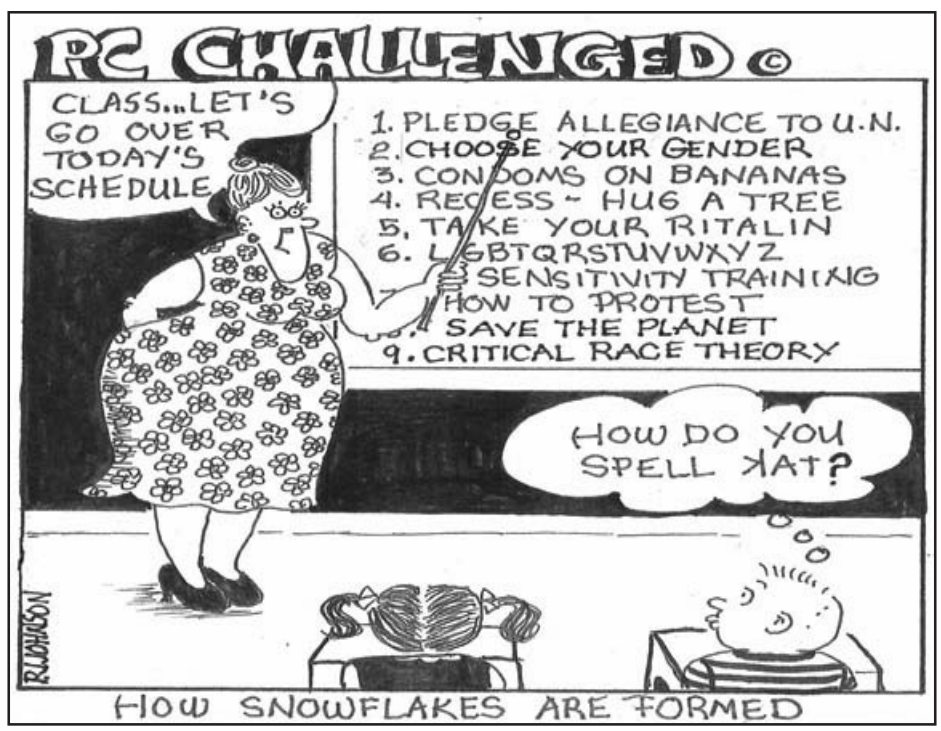

Are Wisconsin Taxpayers and Students Getting their Money's Worth?

By James Bohn and Greg Grambow

Wisconsin public schools spent on average $18,300 per student in 2024 compared to $14,000 in 2020, a 28 percent increase in just five years. Meanwhile, total state enrollment dropped by 3 percent between 2019 and 2023, or about 24,000 students, according to the most recent data.

And, education spending is destined to increase in the future given Governor Evers's unilateral line item, 400-year, veto in the 2023-25 state budget. And, add to that, the possibility that the Wisconsin Supreme Court could repeal Act 10.

Given this rise in education spending, it is reasonable to ask whether Wisconsin taxpayers are getting their money's worth.

Advocates for the education community will tell you Wisconsin still ranks among the top ten states (seventh). But, overall national student performance has declined and, Wisconsin students have falling faster than the national average. Once again, it is what they do not say that is germane. Let us share economic events that will likely occur.

Economists have long recognized the connection between knowledge and economic well-being. Not just at the individual level but, also at the state and national level.

Regions in which the average citizen has greater skills and expertise ("human capital") are more productive and innovative than where ignorance is widespread. Businesses are attracted to places with skilled employees. Knowledgeable people tend to gather around other knowledgeable people.

Historically, human capital has been a key to Wisconsin's success. Wisconsin's natural advantages are few. We do not have a coastal location, sunny weather or mineral deposits like coal, oil, or gold.

But. Wisconsin prospered because Wisconsinites provided great human capital. It's the skills and ingenuity of our forebears that enabled them to create leading companies in manufacturing, finance, insurance, and a host of other industries; companies like Northwestern Mutual, Allen-Bradley, Harley Davidson, SC Johnson & Sons, J.I. Case, Trane and more.

Roll forward to today. When national testing for proficiency in math and reading began in the early 1990s, Wisconsin 4th and 8th graders consistently scored significantly above the national averages.

No more. In 2024 national testing, Wisconsin students essentially tied the national average. Wisconsin's edge in education has evaporated. Just 31 percent of Wisconsin 4th and 8th graders are proficient in reading and around 40 percent in math.

The results in Milwaukee, which was once known as the machine shop of the world, are even more dire. Just eight percent of Milwaukee 8th graders are proficient or better in math and fifteen percent in reading. And, we can talk about the elimination of vocational training at a later date.

Milwaukee students rank near the bottom among large school districts. It is now on par with Baltimore, Cleveland, and Detroit. Milwaukee's educational challenges are not unique. But, by one measure, they are more serious than these other cities.

Milwaukee-area employers are much more dependent on the human capital (labor content of our products) produced by central-city schools than in Baltimore, Cleveland, or Detroit.

One in three students in the metro area live in the City of Milwaukee. By contrast, just one in seven in Detroit, one in five in Baltimore and one in six in Cleveland. This concentration creates a significant challenge.

Wisconsin school performance has a significant bearing on the state's economic wellbeing. And, right now, it is headed in the wrong direction. Economically, Wisconsinites cannot afford to be average.

Where is the proof in the pudding? Consider how well Wisconsinites are doing on the income front. In 2000 Wisconsin ranked 16th in per capita income. In 2025, Wisconsin ranks 26th. Human capital is the key to this state's economic prosperity. We have to look long and hard at our state education system as a major contributor to Wisconsin's declining economic performance.

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Practical Transactions

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Final Thoughts

The emergence of Alpine Gold, the UPMA, and Goldbacks signal a shift toward more resilient and decentralized financial systems. Whether you're seeking protection from inflation, a secure store of value, or a way to support your local economy, these tools offer a forward-thinking approach to managing wealth.

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"If you want success, stop waiting for the government to hand it to you. Responsibility is the path to opportunity."

"The American Dream is alive. If you work hard, stay disciplined, and never give up, you can achieve anything."

"My prayer is very simple: God, use me for your will."

- Charlie Kirk

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JK Rowling says she now opposes assisted suicide and feels 'God-sized' vacuum inside

By Jonathon Van Maren

In a fascinating response to a question on X, author JK Rowling revealed that she is now opposed to assisted suicide – and that she feels a "God-sized vacuum" in her life.

During a debate over her views on transgender ideology, one X user demanded to know if she'd ever actually changed her mind on anything. Rather than responding with a pithy one-liner, Rowling gave a long, detailed, and surprisingly vulnerable response.

"I used to believe nurture was everything and that nature wasn't important," she replied. "My belief changed because of my own life experience and from reading studies about genetic inheritance. In my early twenties I believed the difference between the sexes was entirely due to socialisation. I no longer believe that (for the same reasons as above.)"

"I used to believe in unilateral nuclear disarmament. I no longer do," she continued. "I used to believe cannabis was essentially harmless. I no longer do because I've witnessed it wreaking havoc on someone I care about's mental health. I used to believe in assisted dying. I no longer do, largely because I'm married to a doctor who opened my eyes to the possibilities of coercion of sick or vulnerable people."

This public opposition to assisted suicide – just as the House of Lords debates MP Kim Leadbeater's assisted suicide bill – is significant, especially if Rowling decides to weigh in on this issue further. As evidenced by her massive impact on the transgender debate, her personal profile and the reach of her platform can be used as a potent tool for political change. I very much hope she expands on those views.

But Rowling goes even further, cutting to the heart of the matter. "I've struggled with religious faith since my mid-teens," the famously liberal author wrote. "I appear to have a God-shaped vacuum inside me but I never seem quite able to make up my mind what to do about it." She continued:

I could probably list at least twenty more things I've changed my mind about. I don't currently have a single belief that couldn't be altered by clear, concrete evidence and in all but one case, I know what that evidence would have to be. The exception is the God conundrum, because I don't know what I'd have to see to make me come down firmly on either side. I suppose that's the meaning of faith, believing without seeing proof, and that's why I'll probably go to my grave with that particular personal matter unresolved.

Rowling's frank admission of a "God-shaped vacuum inside me" echoes almost precisely how New Atheist-turned-Christian Ayaan Hirsi Ali described her journey to Christianity in a conversation with non-believer Alex O'Connor earlier this year. Her husband, historian and former atheist Niall Ferguson also recently became a Christian, and the couple were baptized with their children. Other atheists and agnostics, meanwhile, have described precisely the same "God conundrum" as Rowling, including British writer Douglas Murray, American social scientist Charles Murray (author of The Bell Curve), and perhaps most famously, Dr. Jordan Peterson, who spent an entire book twisting himself into torturous shapes in his struggle with God.

What is perhaps most remarkable about this moment, however, is that the triumphalism of the New Atheist moment is now utterly gone. Few are still interested in Richard Dawkins-style sneering at Christianity. My own view is that this is because for the first time since the Sexual Revolution triggered civilization-wide secularization, people are beginning to realize what sort of society develops in the "God-sized vacuum in our culture," as historian Mary Eberstadt so eloquently details:

The reality is that when society abolished God, we did not, as GK Chesterton warned, begin to believe in nothing – we began to fall for everything. The most prominent example of this is the transgender insanity that has gripped the West, an insanity that Rowling has been fighting tooth and nail now for several years.

Many progressives correctly identified Christianity as a force holding people back. What they did not realize is that it was a bulwark against moral chaos. Many who crowed with glee at the alleged death of Christianity now, suddenly, feel the urge to mourn at its funeral.



From EV Dreams to Fuel Nightmares: How California's Policies Are Driving Up Pump Costs

By Frank Lasee

Original article: California's High Gas Prices Could Climb Further as Refineries Close

KEY POINTS

Refinery Closures and Capacity Loss:

Phillips 66 plans to shut down its 139,000-barrel-per-day Wilmington refinery in Los Angeles by the end of 2025, while Valero intends to close its 145,000-barrel-per-day Benicia refinery north of San Francisco by April 2026, collectively reducing California's refining capacity by about 17-20% and creating immediate supply shortages.

Current and Projected Price Impacts:

As of September 2025, California's average gasoline price is $4.65 per gallon—already $1.47 above the national average of $3.18—with forecasts predicting an additional 40 cents immediately after the first closure and up to $1.21 more by mid-2026; extreme scenarios warn of prices reaching $8–$10 per gallon if shortages combine with rising oil costs.

Declining Demand and Policy Pressures:

Gasoline consumption in California has dropped 16% over the past 20 years due to the state's leadership in electric vehicle adoption and hybrid sales, but oil companies cite high regulatory compliance costs, fines (e.g., Valero's $82 million in 2024), and 2023 profit cap laws as reasons for exiting, shifting operations to less restrictive areas.

Political and Economic Backlash:

Governor Gavin Newsom, once critical of oil companies as the "polluted heart of this climate crisis," is now negotiating to keep refineries open and has delayed profit caps until 2030 to balance environmental goals with affordability; closures threaten 400–900 jobs and a 13% hit to local budgets, like in Benicia.

Transition Challenges and Import Reliance:

California's unique gasoline blend requirements limit out-of-state supply, forcing increased imports from Washington, India, or South Korea (already at record 210,000 barrels per day in May 2025), which may undermine climate benefits and exacerbate price volatility without a comprehensive state plan for the shift to renewables.

TRUTH COMMENT:

Policies do matter. California could harvest all of their own oil within their state. They choose not to and import almost 60% of their oil from other places. They have driven their refinery businesses out of business, losing their jobs and tax revenue. Oil companies pay a 15 to 20% royalty for all of the oil harvested from land, including state and federal lands. California could add billions to their economy, rather than importing oil from someplace else. All because of their climate ideology. Now the gas they put in their tanks is going to become very expensive because of their climate ideology.



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One Nation Under God

National Institutes of Health to end 17 fetal tissue projects exposed by watchdog group

By Calvin Freiburger

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) under the Trump administration confirmed that it will not renew 17 "human fetal tissue" research projects recently uncovered by a watchdog group.

Breitbart News reported that it received confirmation of the change after covering White Coat Waste Project's (WCW's) discovery of the products, which received a combined total of $22 million in taxpayer dollars in the 2024 fiscal year, in public records. The Biden-era projects included the use of fetal tissue derived from abortions as well as experiments to graft fetal tissue such as organs into mice.

"NIH takes this issue very seriously and remains committed to the highest ethical standards in research. The referenced grants, initiated under the Biden administration, will not be renewed," the agency responded to Breitbart. "NIH is guided by a commitment to valuing human life and ensuring that federally funded research is conducted responsibly and transparently. We are actively reviewing these matters and will take all necessary steps to ensure our policies reflect that commitment."

The commitment makes good on an assurance that NIH Director Jay Bhattacharya made during his confirmation hearings in March that "in public health, we need to make sure the products of science are ethically acceptable to everybody. And so having alternatives that are not ethically conflicted with fetal cell lines is not just an ethical issue, but it's a public health issue." Secretary of Health & Human Services (HHS) Robert F. Kennedy Jr. also pledged not to support the use of abortion-derived fetal tissue in research.

President Donald Trump's first administration previously rejected 13 or 14 requests to use aborted fetal tissue, as LifeSiteNews reported in 2020. Under pro-abortion President Joe Biden, the University of Pittsburgh actually reached out to former NIH Director Francis Collins for help overcoming state efforts to restrict such practices, according to records obtained by Judicial Watch.

The sale of aborted fetal remains for research and experimentation first came to the political forefront in 2015, when the Center for Medical Progress (CMP) began releasing undercover videos of meetings with Planned Parenthood and National Abortion Federation personnel detailing the practice, which set off a firestorm of controversy and a string of revelations about the abortion industry breaking multiple federal laws against profiting off human tissue, altering abortion procedures for the sake of procuring better tissue samples, and potentially even committing partial-birth abortions or infanticide; as well as video examples of abortion workers displaying callousness toward the humanity of the children their work killed.

Neither the Obama administration nor the first Trump administration took action to prosecute Planned Parenthood over the revelations, which are now likely well beyond any federal statute of limitations.



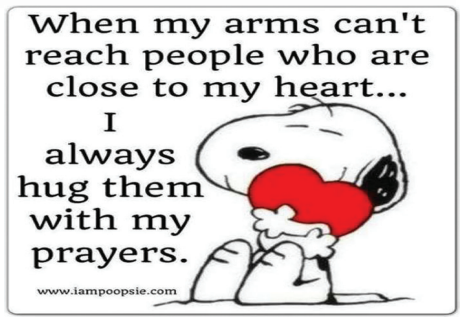
The Trump Administration's First 6 Months

"Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it." Proverbs 3:27

By Riley J. Hood

I received another email from Marjorie Dannenfelser, "President Trump has already given us so many pro-life victories in his second term. Since he took office in January, he: Along with the House and Senate, stopped taxpayer funding of Planned Parenthood and the abortion industry under Medicaid. Pardoned pro-life prisoners who were wrongly and harshly persecuted by Biden's DOJ. Issued an executive order directing all federal agencies to cut off abortion funding. Reinstated the "Global Protect Life" policy to stop "family planning" funds from going to overseas organizations that perform or promote abortion. Rejoined the Geneva Consensus Declaration that reaffirms the commitment of nations to protect their most vulnerable citizens, including unborn children. Issued a Statement of Administrative Policy (SAP) in support of the Born-Alive Survivors Protection Act to protect newborns from infanticide. Withdrew the United States from the World Health Organization, which has a long history of pushing abortion around the globe. Took down the reproductiverights.gov website, an abortion-promoting government site created by Joe Biden right after Roe v. Wade was struck down. We all owe a great deal of gratitude to President Trump, Speaker Johnson, and Leader Thune for their pro-life leadership, and I hope you will add your name today so that I can let them know just how grateful you are next time I see them."

Now I am glad that we do not have "how many abortions have you had?" Kamala Harris in the White House. And yes, these are all pro-life actions, but they are minor pro-life actions, made at the behest of a watered down, GOP controlled movement bent on calling "restricted abortion" pro-life. It is like a sniper shooting at the extremities, but refusing to aim center mass. Center mass would be federal ban, outlawing all abortions and an Amendment to the Constitution declaring the preborn baby to be forever free from the clutches of the abortionist and the like.



It is an uphill battle, but there is silver lining in the gray cloud. The cloud is that the US fertility rate is now down to 1.6 children per female, as opposed to the 2.1 children per couple needed to maintain normality. In 2020 31% of American counties had more seniors than children, and now that phenomenon is in almost half of the counties in the US. This had led President Trump to call for "baby booms" and that sentiment has been backed by JD Vance. So, Trump knows you can't make America great again if America runs out of Americans. That means protecting the preborn at law, to prevent self-centered millennials from aborting America's future, namely their children that they not think are important. Among the many victories and good works, the Trump administration have accomplished, for battle for preborn is the most important, must be won by those who are on the Lord's side. President Trump, the Lord spared your life so you could save the lives of preborn babies.

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with Russia, especially ironic.

Fox News Digital reports that a whistleblower (a Democrat) who served on the U.S. House investigation Committee for more than 10 years, made the newly released claims to the FBI in 2017 that Schiff had illegally approved leaking classified information to discredit the president during the Russiagate probe.

Schiff claims the allegations are "absolutely and categorically false," yet in any case, is was among lawmakers who served on the committee who were granted preemptive pardons by President Biden or his autopen.

Leticia ("Tish") James, also being investigated for mortgage fraud, had vowed in her 2018 campaign for New York attorney general to pursue Trump as an "illegitimate president" and an "embarrassment."

Following up on her agenda, James successfully sued Trump and his company over what her office said were fraudulent misrepresentations of his wealth and financial statements whereby a judge awarded a penalty of over $300 million in the case that has since swelled to over $500 million with interest.

A New York Appeals Court then tossed out that judgment.

James has since been referred by William Pulte, director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) to U.S. A.G. Pam Bondi for federal criminal prosecution for alleged mortgage fraud related to a Virginia home and a New York property.

A letter from Pulte to Bondi obtained by CBS News alleges that James "has, in multiple instances, falsified bank documents and property records to acquire government backed assistance and loans and more favorable loan terms," adding that it could lead to charges such as wire fraud, mail fraud and bank fraud, along with making a false statement to a financial institution.

More specifically, Pulte alleges James and her father signed mortgage documents in 1983 stating they were husband and wife, bought a five-family property in Brooklyn in 2001 with a loan at low interest available only for homes with four units or less, and in 2023 as sitting New York attorney general listed a Norfolk, Virginia property purchase and mortgage as her primary home, rather than residency in the state of New York as required.

So, might present inquiries regarding Adam Schiff and Latisha James have some connection to their lawfare assaults on President Trump?

Rather than expect him to behave like a peaceful incarnation of Mahatma Gandi, perhaps think of him more like Smokey the Bear attempting to stop Democrats from burning down the country.

And even like friendly bears, it's probably a good idea not to poke him too hard.

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VOICE OF JERUSALEM

Israel's strike on Hamas leaders' Qatar haven was an overdue act of justice

By Gregg Roman

Tuesday's morning blasts in the Katara district of Doha, Qatar, shattered more than glass — they shattered the illusion that masterminds of mass murder can recline in five-star safety and call it "diplomacy."

Israel's precision strike against the leadership of Hamas, men who plotted the Oct. 7 atrocities from hotel suites, wasn't "escalation" but overdue justice.

For nearly two years, Hamas' external brass directed a genocidal war from Qatar's luxury bubble. Khaled Mashaal, Khalil al-Hayya, Zaher Jabarin and their cohort haven't been exiles. They've been executives running a war room in Doha while Gazans bled and Israeli families buried their dead. That bifurcation of risk — fighters in tunnels, bosses in penthouses — have created a moral hazard on a civilizational scale.

The strike ended it: Terror's leadership now carries the danger it earned. It's a reminder that no luxury suite, no friendly emirate and no diplomatic fiction can shield terrorists from accountability. Qatar's role hasn't been mediation but enablement.

Since 2012, Doha has funneled roughly $1.8 billion into Hamas-ruled Gaza, including monthly $30 million cash drops right up to the eve of Oct. 7. The theater of it was almost comical as suitcases were counted at crossings, stuffed with money labeled "humanitarian aid," then siphoned to the Qassam Brigades for rockets, tunnels and terror.

Add state-provided tech infrastructure, banking channels and the propaganda megaphone of Al Jazeera, and you get a five-star command center masquerading as diplomacy.

This wasn't just Israel's problem. When one state hosts the operational headquarters of a group bent on another state's annihilation, it torpedoes the basic rules of international order.

UN Security Council Resolution 1373 tells states to deny safe haven to terrorists. Qatar gave terrorists luxury suites, media airtime and a diplomatic sheen. Meanwhile, the United States kept its largest regional base on Qatari soil — an arrangement that asked Americans to protect the protector of those who kill American allies.

Have-it-both-ways geopolitics met its limit Tuesday. Militarily, Doha was Hamas' center of gravity. Its office there handled encrypted communications, money flows, foreign coordination — everything Gaza's battlefield couldn't sustain.

It also manufactured a fiction of legitimacy as "political" leaders held court with foreign delegations while their fighters bragged they'd repeat the massacre "again and again."

So long as the head stayed safe, the serpent could shed skin in Gaza and grow anew. Now Israel has sent a blunt message: No more safe harbor, not in Damascus, Beirut or Doha. The timing wasn't rash. Immediate retaliation after Oct. 7 would have looked like an emotional response. Instead, Israel fought, negotiated, paused — again and again — while Hamas rejected proposals to free all hostages and to end the war.

Its veto didn't come from a tunnel; it came from Doha. Over time, complacency crept into the leaders' safe-house routines, and patterns emerged as intelligence matured.

When the window opened, Israel used a scalpel, not a sledgehammer — an operation with the hallmarks of Mossad's patient buildout and the Air Force's precision, likely from platforms designed to evade regional defenses.

And it's scrambled the strategic board, exposing Qatar's "indispensable mediator" act as leverage theater. Until now, the more Hamas provoked, the more Doha mattered. Not anymore. Hosting Hamas now carries costs, and regional actors must recalibrate. Those who chose normalization with Israel over nihilism feel validated; those providing sanctuary to Israel's enemies understand the new risk calculus.

Inside Gaza, where Hamas' promise of "steadfastness" has yielded devastation, the myth of its inevitable victory is collapsing along with the tunnels. As for the predictable handwringing about "sovereignty" and "escalation," sovereignty doesn't protect a state that runs valet service for genocidal planners.

Escalation? This battle began when families were burned alive on Oct. 7. The only way to end a war led by leaders immune to consequences is to make consequences real.

Inevitably, what comes next is clarity.

Hamas must surrender unconditionally and release every hostage. Qatar must choose: Expel Hamas' remaining operatives and shut the money spigot — or accept the stigma and consequences of sponsoring terror.

The international community can spare its lectures and simply enforce the obligations it has already signed: no safe havens, no financial lifelines, no diplomatic fig leaves for mass murder. The blasts in Doha didn't expand the war, but narrowed it — by hitting the sanctuary that's kept it alive.

Israel reminded the region of the hard truth that deterrence is not a press release but the certainty that killers will be found.

The age of consequence-free terrorism is over.

And the men who turned five-star suites into a war room finally learned what justice sounds like.

Hostages versus IDF soldiers and Israel's security

Vital hostage concerns cannot be preeminent in this complex, brutal war for Israel's survival

By Paul Driessen

Israeli hostage families have demanded meetings with government officials and deals with Hamas, due to concerns that expanding the Gaza war to eliminate Hamas threats could mean more living kidnap victims will be murdered and those already deceased will disappear forever in Gaza's terror tunnels.

Supporters staged a "Day of Disruption," blocking highways, demanding an immediate ceasefire to secure the release of hostages, and saying they won't stop until everyone returns.

Their understandable anger, fear and frustration underscore divisions among Israelis and within the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) and government over how to battle an enemy that has vowed to eradicate Israel "from the river to the sea." An enemy that views a "two-state solution" as merely a rest stop on its road to making the entire region free of Jews, Christians, Bahais, Druze and other "infidels." An enemy that rejects any two-state solution, because it wants a One-Muslim-State solution.

Even hostage families are split. The Tikva Forum believes increased military pressure on Hamas and its last sanctuaries is the best way to free their loved ones. The Hostages and Missing Families Forum says Israel should simply accept Hamas's demands.

I follow Israel issues closely and have been to Israel three times since the October 7 massacres. I still can't imagine being in their shoes or having to make life-or-death wartime decisions. However, those making return of the hostages their preeminent goal must address other important considerations.

• How can Israel critics and hostage-release-now advocates justify leaving Hamas in power, heavily armed, in control of Tunnel Fortress Gaza – or far worse, governing a UN-recognized nation that could acquire tanks, missiles, fighter jets and other advanced weapons from Israel's enemies and frenemies?

That prospect cannot be downplayed or ignored when: The Hamas charter says, "There shall be no recognition of the legitimacy" of the "racist, anti-human and colonial" "Zionist entity."

Hamas leaders proclaim, "Israel has no place on our land.... Nobody should blame us for the things we do on October 7th, October 10th, October 1,000,000." And another Palestinian activist said, "We are fighting Jews, not Zionism" and "I will drink the blood" of Israeli civilians.

• Is it remotely possible that Hamas will be more willing to release the remaining hostages, amid ongoing rancor and divisions within Israel … calls for recognition of a (still nonexistent) "Palestinian state" by France (Emmanuel Macron), Britain (Keir Starmer), Australia, Canada and others … and growing anti-Israel sentiment (even over football matches) across Europe and beyond?

As US Secretary of State Marco Rubio noted, the unilateral statehood recognition promises quickly led to more antisemitism – and to Hamas's rejection of the latest ceasefire and hostage release proposals. Is there any basis for thinking that louder demands for hostage releases will change Hamas's attitudes?

• Do hostage advocates view the lives of IDF men and women as less important than living or dead hostages? That's unimaginable. They simply want their loved ones brought home.

But more than 900 Israeli soldiers have died since October 7. Thousands have been shot, paralyzed, burned or made amputees. Still more will be injured or killed if the IDF expands its efforts to "finish the job" (as President Trump has urged it to do), dismantle Hamas and prevent future October 7 massacres.

Yet these brave warriors and their grieving families receive a fraction of the attention given to hostages and their families. Downplaying the importance of IDF casualties is certainly not deliberate or even conscious. But it's an undeniable result of current hostage politics.

All these lives are precious. None should receive attention or precedence over others.

• Can those who love Israel justify making the Gaza war even more complicated than it already is?

Hamas and Gazans deliberately set the stage for making this urban conflict so brutal and difficult. they built hundreds of miles of interconnected terror tunnels, living quarters, command centers and rocket factories throughout Gaza – with entry shafts into thousands of homes, apartment buildings, schools, hospitals, shops and mosques. Hamas stores guns, explosives, rockets and other weapons in almost every one of them, and uses them for snipers and ambushes. Hamas thus turned all of them into military targets.

The terrorist ideology and propaganda machine deliberately uses women and children as human shields, wants Gaza "martyrs" to die, inflates casualty numbers, and intentionally mixes terrorists and civilians together in death tolls. Gullible or Israel-hating "journalists" endlessly repeat the phony numbers.

And yet Israel is told it must minimize civilian casualties even more than it has – and "end the fighting" according to artificial deadlines set by an "international community" that has been virtually silent about decades of Hamas murders of Israeli civilians and even the horrors of October 7.

Israel is also told it must provide food, medical and other humanitarian aid. Israel has provided over 150,000,000 meals through the Gaza Humanitarian Foundation, which the UN refuses to work withwhile letting thousands of tons of UN food rot. Hamas tries to steal the aid, while starving hostages and killing Gazans who try to circumvent Hamas control by going directly to the GHF.

(What other army in history has fed its enemies amid a war? Russia certainly isn't feeding Ukraine.)

And yet the UN and media claim there's a famine and feature emaciated poster children – who turn out to be kids afflicted by cerebral palsy, Fanconi syndrome or other genetic disorders, not by starvation.

Trying to make hostage deals the paramount consideration roils this maddening situation even further.

• How can the world condone the hypocritical double standards – especially when Israelis are battling a vicious, amoral enemy that seeks their eradication from the Jordan River to the Mediterranean Sea?

There is one Jewish state on Earth, versus 25 majority-Muslim states in Africa and the Middle East alone. Since 1948, Jewish populations have been obliterated in nearly all of them. Yet Israel alone is accused of genocide and Apartheid, despite having the most ethnically and religiously diverse population of these 26 countries.

China is barely criticized for trying to destroy Uyghur and Tibetan language, culture and religion. Islamists brazenly slaughter Christians in a dozen African countries. Similar atrocities continue elsewhere.

48 hostages are still held by Hamas, perhaps 20 still alive. Hamas photos proudly show Evyatar David and Rom Braslavski starving, emaciated and forced to dig their own graves in a tunnel. Israelis were shocked. The UN and world yawned – and accused Israel yet again of causing famine and genocide in Gaza.

The list of outrageous double standards is long and despicable.

It's as if the world thinks only Israel and Jews are forbidden to fight for their very existence. Never again.

It's time to finish the war and Hamas, expand the Abraham Accords, bring the hostages home, rebuild Gaza along the Trump plan – and prod the United Nations and international community to do something truly novel and productive for once: create a better, more prosperous, more tolerant future for a Middle East that has been rocked by division, hatred and war far too long.

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Baby Anna *cont. from page 17*

enough to rule out all other possible causes — which is usually when a death is designated as SIDS.

The government's expert also conceded that Anna suffered an edema, or swelling, in her brain.

The parents' attorneys presented "a logically coherent, biologically plausible sequence of events to prove that the vaccines she received were the cause-in-fact of her death less than 8 hours later," according to the SIDS research group.

Dr. Robert Shuman, a distinguished neuropathologist and child neurologist, said the clinical symptoms and the pathological findings in the autopsy, which included evidence of brain swelling and pressure, provided conclusive evidence that Anna developed acute encephalopathy and died from cerebral edema, which resulted in brainstem herniation and cardiopulmonary failure.

He attributed this to a vaccine-triggered immune reaction.

Another expert, Dr. M. Eric Gershwin, a specialist in immunology, confirmed this was a plausible explanation.

According to the SIDS research group:

"Having this kind of exemplary expert testimony from unimpeachable and highly credentialed specialists in the specific field relevant to the petitioner's theory of causation is the bare minimum of what is necessary to prevail in these infant death cases.

"The special master usually has to determine key issues by choosing between conflicting subjective interpretations of the agreed-upon facts, and if the government expert is more credentialed in the relevant field then that will conclude the analysis before it begins."

The government's experts argued that the baby's behavior was not consistent with encephalopathy. The researchers said special masters have relied on the same arguments to reject similar claims in the past.

However, in this case, the special master found Shuman's explanation more convincing and ruled that it met the burden to prove causation. The government's experts were unable to offer any evidence to show the death was caused by factors unrelated to vaccination.

Rohde said Anna's case was similar to many other cases filed in VICP, yet denied in court.

"The science is clear that these infants suffered an encephalopathy and/or cerebral edema within minutes or hours after vaccination," he said. "Hopefully, with the Sims decision, our country will start to recognize the damage that can be caused to infants by vaccination."

VICP awarded the Sims family an automatic $250,000 death benefit, plus $50,000 for the pain and suffering Anna experienced between her vaccination and her death hours later.

According to the SIDS researchers, the compensation money comes from the Vaccine Injury Compensation Trust Fund, which is financed through a 75-cent excise tax paid by the vaccine manufacturers for every vaccine on the schedule.

That same fund was used to pay over $428,000 to the petitioner's attorneys and experts, along with the undisclosed costs for the DOJ lawyers and experts to defend their case, according to the research group

VICP designed to be fast, easy — it's anything but

The VICP is a federal, no-fault compensation program for people injured by vaccines listed on the CDC's childhood immunization schedule.

The program was established by Congress under the Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986 to protect vaccine makers from liability for harm caused by their products and to adequately compensate people injured by them.

Although the VICP was designed to be a fast, easy and non-antagonistic process to compensate the vaccine-injured, in practice, it is very difficult to get compensated, especially for complex claims.

Families who file petitions for injuries argue their cases before a "special master" — typically a lawyer who previously represented the U.S. government — who manages and decides the individual claims.

The U.S. Court of Federal Claims appoints the special masters, who serve four-year terms.

Attorneys may represent the petitioners. The DOJ represents HHS — and often aggressively defends the government against the claims.

In VICP proceedings, there is no judge or jury, and the rules of evidence, civil procedure and discovery don't apply.

Seven Tips for Chronic Inflammation

More than half the US population is suffering from chronic inflammation, cancer, and other chronic diseases. Inflammation develops slowly, invisibly, and quietly. If you are experiencing exhaustion, joint or muscle pain, digestive issues, skin problems, weight fluctuations, and frequent infections, the statistics, unfortunately, may include you.

Without healthier lifestyle choices, chronic inflammation will persist.

Research also indicates that inflammation contributes to 15-20% of cancers. Cancer and chronic inflammation feed each other. Tumors actively reshape the surrounding terrain to sustain chronic inflammation.

The cancer tumor environment weakens immune defenses, fuels tumor growth, and protects cancer cells from destruction. This can make it harder for the body to detect abnormal cells and increase the risk of mutations. In turn, the tumor generates even more inflammation. A self-perpetuating cycle forms unless lifestyle changes are made.

Modern lifestyle habits begin and sustain chronic inflammation. Dysregulation occurs due to habits such as consuming processed foods, sugar, and seed oils. Persistent infections and gut imbalances may indicate inflammatory terrain.

Exposure to pesticides, microplastics, and heavy metals poses challenges for the body. Additionally, excess fat, especially around the abdomen, is the result and a contributor to metabolic dysfunction. Lastly, factors often forgotten are sedentary behavior, poor sleep, stress, trauma, and grief, all of which play a powerful role in inflammation.

How to Prevent Inflammation

The good news is that there are ways to reduce inflammation and restore balance to the body. Here are some essential steps:

Move Your Body: Exercise to improve circulation, immunity, and increase lymphatic detoxification. Choose an exercise you enjoy – all movement counts.

Select Anti-Inflammatory Foods: Enjoy a plant-rich diet such as the Mediterranean or Whole-30 diet, which is rich in vegetables, fruits, whole grains, herbs, healthy fats, and grass-fed proteins. Eating a diet rich in natural compounds reduces inflammation naturally.

Sleep 7-9 hours: During deep sleep, the body repairs tissues, clears toxins, and rebalances hormones. The liver detoxifies around 1-3 am. Given the chance, detoxification may lower inflammation.

Talk it Out: Unprocessed emotional stress is one of the most overlooked drivers of inflammation. Adopt emotional journaling, prayer, meditation, counseling, or art therapy.

Low-Chem Lifestyle: Environmental chemicals may interrupt normal biological processes. Consider filtering water, using stainless steel cookware, glass storage containers, and consuming organic food whenever possible.

Earthing: Barefoot on the grass helps alkalize your body and correct cellular voltage. Let go of electrons into the Earth daily for your well-being and immune strength.

Far Infrared and UV light. Sunlight exposure increases serotonin; a neurotransmitter associated with feelings of joy and well-being. Soak in a little sun just after sunrise to help your circadian rhythm and cortisol regulation.

State-of-the-Art Treatments

Molecular Hydrogen Inhalation affects several biological mechanisms. The small size of molecular hydrogen allows it to diffuse across cell membranes and reach mitochondria. This will neutralize free radicals and lower inflammation. Hydrogen supports cellular apoptosis, improving cell signaling and insulin sensitivity. Research suggests it's helpful for arthritis, metabolic syndrome, neurodegeneration, Lyme, autoimmune conditions, recovery, and athletic performance. Benefits occur throughout the body.

ARRC LED Photobiomodulation (PBM) chamber blends red light, green light, frequency, and scalar wavelengths. PBM reduces oxidative stress and inflammation. Research includes cancer, stroke, diabetes, arthritis, fibromyalgia, heart disease, Alzheimer's, and Parkinson's disease. Exposure to light and frequency provides reduced inflammation, detoxification, and decreased pain. Studies also found an increase in circulation from both a surge in nitric oxide and angiogenesis and the development of new arteries. Photo biomodulation is known for boosting cellular energy, benefiting the entire body.

HOCATT may help reduce inflammation using transdermal ozone gas. Gentle exposure to carbonic acid gas followed by ozone stimulates white blood cells and reduces oxidative stress. Ozone gas reacts with steam to form a sterilizing H2O2 on the skin. This deactivates microbes, freeing up cellular energy. Red light, far-infrared, and frequency enhance blood flow and speed of waste removal. Additionally, breathing supplemental oxygen helps tissue regeneration and repair.

When we reduce chronic inflammation, we don't just lower our risk of disease; we empower the body's innate ability to heal itself. May we be mindful of all the ways to reduce inflammation for a long and healthy life.

