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"The essential quality of a market system, contrary to popular thinking, is not that it promotes greed; But rather, that it renders greed harmless." Israel Kirzner



Yes Trump's Radically Different, So Let's Be Thankful

By Larry Bell

Our Nation's 47th Commander in Chief Is Radically Restoring American Values

We likely might agree that Donald Trump is radically different in ways many of us variously love and hate, but what about his primary values and actions?

Are they rally "radical" in terms that characterize popular American norms?

Might we agree regarding valuing equality, for example, that it's unfair to require biological females to compete against biological males in sports events that favor a physical strength advantage?

On Feb. 25, 2025, President Trump signed an executive order, "Keeping Men Out of Women's Sports."

The president declared, "it is the policy of the United States to rescind all funds from educational programs that deprive women and girls of fair athletic opportunities . . . and oppose male competitive participation in women's sports more broadly as a matter of safety, fairness, dignity, and truth."

The order also bans programs that

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Brother Love the Earth's Traveling Salvation Show

Exaggerations and lies persuade suckers to send billions to Climate Crisis, Inc. scammers

By Paul Driessen



Former National Audubon Society COO Dan Beard once confessed, "What you get in your mailbox is a never-ending stream of shrill crisis-related material designed to evoke emotions so that you will sit down and write a check."

Neil Diamond sang, "Pack up the babies and grab the old ladies,

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British economic control over the globe is now exposed by this President

The City of London has controlled economics and global trade to the detriment of every country, especially America

By Kathleen Marquardt



Based on the above, I recommend to everyone to read Banking 1770 and Onward

As always, most interesting and cogent. Since the " World Religion" has been in operation for over 300 years, not including the Islamic " religion", is it possible that a mis-reading of the tea leaves is possible. – meantime I found

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Heartland hits home run with triumphant climate change conference

By Tom Harris

Of the hundreds of conferences I have attended in my career, the 16th International Conference on Climate Change (ICCC16) held on April 8 and 9 in Washington DC stands out as one of the very best. From the point of view of a conference speaker and audience member, I found the schedule completely reliable to the minute and the presentations well researched, right on topic and, in almost all cases, delivered with the right combination of important



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Corrupt Bargain: How Andrew Jackson Drained the Swamp

By Rolf Lindgren

The former US President who most resembles Donald Trump is Andrew Jackson. Both were rough and tumble political brawlers who fought the swamp, ran for president three times, and won twice.

Their biggest similarity might be their claims of a rigged election and then vindication in the

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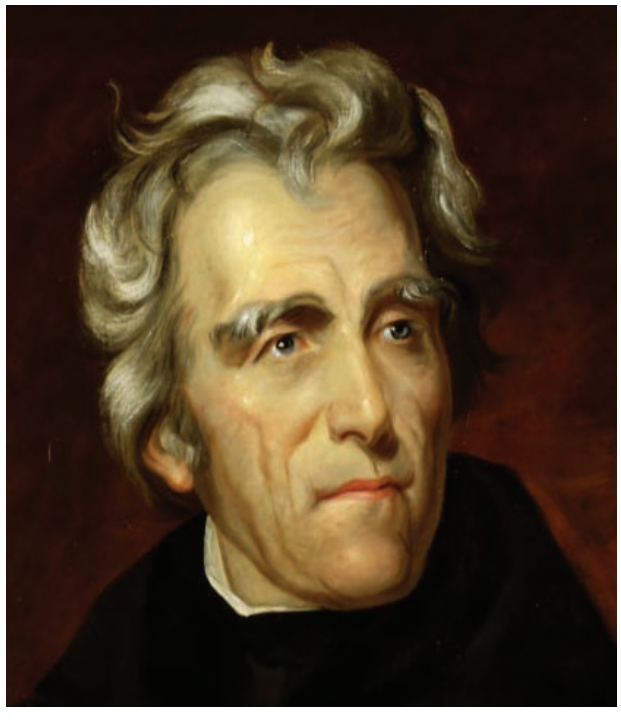

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The Constitution Does Not Confer Power—It Limits It

By William L. Kovacs



It was unsettling to read, recently, a senior White House official assert that "nobody's going to fight the United States military over the future of Greenland," followed by the claim that the iron law of the world is power. Or the War Secretary pledging "no quarter, no mercy for our enemies," a clear statement that violates the international law and the rules of war, and if applied to the wounded, or a surrendering combatant, it is a war crime.

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A Teachers Union Focused Everywhere But The Classroom

By Alleigh Marre

America's students are in crisis.

Nearly half of high school seniors are not proficient in reading or math, and one-third of eighth graders cannot read at a basic level. The aftershocks of pandemic-era school closures are still playing out, with students regressing to levels not seen in more than 25 years, and one in four now chronically absent from the classroom. An overreliance on technology, lax policies around personal devices like cell phones, and weakened discipline standards have only deepened the problem, eroding focus, accountability, and real learning.

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Democrats Have Buyer's Remorse Over Gas Prices They Wanted

By Larry Bell

Are Democrats Campaigning Against High Gas Prices They Worked to Create?



Remember when climate change was the greatest existential threat causing more frequent and severe weather that never happened while Democrats nevertheless demanded that we abandon gasoline-powered cars in favor of electric vehicles and switch from natural gas to wind and solar-powered air conditioning and clothes dryers?

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Steve's Say . . .

Trump Connecting All Pieces of the Deep State Slavery Puzzle

With the rapid pace of events unwinding before us as we approach the 250 year celebration of the founding of the United States of America, we need to look backward and collect together all of the pieces of the Deep State scam we've uncovered and shared with each other so we can comprehend the events Trump and his team initiate and force into the public psyche.

To many Patriots the plethora of major changes taking place around us, fueled by Trump and his team, may seem counter-intuitive or disparate. The Iran military operation continues to confuse many, who voted for Trump specifically to end the endless wars. As a key tenet of Trump's electoral platform, many of our voting allies see this action as a gross violation of what Trump pledged to do as President. Oxymoronically, the Iran project, for which Trump has proclaimed victory and said would be wrapping up soon, he executed precisely so the endless wars could end.

The Patriots struggling with the moves Trump made with the military in Venezuela and Iran fail to identify the true enemy and see the actual battle lines of Trump's attack. Nation-states do not represent enemies and haven't for a very long time. This crux of understanding world events connects all of the pieces of the Deep State Slavery Puzzle together.

The Deep State exists in every country. They installed leaders in many European nations and certainly here in America through their well-developed election fraud schemes honed in Venezuela and distributed throughout the world. These puppet politicians promulgated the Globalist Agenda through government actions at all levels while the Deep State created terrorist groups to work with their cartel kissing cousins to sew fear and chaos in the people of the world. So the free people of the world fight not against nations but against those transnational entities which despise our very existence.

Hence Trump's actions in both Venezuela and Iran targeted not the people of that country but the installed Deep State assets controlling them. The horrible Deep State imposed totalitarianism by violent government overthrow in Iran's case and election fraud in Venezuela's can now be obliterated. Both Deep State coups achieved the same result - an enslaved population with enormous energy resources now in the hands of the Deep State players. Economically speaking, energy is everything.

So now the picture starts to sharpen. The Deep State players behind the scenes, the true puppet masters, aim to hoard all energy. Human existence depends entirely on our ability to harness the energy God made available to the physical world. It started with human muscle, then animal power, now machinery and all that comes with it. The transition to machinery allowed so many seemingly impossible dreams to be realized by so many people of all types and everywhere around the world. But machinery requires manufacturing. And manufacturing requires energy. Lots of it.

So what has Trump demonstrated by his latest undertakings? He's pretty much exposed all of the weaknesses of the Deep State Globalist system while providing the receipts of their theft from all Americans and peoples of the world. He's exposed the insincerity and impotence of our "European allies" and the facade of NATO. He's demonstrated how the Deep State players, specifically the London banking cartel and their minions, manipulated energy supplies by controlling the choke points of world commerce and extorting the world with the threat of terrorist actions by entities they helped create and fund. With the Venezuela and Iran undertakings, along with his drill baby drill doctrine being implemented in America, Trump can now claim title as the energy mogul of the world.

To Patriots who researched all these things over the past decade, everything makes perfect sense. We saw, through the Trump's tariff initiatives, both the unfairness of the world trade system to America and our opportunity to utilize our consumer market as a tool and/or weapon against enemies of all types. Military actions, though necessary to unseat embedded elements of the Deep State totalitarian system, become harmful when one deals on a true nation-state level. Negotiation to mutual benefit works every time if employed by sincere participants seeking peace and prosperity.

Unfortunately the most ugly revelations of the Deep State Slavery network must still be shown to the public. The enormous human and child trafficking network and all of its bloody and horrific aspects underpins the entire Deep State power structure. This labyrinth of extortion, blackmail and payoffs will demonstrate just how this evil system infiltrated and controlled almost every aspect of governance around the world. Sadly we will discover very few people within this globalist governing system could escape its sordid grasp.

The bottom line: the British Crown has never been our ally. They've undermined us and used us ever since we declared independence, fought us directly in several wars, essentially fueled the American Civil war and then conscripted our young men once America became too powerful to fight their wars, in Europe and around the globe. No, the British empire's influence on this earth has not borne good fruit. This topic requires a much deeper discussion for another day.

And European governments have been exploiting the generosity and naivety of the American people for our entire lifetimes. They clearly demonstrated this fact with the Iran operation and specifically the question regarding the Strait of Hormuz. They were always in it for themselves. The tariff disparities Trump revealed in term 1 proved all Trump told us about tariffs, that they were good for America both financially and for national security.

And the best part? Remember how China was going to overtake the US as the leading economy of the world? Not so fast. The tariffs exposed their weakness from a consumer market standpoint, and Venezuela and Iran laid bare its controlled economy's vulnerability to real energy markets. Trump now controls them all. This fact also demonstrates that the Chinese Communist regime was nothing more than an inflated balloon puppet of the British Banking Cabal (BBC). When did it ever make sense to outsource the production of all your essential goods to your so-called greatest enemy? The new relationship being forged by Trump with Chi will be quite different than what's been in place, and much more beneficial to both nations.



As most Reality News reader know, I started my activist journey in the fight against the Climate Scam, specifically refuting the claim that human hydrocarbon energy use would destroy the planet through carbon dioxide emissions. The Trump actions discussed above proves exactly why we needed to fight this fight against this perversion of the scientific process and science in general - because it all came down to energy use. Ration energy use by the population and you control every aspect of their lives. So Iran and Venezuela have everything to do with dismantling the climate scam that began long ago in the 1970s and freeing people across the globe, including in America and Europe.

You will find extensive coverage in this edition of Reality News of the latest International Conference on Climate Change (ICCC) April 8th & 9th in Washington DC. I attended as I normally do (my 12th). It did not disappoint. Please consume the articles with attention and see just how many true scientists and other climate realists work diligently to provide us with truth verified with physical evidence so we can move our world forward in a rational and prosperous direction. And please provide your support to all the entities sponsoring the ICCC. They're worth it.

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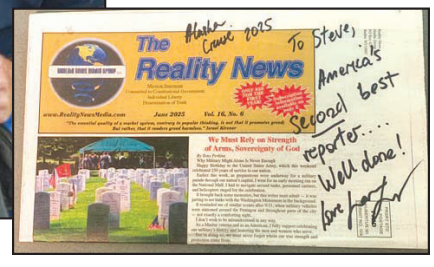

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US Energy Realism Pays Off in Iran Crisis

By Vijay Jayaraj

The Iran war has exposed the fragility of much of the world's energy system. Years of political theater disguised as climate policy – demonizing fossil fuels and glorifying unreliable wind and solar energy – dismantled a dependable energy infrastructure.

Europe is a cautionary tale of the "green" delusion. EU politicians ignored the physical reality that a steel mill cannot run on a cloudy, windless day with a press release about "net zero." They underestimated the risk of tying economies to a small number of external suppliers, then compounded it by shutting their own coal mines, gas fields and nuclear power plants.

Germany shut down nuclear reactors and accelerated coal plant closures, as it deepened reliance on imported Russian gas and intermittent wind and solar. The United Kingdom decommissioned coal stations and scaled back dispatchable gas capacity, banking on imported liquified natural gas (LNG) and wind turbines that are responsive to the weather but not human need.

European gas storage entered 2026 well below the 10year seasonal average, with EU inventories less than 50% of capacity in January and now sliding toward 30% as winter ends, leaving little buffer against a sustained LNG disruption. European natural gas prices roughly doubled compared with late February. The result: Power prices spike, industrial users cut output, and households absorb higher heating and electricity bills, all in economies already strained by inflation.

The irony is that the European Commission itself now admits what critics have said for years. In Paris, Commission President Ursula von der Leyen understated the decision to marginalize nuclear power as a "strategic mistake."

Asia grapples with similar traps, where net zero pledges clash with surging demand. India and China, giants in population and ambition, squandered fortunes on solar panels and wind turbines that sit idle without sun or breeze. Imagine if those funds had been put to building fossil fuel stockpiles or expanding nuclear fleets.

Thailand, the Philippines and Vietnam embraced net zero rhetoric. Their leaders overlooked glaring energy gaps that have been revealed by the ongoing crisis. Many Southeast Asian countries have now implemented measures to curb oil and gas use, including a halt in export of petroleum products and work-from-home measures for citizens.

Reports describe Thailand's state-owned oil and gas company scrambling to secure supplies, while Bangladesh is forced to buy emergency shipments at prices more than double those paid in January. Indian and Vietnamese buyers have issued tenders for prompt deliveries that went unawarded.

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Hormuz Choke Point Displays 'Green' Vulnerabilities and US Power

By Vijay Jayaraj

In the volatile waters of the Strait of Hormuz, maritime traffic has slowed to an agonizing crawl. Roughly a fifth of global oil trade passes through this narrow passage. Nearly half of the crude headed toward Asia must cross these waters.

As the Iran war escalated, insurance firms raised premiums sharply, ship operators slowed departures, and cargo owners started holding back shipments. The result is a choke point where the world's energy arteries suddenly look sclerotic.

You are watching, in real time, how a decade of climate-themed hostility to fossil fuels has hollowed out resilience. Governments told you that restraining domestic drilling and pipeline construction in the name of "net zero" would make the world safer. The Strait of Hormuz today tells a different story.

Western nations spent the last two decades systematically crippling their own energy independence. Driven by climate alarmism, European leaders deliberately dismantled their domestic production capabilities. Germany shuttered its nuclear plants and coal facilities under green mandates, forcing a desperate reliance on liquefied natural gas (LNG) from distant suppliers.

The U.K. abandoned abundant North Sea oil and gas reserves, leaving billions of barrels in the ground to satisfy the demands of environmental activists. In Canada, regulatory hurdles have stalled critical infrastructure, such as the Trans Mountain Pipeline expansion, which aimed to transport the ouput of Alberta's vast oil sands to global markets. These decisions, rooted in a narrative that paints hydrocarbons as villains, have eroded self-sufficiency.

By artificially suppressing domestic exploration, developed nations engineered their own dependency on volatile foreign energy imports. They traded secure, homegrown energy for extremely vulnerable supply lines stretching across hostile regions. When Russian gas volumes collapsed after 2022, many European governments scrambled to charter LNG cargoes at eye-watering prices and sign short-term deals with Gulf and U.S. suppliers.

That experience should have triggered a sober reassessment. Instead, policymakers doubled down on net zero pledges and treated the crisis as an excuse to accelerate "transition," not to rebuild baseload capacity or secure diversified long-term supply. The current Hormuz disruption is a second wake-up call and this time their contingency plans are little to nothing.

Southeast and Northeast Asia sit at

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Strait of Hormuz Tensions and the Material Benefits of Fossil Fuels

By Ronald Stein, P.E.

Recent calls for a more realistic shift from "decarbonization" to "low carbon" suggest that discomfort with ideology-driven climate policy is finally beginning to surface in public debate. For years, climate discussions in many countries have been dominated by abstract targets, slogans, and numerical commitments. Yet behind these lofty ideals lies a deeper and more practical question: have we come to understand energy far too narrowly? Tensions in the Strait of Hormuz in early 2026 have made that question impossible to ignore.

Today, under the banner of decarbonization, energy is often treated as if it were synonymous with electricity. Public discussion tends to focus on how to generate electricity without carbon emissions, how quickly electric vehicles can replace conventional cars, or how far renewable electricity from wind turbines and solar panels can expand. These are important questions, but they are not the whole picture. From the perspective of a chemical engineer, reducing the energy debate to electricity alone is equivalent to seeing only half of civilization.



Fossil fuels are not merely inputs for electricity generation. They are also indispensable raw materials for the modern industrial world. In addition to supporting transportation systems, more than 6,000 products that sustain daily life—including clothing, medical equipment, fertilizers, plastics, synthetic fibers, housing materials, detergents, packaging, and countless industrial components—owe their existence to the material benefits of fossil fuels. Oil and natural gas are not simply burned; they are transformed into the feedstocks from which modern life is built.

This distinction is crucial. When policymakers and activists speak as though the problem can be solved simply by replacing fossil-fuel-based power generation with renewable electricity, they overlook the material foundation of modern civilization. Electricity alone cannot replace the petrochemical chains that support medicine, sanitation, food production, logistics, communication devices, transportation, and housing. Even a society that succeeds in electrifying much of its transport and power system would still face the question of how to secure the immense range of materials now derived from fossil fuel resources.

That is why the petrochemical industry deserves far more attention than it usually receives in climate discussions. Fossil-fuel feedstocks are processed into basic petrochemical products such as ethylene and propylene, which then branch out into thousands of derivative products. This vast network of transformation supports not only clothing, food, transportation, and housing, but also the medical and sanitary systems upon which public health depends. In every sense, it forms part of the very fabric of modern civilization.

Once we understand this, it becomes obvious that a disruption in fossil-fuel supply would mean far more than higher gasoline prices or temporary pressure on power generation. If supplies were seriously interrupted, the consequences would reach into nearly every corner of daily life. The clothes we wear, the medicines we take, the smartphones we use, the fertilizers that sustain agriculture, and even the containers and packaging that transport food and medical goods would all be affected by shortages of raw materials. The modern world is not merely powered by fossil fuels; it is materially structured by them.

This is why recent tensions in the Strait of Hormuz have such profound significance. The issue is not limited to geopolitics, tanker traffic, or fluctuations in energy prices. The Strait of Hormuz is one of the most critical chokepoints in the global energy system, and instability there exposes just how vulnerable advanced societies remain. When supply routes are threatened, what is at stake is not only energy security in the narrow sense, but also the continuity of the material systems that sustain ordinary life.

In the spring of 2026, the gap between ideology and reality became visible all at once. Tensions in the Strait of Hormuz, together with the stark reminder that some countries, such as Japan, rely on finite imported fossil-fuel supplies measured in days, were not merely statistics.

They were a warning about the fragility of everyday life itself. Numbers like these may appear dry and technical, but behind them lies a simple truth: if supply chains are strained for long enough, the effects will be felt not only in fuel markets, but across the full range of goods on which modern society depends.

What had long been obscured under the rhetoric of decarbonization was suddenly illuminated by crisis. The "thickness of civilization" became visible again. By this I mean the dense, interconnected, and often invisible material network that supports human well-being: industrial chemistry, manufacturing, transportation, sanitation, communications, health care, agriculture, and construction. These are not marginal or optional features of modern life. They are its substance. And this crisis revealed that more than 6,000 products essential to daily life could be placed at risk at the same time.

None of this means that environmental problems should be ignored, or that societies should abandon efforts to reduce waste, improve efficiency, and pursue cleaner technologies. But it does mean that energy policy must begin from a more honest understanding of reality. A civilization cannot be sustained on slogans. Nor can policymakers responsibly design the future while pretending that fossil fuels are nothing more than a dirty legacy to be discarded. They are also part of the material infrastructure of life as we know it.

The real challenge, therefore, is not to deny this dependence, but to manage it wisely. A mature energy policy should aim not at simplistic moral purity, but at resilience, prudence, and realism. It should ask how societies can preserve quality of life, maintain stable supply chains, reduce unnecessary waste, and use limited resources intelligently. It should also recognize that technological transition takes time, and that forcing change without regard for material realities can produce shortages, instability, and needless harm.

To face reality is not an act of resignation. On the contrary, it is the most sincere and forward-looking course of action. It means acknowledging the tension between ideals and practical necessity, while continuing to take steady and responsible steps. From that starting point, we can begin to redesign energy policy in a way that is both sustainable and humane—one that respects the environment without forgetting the material foundations of civilization itself.

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Speech by EPA Administrator Lee Zeldin, others, showed the world that climate realism on the rise

By Jim Lakely

The Heartland Institute's 16th International Conference on Climate Change — co hosted by CFACT, the CO2 Coalition, and Watts Up With That — kicked off with a bang and made global news with the opening keynote by EPA Administrator Lee Zeldin. Click the image below or here to watch the video, and the links to 20 stories about Zeldin and the event below.

Media outlets that covered his speech included …

The New York Times:

Climate Change Denial Sees a Resurgence in Trump's Washington

A conference near the White House drew hundreds of people who reject the scientific consensus on climate change. The mood was triumphant.

Wall Street Journal:

New York Times Keeping the Climate Faith

Associated Press:

Zeldin tells climate skeptics to 'celebrate vindication' after repeal of baseline climate rule

CBS News:

EPA Administrator Lee Zeldin tells climate skeptics to "celebrate vindication" after law repealed

Le Moande (France):

Climate change deniers have had their day: the head of the US

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Marc Morano: the best time for climate realism in the last 50 years

By Marcel Crok

I made my first trip to the US this week in many years. I attended and spoke at the 16th Heartland climate conference in Washington DC. It was great to be there after so many years. I atttended the first and second Heartland conference in New York in 2008 and 2009, then as a journalist. This time Clintel and its American 501(c)(3) Climate Intel were leadership sponsor of the conference. Other co-sponsors of the event were the CO2 Coalition, CFACT and the well-known blog WUWT.

Many speakers at the conference are signatories of the Clintel World Climate Declaration. I discovered that some speakers, like Anthony Watts, aren't yet and we will fix that soon. The Climate Declaration remains important because it is the basis (there is no climate emergency) that all of us share. For the rest we are open minded and we agree to disagree about many things, as is normal in complex scientific topics.

The complete recordings of both days (in both rooms) are available on the conference website. There were parallel sessions, so I have some homework to do as well this weekend. In the coming weeks we will definitely highlight some of the talks that were given. In my own talk (also available on the Clintel youtube channel) I introduced myself and Clintel and the main projects that we did and then focused on the fascinating work of Forrest Frantz, an engineer who did a deep dive in climate data sets in the past few years and analysed them for cause and effect relationships. The main focus of my presentation was the spectacular greening of the earth in the last few decades.

The final talk of the conference was given by Marc Morano of the website climatedepot.com, a longtime follower of the climate agenda (he visited close to all the yearly Conference of the Parties, COP's). He gave a fascinating overview of how the climate agenda has been crubling down on the past year or so, not only in the US but around the globe (although we in Europe maybe notice this less). He concluded with the remark that we live in the best times for climate realism in the last 50 years.

All good news but Morano also warned that we aren't there yet and that the forces behind the climate agenda can or will pop up again, for example these days in the form of energy lockdowns because of the crisis in the Strait of Hormuz. So we have to be very vigilant. But the fact of the matter is that Trump, Chris Wright and administrator Lee Zeldin (who spoke at the Heartland conference) are punching big holes in the climate agenda currently and that the other side is not fighting back at all. They seem to have given up, maybe because of a lack of funding (Bill Gates, Jeff Bezos, Larry Fink all moved away from the climate agenda, partly or mainly because of their interests in AI for which you need dispatchable energy).

Clintel and Heartland (and maybe other organisations) have serious plans to organise next year's conference in The Netherlands. Please subscribe to our Newsletter to stay informed about all our publications and events.

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Speech by EPA *cont. from page 4*

Environmental Protection Agency tramples on science during a conference in Washington

For the first time in the history of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, its administrator delivered a speech at a conference organized by the Heartland Institute, one of the most influential bastions of climate skepticism in the country.

Amrican Thinker:

Lee Zeldin, a giant in the room

PJ Media:

This Is the Best Thing You've Heard an EPA Administrator Say

Yahoo News:

EPA chief tells climate skeptics to celebrate rule repeal as March heat breaks records

The Hill:

Zeldin gives keynote address at climate skeptic conference

Bloomberg:

Lee Zeldin Touts EPA Rollbacks at Climate Denial Conference

POLITICO:

At climate contrarian gathering, allies urge Trump to keep Zeldin at EPA

At a Heartland Institute conference near the White House, climate contrarians celebrated the rollback of regulations under EPA chief Lee Zeldin while urging Trump not to elevate him to attorney general, fearing it would stall their agenda.

RedState:

Zeldin Zings Climate Fanatics, Says US Will No Longer Bend the Knee to 'Gloom and Doom' Crowd

Inside Climate News:

Zeldin Celebrates Endangerment Finding Repeal With Climate Skeptics

The Guardian:

Trump's EPA chief Zeldin gives keynote speech at climate-denying group's event

News Prima (Italy):

In the US, the head of environmental protection goes to the conference of climate deniers

The shocking position: "CO2 emissions are healthy: they could have benefits for plant growth and, in general, for society."

Just the News:

Zeldin touts EPA rescinding 'endangerment finding' on greenhouse gases, says 'celebrate vindication'

The New York Times:

Climate Denial Comes to Washington

A conference of climate change deniers, a warning about the world's largest penguin species, record low snowpack in the West, plus more climate news.

Newsmax:

Climate Skeptics Urge Trump to Keep Zeldin at EPA

ClearTechnica:

EPA Head Lee Zeldin Celebrates Victory Over Climate Science

World Magazine:

EPA head Lee Zeldin defends axing climate change policies

ClimateCosmos:

Nobel Physicist Demands Proof: Extreme Weather Trends Fail to Back Climate Crisis Claims

Ace of Spades HQ:

Report from Heartland Institute's "Climate Realism" Conference: A Celebration of the Tide Turning Against Climate Alarmism

Did you miss the conference?

Watch the archived live-streams at the climate conference website. (NOTE: Forgive some technical glitches. Each of the presentations will be re-posted on that site in the near future.)

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Or to Brother Love the Earth's Traveling Salvation Show, which will save your planet and soul if you mouth the right platitudes and donate to prevent the latest eco-crisis.

As anger grows over the follies of climate and energy policies, UN bureaucrats and eco-warriors are shifting attention to the plastics waste crisis, while still ranting about a fossil-fuel-driven climate crisis.

The Trump Administration is issuing leases and permits for drilling and mining, while erecting regulatory hurdles to massive wind and solar facilities sprawling across wildlife and scenic areas. Meanwhile, explosions in Middle East gas facilities, threats to Strait of Hormuz traffic and the Russia-Ukraine war have sent oil, gas and gasoline prices upward.

However, near-religious ideologies, indoctrination and fearmongering in our schools, and seemingly endless cash flowing to companies, universities and rabblerousers still mean climate and energy realism is unlikely in our lifetimes. Never has so much money drained taxpayer and ratepayer bank accounts, fueled politically connected colleges and corporations, or perpetuated absurd fears and ludicrous solutions that they helped generate and subsidies and mandates they helped enact.

I receive barrages of shrill crisis-related material and entreaties for my retirement money.

A recent Friends of the Earth (FoE) plea revived memories of foul-mouthed Marissa Tomei berating My Cousin Vinny's Joe Pesci for even thinking about going deer hunting.

"A mama polar bear nurses her cubs in the safety of their den," it began. "Then – THUMP! THUMP! THUMP! The walls vibrate. Bits of ice and snow fall from the ceiling. And finally, the den COLLAPSES – crushing mama and babies before they have time to react. Friend, this is the cost of oil drilling in the Arctic. As Trump enacts plans to open up fragile polar bear habitat in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, more innocent wildlife could soon face this gruesome fate." [emphasis in originals]

"A polar bear family reaches the edge of the ice," the next email wailed. "With no food in sight, they face a choice: swim or starve. Weak from hunger, the cubs aren't prepared for a grueling swim. Sometimes, it takes DAYS to reach stable ice again. But mom has no choice – if they stay, they starve. She must risk losing her cubs to the current if they want a shot at survival." Donate Now.

These pleas are offensive, intellectually degrading and founded on exaggerations, fables and lies. But as 2024 Sierra Club Changemaker of the Year Bruce Hamilton has admitted, "It's what works. It's what builds the Sierra Club." And keeps funds flowing to countless Climate Crisis, Inc. corporations.

Reading these appeals, you would never guess that polar bears "are elite long-distance swimmers," often traveling hundreds of miles at 6 mph in open ocean. One study followed a bear covering 426 miles in a single journey over nine straight days. Cubs can swim for several days.

Populations have soared from around 12,000 in the late 1960s, when they were over-hunted, to 32,000 in 2023. A few cub or adult deaths, though sad (and natural), will hardly hasten their extinction.

Polar bears are well adapted for life in Arctic climes. Their skin is actually jet-black, enabling them to absorb and retain heat from weak sunlight. Their fur is transparent and hollow, allowing sunlight to reach that dark skin and scatter the light, making them look white.

(My inquiry into "the bear's greatest weakness" found that it is "their pass rush and defensive line.")

FoE also asserts that "The Arctic is warming FOUR TIMES faster than the rest of the world." The claim is meaningless and deliberately misleading. Arctic sea ice is highly variable over years and decades.

"We were astonished by the total absence of ice in the Barrow Strait," British explorer Sir Francis McClintock wrote in 1860. "I was here at this time in 1854 – still frozen up – and doubts were entertained as to the possibility of escape."

Moreover, scientists say polar bears may have evolved from equally huge Alaskan brown bears but have been a distinct species since the mid-Pleistocene, some 600,000 years ago. They've lived and thrived amid an Ice Age that sent mile-high glaciers across much of North America, Europe and Asia, the Roman and Medieval Warm Periods, and the Little Ice Age.

To suggest they are now threatened by slight recent warming is ridiculous.

But the fearmongering continues. It's what builds Friends of the Earth and other climate crisis mongers.

As to seismic and drilling work in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge causing polar bear dens to cave in and wipe out these cuddly white symbols of climate cataclysm – please!

ANWR is the size of South Carolina (19 million acres) and home to 800-900 polar bears. Fewer than 2,000 coastal plain acres (equal to one-twentieth of Washington, DC) would actually be disturbed by drilling, roads, buildings and other development work.

Most exploration and development work will be done during winter months, following extensive environmental reviews dating back several decades and still ongoing. Permits will consider where bears and other wildlife are hibernating, birthing babies, browsing, and battling voracious mosquitoes.

Five decades of oil production in nearby Prudhoe Bay oilfields demonstrates convincingly that oil and wildlife coexist quite well in these magnificent areas – even amid the retrieval and pipelining of 11 billion barrels of oil to date and an estimated 2 billion barrels of recoverable oil remaining. ANWR could hold 6 to 16 billion barrels of recoverable oil, which America and the world will need for decades to come.

After a few days grieving over polar bears, Brother Love the Earth's Traveling Salvation Show shifted to a crusade against logging in America's "magical" National Forests.

"Trump wants to send CHAINSAWS deep into our National Forests, turning these precious ecosystems into depressing fields of stumps – so Trump's corporate buddies can profit," their next Please-Send-Money email raged. "To make matters worse, he's evading protections for endangered species." [emphasis in original].

These "nature lovers" would rather our forests continue to overgrow into billions of thin, dry matchstick trees on millions of acres – ready to erupt into roaring infernos ignited by lightning or arson. These conflagrations burn at 2200 degrees F (1200˚ C) – hot enough to melt aluminum (1220˚ F) and gold (1943˚ F)! They roast common and endangered wildlife, destroy forage and habitats, incinerate soil organisms and organic matter, ensure extensive erosion during future downpours and spring melts – and kill human fathers, mothers and children.

But eco-fanatics scapegoat manmade climate change, instead of criminal forest mismanagement.

Don't be another PT Barnum "sucker born every minute." Keep your hard-earned money. Fight for Truth and Open Debate on energy, climate and environmental issues.

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Quote of the Week:

"All other aspects and characteristics of science can be understood directly when we understand that observation is the ultimate and final judge of the truth of an idea." — Richard Feynman, The Meaning of It All: Thoughts of a Citizen-Scientist (1998)

Number of the Week:

Twice as fast as elsewhere

This Week:

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

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

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

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

You can help in two ways:

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

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

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The Week That Was April 11th, 2026

Scope: This TWTW focuses on a letter to U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts by Physicists Richard Lindzen, William Happer, and Steven Koonin asserting that even with the removal of the chapter on climate change, the Reference Manual on Scientific Evidence, Fourth Edition is an advocacy document, not a neutral description of scientific practice. The 16th International Conference on Climate Change will be discussed next week.

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The Mire: On December 31, 2025, the US Federal Judicial Center and the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM) published the 1,682-page Reference Manual on Scientific Evidence, Fourth Edition. Physicists Richard Lindzen, William Happer, and Steven Koonin wrote an open letter to Chief Justice of the US Supreme Court John Roberts expressing their views on the chapter titled "How Science Works." The open letter was published by the CO2 Coalition. The body of the letter of the letter bears quoting [footnotes at end here].

The Reference Manual on Scientific Evidence has long been valued by the federal and state judiciary for its neutrality, clarity, and restraint. It is used by more than 3,000 federal judges, many state judges, and has been cited in over 1,700 judicial opinions. Its purpose has always been to assist courts in evaluating scientific evidence—not to advance particular scientific, political, or policy agendas.

We write to express serious concerns about the Fourth Edition of the Manual, released a few months ago. Several chapters depart sharply from the Manual's longstanding tradition of neutrality.

1. The Removed Climate Science Chapter Revealed Structural Problems

The most striking example was the "Reference Guide on Climate Science," which was withdrawn after a letter from 28 state Attorneys General documented profound conflicts of interest and numerous unsupported claims presented as settled fact.

As career physicists with decades of experience in atmospheric dynamics, radiative transfer, and modeling complex systems like climate—and with more than 600 peer-reviewed publications among us—we were particularly concerned by that chapter's scientific and procedural deficiencies. (Our curricula vitae are attached.)

2. The Remaining Chapter, "How Science Works," Suffers from Similar Defects

Although the climate chapter has been removed, the chapter that undergirded it — "How Science Works"—remains. This chapter, 65 pages long, replaces the much shorter and widely respected 18-page version written for earlier editions by David Goodstein, former Vice Provost of Caltech. The new chapter does not acknowledge the prior version, nor does it resemble it in substance or tone.

The lead author of the new chapter, Professor Michael Weisberg, is a philosopher who also serves as a climate diplomat and advisor to several national delegations at the Conference of the Parties of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP) negotiations. His public biography highlights his work developing strategies to secure climate-related financial transfers for small island states. These roles do not inherently disqualify him. But they do create a clear appearance of conflict when writing a chapter intended to guide judges on what constitutes legitimate scientific evidence—particularly in litigation where trillions of dollars may be at stake.

3. The New Chapter Adopts an Advocacy Framework, Not a Scientific One

The very first paragraph asserts that "public relations campaigns have misled the public about the true state of scientific consensus," citing Naomi Oreskes and Erik Conway's Merchants of Doubt. That book—and the film based on it—explicitly argues that there is "zero argument among actual scientists" about catastrophic climate change.

This framing is inappropriate for a judicial reference text. It presents contested claims as settled fact, and it implies that dissenting scientists—including thousands of credentialed researchers—are not "actual scientists." That is not a neutral description of scientific practice; it is an advocacy position.

4. The Gold Standard of Science Is Prediction Tested Against Reality

As scientists, we completely agree with the Supreme Court in the Daubert case that scientific knowledge must be derived by the scientific method:

"[I]n order to qualify as 'scientific knowledge,' an inference or assertion must be derived by the scientific method. *** 'Scientific methodology today is based on generating hypotheses and testing them …this methodology is what distinguishes science from other fields of human inquiry.'" Daubert v. Merrell Dow Pharmaceuticals, Inc., 509 U.S. 579, 590, 593 (1993) (citations omitted).

Prof. Richard Feynman, a Nobel Laureate in Physics, succinctly explained the scientific method as follows:

"[W]e compare the result of [a theory's] computation to nature, … compare it directly with observations, to see if it works. If it disagrees with experiment, it is wrong. In that simple statement is the key to science." The Character of Physical Law (1965), p. 150.

For centuries, scientific progress has been grounded in the ability to make risky predictions—predictions that could easily be proven wrong—and then to test them against experiment or observation. This empirical cycle is the gold standard of scientific understanding. It is what enabled humanity to uncover the laws of motion, electromagnetism, thermodynamics, quantum mechanics, genetics, and countless other pillars of modern knowledge.

Historically, the scientific method was a new method of thinking that unleashed the Scientific Revolution. It differs from other common methods of thinking by testing theory with observations, with the facts controlling:

The scientific method "is a vehement and passionate interest in the relation of general principles to irreducible and stubborn facts. All the world over and at all times there have been practical men, absorbed in 'irreducible and stubborn facts;' all the world over and at all times there have been men of philosophic temperament who have been absorbed in the weaving of general principles. It is this union of passionate interest in the detailed facts with equal devotion to abstract generalization which forms the novelty in our present society." Alfred North Whitehead, Science and the Modern World (1925).

The new chapter ignores the scientific method explained by the Supreme Court above and erroneously asserts it is a "Myth" there is a single scientific method and states instead that it is an incomprehensible process:

"Myth: There is a single scientific method that all scientists follow.

"Fact: The process of science is nonlinear and dynamic." Id. 102.

As detailed above, the new "How Science Works" chapter's assertion that it is a "myth" there is a single scientific method is fundamentally incorrect science. The scientific method has been the foundation of modern science since the Scientific Revolution.

In contrast to the new chapter, Prof. David Goodstein's "How Science Works" chapter in earlier editions of the Reference Manual explained that scientific knowledge is derived by the scientific method:

"In short, the essence of science is the scientific method." 3rd Edition Reference Manual 39.

He explained the scientific method essentially the same way the Supreme Court and Prof. Feynman did:

"What's required of a theory in science is that it make new predictions that can be tested by new experiments or observations and falsified or verified." Id. 51.

He emphasized that "data are the coin of the realm in science, and they are always treated with reverence." Id. 47.

Quoting Galileo, he observed, "In matters of science, the authority of thousands is not worth the humble reasoning of one single person." Id. 47. That is, consensus is not the test in science.

He also observed that the scientific method and legal method are basically the same, which should be helpful and reassuring to judges and lawyers who are not trained in science:

"[S]cience and the law share, at the deepest possible level, the same aspirations and many of the same methods … using empirical evidence, to arrive at rational conclusions." Id. 52.

5. Consensus Is Not the Foundation of Science

The new chapter repeatedly emphasizes "scientific consensus" and "widespread acceptance" as a defining feature of scientific validity. In a section titled "Achieving Scientific Consensus," it presents "Figure 3. Indicators of scientific consensus, a spectrum from "low" to "high" of the "likelihood that consensus on a hypothesis has been reached." Id. 97.

It then asserts that "the highest level of certainty science has to offer" is when a theory has "achieved widespread acceptance." Id. 97. It also asserts, "widespread acceptance provides a strong indicator of the

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Often articles, including scientific papers, claim that region X is warming twice as fast as elsewhere. The question is: Where is elsewhere? In reporting the UAH atmospheric temperature trends Roy Spencer wrote:

"The Version 6.1 global area-averaged linear temperature trend (January 1979 through March 2026) remains at +0.16 deg/C/decade (+0.22 C/decade over land, +0.13 C/decade over oceans)."

Since the regions that are warming fast are land based, "elsewhere" can be the oceans. Spencer also noted that March 2026 was the hottest March for the lower 48. However, the map in the Global Temperature Report shows that for March, western US was unusually warm; and most of Canada was unusually cold. See links under Defending the Orthodoxy – Bandwagon Science and Measurement Issues – Atmosphere.

$2 Trillion Later, The Green Revolution Collapsed: How Chasing Weather Power Bankrupted the Grid and Cost the World $40 Trillion in Growth

By Tony Seruga

Between 2010 and 2026, governments and corporations poured roughly $2 trillion into solar, wind, and "net-zero" programs under the promise of an imminent clean-energy transition. What the public received instead was an illusion—a fragile grid, higher electricity prices, and negligible climate benefits. Energy remained just as carbon-intensive, but far more expensive and unreliable.

The fundamental error was confusing installed capacity with delivered power. Wind and solar often produce energy only 20 % of the time; fossil and nuclear plants generate 60-90 % consistently. Billions went to weather-dependent infrastructure that must still be backed up by coal and gas. Once backups, grid stabilization, and battery losses are factored in, true delivered costs for renewables reach $120–250 per MWh, double or triple those of gas, coal, or nuclear.

When measured by physical reality rather than marketing slogans, that $2 trillion bought roughly the energy output of $400 billion in conventional power. It displaced almost no fossil fuel consumption and arguably reinforced it, since idling backup plants waste fuel. Worse, dependence on Chinese supply chains for solar panels and rare-earth minerals eroded national energy independence and inflated emissions through hidden mining and shipping costs.

If that same capital had been spent on modern nuclear or advanced natural-gas infrastructure, the outcome would have been transformative. $2 trillion could have built about 285 GW of nuclear capacity (powering 250 million homes reliably for 70 years) or 1,650 GW of efficient gas plants (enough for 900 million homes for 30 years). Either path would have cut 70–80 gigatons of CO2, reduced global electricity costs by half, and created genuine energy security.

Instead, the current "green" trajectory delivered rising utility bills, rolling blackouts, and greater reliance on geopolitical adversaries. Global power costs rose roughly 60%, contributing to deindustrialization in Europe, worldwide inflation, and a cumulative $37–40 trillion loss in global GDP—about half of one year of global economic output. That's the price of mistaking ideology for engineering.

The lesson could not be clearer: physics determines prosperity. Dense, dispatchable energy such as nuclear or gas remains the backbone of civilization, and no amount of subsidies or messaging can legislate thermodynamics. The so-called green transition did not decarbonize the planet—it impoverished it. The road to sustainability is not paved with solar subsidies but with unapologetic engineering and scientific honesty.

The $2 Trillion Energy Delusion
Key metrics across three energy paths
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	"Green" Path	Nuclear Path	Gas Path
CO_2 avoided (gigatonnes)	~21 ↓ weakest	77.6 ↑ very strong	71.4 ↑ strong
Cost / MWh	$120–200 ↑ highest cost	$60–70	$50–65 ↓ lowest cost
Grid life	20 yrs ↓ shortest	70 yrs ↑ longest	30 yrs
Homes powered ($2 trillion)	~250M (intermittent)	250M (stable)	900M (stable)
Global GDP 2026	$160T	$197T	$200T
Lost GDP	—	$37T ≈ ⅛ world output	$40T

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reliability of scientifically acquired knowledge." Id. 96.

But consensus is a sociological phenomenon, not the scientific method. As Michael Crichton observed in a well-known lecture:1

"There is no such thing as consensus science. If it's consensus, it isn't science. If it's science, it isn't consensus."

Consensus is an inferior and inherently fragile substitute for the gold-standard of science: testable predictions confronted with data. It is invoked primarily in fields where controlled experiments are difficult or impossible and where predictions cannot be decisively tested. It is vulnerable to groupthink, funding lock-in, and the natural human reluctance to acknowledge error.

Scientific progress—from Galileo to Curie to Einstein—has often required breaking with consensus, and history offers many examples in which a prevailing consensus was later overturned, including Lysenkoism in the Soviet Union, the long resistance to plate tectonics, and the brief mid-20th-century consensus about imminent global cooling. Even though consensus can be overturned by a single experiment or observation, it can persist long after contrary evidence has accumulated precisely because it is maintained socially rather than empirically.

This social maintenance of consensus also makes it important to not dismiss a priori the opinions of credentialed experts from other fields, as they need not be constrained by consensus thinking or rewards.

The new chapter cites the Antarctic ozone hole as an illustration of consensus functioning properly. Yet even here, the scientific picture is more complex than the chapter suggests. The springtime ozone hole over Antarctica has appeared every year since its discovery in 1979, when global satellite mapping began. Despite substantial declines in stratospheric halogen concentrations following the Montreal Protocol, the size and depth of the ozone hole have shown little systematic change. There remain scientifically credible reasons to question whether human-emitted halogens are the dominant cause of the phenomenon. As an example of "consensus science," the ozone hole is far from straightforward.

If the chapter sought a clear illustration of how science should inform public policy, the causal link between cigarette smoking and lung cancer would have been far more appropriate. That relationship rests on converging lines of evidence, strong statistical associations, mechanistic understanding, and predictions repeatedly confirmed by observation. It exemplifies the empirical rigor that should guide judicial evaluation of scientific claims.

In summary, the new "How Science Works" chapter statement that "widespread acceptance" and "scientific consensus" is "the highest level of certainty science has to offer" and "provides a strong indicator of the reliability of scientifically acquired knowledge" is an egregious misstatement of what science has been since the Scientific Revolution in the 1600s – a discipline based on the scientific method.

Simply stated, if it's consensus, it is not science.

6. The Chapter Mischaracterizes Science as a Community-Governed Enterprise

Section headings such as "Science is Carried Out by a Community that Holds Members to Norms" and "Science as a Human and Community Endeavor" describe something closer to a political party or a religious order than to the scientific method. Science is indeed a human activity, but its authority derives from reproducible results, not from community norms or majority agreement.

The earlier Goodstein chapter captured this distinction clearly and succinctly. The new version obscures it.

7. Recommendations

We applaud the Federal Judicial Center's removal of the "Reference Guide on Climate Science" chapter from the new Reference Manual because it is not the neutral and dispassionate statement of science the Manual is famous for2.

Because the "How Science Works" chapter was written in large part to support the now-withdrawn climate chapter—and because it departs so dramatically from the Manual'stradition of neutrality—we respectfully recommend that it also be withdrawn before federal and state judges are mistakenly led to use it to admit or exclude scientific evidence, and its false science contaminates what we understand is more than 1,000 climate-related cases in state and federal courts.

We also respectfully recommend that it be replaced by the earlier Goodstein version that remains a concise, accurate, and non-ideological explanation of scientific reasoning appropriate for judicial use.

Further, Center Director Judge Rosenberg advised John McCuskey, the Attorney General of West Virginia, in a February 24th letter that the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) will not remove the "Reference Guide on Climate Science" chapter from its version of the Reference Manual: "The Academies will include asterisked language in its web and printed versions of the RMSE indicating that the FJC has omitted the chapter from its version of the manual." We respectfully recommend the Center direct NAS to remove both the "How Science Works" and the "Reference Guide on Climate Science" chapters from their version of the Federal Judicial Center's Reference Manual on Scientific Evidence: 4th Edition.

Footnotes:

1. Michael Crichton, Aliens Cause Global Warming, Caltech Michelin Lecture, Jan. 17, 2003.

2. Its fundamental scientific flaws are detailed in Profs. Lindzen's and Happer's paper "Physics Demonstrates That Increasing Greenhouse Gases Cannot Cause Dangerous Warming, Extreme Weather or Any Harm" and in Prof. Koonin's book Unsettled (2d. ed. 2024)."

END QUOTE

The letter is signed by each author and includes their curricula vitae.

The mention of Merchants of Doubt is noteworthy. It is an ad hominen attack unsupported by physical evidence but repeated in the popular press. Now the Federal Judicial Center and the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM) consider that the popular press determines science, not physical evidence from observation and experiment. The National Academies are up to their necks in the mire of the Washington swamp. They are political organizations that have abandoned scientific integrity and the scientific method in favor of political popularity. The scientific method came to fruition during the great controversy of whether Earth was the center of the universe or a planet orbiting the Sun. The National Academies are using the arguments of an Earth-centered universe that was the consensus at that time.

See links under Challenging the Orthodoxy.

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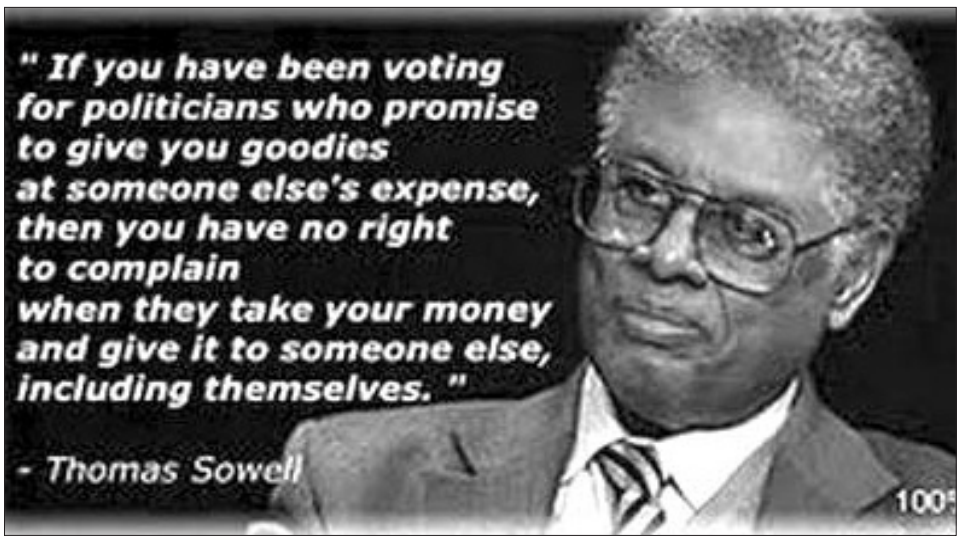



The New Excuse Industry: How "Anti-Racism" Rebranded Misbehavior and is Destroying American Education

By Gary Wickert

In American education, few claims have become blindly accepted as the assertion that unequal outcomes among students must be the product of racism. Suspension rates differ by race, therefore discipline is racist. Test scores differ by race, therefore standards and instruction are racist. Graduation rates differ by race, therefore accountability is racist. This "disparity equals discrimination" logic has become so dominant that it now drives policy, training, and enforcement, often without serious engagement with the more mundane and more compelling causes of disorder, violence, and academic underperformance in U.S. schools. The result is not merely a flawed public narrative. It is a set of institutional incentives that discourage discipline, erode classroom order, and ultimately harm the very children these policies purport to protect.

American schools did not become more chaotic because teachers suddenly forgot how to teach. They became more chaotic because adults in charge decided that discipline itself was a moral problem rather than a crucial tool for children, providing essential structure, safety, and teaching vital life skills like self-control, responsibility, and emotional regulation. With all the fanfare that normally attends such virtue signaling, they have pivoted to a bizarre ideology holding that the most important job of a school is not to educate children, but to manage narratives about inequity. Once that ideological shift took hold, school administrators stopped asking the most basic questions that make any institution function, such as "What rule was broken?" and "What consequence will deter it next time?" Instead, the governing question became, "How will this look in the discipline data?" In that world, accountability is treated as oppression, consequences are treated as racism, and safety is treated as an inconvenience. The predictable result is what we now see across much of the country: fewer suspensions on paper, more disorder in practice, and a steadily shrinking number of families willing or able to tolerate it. Public education is on life support, and liberal teachers' unions are the culprit.

The core premise of the modern discipline movement is deceptively simple: because suspension and expulsion rates differ by race, the disparity must reflect discrimination. But that is not analysis. That is politics. Disparity is not proof of bias, and treating it as such is a category error that has infected education policy. The

existence of different outcomes across groups tells you only that something is different. It does not tell you why. Yet a decade of policy activism has insisted on one explanation while actively discouraging consideration of others. The result is a self-reinforcing loop: disparities are declared evidence of racism, racism allegations force schools to reduce consequences, reduced consequences increase misconduct, increased misconduct produces more disparities, and the cycle continues with even more "equity" programming and even less order.

The most inconvenient truth for the "racism-first" narrative is that a significant portion of the difference in youth violence rates is explained by social and neighborhood structure, not by inherent racial differences and not by the personal prejudice of teachers and administrators. Factors such as whether a child lives with married parents, the stability of employment, the importance a family places on education, and adult role models in child's life are key determiners of successful learning. They are not merely ideological slogans. They are measurable variables. They point to a reality that every experienced educator recognizes: student behavior is shaped long before the first bell rings. A school can influence conduct, but it cannot pretend that family instability, neighborhood disorder, and weak adult supervision are irrelevant. When policymakers refuse to discuss these factors, they do not become less real. They simply become more powerful.

Rather than confronting that reality, discipline reformers chose an easier path. They reframed discipline itself as suspect and cast consequences as the engine of inequity and racism. Obama-era federal policy pressure accelerated the shift by treating racial disparities in suspensions as presumptive evidence of wrongful conduct by schools. Many districts responded rationally to the incentives: they reduced suspensions. But reducing suspensions is not the same as reducing misbehavior. In fact, it is the opposite. If you want fewer suspensions quickly, the fastest method is to stop suspending. That may improve a spreadsheet. It does not necessarily improve a school. And it does not improve the student. Schools report this result almost without exception. Suspensions drop, but violence and disruption rise, leaving teachers to manage chaos while administrators celebrate "equity" metrics.

This is where "restorative justice" enters the picture, and it deserves far more skepticism than it has received. Restorative justice sells itself as moral progress, an enlightened alternative to "punitive" discipline. Like the ubiquitous "time out" without consequences, when "restorative justice" is implemented at scale in real

schools, it often functions as a permission structure. It trains adults to interpret misconduct through the lens of grievance and trauma while downplaying culpability and consequences. It replaces the clarity of rules with the ambiguity of "process." It persuades institutions to negotiate with behaviors that should simply be deterred. And in many districts, it is inseparable from the broader social-justice worldview that treats disparities as proof of oppression and treats enforcement as suspect. Critics have argued, plausibly, that restorative justice has become a vehicle *continued on page 15*

Teachers *cont. from page 1*

The current challenges also extend beyond students. Nearly eight in 10 teachers say they have considered leaving the profession, citing burnout as their pay continues to fall behind that of other college-educated workers. The system is strained at every level, and every person with skin in the game knows it. (RELATED: Teacher Keeps Job After Allegedly 'Licking' Student's Foot On Video)

Who is at the center of it all? America's teachers' unions. While students slip to historic lows in reading and math and classrooms struggle to recover from union-driven school shutdowns, the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) and its president Randi Weingarten appear focused elsewhere, pouring time, money, and political muscle into ideological conflicts and partisan campaigns instead of fixing the schools they supposedly represent.

As president of the nation's largest teacher's union, Weingarten represents 1.8 million educators and plays a central role in shaping K-12 policy and the direction of American education. At a moment of historic academic decline, one might expect her influence to be directed toward fixing it.

It's not. She is focused on her own political ambitions.

Weingarten has directed the AFT's resources toward organizing and amplifying explicitly political activism, including the anti-Trump "No Kings" rallies. There, she took the spotlight to declare that "we are not going to let Donald Trump continue to do what he has been doing" and ignoring the fact that Americans voted to elect Donald Trump as President, boldly claimed that "we, the people, have to have the ultimate say."

Unfortunately, this latest spectacle is nothing new. The AFT has a long record of channeling resources into left-wing political campaigns, protests, and advocacy efforts that have little to do with whether students can read, write, do basic math, or are proficient in these core competencies.

The AFT has funneled tens of millions of dollars to left-wing aligned groups and candidates since 2022, and spent most of last year engaged in aggressive legal and activist campaigns against Trump administration-directed education reforms aimed at restoring parental oversight in curricula and de-politicizing the classroom.

This ideological activism was on full display during the pandemic, when Weingarten advocated and defended keeping schools closed far longer than necessary, even as evidence showed it was safe to reopen. After these devastating setbacks from school closures and virtual learning, the average student is less than halfway to a full academic recovery. In some grades, there has been little to no improvement in reading since classrooms reopened. Chronic absenteeism has surged, especially among lower-income students; in 2024, rates were 57 percent higher than before the pandemic, and Weingarten is directly responsible for this generational learning loss.

Even after nearly $200 billion in emergency federal spending on K-12 education, student performance continues to decline. Students are doing worse than they were a decade ago, and lower-performing students are now further behind than their counterparts were more than 30 years ago. National test scores have fallen to their lowest levels in decades, while The Nation's Report Card data shows the gap between high- and low-performing students continuing to widen.

At a moment when student outcomes are deteriorating at record levels, the priorities for educational leadership like Weingarten should not be difficult to identify. It begins in the classroom: ensuring children are given foundational tools for critical thinking and can learn how to think (not what to think) and supporting teachers and parents as they help students achieve their full potential.

At the American Parents Coalition, we will continue to educate parents on the blatant partisan actions academic leaders like Weingarten are doing, at the expense of our children. It's time to reclaim parental authority, and to demand teachers' unions focus on academic success and not divisive ideologies.

Our children do not get another chance at learning. Their childhood is finite. The major setbacks taking hold now will shape not only academic prospects in their immediate future, but also their confidence, opportunity, and quality of life.

Randi Weingarten prioritizes a political agenda over our kids. She promotes policies that cut parents out of their children's lives. She uses her platform to advocate for herself, not teachers or students. It's time for Randi Weingarten to be replaced with a true advocate for education.

The views and opinions expressed in this commentary are those of the author and do not reflect the official position of the Daily Caller News Foundation.

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School Boards Continued

My friend Jack commented on School Boards: They Just Don't Care:

Hi Jack,

Before the early 70's, Parent Teacher Associations and the school principal, ran the school... They answered to the School's Superintendent....School Boards did not have the power... They stayed in their lane....

Then schools PTA lost any power they had because for some reason, "School Boards" took control of schools and told parents to fund raise, told teachers to fall in line and added School Boards added more Principles to each school to fill out paperwork for State and Federal Regulators.

In Racine Unified, there are just as many Support personal as there are teachers... This is the problem related to higher taxes... To many support staff...

Another reason there are additional support staff is that students with learning disabilities requiring one on one support.

I understand the need for such attention, but student that do not have the physically or mentally capacity to excel as other students, need specialized instruction so they too can excel to their potential. This cannot happen in a classroom in which Special Needs students are "Main Streamed" into classrooms. This is an added distraction for teachers and students to address.

Since schools run by Parents, Teachers and Principal, taxes will continue to increase because School Boards do not care... School Boards demonstrate this because they have accepted dismal school grade scores for 20 years when Tony Evers was WI Superintendent.

Regards,
Jack

I was struck by Jack's historical perspective. How the control and direction of schools have gone from Parents to Bureaucracies. **And that really IS the crux of the problem.** Not only is the School Board bureaucracy by itself a parasite on society, it has also clandestinely combined its DNA with other parasites to form a super parasite. The Teachers Union, The DPI, REPUBLICANS and Democrats in the Senate and Assembly, and let's not forget the Governor himself have all combined to toss $Billions MORE of your money down the "educational" sewer. Then they have the nerve to tell you how great that sewer smells.

When you finally get pissed off enough to actually attend a School Board Meeting, take note of how many people in the room are either current teachers, former teachers or others who have had a long-term association with the school bureaucracy. Only then will you really get what my friend Jack has to say.

Coal, The Fuel We Ignore But Cannot Replace

By Lars Schernikau

For years now, coal has been treated like a relic… a dirty word, something we were told would quietly disappear during the "energy transition".

But yet, here we are… global coal consumption has definitely not declined, quite the contrary, it has only grown from roughly 6 billion tons in 2008 (when I wrote my first book on coal "The Renaissance of Steam Coal") to around 9 billion tons today. Not to mention the seaborne trade which almost doubled! So the question is not whether coal is disappearing as we were told, it's whether we misunderstood this useful black rock in the first place.

Our material world runs on something we are avoiding…

We like to think we live in a "clean" digital world with all our devices, apps, AI and cloud storage, but our physical world has not gone anywhere and should also be considered in this equation.

Steel, cement, metals, fertilizers….so many elements needed to actually build our modern lives which still heavily depends, directly or indirectly, on coal.

Did you know that roughly one-third of all coal is used not for electricity, but for industry? In fact, when you include electricity used for industrial purposes, more than half of all coal globally is consumed by industries keeping our daily amenities running :

steel production,
cement manufacturing,
chemicals and fertilizers,
high-temperature industrial heat (also used to make silicone for those very popular solar panels), and on and it goes.

Take coal out of that system, and you don't just lose power, you also lose the ability to build and improve our physical environment.

The surprising reality about electricity is that coal still produces over a third of global electricity… not because coal is the trendy choice, but rather because it works, its "democratic", and so damn low cost!

Let's look at why I am saying this:

• coal plants are not weather dependant. They don't stop when the wind doesn't blow or the sun doesn't shine

• coal doesn't run the risk of exploding, you can have months of fuel supply sit in your back yard, no complex storage and auxiliary systems required and it is abundantly available with no region monopolizing supply

• coal plants sit there, quietly and reliably doing their job, at low cost, hour after hour year after year, decade after decade

• and a modern coal-fired power stations can emit less particle emissions than a busy intersection!

This is also why, when energy systems are under pressure, coal keeps reappearing, even in countries that claim to have moved on from it.

The scale of coal

Each year, humanity extracts around 110 billion tons of resources from the Earth and coal alone accounts for about 9 billion tons thereof.

Nearly half of global shipping activity is just moving energy in the form of oil, gas, and coal from one place to another. Coal is not a niche fuel…it's one of the largest moving pieces of the global economy with 1.5 billion tons shipped each year.

Now, I suspect you have heard of the "we cannot mine coal forever" argument and yes, that is correct, but we are not running out of coal any time soon! Not even close!

Depending on how you measure it, the world has:

• over 100 years of proven reserves and

• thousands of years of total resources we already know of today, 20-30x more than gas, oil, or uranium

Coal is also geographically widespread meaning it's not easily controlled, disrupted, or "turned off." From an energy security perspective, that matters…a lot!

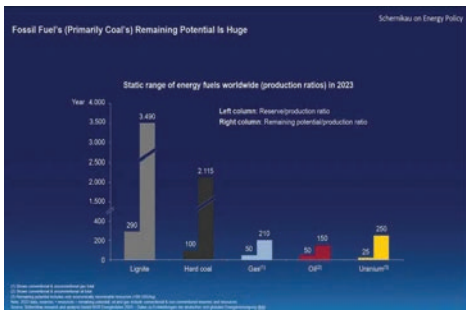

Figure 1: Coal lasts over 3.000 years. Source: Schernikau Research

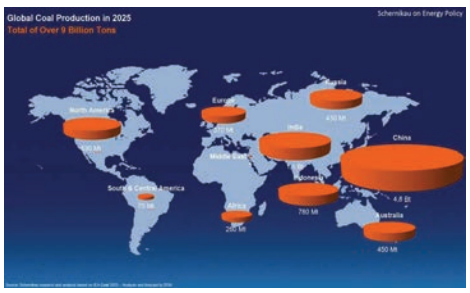

Figure 2: Global Coal Production. Source: Schernikau Research

Meanwhile, the world keeps on turning

As China continues to build coal capacity at scale, India is planning significant coal-powered energy production increases and Southeast Asia relies on coal for growth.

Even the US is reconsidering coal's role in keeping their grids stable.

So, what about Europe? Everyone still turns back to coal whenever systems are stressed.

During these times of stress, not only did India, Japan, Philippines, and the US, but even Italy turned back to coal.

Now, what is the actual story?

My blog post on coal isn't about being "pro" or "anti" anything.

It's about understanding the reality of coal and that is, that coal is:

• deeply embedded in industrial systems

• tructurally tied to and responsible for electricity reliability and

• still central to global growth and economic development

The real question isn't about the existence of coal usage…it is whether we actually understand what replacing coal would require.

If you think coal is a thing of the past… then you are missing the big picture, which is far more complex and far more relevant than most headlines suggest.

Climate Intelligence (Clintel) is an independent foundation informing people about climate change and climate policies.

This summary of the full blog post article was published originally at wattsupwiththat.com on 6 april 2026. The full blog "Coal keeps the lights on… are we experiencing a new renaissance of coal?" is available at www.unpopular-truth.com. For an in-depth look at the chemical and physical characteristics of coal, see: Schernikau's Coal Handbook.

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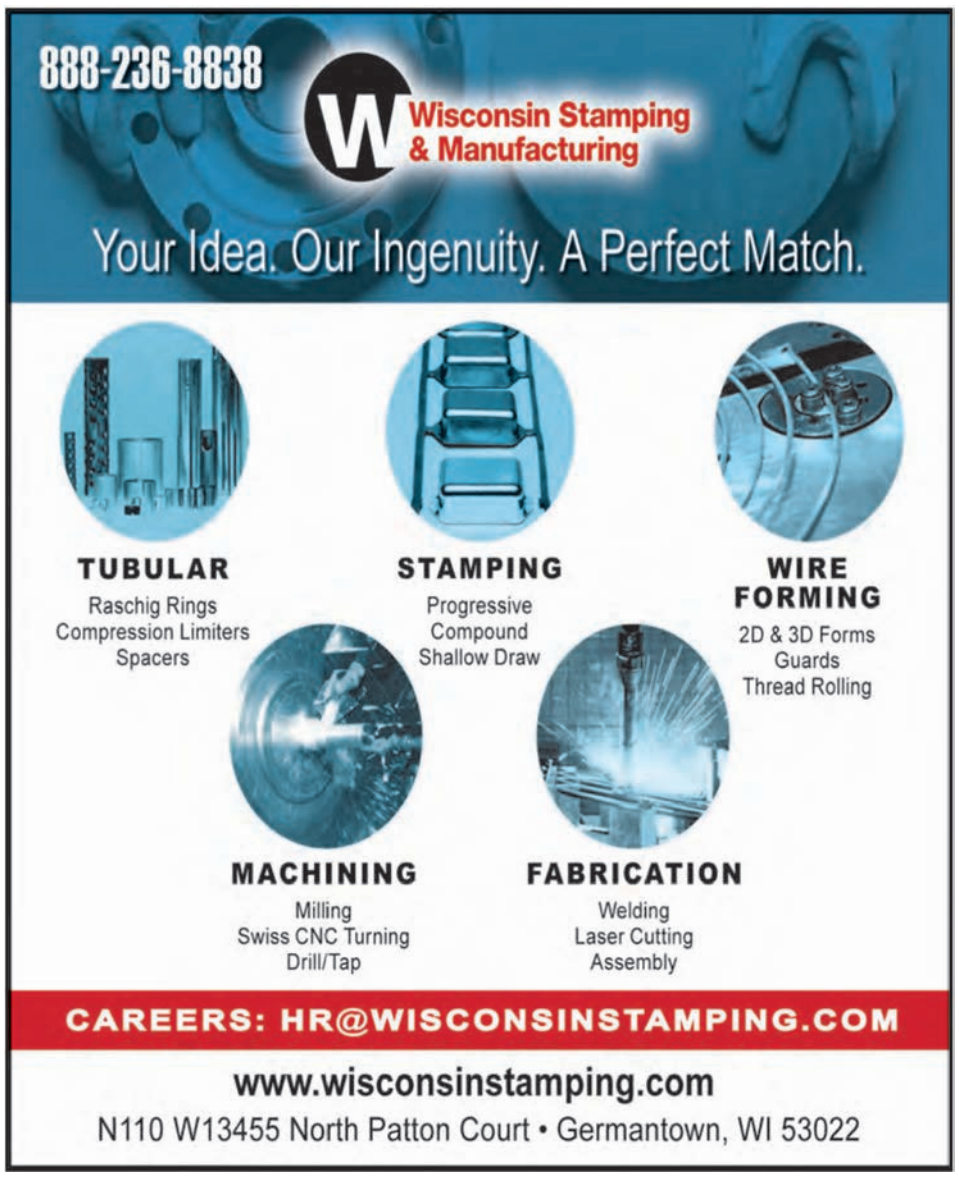

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Better Economic Thinking

Who We Are

The volunteer Personal Economics Team includes entrepreneurs, business owners, economists and educators.

We are inspired by the great thinkers on free enterprise economics and personal freedom.

We are a donor-driven organization relying on support from individuals, foundation and other charitable sources. We do not sell or endorse products or services or provide specific financial advice.

Currently our editorials appear in publications with a print circulation of over 100,000 supplemented by online and no-cost PDF subscriptions read by thousands more per issue.

What We Do

Our goal is to present economic and financial skills to adults who did not receive this education in the government school system.

We provide information to guide decision making on both personal financial questions and public policy matters.

Our content is rooted in commonsense principles and communicated in clear and easily understood messages. Our strategy is to play the long game. Static billboards provide repetitive exposure at the lowest cost per impression. Messages are updated monthly.

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Everyone has a different skill set. If you want freedom to achieve your best, everyone cannot be equal. No on will be free.

We seek to create a greater public appreciation of the free enterprise system and thereby incentivize policy makers to advance economic freedom.

Since government schools were not required to provide economic and finanical training, there is a need to provide this to the hundreds of thousands of citizens who did not benefit from this basic life knowedge.

Put another way: "you cannot know what you do not know." We are working to change that.

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"An investment in knowledge pays the best interest"

- Benjamin Franklin

The High Cost of Financial Ignorance

By James Bohn and Greg Grambow

You've probably heard the expression "if you think education is expensive, try ignorance." Unfortunately, financial ignorance is widespread among Americans. Studies routinely find that more than half of American adults don't even have a basic level of financial knowledge.

Financial ignorance costs you both directly and indirectly as a taxpayer.

Wealth inequality is a hot social topic in America today. Governments at the federal, state and local levels spend trillions of dollars a year on aid programs to assist those who are defined as in poverty. Quite simply, it is a money transfer from those with more earning power to those with less. Politicians on the left, like Bernie Sanders, use the nebulous wealth inequality argument to sell promises of even more massive transfer programs managed and controlled by a central government to garner votes.

But there is an easier way to address wealth inequality, one that both Republicans and Democrats should agree on: financial education. To put it plainly, a lot of Americans are poor because of poor personal financial management.

Financial knowledge can do a lot to lift people out of poverty. One academic study found that if every American had even a basic understanding of personal finance, wealth inequality would be half as large as it is today. That is a lot of dollars, and anxiety, saved.

Financial knowledge creates wealth on both sides of one's personal balance sheet.

Inflation is the great enemy of savers. Studies show that those with at least a basic understanding of finance are more likely to invest in the stock market or interest-bearing investments that offer a return in excess of inflation. The financially ignorant are more likely to keep their money in cash or a no-interest bearing savings account only to see inflation eat away at the value of their nest egg.

Those with greater financial awareness are more likely to keep an emergency fund to deal with unforeseen expenses. Shockingly, a study by the Federal Reserve found that 37% of Americans don't have enough cash on hand to cover an unforeseen $400 expense. According to Kelly Blue Book, the average car repair is $838. Even a modest balance in an interest-bearing checking account can help avoid costly household financial emergencies.

Financial knowledge also helps one avoid costly credit mistakes. One common credit mistake is using high-cost forms of borrowing when cheaper alternatives are available. While we don't recommend either going to a payday lender or keeping a balance on your credit card, interest rates on credit card loans are usually lower than on payday loans. Yet one study found that two-thirds of credit card holders that went to a payday lender had at least $1,000 in available credit left on their card at the time they took out their first payday loan.

Financial knowledge also helps one steer clear of scams. Young people and the elderly are particularly vulnerable. Young people have less experience in personal financial management. Most older Americans have accumulated some financial assets, but some are not as sharp as they once were. Losses from frauds targeting the elderly are expected to increase as the population of senior citizens continues to grow.

Financial education is the surest way to confront financial ignorance. Yet Wisconsin and many states lag in this regard. Most Wisconsin adults never had a course in personal financial management in high school and only a small minority—about 15 to 25 percent—of college students ever take a course in economics or finance.

Starting with the class of 2028, Wisconsin high school students will have to take a half credit course in personal finance. That's progress. But that doesn't address the millions of Wisconsin adults that never had such instruction.

Personal Economics mission is to bring financial and economic education to this large group of adults.

Financial education is the surest tool to address poverty and wealth inequality. The next time a politician promotes yet another program to transfer wealth or reduce poverty, tell them to "support financial education first."

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Those statements raise a question Americans should not dismiss lightly: Has the language of power so overtaken our politics that constitutional limits are now treated as optional?

The Constitution does not exist to amplify power. It exists to restrain it.

America's Founders did not design a government built on dominance or force, but on fiduciary duty—an obligation owed by public officials to the Constitution and to the people whose liberty it protects. Power under the U.S. Constitution was deliberately fragmented, checked, and constrained because unchecked authority, no matter how well-intentioned, was understood to be the enemy of freedom.

Every federal official—the President, members of Congress, judges, and executive officers—swears an oath to uphold the Constitution. That oath is not ceremonial. It is a binding legal and moral commitment. To violate it is to breach faith with both the constitutional order and the citizenry.

Yet in present day governing, that fiduciary understanding has eroded. A strong presidency combined with an increasingly compliant Congress has normalized the transfer of legislative authority to the executive branch through emergency declarations, executive orders, and expansive interpretations of national security powers—often without meaningful constitutional debate.

This pattern transcends party. Republicans and Democrats alike tend to rediscover constitutional restraint only when the other party controls the White House. When their own president governs, constitutional scruples often give way to partisan loyalty.

The result is a dangerous symbiosis: presidents act first, Congress funds later, and accountability dissolves in between. Over time, this corrodes the separation of powers and concentrates authority in a single office. The risk is not that one party will abuse power permanently, but that all parties will inherit—and expand—the same unchecked authority.

Fiduciary government is not an abstraction. It is the difference

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Skin in the Game

I was part of a recent discussion about the corporate world and how it operates. Corporations are usually broken down into parts or divisions or something. Each part has its own goals and priorities. Such priorities are championed by ***individuals***, who view their own little worlds as the universe. They essentially have blinders on and see only what affects and benefits THEM. And that's the crux of the problem.

These people, we'll call them "managers", too often look through a single, narrowly focused lens. What affects ME or MY future? What affects MY budget? What makes ME look good? The answers to the above questions direct the decisions they make despite what is in the best overall interest of the company. Unfortunately, governments work the same way.

EVERY government and every PART of a government has its own budget. The "managers" of the budgets, also known as ELECTED OFFICIALS, all have the same common focus, when doing their jobs. **"How can we SPEND all of our budget?"** And. **"How can we get MORE MONEY?"** These people who YOU elect have no concern for how much money they spend.....because it is not their money. They have no Skin in the Game. Their only concern is how much crap they are going to get from those who elected them in the first place. And unfortunately, they never get enough of that either.

So how do we get politicians to put some of their own skin in the game? If you ask them, they will tell you something like 'We already do have skin in the game. We pay taxes too.' Don't take that crap for an answer. Their power and wealth goes up for every dollar they spend and that increase exceeds the pittance that THEY pay in taxes by miles and miles. They have no incentive to spend or tax less, and they have no spending ethics.

Honestly, I don't think that politicians will ever have any concern over how much they tax and spend. (Go to a school board meeting and see it firsthand.) Our system with its Base-Line Budgeting, Deficit Spending and FRAUD is specifically designed to keep the politicians own skin FROM getting in the game. And WHO designed and implemented that system? That's right, the people YOU elected.

Maybe Jefferson was right. Maybe the "Tree of Liberty" needs to be "refreshed". Revolution isn't always about guns and violence. But revolution ALWAYS IS about a popular, political uprising. We see it today in Iran. We see it happening in China. Will we also see it in the United States? And will it in time?

Time will tell.

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Beglinger Blast . . . The Aftermath

By Joan Beglinger

The morning after the 2026 Wisconsin Supreme Court election everything looked the same. But it wasn't. The state that delivered a presidential victory to Donald Trump in 2024 had just delivered a liberal extremist, Chris Taylor, a 20-point win over conservative Maria Lazar, and increased the liberal majority on the Court to 5:2, a margin that will be maintained for at least the next 4 years. The implications of a liberal majority that can block any appeal and has shown a willingness, perhaps even eagerness, to legislate from the bench are still sinking in. This disastrous outcome merits reflection.

The Candidates

Maria Lazar was an excellent candidate. She is an experienced judge at the Circuit Court and Appeals Court level. She campaigned truthfully, with optimism, transparency, and a commitment to educating the public about the importance of an independent judiciary in maintaining the crucial balance with the Executive and Legislative branches. She promoted the fact she has never affiliated with a political party as an advantage for a Supreme Court Justice, stressing how critical it is that judges consider only the letter of the law and facts of the case when rendering opinions. She provided extensive information about her past opinions to give voters the opportunity to evaluate for themselves how she operates as a judge. Lazar hit back hard to correct the lies Taylor and her supporters told about her on a regular basis but never resorted to the ugliness that incessantly came her way.

Lazar was severely disadvantaged by the late decision of conservative Justice Rebecca Bradley not to run for reelection (Lazar did not enter the race until October. Taylor entered the race in May.) and her fundraising deficit of just under $700,000 to Taylor's $5.2 million, but you never would have known it by watching her work.

Chris Taylor is a liar. There is no way to sugar coat what was in plain view throughout the campaign. She has a long record of liberal extremism that is easily tracked through her time as Public Policy Director of Planned Parenthood and her decade as an elected Democrat in the Wisconsin Legislature. She denied the fact that she is a Democrat during the campaign despite having identified herself as such when completing election paperwork. Taylor spent the campaign trying to hide who she is from the voters to deceive them into voting for her. She avoided side by side appearances with Lazar to keep from being exposed, and would agree to just one debate, which was conveniently postponed so late in the campaign it was unlikely to have much impact.

Taylor and her supporters actively and knowingly lied about Lazar throughout the campaign, most notably taking excerpts of statements she made, totally changing their meaning, and trying to create the impression she would try to ban abortion.

Taylor denied she will legislate from the bench, danced around recusal questions, and proclaimed her judicial independence. In one example of the skill with which Taylor lies, she would not commit to recusing herself from any litigation concerning Act 10 that comes before the Court, despite the fact the public record shows her as a fierce critic of the law throughout her political career. Wisconsin voters will now have an opportunity to compare her words to her actions, but Taylor will have a 10-year term to protect her from the wrath of the voters when she performs as we know she will.

The Media

The dishonest media will remain one of the greatest threats to freedom unless they are replaced by a new generation of journalists committed to following the truth wherever it leads and unbiased reporting in service to the American people. To date, there is no evidence of the rebirth of journalistic integrity. The responsibility of the media during this (and every) election was to answer the question thoroughly and objectively, "Who are candidates Maria Lazar and Chris Taylor"? Just the facts. They failed. Instead, they allowed Chris Taylor to make whatever assertions she wished, unchallenged and unchecked. This is paradise for a practiced liar.

One unexpectedly bright media light emerged in this election. The single debate was moderated by Matt Smith and Garron Jordan of WISN 12 in Milwaukee and was by far the best we've seen in any election. They optimized the time available with important questions, allowed each candidate to speak without interference, followed up on evasive answers, and did not editorialize, allowing the viewers to perceive them as neutral and focus on the candidates.

The Political Parties

The Republican and Democratic Parties are a big part of what is wrong with our political system. Power and money are their central concerns. They have a stranglehold on the political process, robbing the voters of meaningful voice. They hold tight control over choosing and managing candidates and determining priorities.

The Republican Party does not represent the conservative voters of Wisconsin. It is controlled by elitists who deprive the grass roots of influence. When the members of several district parties replaced their leadership with members more aligned with their priorities, the state level Executive Committee devised a rule that would allow them to remove leaders who they determine are not toeing the Party line. Last year, the members passed resolutions at the state convention to force the Party leaders to address election verifiability. They ignored them. This year, the Party elites decided to stop accepting resolutions from the members.

People who are well connected in the Republican Party often comment that Brian Schimming, Chair of the Republican Party of Wisconsin, is a great guy to have a beer with but completely ineffective as Chair. We need leadership, not a drinking buddy. I received numerous requests for donations from the Republican Party during this election cycle evoking Maria Lazar's name. I was disgusted, but not surprised, to learn that the

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Every Voter, On Line, 10 Cents A Year

By Omega4America

The Federal government is being twisted into contortions trying to get a national voter list. They are demanding lists from the states, the states are fighting back - everything goes to court and you know it will never happen.

So let's do it privately.

Our organization and partners can deliver a national voter list of 26 states today - and it would take another few weeks to add the other 24.

There would be a couple of hitches because Utah and Alaska hide much of their voter roll, Virginia says the voter roll needs to be in Virginia, which we can accommodate and Arizona has sort of the same rule.

We are not political but we certainly understand the value of cutting the cards with the Secretary of State - or voter commission who run the voter rolls.

The voter rolls of every state are crap.

They have voters residing at gas stations, car lots, abandoned buildings by the thousands - and they are sent mail-in ballots - and someone - other than them - can vote those ballots.

We have video after video on the Omega4America site demonstrating conclusively voters are registered at preposterous addresses - or voter rolls are not synchronized with change of address rolls.

The Beltway Grifters like Judicial Watch bullshit the public by spending millions of dollars removing voters who never vote - from voter rolls.

They ignore the tens of thousands of ineligible ballots voted every year from Walmarts and gas stations because that's too confrontational.

It appears the Department of Justice sees somewhat the same thing. They filed a lawsuit in North Carolina all about it:

In the lawsuit there are some compelling statements from your government. One of them is - Congress feels the Federal Government has a place to help make sure you do not have voters living at Walmarts.

They don't actually say that but it's kind of what they meant here:

What did you read there?

You read about cross database search - comparing voter rolls with property tax rolls, DMV databases, welfare rolls to make sure they match.

It's one thing to get your ballot at the gas station - where it undeliverable, given to an NGO then voted for you.

The DMV is unlikely to have any citizens registered at Walmarts - because drivers need their licenses. Mail-in ballots? Maybe not so much.

The Department of Justice jumped on the concept of voter roll reconciliation - compare voter rolls with other agency rolls - what's the harm?

Voters will not have a check sent to an undeliverable address - and the government picks that up here:

Well how much would it cost a state to sync voter rolls with all their other government rolls - not all of them but certainly the DMV, the property tax rolls, change of address rolls and welfare?

It would be millions per state - tens of millions for big states and they would never get it done - or certainly not in time to make a difference.

How about a private alternative?

Our team already has the voter rolls for 26 states running on

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Crooked Judges Equal Crooked Courts

On March 23rd Bill Savage from the **Savage Speaks Substack** re-posted an article from Attorney Tom Frenn, which was titled **Why Does Wisconsin Elect Unethical Supreme Court Judges**? The question itself poses a dilemma to me. There are so many possible answers, where do I go first with such limited space?

The first thing that pops into my head is "....because voters are stupid." But maybe a better answer is "....because voters are so easily manipulated." From the article: *"The last two supreme Court justices won their seats after massive advertising campaigns touting their pro-abortion stances. The current candidate is outspending her opponent 10 -1 primarily on the abortion issue....(and by) outside spending groups, who often run outrageous ads filled with outright lies."*

Voters, those that are manipulated, stupid or both, tend to believe what they see on CNN or hear on iHeart and react (VOTE) as intended by their puppet masters. If it's on TV or the radio, it must be true.

But isn't our government broken up into branches so each branch can keep an eye on the other two? Aren't there regulations and ethics to which each governmental agency, bureaucrat, politician, or judge is bound? Apparently not. If there is no constraint on government, then ethical and legitimate government does not exist. Again, from the article: *"The current Judicial Commission, who is charged with regulating these activities, does nothing. The judges deserve at least a public reprimand, but the commission is silent along with the Ethics Commission and I might add, the state legislature."*

Governors, Senates, Assemblies, Judicial Commissions, Ethics Commissions and Elections Commissions, LIKE CHILDREN, very quickly figure out what they can get away with. And like children, if no one is there to inflict consequences for their actions, those actions become worse and worse.

So, who's to blame? I'll let you answer that one. The options are many. But here's a hint. The ones with the most power tend to be the most corrupt.

Heartland *cont. from page 1*

content, humor and showmanship.



Yes, showmanship, an important skill at any intense conference like this. Think Marc Morano (see https://climateconference.heartland.org/team-members/marc-morano/), the keynote speaker at the closing dinner on the second day. Marc, publisher of CFACT's Climate Depot and the author of the 2021 book Green Fraud, has the ability to capture an audience's attention like no other. I mentioned to him after his presentation that, just as he was starting to speak, I, and I noticed some others in the audience, were starting to show the impact of many hours of conference proceedings. But, then suddenly, it was half an hour later, Marc's talk was over, and everyone had forgotten their tiredness. Marc began his speech by declaring, "We're going to have some fun!" and indeed we did! His presentation was titled "The Great Reject: Triumphant Trump dismantles the Climate Agenda with Nary a Pushback" and is well worth watching at https://tinyurl.com/2u2r6eux.



All of ICCC16 may be viewed at climateconference.heartland.org and I certainly encourage everyone who missed it to watch the recordings online. To help inspire you to watch the whole conference and help you decide what to watch, in the event that you don't have time to watch it all, I will discuss just three other of the many talks I found both interesting and useful, bearing in mind that, because there were two panels happening at the same time for most of the two days, I have yet to see them all.

Besides Morano's masterpiece, and kicking off the second day was an excellent keynote presentation from the new effervescent head of Heartland UK, Lois Perry (see https://climateconference.heartland.org/team-members/lois-perry/) that you can enjoy watching at https://tinyurl.com/3e8hjpeh. Lois gave a cautionary tale about what happens when a country, namely her nation, follows the woke climate alarm. She then pivoted to the recent developments in which she has been involved, particularly Heartland's contribution to the rise of climate realist Reform UK leader Nigel Farage as a leading contender for prime minister.



Lois concluded:

"Heartland and I have proven that principled ideas, vigorous research and relentless communication can change policy at the highest levels, literally across governments and borders. But this work doesn't continue on its own. It continues only with the support of people like you. We've changed the conversation. We're changing politics, and we're just getting started. We've changed consensus into contention, skepticism into action, and the so-called green wall of Europe is cracking."

What a great way to start the conference. Bravo Lois!

One presentation that both inspired and surprised me, partly because I didn't know the speaker previously but mostly because the implications of his talk are monumental, was that of physicist and climate analyst Jonathan Cohler (see https://climateconference.heartland.org/team-members/jonathan-cohler/). Jonathan's speech was titled, "The Emperor has no Clothes! How the IPCC Built a 38-year Climate Empire on a Circle of Lies" and may be watched at https://tinyurl.com/mrwvz86t.

Jonathan began:

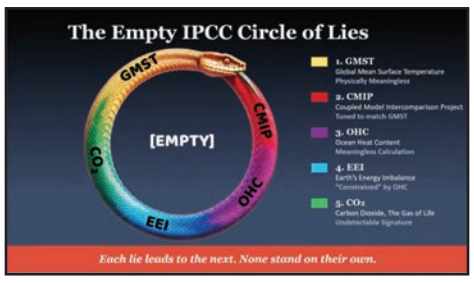


"For decades, the IPCC has paraded various 'metrics' before the world as settled science. But all of them are physical fiction. They aren't real, or in Yiddish, they're bupkis, which ironically is a real word for nothing.

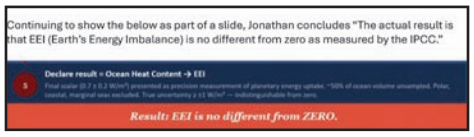
"But many in this room have been disputing interpretations while accepting these lies. Is 1.1 degrees dangerous? Is the energy imbalance large enough to justify net zero? These questions concede that the quantities are real, but they aren't. They literally have no connection to reality.

"For 38 years, the IPCC has paraded a framework that appears real, draped in equations, satellite data, supercomputer models, academy awards and even Nobel prizes. But it's a snake eating its own tail [see screen capture of one of his slides below]. Each of the five lies appears to validate the next but the circle is actually empty."

Wow, just wow – watch the talk to understand how all the parameters in the snake, global mean surface temperature, ocean heat content, carbon dioxide levels, Earth's energy balance, etc., everything the IPCC, governments and the press use to scare us into submission, are fictitious. For example, Jonathan stated, "Any 'global average temperature' is not a physical temperature. It is an unphysical number with no thermodynamic meaning."



Continuing to show the below as part of a slide, Jonathan concludes "The actual result is that EEI (Earth's Energy Imbalance) is no different from zero as measured by the IPCC."



Particularly refreshing for those of us who have fought in support of climate realism for decades was a special panel, "Bringing youth into the climate realist fold." The panel featured meteorologist Chris Martz, social media influencer Lucy Biggers, University of Tennessee Student Emma Arns, and CO2 Coalition member Anika Sweetland. Anika's presentation, "My Climate Wakeup," was delivered with the flourish of a national Toastmaster champion's speech.

She began by telling us about her terror of end of the world climate change when a teenager and how, even during her Bachelor of Climate Studies at the University of West Australia, she was being groomed to be a climate alarmist campaigner.

"I was taught fear, where there should have been curiosity. And most importantly, I was taught a conclusion before I ever saw the evidence. Even when I accidentally stumbled upon the evidence, I was assured it was completely irrelevant to our current predicament. It was a narrative that everyone followed and no one questioned. NO DEBATE ALLOWED.

"My home, planet Earth, was dying. I felt panicked that no one was doing anything about this. It made me so anxious, then miserable and then I go angry. How dare people not care! They got me, hook, line and sinker.

"Children all over the globe are being told their home is unstable, dangerous and on the brink of collapse, floods, fires, storms, presented not as natural events to understand, but as proof of doom. And, if they question it, the school will write to their parents.

"It is completely irresponsible for us to enable this. The psychological impact of these stories is crippling children's mental health and is simply unacceptable. The proportion of school-aged children diagnosed with anxiety in the UK tripled between 2000 and 2023 and doubled in the USA over the same time period."

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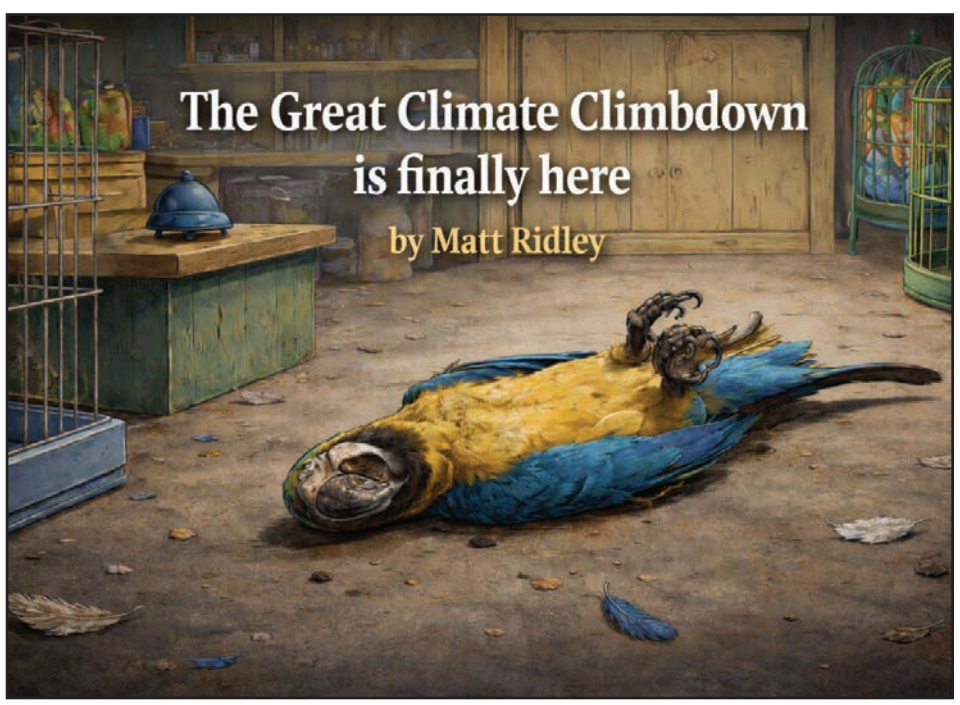

Matt Ridley thinks the Climate Parrot is almost dead

By Peter Baeten

In a leader in The Spectator magazine, British science writer, journalist, and businessman Matt Ridley recently declared that "Finally, thankfully, the global warming craze is dying out. To paraphrase Monty Python, the climate parrot may still be nailed to its perch at the COP summit in Belem, Brazil – or at Harvard and on CNN – but elsewhere it's dead." He also said that Bill Gates's apologia, in which he conceded that global warming "will not lead to humanity's demise" after he closed the policy and advocacy office of his climate philanthropy group, is a further nail in the climate scare coffin. The decline of climate alarmism was the key topic in Ridley's ICSF/Clintel Lecture: "The Great Climate Climbdown" (1 April).

Fading

Ridley's lecture explained why, in his view, the climate "alarm" is fading. One major factor is declining public trust in scientific and institutional authority, particularly following the COVID-19 pandemic. According to Ridley, "the COVID pandemic has left people mistrustful of science and of experts," and this skepticism has spilled over into climate debates. He also argued that exaggerated predictions and high-profile errors have undermined credibility.

However, Ridley identified economic realities as the most decisive factor. He stressed that the promised affordability of decarbonization has not materialized: "It's proving costly, inconvenient, and regressive." In his view, rising energy prices disproportionately affect lower-income households, making climate policies politically and socially contentious. This economic pressure has shifted attention toward energy security and affordability, especially in regions such as the United States and parts of Asia.

A central theme in

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Short Takes

By Ken Van Doren

An artist is not paid for his labor but for his vision. -James Whistler

There must be quite a few things that a hot bath won't cure, but I don't know many of them. -Sylvia Plath

The best thing commercially, which is the worst artistically, by and large, is the most successful. -Orson Welles

America forms the longest and straightest bone in the earth's skeleton. -Ellsworth Huntington

Love is the ultimate expression of the will to live. -Tom Wolfe

True originality consists not in a new manner but in a new vision. -Edith Wharton

Nature scarcely ever gives us the very best; for that we must have recourse to art. -Baltasar Gracian

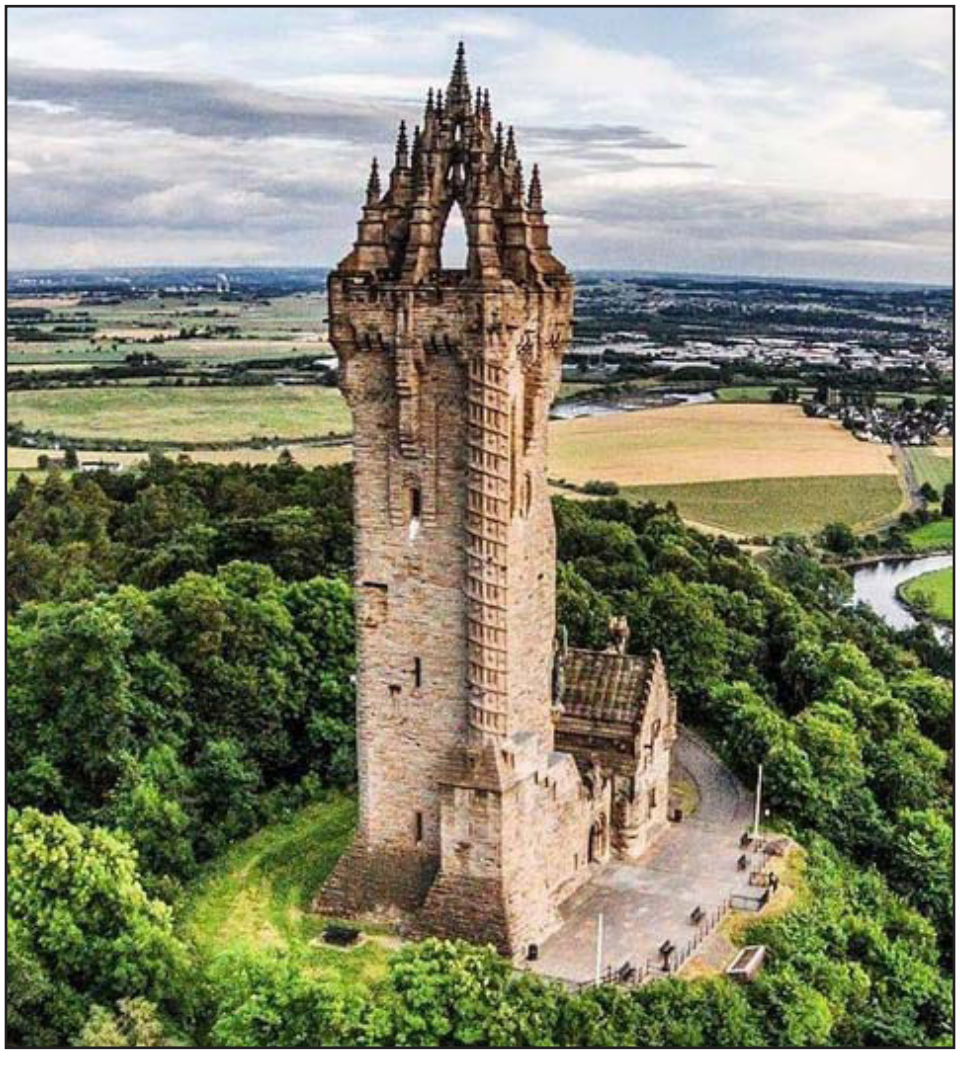
I think you can leave the arts, superior or inferior, to the conscience of mankind. -William Butler Yeats

Voters don't decide issues, they decide who will decide issues. -George Will

Art is dangerous. It is one of the attractions: when it ceases to be dangerous you don't want it.

Wisdom to Live By

"Observation is the ultimate and final judge of the truth of an idea." - Richard Feynman, from "Thoughts of a Citizen Scientist"



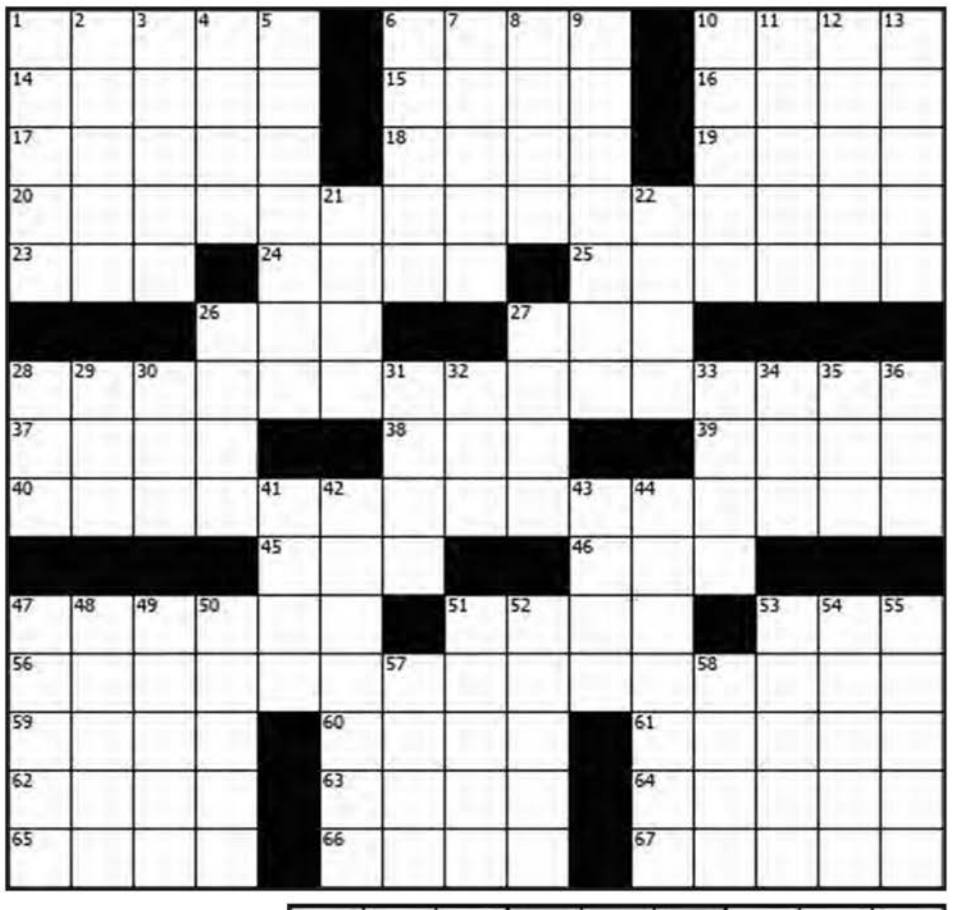
The National Wallace Monument, Scotland

THE GAME PAGE

Crossword Puzzler

ACROSS
1. Soaring
6. Puncture
10. Aids, as a memory
14. Move laterally
15. "___ Won the War" (1967)
16. Potpourri
17. Bobbin
18. From ___
19. King of clubs?
20. Touchdown
23. QB gains
24. Rubs the wrong way
25. Bowling lane buttons
26. Springfield-to-Boston dir.
27. Hero of "Exodus"
28. Extra point
37. Nincompoop
38. Beast of burden
39. Matter of grammar
40. Field goal?
45. Lament
46. Poetic form
47. Nocturnal wildcat
51. Lead-in to "boy" or "girl"
53. Screen thriller of 1950, remade in 1988
56. Safety
59. Kind of sale or door
60. ___ Hari
61. Precalculator calculators
62. Ruler, somewhere in the world
63. Hewed
64. Girls in Guadalajara
65. "Disco Duck" songwriter
66. Fatigue
67. Old Russian rulers

DOWN
1. Evaluate
2. Fatty compound
3. What baking soda collects
4. Hit's opposite
5. Revelatory
6. Butcher's offering
7. Large bags
8. One way off base
9. Conspicuously unconventional
10. Steinbeck family
11. Stan's partner
12. Gotham gridder
13. Revue material
21. Section
22. Rhineland
26. Bachelor's end?
27. Church recess
28. VJ's network
29. Take credit?
30. Predetermine the outcome
31. Kaplan who played Kotter
32. Subj. for immigrants, sometimes
33. Suburban plot, maybe
34. Every man, once
35. "Prufrock" poet's monogram
36. Tender topic in Tokyo
41. Walked like a sumo wrestler
42. Coin-operated cafeteria
43. Jail, pot or seed lead-in
44. Intransigent
47. Disposed of, gangsterstyle
48. Punishment preceder
49. Unsettlingly strange
50. Salacious looks
51. Intro to math?
52. Kind of secret
53. Mother of William and Harry
54. Felix's roommate
55. "Prelude to ___" (Meg Ryan film)
57. Skirt type
58. MLB stats



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Climate campaigners rooting for Iran

By Craig Rucker

Mountains of scientific evidence, coupled with newfound political will, burst the climate bubble in 2025, imperiling "Team Climate's" dreams of cash and control.

Hot, cold, wet, dry, natural fire, flood, or storm — for climate campaigners, everything is an excuse to roll over and put them in charge.

Now they are rooting for Iran to attack shipping in the Strait of Hormuz, hoping that a short-term oil price spike might provide a rationale to resume long-term transfers of power.

As CFACT's Marc Morano said on Fox, "To paraphrase Al Pacino, just when you think we're out of the climate agenda, they pull us back in."

"What's happening is they're using the same tactics of fear," Marc explained. "They're fearmongering about an energy crisis that hasn't even happened yet, and they're turning that into, 'we have to proactively turn our whole economy toward net zero like we've been saying for decades with the climate agenda.'

All these activists are rooting for Iran to do more destruction to energy infrastructure and keep the Strait blocked so they can go after fossil fuels. To be clear, Reuters said the Iran war was a 'fossil fuel killer,' and that we can now use this to move off of fossil fuels. They're just that excited about this whole war for that reason. …

Higher energy prices are not a bug of the climate agenda; they are a feature. So any hike in energy prices is exactly what they always wanted. You can see why they're giddy at the moment."

What our would-be Green overlords and their short-term-thinking media friends don't realize is that a non-nuclear, disarmed Iran will likely yield an oil glut, not a shortage, as sanctions lift and Gulf oil gushes.

That's actually a major fear for OPEC nations that have been cashing in by replacing the oil that Iran sanctions took off the market. A more free Venezuela may soon be upping oil production as well.

The unprecedented American energy boom, coupled with increased oil and gas production from defanged adversaries and major new nuclear construction, may free the world from energy shortages once and for all.

US Energy *cont. from page 3*

Shortages of liquified petroleum gas (LPG) cylinders are surfacing across India. Hotels and restaurants are struggling to operate as the cylinder shortage cripples the hospitality sector. Rarely acknowledged is that energy scarcity has long been catastrophic for billions in Asia, Africa and Latin America.

When liquified petroleum gas cylinders become scarce and expensive, poor households revert to wood and dung for heating and cooking, which leads to smoky indoor air. When factories cannot secure reliable power, jobs disappear and poverty deepens.

US Exception: Standing Firm Amid Chaos

The one major economy that enters this crisis with a cushion is the United States. The U.S. possesses a massive foundation of domestic oil and gas production, a direct legacy of a 10-year record growth in domestic extraction that accelerated dramatically during the first Trump administration.

The U.S. Energy Information Administration's (EIA's) latest Short-Term Energy Outlook projects U.S. crude oil production averaging around 13.5 million barrels per day in 2026, only slightly below the 2025 level after several years of growth to record output. For natural gas, the EIA expects production to climb from about 107–108 billion cubic feet per day (bcfd) in 2025 to 109–110 bcfd in 2026, which would be a new record.

By embracing fracking, horizontal drilling and regulatory sanity, the U.S. unleashed the power of the Permian Basin and other shale plays. They prioritized sensible energy economics over apocalyptic climate claims.

This stark contrast between American resilience and European collapse is a permanent lesson to be taken by the developing world. National security should not be subject to the whims of the weather or the approval of climate activists in European capitals.

What the current crisis proves is simple: Energy security resides in the ability to secure physical molecules – oil, gas, coal and uranium – when geopolitical storms hit. Europe, and much of Asia, chose to anchor their future to slogans instead.

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between liberty protected by law and liberty contingent on the temperament of those who wield force.

A fiduciary, in plain terms, is someone legally and ethically obligated to act in the best interests of another. In constitutional government, elected officials are fiduciaries of the Constitution itself. Their loyalty must run first to its structure—limited powers, divided authority, and mutual restraint—not to party, personality, or political expediency.

That fiduciary duty carries concrete obligations. Federal officials must protect the Constitution's separation of powers, restrain excesses by other branches, act within lawful bounds, and steward national resources prudently. Without this framework, ambition is limited only by opportunity.

The Constitution's emphasis on structure is deliberate. As Chief Justice John Marshall explained in McCulloch v. Maryland, it is the architecture of government itself that guards against abuse. Separation of powers is not a technicality; it is the primary safeguard of liberty. When any branch abandons its role as a check on the others, the entire system weakens.

Nowhere is this failure more visible than in matters of war and peace. The Constitution vests the power to declare war in Congress, yet presidents of both parties routinely deploy military force without formal authorization. Congress, in turn, often avoids responsibility for declaring war but funds the war after the fact while declining to ever debate its legality or necessity.

The War Powers Resolution was intended to restrain unilateral military action. In practice, it has become a procedural shield: presidents file reports that concede nothing, and Congress nearly always appropriates funds regardless. When the president's party controls Congress, legislative oversight frequently collapses into deference.

When power replaces principle, citizens are left unprotected. Rights no longer rest on law but on discretion. Party loyalty supersedes constitutional loyalty, and the Republic inches toward a system where restraint depends on personal virtue rather than institutional design.

The United States is a great power—perhaps the greatest in history. It does not need fantasies of territorial acquisition or coercive bravado to sustain its influence. It does not require rhetoric that treats military dominance as a substitute for constitutional legitimacy.

Nor does it need to ignore the most serious threat to its long-term security: a national debt exceeding $38 trillion. Fiscal recklessness, not foreign conquest, is the true danger to American strength and sovereignty. Congress and the president also decline to ever debate that issue.

Loose talk about seizing territory, coercing foreign governments, or imposing American will by force does real harm even when no action follows. It normalizes a view of Executive authority untethered from constitutional limits. And When such rhetoric is converted into action, it provokes profound legal, political, and constitutional consequences when partisan control inevitably shifts.

Americans do not want their nation transformed from a defender of constitutional order into an agent of coercion abroad. Our government should not want that transformation either.

The Constitution does not ask leaders to be powerful. It asks them to be faithful—to the structure that limits them, the oath that binds them, and the liberty entrusted to their care.

William L. Kovacs, author of Congress: An Irrelevant Institution or Guardian of the Republic, and Devolution of Power: Rolling Back the Federal State to Preserve the Republic Kovacs' third book, Reform the Kakistocracy, received the 2021 Independent Press Award for Political/Social Change. He served as senior vice president for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and chief counsel to a congressional committee. He can be contacted at wlk@ReformTheKakistocracy.com

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Republican Party contributed less than $70,000 to Lazar, as compared with the $775,000 the Democratic Party contributed to Taylor. Should Brian Schimming earn easily more than double, probably closer to triple, what the Party contributed to Maria Lazar in such a crucial Supreme Court race? All Brian Schimming had to offer Republicans after Lazar's devastating defeat was, "Stay united and continue fighting for our conservative values."

The Voters

How is it possible that just over 1.5 million voters, slightly more than 40% of those who are eligible, exercised their precious right to vote in an election with so much at stake? The answer to this important question holds the key to the future. Our ancestors fought and died to give us the right to self-determination, and yet this is where we are.

History is filled with lessons of people who let freedom slip away from them. It often happens subtly. When people are frightened, they may be willing to sacrifice freedom in exchange for perceived security. Millions of Americans allowed themselves to be manipulated by the Government during the COVID pandemic.

People may give up freedom for perceived economic security or "the greater good" as so many in New York are doing today in exchange for promises from their communist mayor for a life filled with "free stuff."

Apathy and complacency will overtake free people who fail to understand that freedom requires responsibility. It was Ronald Reagan who sounded the alarm years ago with, "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. It has to be fought for and defended by each generation". Freedom can easily disappear if we misjudge the importance of lovingly guarding it, mistakenly believing we can take it for granted and never lose it.

Forward

In 1851, Wisconsin adopted "Forward" as the state motto to embrace a proactive attitude and as a reminder to stay focused on the future.

It's time to move forward from this devastating election defeat. Achieving election verifiability in Wisconsin must remain a high priority and will likely require the assistance of the Federal Department of Justice. Recruiting high quality candidates for elected office, overcoming the corrupt media, reforming the corrupt political parties, and addressing our own complacency all need our urgent attention.

The battle for freedom wages on. There is no greater cause than freedom and no life worth living without it.





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Energy independence makes all the difference

By Craig Rucker

With the conflict in Iran causing temporary restrictions on oil exports from the Persian Gulf, America and the world are truly fortunate that the world's number one petroleum producer is none other than the United States of America!

In fact, figures compiled by the U.S. Energy Information Administration reveal that America now produces more than twice as many barrels of "total petroleum liquids" when compared to any other nation.

Saudi Arabia produces 11.13 million barrels per day.

Russia 10.75 million

Canada 5.76 million

The United States? 22.91 million barrels per day!

That's a fracking miracle!

The U.S. accounts for a full 22% of the world's petroleum production of just over 100 million barrels per day.

No wonder the anti-American Left is so virulently anti-oil!

The United States produces more petroleum than we consume.

Watch CFACT's Marc Morano explain that American capacity is so strong that we are now able to mitigate the impacts of war, or anything else, on the price of oil for the entire world. Marc describes American energy production as the "key buffer against soaring prices."

Ask anyone old enough to have waited in long lines to fill up their tank during the 1970s Arab oil embargo what energy dependence was truly like.

In times of conflict, energy independence makes all the difference.





Lithium fire is no joke

By Craig Rucker

Lithium burns so hot and bright they use it to make flares.

Once they get going, lithium fires can be almost impossible to put out.

Witness the spate of car carrier fires that tend to burn themselves out when firefighting efforts fail.

When hurricanes struck Florida, homeowners evacuated to safety in their long-range, fast-fill-up, internal combustion cars, abandoning their EVs in their garages. When tidal surge submerged the EVs' electrical systems, they went up uncontrollably and took the house with them.

CFACT senior fellow Bonner Cohen reports at CFACT.org about devastating fires at California battery storage plants, including the destruction of California's Moss Landing facility. Taxpayers subsidized Moss Landing to the tune of $500 million, hoping it would back up intermittent offshore wind turbines.

Bonner reports that in addition to being incredibly difficult to extinguish, these battery fires release huge amounts of toxic metals into the air. Alongside the threat to human health from direct exposure to airborne microparticles of heavy metals, levels of cobalt in the agricultural region's soils near Moss Landing are 100 to 1,000 times above normal, Hogan points out. "And they will linger there for a century or more," he added.

The fire risk of electric vehicles and battery plants is all too real.

We are unprepared.

The New Excuse *cont. from page 8*

for political ideology, not a serious solution to school disorder. Sadly, it is also a symptom of a much more insidious truth—racism was on life support in America, but new life was breathed into it by an American left who stood for nothing and was left holding no political platform of consequence without their old throw-down race card. They were naked without it.

Consider what is now passed off as discipline reform. One highly publicized model replaces detention with hiking. The marketing is predictable: nature heals, relationships matter, children need connection and hugs. All true in the abstract, and all irrelevant to the essential question. What message is delivered when the response to misconduct is an alternative that students experience as more pleasant than the classroom they disrupted? How does that deter the next incident? How does it protect the students and teachers who lose time and safety when disruption becomes routine? The uncomfortable answer is that, it does not. It simply rebrands consequence-avoidance as compassion. A system that responds to misbehavior with experiences that feel like rewards should not be surprised when misbehavior becomes more frequent.

What the reformers rarely admit, and what families increasingly know, is that tolerating chronic disorder is not "equity." It is surrender. The first duty of a school is to provide a safe environment in which learning can occur. When administrators refuse to remove violent or chronically disruptive students, they are not "including" them. They are excluding everyone else from the education they were promised. Every minute a teacher spends managing defiance is a minute not spent teaching reading, writing, math, and science. Every classroom that becomes unpredictable is a classroom where serious learning is harder. Every time a violent student is returned to class without meaningful consequence, the school sends a message to the building: rules are negotiable, and the people who follow them will bear the costs.

This is also why the obsession with blaming outcomes on racism is so destructive. When institutions teach children that their failures are caused primarily by external oppression, they train them away from the habits that produce success and provide them with a convenient excuse for their predictable failure. Responsibility becomes optional. Effort becomes secondary. Excuses become identity. The new social-justice education initiatives promulgated by the left harm children by lowering expectations and substituting political explanations for personal discipline and academic rigor. They are simply more of the left's soft bigotry of low expectations. Whatever one thinks of the underlying politics, the practical effect is visible: a culture that treats accountability as a moral problem will struggle to cultivate achievement.

Any serious discussion of youth violence and school discipline must return to the reality that the left has tried to discredit: consequences matter. For younger students especially, the formation of pro-social behavior depends on immediate, certain, and meaningful consequences. This is not about nostalgia for harsher eras. It is about the refusal of modern systems to impose any consequence that is unpleasant enough to deter future misconduct. When families fail to provide structure, when they provide unhealthy diets, when single parent families are unable to provide discipline to wayward children, schools become the last institution with the capacity to teach self-control. If schools refuse to do so, the training will still occur, but it will be administered later by employers, police, courts, or correctional institutions that are far less forgiving and far less therapeutic. That is not compassion. That is delayed ruin.

A rational education policy would stop treating disparity as a trump card and stop using race-based narratives to justify the erosion of standards. It would acknowledge what serious research suggests: social structure matters, community context matters, and stable families and neighborhoods reduce youth violence. It would invest in meaningful interventions where appropriate, but it would not confuse intervention with indulgence. To any skeptics I would simply ask them to explain why black kids aren't graduating high school. Explain why black kids are shooting each other at rates significantly higher than white kids are shooting each other. Explain why 13% of the population is responsible for 50% of the murder. Explain why the single motherhood rate in the black community jumped from 20% to 70% in the same period of time that the civil rights movement has made such tremendous strides.

If the goal is to help children, the answer is not endless programming about racism and oppression, and it is not substituting hikes for consequences. That path is one in which our children are sacrificed for the political narratives of the teachers' unions and the American left. What could be more tragic? The answer is to restore the idea that rules are real, behavior has costs, and education requires order. Until schools regain the courage to enforce standards, they will continue to produce the same result: emboldened disruptors, exhausted teachers, fleeing families, deteriorating communities, and shattered opportunities for the children who showed up ready to learn.

British Economic *cont. from page 1*

this little tidbit, at the bottom of a Graphic noting the ongoing Regionalizing of the American Continent:

As this is just questioning the narrative, anyone for that matter, this is also known, concerning the Banking operations historically.

1. In the 1770s, London's private banks developed the Bankers' Clearing House. Standard, Clearing, settlement.

2. In 1844, the Bank Charter Act placed the Bank of England above this structure by making it the sole issuer of banknotes. There was now a single institution that decided what counted as money.

3. The Fabian Society, founded in 1884, had been working toward exactly this. The Fabians believed society could be reshaped without revolution — gradually, through institutions. Their method was straightforward: get the right people into the right positions, and the policy follows. Get the policy right, and the administration follows. Same three steps.

4. They built the London School of Economics in 1895 to train the administrators. LSE produced the civil servants, economists, and planners who staed Whitehall for decades.

5. The Fabian Socialists, assisted establishment of the (RIIA) the Royal Institute of International Aairs in 1920, still housed at Chatham House

a. For 47 years European Banksters bankrolled Iran's tyrannical, murderous regime.

6. The obvious now appears, in that the American Continent, in especially the United States, the long intent is to remove money from asset. In doing so, the citizens of the United States will no longer own property as an asset, either for protection as the Founding Documents, or the intentional use of water as the incremental building of the Indigenous Tribal operations. The asset is disconnected from the monetary system. Schwab outed the system when he, (attributed anyway) noted that YOU, will own nothing an YOU will be happy. Nope: London and British empire have held the globe in literal hostage.

Simply noting the map under-print, has to make one pause.

Being somewhat nephritic, and pretending the Founding Documents have strength, it could appear that the President is moving away from the danger to we the citizens (not people by the way).

Hence the rush to Islamize, the rush to depopulate, weaken the Founding Documents at any cost? When the President stresses Make America Great, it is axiomatic that disengagement of Lloyds, the subsets, the UN, Bretton Woods, the Alger Hiss's of the World, is the effort.

Noting his call to common law, exposes the Fabian shift from the "Lady of Liberty" of Judicial or common Law, to the great Humanitarian Hoax of commune- Administrative law of the winner & loser.

Last, noting the insertion of Environmental Religion, Consensus operations, intentional interpretation of the Constitution, as if by magic and useful dupes as the Communitarians call them appear as the No Kings fake, nonorganic use of ill-educated. Totally funded by sycophants of the CCP and groups against the U.S.

When the President stresses "Make America Great", it is axiomatic that disengagement of Lloyds, the subsets, the UN, Bretton Woods, the Alger Hiss's of the World, is the effort. The President is absolutely correct and the "No Kings fools", Media sycophants, Environmental grant funds agents must fail. Noting his call to common law, exposes the "1913" Fabian shift from the "Lady of Liberty" of Judicial or common Law, to the great Humanitarian Hoax of commune- Administrative law of the winner & loser.

1913:

Or, as the old Red dictum goes, "Communism must be built with non-Communist hands." To engage the non-Communist dupes in these endeavors, though, requires rhetorical camouflage and deception. A prime example of this rhetorical treachery can be found in the judicial revolution launched in 1913 with the Conference on Legal and Social Philosophy organized by Fabian Socialists Harold Laski, John Dewey, Morris Cohen, and Roscoe Pound. Cohen's son, Felix, later boasted that it is from this conference that "much of the social and philosophical consciousness of modern American jurisprudence derives." Felix Cohen openly proclaimed; It is impossible to attempt overthrow of Capitalism as an economic system without at the same time attacking the substance of capitalist law. As well, Federal Reserve pushed through Congress. Wilson hired, to e□ect this. Taft had to be defeated to effect this. Rockefeller & Morgan bought up 159 News Corporations, while J.P. Morgan financed the Roosevelt "Bull Moose" vote splitting campaign. The ESC. substack goes on to add each new step designed to shut down Capitalism, individual freedom, morality, and sound science to gain world control. IMHO it should be read for all; ESC. hits all the main points including world religion, the Earth Charter, Global Environment Monitoring System, a Global Ethic, the Sustainable Development Goals, the financial control of Compliance via grants for good behavior, and much more.

As you read above, you realize that, yes, the President, after 300 years of weakness and grift by so many, has put together the steps that have brought us to be a world where at least one country is regaining freedom, property rights, and the rule of law. While the entire world is being drawn into the complete downfall of civilization with attempt to openly destroy the God Almighty place created and ordained by Founders. if successful in breaking the virtual chains of slavery, the hope and trust is the world can come out from the shadows, without another Revolution against the tyranny that never left.

Last for those who remain, the NO KINGS operation is funded by the desperate losers in our regaining of our Founding Documents, control of our Economic system, getting some revenge for the Murder of Kennedy for his four parallel objectives – gaining the freedom of the Persian culture and citizens after years of British ignored butchery. The funding comes from Soros, the Philanthropic Foundations, the CFR members (Rockefeller, and the others) and an American living in Communist China.

See: https://www.thegatewaypundit.com/2026/03/beyond-parody-no-kings-protesters-yell-abolish-police/

In conclusion, from the beginning, the quest for freedom from the tyranny of taxation by religion of the Government, to our ancestors travels to the new world, founding of the Country thorough Almighty Gods protections, to this day, we have been under a position where the British never left, introduced evil in the form of the good, bleeding our treasure, crippling other Countries, noting Iran. The sadness of the dupes of the "No Kings" movement, a classic example of paid groups who use fools in pretense of organic solidarity is not the first time.

Since the " World Religion" has been in operation for over 300 years, not including the Islamic " religion", is it possible that a mis-reading of

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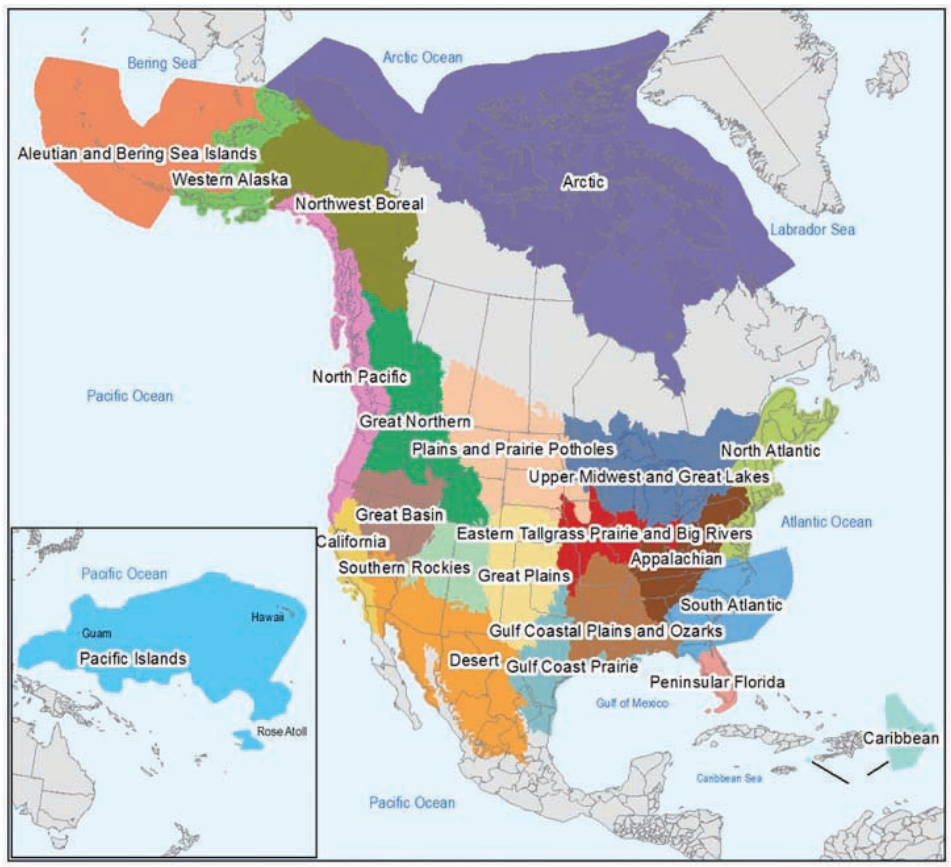
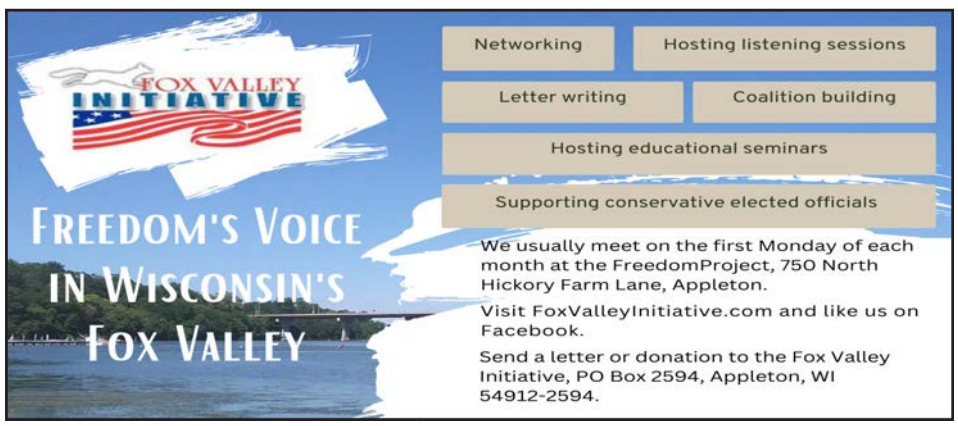


The Landscape Conservation Cooperative map is a US Government map and shows how North America has been divided up into 22 regional "cooperatives" as per DOI (Ken Salazaar), Secretarial Order No. 3289. LCC's still receives continued Congressional Funding. These LCC's are really really important and few people are paying attention to what they are doing and the impact they have. Trump could not get rid of them even though he tried doing so in his 2016 DOI budget.



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The Strait of Hormuz's Bitter Lesson for the European Union

By Dr. Samuel Furfari

The crisis in the Strait of Hormuz reveals a truth that many European policymakers have ignored: Humanity remains structurally dependent on oil. This reality, first highlighted during the 1973 oil shortage and reinforced by the 1979 version – triggered by Iran – continues to be neglected, even openly dismissed, by certain political elites.

A half century later, energy insecurity persists with undiminished intensity. Yet as early as 2000, the European Commission emphasized the imperative for the European Union to ensure the security of energy supplies. Those warnings, however, were not heeded, as priority was given instead to reducing CO□ emissions and promoting "renewable" energy.

As a former official in the European Commission's Directorate-General for Energy for 36 years, I have witnessed relentless efforts to promote so-called alternatives to hydrocarbons and their disastrous results. Yet, in the face of the current crisis, the EU refuses to recognize its desperate need for fossil fuels.

In May 2023, Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Commission, declared that the fossil-fuel-based growth model is "simply obsolete." The partial blockade of the Strait of Hormuz starkly exposes the irony of that statement.

Nevertheless, most political leaders continue to claim simplistically that expansion of wind and solar power will free us from dependence on the Strait.

This view is not only naïve but also mistaken, as it stems from a fundamental confusion between electricity and energy. Wind turbines and solar panels produce electricity, but they do not generate heat – the essential driver of industrial processes, transportation and heating. Today, roughly 75% of the primary energy consumed in the European Union comes from fossil fuels, while the global share remains about 87%. It is illusory to believe that "renewable" electricity can meet basic needs.

Beyond being unable to fill overall energy demand, wind and solar also impose exorbitant – and well-documented – costs on consumers and businesses. Instead of pursuing inadequate alternatives, the EU should acknowledge that oil will remain indispensable for a very long time and abandon its delusional "green" credo.

The EU must produce the hydrocarbons it needs rather than continue relying on imports. For now, such production is constrained by legislative bans and political choices that are disconnected from geopolitical realities. In France, for example, the Hulot law prohibits the exploitation of hydrocarbons, despite the country's significant potential in this area.

The Equatorial Margin of South America, stretching from northern Brazil to Venezuela, is rich in hydrocarbons. Guyana, located east of Venezuela, is establishing itself – thanks to U.S. companies – as an oil Eldorado of impressive proportions.

Aware of this windfall, Brazilian President Lula da Silva decided to begin exploration of the Equatorial Margin in open contradiction to Brazil's own climate-governance rhetoric.

Meanwhile, French Guiana, although in the heart of this highly promising zone, remains paralyzed by legislative prohibitions. A French minister recently attempted to reopen the question, but President Emmanuel Macron rebuked him.

French intransigence to reality contrasts with Asian pragmatism that pursues domestic energy development in a variety of forms and displays geopolitical savvy. China, India, and Japan have already secured assurances from the Iranian Revolutionary Guards to protect their navigation in the Persian Gulf.

The EU must recognize that the world has entered a new era of energy geopolitics, shaped by the abundance of fossil fuels, the determination of new players asserting themselves in this evolving landscape, and, above all, the resolve of emerging countries to secure their future through abundant and affordable energy. This is the true lesson of the Strait of Hormuz.



In this context, the so-called energy transition to wind and solar power is exposed as a political illusion specific to an EU under pressure on all fronts. At the March European Council, several member states called for abandoning the carbon tax – disguised under the label of the Emissions Trading System – and obtained a revision of this mechanism in the hope of ending economic self-sabotage.

Domestic oil and gas production could, at the very least, substantially replace hydrocarbons that the EU imports from the Persian Gulf. It is time to move beyond simplistic rhetoric and adopt a realistic, balanced approach. If the European Union is to meet the challenges of the 21st century, it must make judicious use of its own hydrocarbons and abandon its futile quest for decarbonization.

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BlackRock CEO Abandons Climate Delusion for Investor Needs

By Vijay Jayaraj

BlackRock CEO Larry Fink has publicly shifted toward what he calls energy pragmatism, admitting that society now demands a balanced approach to meeting power needs rather than adherence to rigid climate agendas. This could be a pivotal moment for global energy policy, as one of the planet's most powerful financial players steps back from decades of ill-advised "green" mandates.

BlackRock's Reach

BlackRock is the world's top financial manager, overseeing more than $10 trillion in assets that sway markets, companies and even governments. It delivers risk analysis tools that guide how firms allocate capital, set strategies and tackle issues from energy supply to corporate governance. BlackRock's hand is in everything from pension funds to sovereign wealth, where its votes and investments steer decisions affecting wide swaths of society.

Fink points to China, which leads in new nuclear plants and vast solar installations while importing record volumes of natural gas and oil to meet surging demand. "Society has moved into a better position of having more pragmatism," Fink states, "and what you're hearing from me is I'm echoing what we're hearing from our clients." Better to have clients than ideologues steering the ship.

ESG's Costly Effect

Fink's tone matches his earlier report of $4 billion lost in ESG-linked assets in 2023, a hit from states like Florida and others pulling funds over concerns about politicized investing. BlackRock dropped the "weaponized" ESG label by mid-2023 and exited the Net Zero Asset Managers group in January 2025 amid antitrust probes and backlash from state governments.

Clients forced Fink's hand after years of BlackRock deploying their money to advance ESG and related priorities, often with the encouragement of left-leaning managers of public pension funds like New York's. Fiduciary duty – maximizing investor returns – had taken a backseat as the firm lobbied corporations on "woke" interests ranging from board diversity to cuts in industrial emissions. Now, with lawsuits mounting and states divesting billions, Fink invokes that same duty to justify pragmatism.



Fink's reversal exposes the scam. BlackRock wielded trillions to warp board politics and policies, betraying investors for a clique's dreams. Now, scrutiny and an outflow of funds force truth. Fink's admission also validates what skeptics argued: Climate narratives overstated risks to advance costly fantasies. Data show no increase in extreme weather, for which emissions of CO2 have been absurdly blamed. Hurricanes, floods and droughts have followed historical norms.

Climate alarmists' infatuation with wind and solar energy has run into the reality of physics. So-called "renewables" falter where reliability counts. Their intermittency strands grids during times of peak demands, hiking costs for families and factories. In contrast, fossil fuels and nuclear power human prosperity. They provide the dense, affordable and reliable energy required by modern civilization.

The campaign to abruptly replace them with low-density, weather-dependent alternatives was a mathematical impossibility from the start. A foundation of coal, natural gas and nuclear energy is needed to maintain a modern standard of living. This is why Asian industrial economies continually added fossil fuel capacity behind a veneer of "green" pretense.

Look at global patterns. Growth in wind and solar capacity covers only a small part of rising electricity needs. China builds nuclear faster than anyone and guzzles oil and gas imports to fuel factories and homes. Despite net-zero pledges, India accelerated domestic coal production while exploring small modular reactors to power its 1.4 billion people and hit 8% growth targets.

Even European countries that once championed rapid shifts to "renewables" began to reconsider after the 2022 energy crisis exposed vulnerabilities. In Germany, factories shut down and household budgets strained when Russian gas supplies tightened and wind and solar stalled during calm or cloudy periods.

After years of climate-driven experimentation – forced by deluded or dishonest politicians and business titans – the failures became too many and too consequential to be ignored. Little wonder that Larry Fink has turned his ear away from the rhetoric of alarm and toward client demands for strategic guidance.

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Every Voter *cont. from page 11*

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The Iran War Reveals Who Is Living In A Fantasy World

By Francis Menton

Whether you like it or hate it, the war in Iran has definitely had the effect of exposing some of the ridiculous fantasies in the world to a serious dose of reality.

Consider the UK. After implementing an expansive welfare state in the latter 20th century (e.g., free health care for all!), the UK since 2000 has gone all-in on the idea of an energy system free of hydrocarbon fuels. The 2008 Climate Change Act — passed with an overwhelming majority including support from all major political parties — committed the UK to 80% reduction in carbon emissions by 2050. That mandate was then amended in 2019 to make the legally-binding target for 2050 what is known as "net zero" carbon emissions. That change got passed essentially unanimously in Parliament, without even a recorded vote.

Here in the 21st century, the UK has pursued its net zero fantasy with a vengeance. Wind turbines and solar panels now cover the countryside. Many power plants that use coal or other fossil fuels have been closed. Perhaps most important, the UK has banned essentially all exploration for and development of fossil fuel energy within its own borders, including offshore in territorial waters. Although there are large shale-gas formations beneath the UK, the practice of "fracking" to exploit them has been subject to a moratorium since 2019, and the current Labour government has vowed to make that moratorium permanent. The current government has also not issued any new licenses for drilling for oil or gas in the North Sea, and says it will continue that policy, although a small amount of drilling continues under pre-existing licenses.

The logic of these policies appears simple: carbon emissions damage the environment, and after all, we can get all the energy we need from the free and abundant wind and sun.

Into this mix has dropped the Iran war, and the closure of the Strait of Hormuz. Maybe things were not as simple as they had seemed.

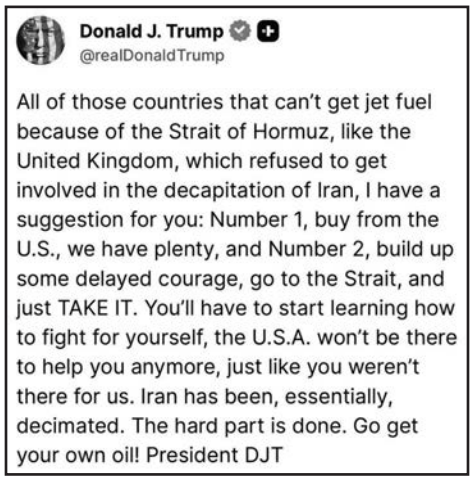
In the past few days, a serious shortage of aviation fuel has arisen in the UK. The shortage is not limited to the UK, but apparently is particularly acute in that country. From the Daily Mail today:

[The] Iran war has continued to wreak havoc on the aviation industry, and the UK could soon be experiencing a jet fuel shortage. The last known shipment of jet fuel to Britain from the Middle East is expected to arrive within 48 hours amid alarm over shortages within a week. Data providers Kpler and Vortexa say the consignment on the Libyan-flagged Maetiga vessel is expected to reach the UK from Saudi Arabia on Thursday. The blockage of the Strait of Hormuz due to the ongoing conflict means no other cargoes heading to the UK from the region can be seen on the water, they added.

What, you mean the wind and sun aren't going to work to fly the airplanes? It's almost impossible to believe how naive and detached from reality these people are. The wind and sun are also not going to work to run industry, agriculture, or ground transportation. And for that matter, they are not going to work to provide continuous, reliable electricity, which is the only type of electricity worth having. But the immediate crunch is hitting the aviation fuel business.

President Trump reacted with a message that you may have seen, telling the UK and other European countries to "Go get your own oil.":

They have been living in a fantasy world, where the U.S. defense umbrella has meant that they never have had to face reality. If this turns out to be the event that breaks the net zero nonsense, so much the better.



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the epicenter of this shock. Nearly half of all crude destined for Asia flows through Hormuz. South Korea, Japan, Taiwan and others have built world-leading manufacturing economies on the assumption that Gulf oil and gas will remain both available and affordable.

South Korea's industrial heartlands – Gyeonggi-do's factories, Ulsan's refineries and shipyards – run on imported coal, oil and LNG. In 2024, fossil fuels provided 79% of the primary energy consumed. Japan's refineries too feed a dense ecosystem of automobile, electronics and chemical plants that cannot substitute the intermittent energy of wind and sunshine for steady combustion.

The financial reckoning for this green delusion is brutal and immediate. On the morning of March 4, South Korea's market cratered 12% and triggered a circuit breaker, plunging off a cliff in a matter of minutes. South Korean shares plummeted over 10%, erasing $430 billion in value and hitting a 17-year market low amid the escalating Middle East conflict.

To withstand geopolitical shocks like the current conflict, countries need more capacity in dispatchable generation, more storage and a genuinely diversified portfolio of suppliers. That means long-term oil and LNG contracts with producers outside the Gulf, new receiving terminals and investments in coal where appropriate.

It also means treating natural gas as a core pillar and not a "bridge" to be dismantled on schedule. None of the region's heavy industries can function on wind and solar alone. Pretending otherwise does not cut emissions; it just raises the odds of blackouts the next time tankers stall in a war zone.

Besides, the climate crisis narrative that drove this global vulnerability is finally collapsing under its own weight. The mask is falling off. Major investment firms, global airlines and giant commercial banks are quietly letting go of their net zero agendas. The financial returns on mandatory green investments proved disastrous.

The disruption at the Strait of Hormuz has exposed how a political campaign against fossil fuels, built on exaggerated climate claims and enforced through finance and regulation, has eroded the energy security of rich and poor countries alike. When insurers cancel coverage for tankers and markets in Seoul lose hundreds of billions of dollars in hours, you are witnessing the cost of building an economy on narratives rather than physics.

The crisis also showcases America's capacity to support allies and the poor. Long-term LNG contracts with Asian and European partners, coupled with support for reasonable financing of oil and gas projects in developing countries, can reduce dependence on chokepoints like Hormuz and on coercive suppliers. Energy sovereignty for India, Southeast Asia and Africa aligns with U.S. strategic interests and moral stance.

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Democrats *cont. from page 1*

The results, if allowed to continue unabated . . . less abundant and more expensive domestic energy.

Nearly advertising hopes that President Trump's war – America's war – against despotic Tehran mullah tyrants will fail, a headline in The New York Times smugly declared, "How Trump Should Extricate Himself From His Iran Quagmire."

Barely three weeks into these actions, an editorial in The Washington Post prematurely concluded, "Congress Looks for Trump's Exit Plan as the Iran War Drags On."

Meanwhile, Iran was developing nuclear weapons and acquiring delivery missiles capable of targeting American cities, posing a far more immediate and catastrophic threat than weather, not only to the U.S., but also to Israel, the Mideast, and by extension, to global economies and world peace.

The consequences, if unchecked . . . a world held hostage to nuclear tyranny while simultaneously financing attacks on America and allies by Iran and surrogate forces, and coercive interruption of 20 percent of global oil passing through the Strait of Hormuz.

Although rooted in different parts of the world, these two issues and outcomes are fundamentally linked to energy policy priorities which closely align with opposing partisan polarities.

Democrats and their left-leaning media kin fail to decry escalated gasoline costs resulting from their own anti-drilling energy policies premised upon a delusional climate emergency.

Thus, they now ironically blame the current Trump administration for raising petroleum costs by provoking actions of a radically hostile regime to disrupt oil shipping that has funded their malevolent capabilities over nearly a half century.

Bear in mind that while Trump in company with Israeli partners is the only modern president to take action against this very true threat, leaders of both major parties have previously promised but failed to prevent Iran Mullahs from having access to nuclear weapons and delivery means capable of threatening death to the "Great Satan," America, and to the "Little Satan," Israel.

None were more contradictorily confused than the Biden administration that paused permitting of liquified natural gas export terminals first approved by his former boss Barack Obama along the Georgia, Louisiana, and Texas coasts.

The first Trump administration went full speed ahead with expanding exports while also moving to dismantle many of the Obama administration's other climate and energy policies including pulling the United States out of the Paris climate accords and ending the Clean Power Plant Rule, which had itself relied on gas.

In 2020 the Trump administration further liberalized gas export permitting so that a terminal granted a license to ship gas could do so until 2050.

Although initially approving a til-2050 permit for LNG gas shipping terminals, President Biden later paused approvals for new terminals under pressure from congressional *continued on page 23*

Trump on AI

"And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live. And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed." Revelation 13: 13-15

By Riley J. Hood

Florida is trying to pass a law limiting AI. Yet according to Elizabeth Troutman Mitchell, "The White House is engaging against a Florida bill that establishes limits on artificial intelligence, including protections for minors," and "The White House has contacted Florida Speaker of the House Daniel Perez and his staff members about opposing Gov. DeSantis' Artificial Intelligence Bill of Rights." Perez is an AI shill, saying, "I've been very clear that I think AI is an issue that should be dealt with by the federal government," and Amelia Angleton said, "The speaker believes the states should not interfere with President Trump's ability to lead on this important issue." Of course, this favors Silicon Valley. Trump's effort to "beat China" in this "tech race" hurts America.

What is so horrible about Florida's AI law? It would tamp down on AI porn, and AI child porn. That's bad news for the LGBTQ pervert pile. It would prohibit Florida government offices from using Chinese created AI tools and provide parental controls on AI for minors. That's bad news for pro-Chinese profiteers, and public-school teachers.

On December 11th, 2025 Trump issued an executive order, "Ensuring a National Policy Framework for Artificial Intelligence." This order calls for the Attorney General to establish an AI litigation task force that according Eliz Mitchell, "would challenge state efforts to regulate AI." The order does support regulations to "ensure children are protected," but children aren't protected on the internet right now, and have never been. Not even after last May when Melania championed the Take It Down Act, which President Trump signed.

Keith Flaugh, of the Florida Citizens Alliance said, "AI, without regulation, will destroy the family unit when every child, either through the education system or just through a chat, has their own personal, godlike authority figure in their life, starting at age five or less."

The administration also opposes the Utah AI Bill, HB 286, as going against the administration's AI Agenda. As Patrick Henry said about the federal government, "I smell a rat." His name is David Sacks, a Silicon Valley, tech company investor. He is a political bedfellow of the morally challenged Bill Gates and the sodomite Peter Thiel. Sacks is also a White House consultant. He said, "state laws requiring online platforms to protect children from online predators or sexually explicit material would remain in effect." So why the opposition? Will he oppose similar efforts in Tennessee and Nebraska?

Michael Toscano said, "This is clearly a warning to the rest of the country that the Trump administration is opposed to any legislation, political candidate, or governor, or state that is going to do anything that would make the AI companies unhappy." Elizabeth Mitchell wrote, "The White House Office of Science and Technology Policy opposes state AI laws because it believes they harm tech companies, an administration official told the Daily Signal." Trump's executive order directed David Sacks and Michael Kratsios, to prepare legislation for a national framework.

On March 20th, the White House released their AI Framework. The draft reads, "AI services and platforms must take measures to protect children from potential harms, while empowering parents to control their children's digital environment and upbringing." Michael Kratsios said, "We need one national AI framework, not a 50-state patchwork," seemingly oblivious to the fact that America is a 50-state patchwork. The draft sounds like a blame shift placing the onus on parents. Like a dope dealer killing a child with his drugs, and protesting his innocence by pointing a greasy finger at the lack of parental responsibility. Parental responsibility in no way alleviates the Civil Government from their duty to punish crime. The criminals are Tech-Barons, who want to continue in their criminal ways. Parents are no match against big tech. Besides parents should not have to protect their children from things that should not exist. In the last thirty years, "parental controls" have prevented nothing. Daniel Cochrane from the Heritage foundation says, "States remain the American people's first and best line of defense against Big Tech." Senator Marsha Blackburn, Republican from Tennessee, is introducing her own AI legislation, including her Kids Online Safety Act.

The fact is the notorious Section 230, protects platforms for nearly all the content they promote. The Take It Down Act criminalizing "non-consensual sexual imagery" only applies to some individual perverts, and not the platform they are using. The Children's Online Privacy Protection Act, of 1998 only is enforced if a platform has actual knowledge that user is under 13.

It sounds like the fox guarding the hen house. Toscano sums it up, "The White House is trying to keep the bar for national AI regulation as low as possible." He adds, "This is a culture war against Trumps own base. I have never seen anything like this, the dynamic where the White House is doing everything in its power to stop red states from passing common sense laws to protect people is shocking to the conscience." Wealthy tech-barons fund the GOP these days. Parents should keep their money in their pocket, and keep their child's phone on the store shelf. When a child becomes an adult, then he can pay for his own phone. Ditto that for the family computer. Even though that is a start, children can access porn on library computers and school computers, or their "friends" device, but a stand must be made somewhere. Groups like Mass Resistance work to remove porn from your local schools and libraries. It will be an uphill battle.

Don't believe the tech-barons promise to self-regulate. For over 30 years they have been the biggest purveyors of porn, prostitution, and sodomy that the world has ever known. They have un-manned several generations of males in America and the "post-Christian west," where real men are in short supply. Europe is a bunch of fairies who have no fight left in them, and America isn't much better. Any volunteers to take on Iran? Not from limp-wristed millennials and gen-z types mincing like women, lisping like fruitcakes, wearing man-buns, pigtails, dresses, and make-up. These people are afraid of hard work, thinking work is playing around on their computers, or phones. Addicted to porn, preferring masturbation to marrying a real woman and starting a family. The computer as an instrument of private communication and entertainment has been the destruction of this once great nation. Want to make America Great Again? Ban porn, all of it, and if computers aren't being used as research tools, for the Military, or for industrial production, they should be reined in. Even when they aren't an instrument of corruption, they are an instrument of idiocy, as any kook can post anything on the internet. While the computer and the internet can be a useful tool, it is most often used as a toy, and that toy is destructive.

Glyphosate Opponents VS Nutrition and Modern Agriculture

By Paul Driessen

President Trump recently signed an Executive Order invoking the Defense Production Act to ensure increased domestic supplies of elemental phosphorus – a critical component of glyphosate-based herbicides that are vital for America's non-organic crop productivity, and thus national security.

The EO has rekindled anti-pesticide activism and public concern about glyphosate, which used to be the primary ingredient in Roundup for home use but was changed following numerous class action lawsuits. It's also created internal conflicts within the "Make America Healthy Again" movement, because the President and HHS Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. are asking MAHA to defend a chemical that it had previously battled as carcinogenic.

Glyphosate herbicides are extensively used with corn, soybean and cotton crops – and less so with sugar beets, alfalfa, wheat, oats, barley, canola, and some fruits and vegetables, utilizing "Roundup Ready" crop variants that are immune to the highly efficient herbicide. Up to 90% of soybean and corn acreage is treated to manage weeds, thereby increasing crop yields remarkably in recent decades.

Right now, there is only one domestic phosphorus producer, and herbicide manufacturers rely heavily on imports. That has become a major national security concern due to the dominance some countries have exerted over many metals, minerals and products – and often contentious global politics that can lead to threatened or actual import restrictions or bans.

Glyphosate has become controversial mostly because of longstanding activist opposition, advertisements seeking "cancer victims" who "may have been exposed" to the chemical, and class-action lawsuits that employ highly questionable (verging on fraudulent) "science" to impugn the chemical and persuade sympathetic but scientifically uninformed juries to deliver billion-dollar "jackpot justice" verdicts.

The chemical has been used for more than 50 years. It is licensed in 130 countries and was utilized by millions of homeowners and gardeners to control weeds. Tens of thousands of farmers still utilize it.

Studies and reviews by the US Environmental Protection Agency, European Food Safety Authority, UN Food and Agriculture Organization, Health Canada and dozens of other experts have determined it is safe and non-carcinogenic at exposure levels found in foods or used according to normal safeguards. It is less acutely toxic than aspirin, table salt or acetic acid. (Citations at AAPS Journal, page 84)

The US "Agricultural Health Study" has followed 52,000 pesticide applicators (mostly farmers) and 32,000 of their spouses for three decades. More than 80% of them use or used glyphosate. The study has found no glyphosate-cancer link.

Only one agency, the France-based International Agency for Cancer Research, says otherwise. Over the years, IARC has determined that more than 550 chemicals, products, occupations, and biological and physical agents are carcinogens – based on other researchers' work. IARC does no research of its own.

In 2015, it ruled that glyphosate is "probably" carcinogenic to humans – along with anabolic steroids, red meat, acetaldehyde from yeast fermentation and baking bread, emissions from high-temperature food frying, drinking "very hot" beverages, working as a hairdresser, and 76 other sources.

IARC's "possibly carcinogenic" category includes diesel fuel, pickled vegetables, carpentry work, caffeic acid in coffee, foods like apples and broccoli, and over 300 other items.

Moreover, the pathway by which glyphosate attacks plants – preventing them from synthesizing essential amino acids – is totally absent in animals and humans.

Still more problematic, its glyphosate ruling was based heavily on two mice studies, which multiple investigators said manipulated data, ignored studies that contradicted IARC's decision, and employed "hazard" tests that subjected laboratory animals to long-term high-exposure levels that animals and humans would almost never encounter in the real world.

In fact, some chemicals may be harmful, even carcinogenic at high doses – but harmless, beneficial or essential at low levels. Toxicologists call this hormesis. 81 mg aspirin is a good example; so is selenium. Even drinking too much water can kill you.

Neither IARC nor any lawyer, judge or jury can prove that a plaintiff got cancer because of glyphosate – instead of from exposure to countless other "definitely" to "probably" to "possibly" carcinogenic chemicals, substances, occupations and industrial processes the plaintiff likely encountered or engaged in over a lifetime. IARC's carcinogen lists underscore this.

Having already "linked" glyphosate to 20-some "serious health consequences," campaigners now accuse the weed killer of causing gluten intolerance, celiac disease, fatty liver disease, autism, immune disorders, autism, obesity, Alzheimer's, depression, and more – setting the stage for new mass-tort lawsuits.

They say these problems

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Puzzle Answers

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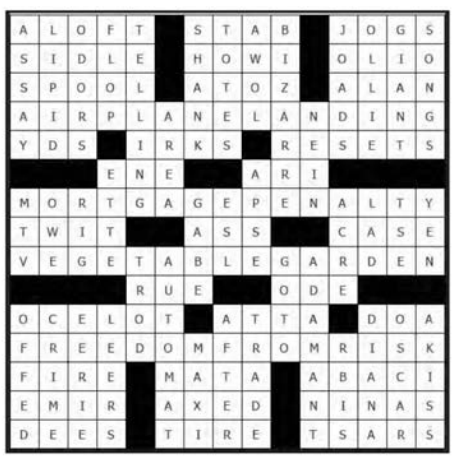

Poll Morality

"He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven."
Matthew 16:15-17

By Riley J. Hood

I was sent an email on 10/25/25, from SBA-Prolife America, "New polls show 70% of voters support requiring a doctor visit to receive a prescription for abortion drugs. Roughly 70% also think it "makes sense" to bring back safeguards that were removed by Joe Biden's FDA. The people are with US, not the pro-abortion extremists! But that won't matter if Big Abortion's propaganda machine hides the truth." "Pro-abortion extremist," is a GOP wimp word for Democrats, when the GOP has pro-aborts in their "big tent" circus.

The next day I was sent another email, "Federalist Editor-in-Chief Mollie Hemingway, posted an exclusive piece on brand new polling detailing what Americans think about abortion drugs." "Highlights of the just-out survey by McLaughlin & Associates – in which a majority of respondents described themselves as 'pro-choice,' include that: 7 in 10 likely voters – including 57% of liberal voters – approve of requiring a doctor visit to for women and girls to receive a prescription for abortion drugs; 7 in 10 agree it 'makes sense' to bring back safeguards that were removed by Biden's FDA; and a majority have significant doubts about the FDA's current policy of allowing mail-order abortion drugs. Remember, the abortion industry itself says that these dangerous drugs are used in at least 63% of abortions each in America today, accounting for the deaths of at least 700,000 unborn babies a year." I remember it was the pro-aborts who wailed about "back alley" abortions, to legalize doctor performed abortions in the first instance. Defending medically supervised abortion isn't a great moral victory, even if some women may be denied their pills. Outlawing these pills, as poisons is what is necessary.

Here is crux of the matter, when Roe v Wade was handed down in 1973 over 90% of America was anti-abortion. According to a 2024 poll of conservative women in the WOW counties in Wisconsin, only 8 percent of the population is 100% anti-abortion, and 25 % were abortion on demand bloodthirsty monsters, and 68 percent were regulated abortion hypocrites. The legalized murder of the preborn has corrupted our culture: it has un-manned our men, coarsened our women, and destroyed our children. It is great to gain in popularity, and elections are won by majority vote, but the rectitude of the cause is about being right in God's sight. "Thy kingdom come thy will be done in earth as it is heaven," Matthew 6:10 should determine the rectitude of the cause, rather than the answers to a watered down poll. A real poll is what men and women do after they find out they are going to be parents. Finally, in the verses before Matthew 16:15-17, Jesus asked who do men say I am? The answers were various, Elijah, one of the prophets, the right answer is The Christ, the Son of the Living God, that is the correct answer concerning your soul. God in Exodus 21:22-25 said a preborn baby deserves the same "eye for an eye" protection as every other innocent person. That is the correct answer to any pro-life poll.

Thoughts On Affordability: The Water Bill

"And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."
Revelation 22:17

By Riley J. Hood

Every 3 months I get a slapper from the Milwaukee Water Works. My current water bill is $286.77, that is up from the $17.00 water bills I had in 1990. How and why have my water bills increased? There are many reasons. Back in the 1990's I paid a bill for my water and sewer usage alone. Starting in 2009, I have paid what amounts to fees on my existence. Here is the breakdown of my last bill, and that is with me and my wife trying to conserve on water usage:

• Water Service Charge---------30.22 (Water Works fee for having the city manes, and not a well.)

• Water Usage Charge----------22.77 (Water Works, charge for the water my household actually uses.)

• Sewer Treatment Charge----24.48 (Milwaukee Metro Sewerage District, for the fact that my house has a toilet.)

• Sewer Usage Charge-- ------18.72 (Milwaukee Metro Sewerage District, based on my water usage.)

• Local Sewerage Charge -----14.90 (City of Milwaukee, for City Maintenance. Another property tax.)

• Storm Management Charge---41.82 (City of Milwaukee, based on the square footage of my property, another property tax.)

• Solid Waste Charge----------135.90 (City of Milwaukee, 67.95 per dwelling unit, for garbage collection, a duplex tax in my case.)

• Street Light Charge ----------(City of Milwaukee, based on street frontage, and I have a corner house.)

• Snow Removal Charge------57.50 (City of Milwaukee, based on street frontage, left off this time. My last water bill 348.99 with Snow Removal Charge.)

Again, I used to pay one entity, the Milwaukee Water Works a water usage charge and a sewerage treatment charge, based on water usage. If such were the case today my bill this quarter would be $ 41.49, more than double from 36 years ago, but in this economy, somewhat reasonable, as opposed to $286.77. (In 2024 I had a plumbing leak and these gougers charged me $598.00 for one quarter.) The rest of the charges on the bill are fees that have nothing to do with my water consumption. If I left my property, with the water shut off for the winter, I would still receive a bill for $245.28, even more with the annual Snow Removal Fee. Don't believe me? It is spelled out on the back of the bill all you have to do is pay attention and read it. For example: In 2013 the bill read, "Milwaukee Municipal Charges-The charges are billed to all properties including vacant and undeveloped lots. Charges for Storm Water, Solid Waste and Snow and Ice Removal continue to be billed to a property even after the water service is turned off at the curb." These fees are not bill based on usage; they are Property Taxes under a different name. You can use no water at all, but you will still be gouged by the City of Milwaukee. Out west, extorting a man for his water supply was akin to rustling.

Milwaukee's idea of balancing the budget is to come up with "new revenue streams." That means creating new taxes. Milwaukee's idea of justice is Social Justice, that means more handouts, more taxes, more redistribution, more extortion, and more theft. The Milwaukee Common Council takes several thousand dollars per person, per year, and doles it out to their left-wing favorites, such as Planned Parenthood, and Sodomite groups. If the Common Council had their way, they would tax the air you breathe. You know, a carbon tax.

The fact of the matter is, tariffs aren't the cause of this affordability problem. Local taxation is. This is some 1,400 dollars on top of my 7,892. dollar Property Tax bill. Trump didn't make things unaffordable; he is trying to sort things out. Who did this to us? Democrats and Socialists did, in the case of the City of Milwaukee, which has the political spectrum of a Banana Republic.

Matt Ridley *cont. from page 12*

Ridley's argument is the failure of renewable energy—particularly wind and solar—to deliver reliable and scalable solutions. He described these sources as inherently intermittent and argued that "the transition to them is simply failing to materialize." While not dismissing renewable energy outright, he questioned why concern about climate change is often equated with strong support for these specific technologies.

Shale revolution

In contrast, Ridley highlighted the transformative impact of the shale revolution, especially in the United States. Advances in extracting oil and gas from shale formations have dramatically increased supply and reduced concerns about resource scarcity. He argued that this development has reshaped global energy markets and undermined earlier assumptions about the inevitability of a rapid transition away from fossil fuels.

Technological trends, particularly the rise of artificial intelligence, further reinforce the demand for reliable energy. Ridley noted that data centers and AI infrastructure require continuous, dependable power, which currently favors fossil fuels and nuclear energy over intermittent renewables. This has led parts of the technology sector to adopt a more pragmatic stance on energy policy.

The Science

On the scientific front, Ridley acknowledged that global temperatures are rising but challenged the severity of projected impacts. He stated, "I'm somebody who thinks it is getting warmer… but I don't think it's getting worse." He argued that many predicted negative outcomes—such as increases in extreme weather—have not materialized to the extent anticipated. In his view, "we're living in that future and it ain't too bad," stating that lived experience does not match earlier dire forecasts.

Ridley also criticized climate models. "The models are still running too hot," meaning they overestimate warming compared to observed data. He linked this to assumptions about climate sensitivity that are too high. Additionally, he emphasized historical climate variability, arguing that current temperatures are not unprecedented when viewed over longer timescales such as the Holocene (also see: Clintel article here or at andymaypetrophysicist.com).

Maybe the most significant point in Ridley's lecture is the positive effect of carbon dioxide on plant growth. He highlighted evidence of global "greening," stating that increased CO2 levels have contributed to a measurable expansion of vegetation worldwide. This effect has substantial benefits for agriculture and ecosystems, and has been underestimated in policy discussions.

Economic analysis also plays a central role in Ridley's critique. He questioned the justification for large-scale spending on decarbonization by comparing costs and benefits. Referring to estimates of the social cost of carbon, he argued that mitigation efforts may be disproportionately expensive: "It just doesn't make sense to pay a fortune for something that will save a penny."

Ridley illustrated this point using long-term economic scenarios, arguing that even with significant warming, future generations are likely to be much wealthier due to continued economic growth. He questioned whether relatively small reductions in projected wealth—caused by climate impacts—constitute an existential threat.

Political dynamics

The lecture also addressed political dynamics. Ridley criticized what he described as a past consensus among major political parties in favor of strong climate policies, arguing that this limited open debate. He suggested that this consensus is beginning to fracture, particularly as economic costs become more apparent.

Economic realities, technological developments, and shifting public attitudes are weakening the dominance of the climate emergency narrative. But Ridley cautioned against extreme positions. He advised that critics of mainstream climate policy should avoid dismissing climate change entirely, noting that such rhetoric can undermine credibility. Instead, he called for more engagement in technical and policy discussions, emphasizing the importance of detailed, evidence-based argumentation. "Those skeptical of prevailing approaches must engage more deeply and rigorously in the debate if they hope to influence its future direction."

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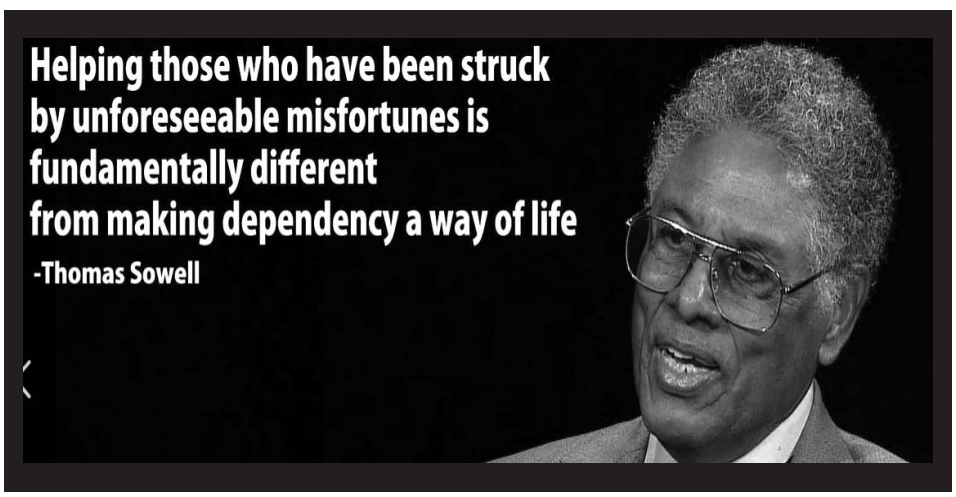

Patriot News

Patriot Events and Activities

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Meet Harry Wait: The Tina Peters of Wisconsin

By Rolf Lindgren

Harry Wait is a crusader for voting integrity in Wisconsin. He co-founded a government watchdog group called H.O.T. Government, which stands for Honest, Open, and Transparent, in September 2018. Harry was just put on trial in Racine Wisconsin on bogus charges. I spoke with Harry Wait and here is his story.

On July 26, 2022, after a couple years of publicizing deficiencies in how Wisconsin elections are conducted, Harry went to the website https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/ . Here Harry ordered a mail-in ballot for Cory Mason, Mayor of Racine. Harry had been stating that anyone could order a mail-in ballot for anyone with just a name and a birthday. But no one in the elite media or government leadership had believed him.

Harry put in the name of Cory Mason and his birthday. The website autofilled the mayor's address, and then Harry overtyped his own address.

When the mail-in ballot arrived to Harry's home, he did not open the envelope. Instead he took the unopened envelope to the city clerk of Racine, who refused it. Then he took the envelope to the Racine County Sheriff where it was delivered.

Note - Harry also ordered a ballot for Wisconsin Assembly Speaker Robin Vos, but this ballot never arrived in the mail. Vos is a known opponent of meaningful voter integrity legislation. Harry also sent an email to Vos and Mason, informing them of what he had done.

Harry proved that the mail-in ballot website had a significant security flaw. All you had to do was find a person's birthday to get an improper ballot. But instead of thanking Harry and fixing the system, Wisconsin Attorney General Josh Kaul filed criminal charges against Harry. He was charged with two felonies and two misdemeanors.

On June 13, 2023, Harry suffered a severe stroke and almost died. He was in the hospital for over a month. To this day he has trouble walking, yet the ridiculous prosecution went on.

On Monday, March 23, 2026, Harry Wait was put on trial for criminal charges, even though Harry had no criminal intent, nor was there any victim of this alleged regulatory "crime".

Harry was acquitted of one count, but was convicted of one felony and two misdemeanors. He now faces prison time.

Like Tina Peters in Colorado before him, Heroic Harry Wait in Wisconsin is steadfast in his dedication to voter integrity. Harry will not back down, no matter what they do to him. He will file an appeal and continue to fight for justice. Like Galileo before him, Harry Wait proved he was right.

Harry Wait is an American hero.

News coverage of Harry Wait's trial can be found here: Racine County man found guilty of election fraud

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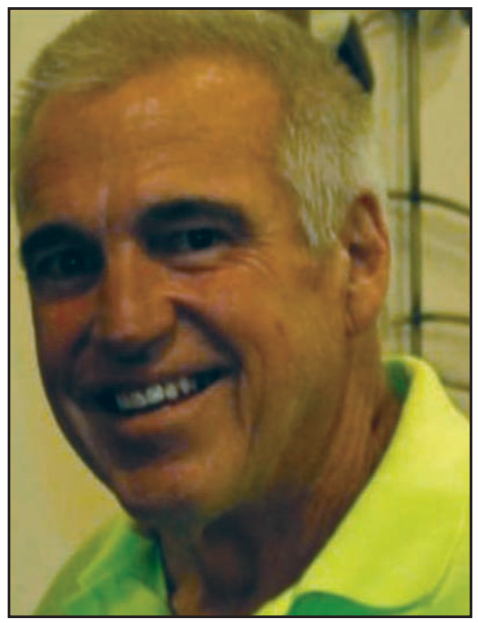

Corrupt Bargain *cont. from page 1*

next election.

We all know President Trump said the 2020 election was stolen, was pooh-pooed by the "experts", and then came back to win in 2024.

But did you know a very similar thing happened 200 years earlier with Andrew Jackson?

Jackson lost the 1824 election in what he called the "Corrupt bargain".

The star-studded election of 1824 was dubbed "War of the Giants" featuring presidential candidates Andrew Jackson, John Quincy Adams, Henry Clay, William Crawford and John Calhoun. Of these five, Crawford is the only one you're probably not familiar with, but he was famous enough to have Crawford County, Wisconsin, named after him.

Calhoun dropped out and ran for Vice-President. Crawford suffered a stroke, which left him partially blind and paralyzed.

When the Electoral votes were counted, we had these results;

99 electoral votes for Jackson
84 for JQA
41 for Crawford
37 for Clay
No one had a majority.

Under the Constitution, the House of Representatives had to vote state-by-state delegation for one of the top three finishers. That meant Jackson, Adams, or Crawford. Clay was out and Crawford was disabled by a stroke.

So Adams cut a deal with Henry Clay. Clay directed his supporters in the House to vote for Adams, and President Adams would then make Clay the Secretary of State (which he did in 1825). Adams beat Jackson 13 states to seven, with Crawford winning four states. Jackson was outraged!

Andrew Jackson spent four years denouncing the corrupt bargain, and in 1828, he crushed Adams 178-83 to become the 7th President of the United States!

Part Two: How Andrew Jackson Drained the Swamp

It was early July in the summer of 1832. The US Congress had just voted to renew the charter of the National Bank, which was set to expire in 1836. A bank war was brewing just before the election of 1832, in which Senator Henry Clay was running against President Andrew Jackson.

According to President Jackson, the National Bank was a swamp-dwelling hydra-like monster with multiple tentacles. According to Henry Clay it was good for the economy.

The National Bank had a complicated history.

James Madison and Thomas Jefferson had argued against the first national bank in 1791. But President George Washington wanted the bank because he needed it to pay off the national debt from the Revolutionary War.

Then, in 1811, President James Madison allowed the bank to die just prior to the War of 1812 (sometimes called the Second War of Independence).

After the War of 1812, in 1815, Congress again passed a national bank bill. But President Madison vetoed it because it contained additional powers not found in the 1791 bank.

Then, in 1816, Congress passed another bank bill almost identical to the original 1791 bank bill. President Madison signed it because the federal government needed money to pay off debts from the War of 1812.

But by 1832, the national debt was far lower. President Andrew Jackson was a great crusader against corruption, very much like President Trump is today. President Jackson decided we didn't need the national bank anymore, and on July 10, 1832, he delivered his veto message. Jackson said the bank was both unnecessary and unconstitutional.

Then, President Jackson crushed Henry Clay 219-49 in the fall of 1832 election.

And in January of 1835, President Jackson paid off the entire national debt, down to zero!

President Andrew Jackson had drained the swamp!

Interesting Historical Note – By coincidence, a madman named Richard Lawrence, who thought he was King Richard III of England, tried to assassinate Jackson on January 30, 1835. His gun misfired twice and then 67-year-old Jackson beat him with his cane. Bystander Davvy Crocket helped subdue the gunman. Lawrence was prosecuted by Francis Scott Key and found not guilty by reason of insanity.

Philosophical note on revolution:

Andrew Jackson ended our revolutionary & founding era with great success. The greatest economic boom in the history of the world ensued, and by the 1880s, we overtook Great Britain as the world's largest economy.

In most revolutionary attempts, the military is defeated. When the military does succeed, massive debts ensue, and often the military takes over the government. Or sometimes the banking cartels take over the government. And sometimes a dictator takes over everything.

Our Founding Fathers led possibly the greatest revolution of all time. We avoided these fates in our first 250 years. But we need an army of Patriots to succeed for another 250 years if we want to match the glorious Roman Republic.

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HOT GOVERNMENT **HOT JACK**

'I am STILL a Communist'

A not-so-Republican Republican once claimed to the World, "I am not a Communist." Perhaps he was auditioning for Saturday Night Live. He sure makes me laugh every time his lips move.

From Senator Chris Kapenga's (no relation to Mr. "Still a Communist") March 27th update comes this note on last week's action in the Wisconsin State Legislature:

Here are two of the lowlights, reflecting ***Republican leadership*** *prioritizing special interests over taxpayers.*

Tribal Gaming—AB 601: This bill fundamentally expands gambling in Wisconsin, while massively profiting tribes, by allowing people to download and place a bet on a computer or mobile device through an app tied to a tribe with a casino. Most of us have the common sense to see the dangers of expanding legalized gambling, including the social and financial harm. I voted no, along with a significant number of Republican colleagues. Senate leadership used Democrat votes to pass it. The Governor has yet to indicate what his plans are.

UW NIL—AB 1034: Many of you are aware of the new "NIL" era in college sports, where college athletes can now be paid using their "name, image, and likeness." Well, AB 1034 would not only codify NIL into state law but hand over more record funding to UW-Madison, this time dumping your tax dollars into a bottomless pit of college athlete recruitment. But it gets worse. Under the bill, student athletes and the UW athletic department are now exempt from open records requests, raising significant questions about transparency. I voted no to one of the more absurd wastes of taxpayer dollars I've seen in a long time. This bill also required Democrat votes to pass.

And what do each of these bills have in common besides being bad for the people? Why, it's the "AB" designation, which means that they are both Assembly bills. And who controls EVERYTHING that goes on in the Assembly? No other than the Rich-and-Powerful Robbin' Vos, The Wizard of Ooooz.

Is there any other possible use for AB-601 other than to take money from the pockets of those who can least afford it and put it into the pockets of a casino? And HOW and TO WHOM will those casinos show their "appreciation"? Or have they shown their appreciation already? Perhaps a multi-payment deal or an employment opportunity?

Regarding AB 1034, why do we need a law for individuals to market their own assets? AB-1034 is not about kids doing advertising. It is about the CASH dump to the UW and the repealing of your RIGHT TO KNOW with the OPEN RECORDS EXEMPTION.

Perhaps Mr. "I am not a Communist" should also be shouting "I am not a Fascist Dictator EITHER". Wouldn't that be a great SNL skit?

One Nation Under God

God Bless Karen Whitsett

"And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might." Deuteronomy 6:5

By Riley J. Hood

In early March I read an article by Tyler O'Neil. It was about a Michigan Democrat state representative. And in a nation going to hell in a handbasket, this was a rare bit of good news. Karen Whitsett announced she won't run for reelection because she is a Christian, and the Democrat Party is incompatible with the Christian Faith.

"For me, it is impossible to be a faithful follower of Jesus Christ while remaining a member of the Democratic Party as it exists today. I cannot reconcile that platform with Scripture." She says she is getting out of politics, saying, "This is not a political calculation, it's a spiritual decision." She did say she wanted to stay engaged with leaders across party lines who are committed to supporting Biblical principles.

She said, "That conviction includes the issues I cannot reconcile with Scripture: abortion, the normalization of the gay lifestyle, and the push to refine gender." She addressed the prevailing family arrogance, saying, "I understand these are personal for many families, because your son, daughter, cousin, aunt, or uncle may be one. But personal proximity does not change God's definition of what is right and wrong. Love for people does not require agreement with sin, and compassion does not give us permission to rewrite Scripture." Well said.

Regarding sodomy, it is outlawed in Leviticus 18:22 and Leviticus 20:13. It is spoken against in Romans 1:18-32, I Corinthians 6:9-10. In Leviticus, sodomy is lumped in with bestiality. Cross dressing is condemned in Deuteronomy 22:5. God made mankind in His image. He made them male and female, not everything in between.

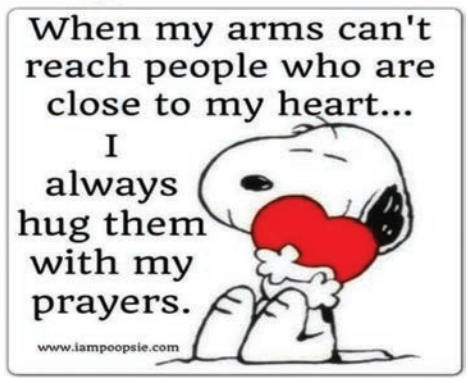
Liberals say the Bible doesn't condemn abortion. Jimmy Carter said "Jesus was pro-abortion," which is far worse than "Jesus never spoke against abortion." While Jesus never directly addressed it, Exodus 21:22-25 does. Children are addressed as babies, even in their mother's womb, such as John the Baptist, in the Gospel of Luke, and to kill them is murder. Jesus upheld the law, (read Matthew 5:18) and condemned murder in John 8:44.

Karen said, "I'm not going to pretend God's Word can not be twisted by any priest, bishop, pastor or preacher to make people comfortable in sin, whether to keep donations coming, to avoid offending anyone or to fit the culture." She adds, "Just because prominent leaders don't speak against these things does not mean God is okay with them. God does not change. My faith is not moving. My allegiance is to Jesus Christ, and I'm choosing God's business over man's approval."

Michigan Democrat Party Chair Curtis Hertel said, "Good riddance. Rep. Whitsett's decision to not seek reelection is a net positive for constituents and all Michiganders." Hertel accused her of not showing up for work. Of course, this man is a reprobate, and the truth hurts.

She addressed Democrats, "I pray you don't miss your chance to know Him better, simply because you Trump Derangement Syndrome. Seriously! It would be a shame if you went to hell for eternal life because of something so ridiculous as that."

Karen was born in 1967 in Detroit. She is a black woman. She is married, has one child, and has represented Michigan's 4th District since 2019. In April, 2020, she credited Trump for the hydroxychloroquine treatments that saved her life. In 2023, Karen was the sole Democrat in the Michigan House Health Policy Committee to vote against the Reproductive Health Act, pertaining to abortion access. In 2024, she joined the House Republicans in walking out of the House chamber, denying Democrats the ability to pass several bills.



I commend Karen, for not going along with crowd, for standing for Christ: against opposition, and if need be alone. But Karen is not alone, and may more Christians in this land find their voices.

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Anika then went on to describe how we can encourage intellectual independence in the younger generation, such as by engineering a hashtag movement, something like #FACTCHECK, OR #MYCLIMATEWAKEUP, with millions of young people speaking out in support of climate realism. Anika's talk was well worth watching at https://tinyurl.com/5dnm9yds.

As Marc Morano described so well, and much to the consternation of mainstream media across the world (see https://heartland.org/opinion/heartland-institutes-2026-climate-conference-makes-global-news/), climate realism is triumphing at last and ICCC16 gave us all a great opportunity to celebrate. Join with us by watching the conference at https://climateconference.heartland.org/.

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HOT GOVERNMENT HOT JACK

A Christian Nation

My friend Pete asked me a question. "Are We a Christian Nation?" That one set me back a bit. So, I asked myself. Are we?

Certainly, our Founders thought so. Evidence is everywhere. Almost every official document that was ever written in this country has a reference to God and to Prayer. Every historical document makes it clear that almost all who came to America in the 17th and 18th Centuries came WITH Christian beliefs. You can't deny that Christianity was thee cornerstone on which this Nation was founded. It you try to deny it; you are just an idiot.

Today, as our Founders designed, we are a melting pot. People have come here from all over the world and brought their personalities, their cultures, and their religions with them. Immigrants do best and the Nation does best when new immigrants assimilate into the American Culture. But assimilation doesn't mean that people should forget where they came from or abandon their own culture. In fact, the opposite is true. "Diversity" (there's my favorite word) makes our lives interesting and more enjoyable. That said, "Diversity" does not in itself make us stronger as a Nation. What makes us stronger are the similarities that those of us who seek the American Culture, pursue.

But what about Religion? Our Founders saw Religion as something that could be used as a tool against the People and specifically banned a State Sponsored Religion. During those first two centuries I think that it is fair to say that Christianity dominated North America. But as immigration kept moving forward, more, and different Religions grew within our borders. Was this the intention of the Founders? Was this the purpose of "Freedom of Religion"? Maybe. The reality is that the United States is composed of people of many Religions. People, who are mathematically inclined might argue that in the year 2026 we are statistically less Christian than we were in 1726.

My definition of being a "Christian" includes accepting other people, even Democrats and Republicans, for what and who they are. That includes their religious beliefs, no matter what they are. If I thought differently, I would be less of a Christian than I hope I am now. To answer Pete's question, Yes, America is a Christian Nation. The only people who can change that are Christians themselves

VOICE OF JERUSALEM

Israel: Friend or Foe

By Ivan M. lang

For many years it has been clear that the primary anti-Semitic and anti-Israel political groups were on the LEFT. The primary members of congress who are anti-Israel are the Democrats. It was a Democrat president who made a deal that guaranteed Iran, Israel's number one enemy, would get the nuclear bomb within 10 years. A Republican president, Trump, ended this deal and together with Israel totally destroyed the military establishment of Iran. Trump also did many other things to support Israel like the Abraham Accords and moving the US Embassy to Jerusalem, which basically told the world that Israel belonged to the Jews.

However, over the past four or five years a number of Right Wing social media personalities, e.g. Tucker Carlson, have turned on Israel. These Right Wing social media personalities blame Israel for every bad thing that happened to the USA. These accusations are not based on any actual facts just outragious and unsupported conspiracy theories. These anti-Semitic Right wingers want the USA to abandon and stop supporting Israel, claiming that Israel does nothing for the USA. The documented facts below prove that Israel has been USA's best ally and provides important and essential products and services to the USA.

Over the past 78 years, the Israel has functioned as a strategic partner that provides the U.S. with intelligence, technological innovation, battle-tested military insights, and economic returns, often described as making Israel a "security producer" rather than just a recipient. Below is an overview of documented ways Israel contributed to U.S. security and economic interests.

Israel's location in a volatile region, advanced military capabilities, and intelligence expertise have provided the U.S. with advantages without requiring large-scale American troop deployments for Israel's direct defense. Israel supplies high-value, real-time intelligence on threats from Iran, Hezbollah, Hamas, and other groups that also target U.S. interests. This has helped prevent attacks on Americans abroad and at home. Examples include warnings about ISIS plots (e.g., 2017 laptop bomb threat to airliners) and data on Iranian operations. Some analyses estimate this cooperation saves the U.S. billions annually in avoided economic losses from disruptions or attacks. Israel has also shared lessons from operations against Soviet/Russian equipment (e.g., captured radar in the 1960s, insights from the 1973 Yom Kippur War influencing U.S. doctrine for the 1991 Gulf War) and counter-tunnel technologies used by U.S. forces against ISIS and for border security.

Israel tests and refines U.S. supplied or co-developed systems in real conflicts, providing feedback that improves them for American use. Key examples:

Joint programs like Iron Dome, David's Sling, and Arrow have been funded partly by the U.S. but deployed and iterated by Israel, with co-production creating U.S. jobs (e.g., interceptors manufactured in Arizona and Arkansas). These systems inform U.S. defenses against drones, missiles, and rockets. Israel pioneered much of the early drone technology exported globally and leads in cybersecurity (second-largest exporter of cyber products). Israeli tools help protect U.S. critical infrastructure, financial systems, and military networks. Tunnel-detection tech developed against Hezbollah/Hamas has aided U.S. efforts on the southern border and against terrorist tunnels.

Israel's technological advantage benefits America by deterring shared adversaries and reducing the need for direct U.S. intervention in some scenarios. Israel has never requested U.S. combat troops to fight its wars. Israel serves as a reliable ally ("America's aircraft carrier in the Middle East" in some descriptions), hosting joint exercises (e.g., Juniper Oak), prepositioned U.S. equipment, and cooperation that enhances interoperability. It confronts Iran-backed networks, limiting threats that could otherwise draw in more U.S. resources. Joint counterterrorism has included training and doctrine sharing for urban warfare. These contributions are amplified by formal mechanisms like the Joint Political-Military Group and defense agreements dating back decades.

Israel's economy has generated returns through trade, investment, innovation, and job creation in the U.S. The 1985 U.S.-Israel Free Trade Agreement (America's first) boosted bilateral trade dramatically, and U.S. exports to Israel grew over 450% in the first 30 years. Israel is a top importer of U.S. goods in the Middle East (despite small population share) and accounts for significant Middle Eastern investment into the U.S. Israeli FDI in the U.S. has at times exceeded that from larger economies like China or India in certain periods. Israeli companies create thousands of U.S. jobs (e.g., over 27,000 in New York City alone in recent estimates; hundreds in California).

Israel ranks among global leaders in R&D spending (as % of GDP) and patents per capita. U.S. firms (Intel, Google, Apple, Cisco, Microsoft, etc.) maintain major R&D centers in Israel, developing components that enhance American products in semiconductors, cybersecurity, biotech, AI, medical devices (e.g., capsule endoscopy), and more. Acquisitions of Israeli startups by U.S. companies bring intellectual property and talent home. Joint programs like BIRD (Binational Industrial Research & Development) have generated economic returns and U.S. jobs estimated in the tens of thousands

Much U.S. military aid to Israel is spent on American-made weapons and systems, supporting U.S. defense contractors and jobs across dozens of states (over 1,000 companies involved). Israeli innovations (e.g., in electronics, drones, and armor) feed back into U.S. production, lowering costs through scale and improving capabilities. Co-production deals (e.g., for missile interceptors) sustain American manufacturing.

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Most recently Israel has played a central role in direct military actions against Iran and its regional proxies (often called the "Axis of Resistance," including Hezbollah in Lebanon, Hamas in Gaza, and the Houthis in Yemen) as part of efforts to counter Iranian threats, particularly its nuclear program, ballistic missile capabilities, and support for attacks on Israel. These actions have escalated from a long-running shadow war (covert operations, assassinations, and proxy conflicts) into open direct confrontations starting in 2024. For decades, Israel conducted targeted operations to disrupt Iran's nuclear ambitions and proxy network. Israel has been linked to the killing of Iranian nuclear scientists, cyberattacks (e.g., Stuxnet on enrichment facilities), and strikes on Iranian assets in Syria to prevent weapon transfers to Hezbollah. Israel repeatedly struck Iranian-backed forces in Syria, degraded Hezbollah's capabilities, and responded to rocket attacks from Gaza and Lebanon. Israeli intelligence (Mossad and others) gathered data on Iran's programs, shared with allies like the US, and conducted the "campaign between the wars" limited strikes to prevent buildup.

These efforts aimed to delay Iran's nuclear breakout time and weaken its ability to project power through proxies without triggering full-scale war. Iran launched drones and missiles at Israel (in response to an Israeli strike on its consulate in Damascus that killed IRGC commanders). Israel retaliated with limited airstrikes near Isfahan, targeting air defense radar sites. This demonstrated Israel's ability to penetrate Iranian airspace with precision while minimizing escalation. Iran fired ~200 ballistic missiles at Israel. Israel responded with Operation Days of Repentance which included three waves of strikes on ~20 sites in Iran, hitting missile/drone production facilities (e.g., Parchin and Khojir complexes), air defenses (including S-300 systems), and related infrastructure. This degraded Iran's ability to manufacture and launch advanced missiles, exposed weaknesses in its defenses, and set back replenishment of stockpiles for itself and proxies.

These exchanges shifted the conflict from indirect to direct, with Israel focusing on military and nuclear-related targets. In June 2025, Israel launched a major air campaign against Iran, lasting about 12 days. Key actions included hundreds of sorties by F-35, F-15, and F-16 aircraft striking nuclear sites (e.g., Natanz, Isfahan, Fordow), missile infrastructure, air defenses, and IRGC command centers, assassinations of senior IRGC commanders, nuclear scientists, and military leaders (some via Mossad operations), and achievement of temporary air superiority over parts of Iran. The US provided support, including B-2 bomber strikes on nuclear facilities. Outcomes: Significant damage to Iran's nuclear program (delayed by 1–3+ years per some assessments), destruction of missile production and launch capabilities, and exposure of Iranian air defense vulnerabilities. Israel described it as removing major threats, though Iran retained some buried facilities

On February 28, 2026, Israel and the US launched coordinated large-scale strikes on Iran (nearly 900 in the first 12 hours), targeting nuclear and missile sites, air defenses, military infrastructure, and leadership (including the assassination of Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei and multiple IRGC/top officials in initial waves). Israel has conducted widespread airstrikes, claimed air superiority in western Iran (including near Tehran), and continued targeting rebuild efforts. This built on 2024–2025 actions by further degrading Iran's command structure, missile forces (reportedly destroying ~1/3 of launchers in some phases), and proxies (e.g., additional blows to Hezbollah). The campaign has involved joint US-Israeli operations, with Israel providing key intelligence, precision strikes, and on-the-ground operational experience.

Israel has also intercepted Iranian missiles/drones aimed at its territory (with high success rates via systems like Arrow and David's Sling, aided by US and regional partners) and responded to proxy attacks. Israel has significantly weakened Iran's network, e.g., major 2024 operations against Hezbollah (killing leader Hassan Nasrallah and degrading rocket arsenals), responses to Houthi attacks, and strikes in Syria/Iraq. This has reduced Iran's "forward defense" and ability to threaten Israel indirectly. Israeli actions have repeatedly set back Iran's nuclear timeline, destroyed air defenses and production facilities, eliminated key personnel, and forced Iran into reactive postures. This is essential self-defense against an existential nuclear/missile threat and proxy encirclement.

In summary, Israel has contributed significantly to the safety, security, and economic health of the USA and has been the USA's best and closest international ally for decades.

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Democrats who took control of his political base.

As he stated, having taken "a hard look" at the dozens of projects still in planning, and evaluating their "impacts of LNG exports on energy costs, America's energy security, and our environment. This pause on new

LNG approvals [again] sees the climate crisis for what it is: the existential threat of our time."

That shift hadn't taken long.

On his first day in office, then-President Joe Biden's executive orders canceled the permit for the Keystone XL oil pipeline and imposed a moratorium on new oil and gas leases on federal land.

His administration's EPA also announced strict new caps on tailpipe emissions that would require half of all new cars sold in the U.S. to be zero-emission electric vehicles while pumping hundreds of billions of dollars in federal subsidies into intermittent renewable energy generation, mainly wind and solar to run them.

The impact on oil prices didn't take long either rising from $2.39 per gallon the day Biden took office to a record-high national average of more than $5 per gallon in June 2022.

Additionally, on top of hiking gas prices, the Democrat's vaunted "green energy," a House committee report found it has threatened the stability of the power grid and added $1 trillion in new regulatory costs on businesses and consumers.

U.S. gas prices jumped to approximately $3.84 per gallon last week – the highest average since 2023 under Biden.

This after Iranian forces struck at least 16 commercial ships passing through the Strait of Hormuz since the war began, sending oil prices above $100 a barrel.

These strikes constitute attempts to drag the U.S. into a war of economic political attrition over gas prices, to remove Trump from his presidency from within, while inflicting pain on our allies globally.

So now Democrats blame Trump for rising gas prices as the consequence of actions taken to secure our national security; to secure us from nuclear attacks and oil shipping interruptions: by a radical regime, while claiming to care about high energy costs they created to help end billions of years of changing climate.

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require women to appear unclothed before men.

Consequentially, the National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA) immediately changed its former transgender policy in limiting women's sports competition exclusively to athletes assigned female status at birth and to disallow females who have begun hormone therapy (e.g., testosterones) at the time of such competition regardless of previous eligibility.

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) has recently followed suit in banning transgender athletes from competing in women's events based on mandatory genetic screening results beginning at the 2028 Summer Games in Los Angeles.

And what about reestablishing border sovereignty for personal and national security?

Not a single Democrat responded when President Trump asked congressional attendees at his latest State of Union Address to stand up and show support if they agreed with, "the first duty of the American government is to protect American citizens, not illegal aliens."

This is a radical departure from the "first duty" of the American government being to protect its citizens, a cornerstone of Trump's "America First" policy which emphasizes national security, border control, and crime reduction.

Most citizens appear to agree, with, a January 2026 Harvard CAPS / Harris Poll, indicating that a majority of voters — including around 50% of Democrats and 62% of Independents — support closing the southern border to regulate illegal immigration, with 70% of respondents overall supporting his tightening of border policies.

A related bedrock sovereignty tradition restricts privileges of voting for government representatives exclusively to legal citizens, a requirement that only makes sense if those wishing to exercise this right be limited to individuals who show evidence they are who they claim to be.

Requiring a photo ID to vote and proving citizenship to register both typically have wide bipartisan support.

A March CBS News poll found 80% of Americans support requiring a valid photo ID to vote, including 95% of Republicans, 79% of independents, and even 65% of Democrats.

Support for requiring proof of citizenship to register was somewhat lower, at 66% overall.

Nevertheless, the proposed SAVE Act, a Republican-sponsored bill to tighten voter identification and registration rules, is being blocked by Senate Democrats who transparently welcome illegal open border immigrants into their voting populations and onto the nation's tax revenue health care and education cost burdens.

Perhaps there's little wonder then that Democrats also similarly favor inclusion of unidentified immigrants in U.S. Census counts that influence numbers of national House seat appointments that capriciously dole out scads of money while claiming to care about an economic "affordability" crisis.

Speaking of crises, remember when the Biden administration that was pushing mandates and costly subsidies for electric vehicles while penalizing fossil fuel deemed climate change an "existential threat," one worse than nuclear weapons?

That was before Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates admitted that this isn't going to cause the end of civilization after all since temperature isn't the best metric for progress, human health/prosperity are the best defenses against its effects.

Meanwhile, after a Republican congress finally ended EV tax credits, Honda reported $15.7 billion in EV-related write-downs, joining other automakers for $70 billion in total.

Even green energy scold Greta Thunberg seems finally to have come around to support Trump "Drill Baby, Drill" policy, deciding that providing the desperate Cuban communist regime with oil is more important than saving the imperiled global climate.

Many will argue that Trump is dealing decisively to entirely end another existential threat – Iran – whose radical leadership ideology coupled with nuclear intimidation ambitions have been far more dangerous than posed by global warming.

Since returning to office in January 2025 his peace through strength policies have also played key roles in deescalating several foreign conflicts: brokering a ceasefire between Israel-Hamas in Gaza; peace agreements between Armenia – Azerbaijan and DRC-Rwanda; ceasefires between India-Pakistan and Cambodia-Thailand; and settlements between Egypt-Ethiopia and Serbia-Kosovo.

Yes, Trump is a radically different sort of president, one who fortunately came along at a time when his predecessors made us need him most.

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the tea leaves is possible. As an old 81 years and change, Military & Civilian analyst, in effect trust no one, as one might today rational – meantime I found this little tidbit, at the bottom of a Graphic noting the ongoing Regionalizing of the American Continent: The Landscape Conservation Cooperative map is a US Government map and shows how North America has been divided up into 22 regional "cooperatives" as per DOI (Ken Salazar), Secretarial Order No. 3289. LCCs still receives continued Congressional Funding. These LCCs are really really important and few people are paying attention to what they are doing and the impact they have. Trump could not get rid of them even though he tried doing so in his 2016 DOI budget.

Stakeholder governance is a framework where corporations balance profit with purpose by considering the interests of employees, customers, suppliers, communities, and the environment alongside shareholders. It shifts from pure shareholder maximization to long-term sustainability, accountability, and ethical management to create shared value.

In fewer words, pure nonsense dressed in pretend ethics.

On the substack The price of freedom is eternal vigilance, I recommend to everyone who has tried to understand the utterance of the left the piece beginning, "Banking 1770 and Onward" to this day. Control of the public via Funding.

It covers every step of building the baseless, corrupt take-over of the entire world by a most corrupt set of individuals, starting with the 1844 naming of Bank of England as sole issuer of banknotes. Was this by a vote or the decisions of lawmakers? Nope. The bankers worked it out amongst themselves.

The next step had the industrialists, civil servants, and academics to "rebuild British economic life to adapt to filling places in the new order. . .." Because the Bank of England was "already perfect", the Fabian Society set itself the task of making all the institutions into clones of the B of E, to get "the right people into the right positions", so policy would follow. Thus, the next step was to build the London School of Economics in 1895 to train the administrators to "produce the civil servants, economists, and planners who (would staff) Whitehall (the heart of British government) for decades."

The Fabian Society took the next step in establishing "the Royal Institute of International Affairs – Chatham House, "where foreign policy was shaped before it (even) reached ministers "a self-selecting group of experts whose analysis defined the options available to elected officials. As the author so well put it, "Governments change, but Chatham house remained." They might as well use brain-dead monkeys.

The author shows how these three bodies work together where "long-range thinking, economic planning, and political action (are) combined into a single programme." This pattern has been applied to governance.

The substack goes on to add each new step designed to shut down Capitalism, individual freedom, morality, and sound science to gain world control. IMHO it should be read for all; he hits all the main points including world religion, the Earth Charger, Global Environment Monitoring System, a Global Ethic, the Sustainable Development Goals, the financial-ization of Compliance, and much more.

As you read them, you realize that, yes, he has put together the steps that have brought us from a world where at least one country had freedom, property rights, and the rule of law. Now the entire world is being drawn into the complete downfall of civilization with little attempt to correct the direction from hell to some sort of humanity.

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increased at the same time glyphosate use was rising. But the use of fluorescent lights, birth control pills, television, computers, social media and anesthesia also increased during that time. No studies under accepted scientific standards of evidence have shown that glyphosate caused any of these problems.

Glyphosate has joined the "climate crisis" as an alleged cause of countless bad things affecting Earth and humanity. And yet, IARC and attack lawyers don't even mention another category of serious health risks.

Copper sulfate was widely used on organic farms for decades, before being somewhat restricted recently. Its oral LD50 is 450-790 – meaning just 450 milligrams per kilogram of body weight can kill half the lab animals that ingest it. Its dermal (skin contact) LD50 is lower, above 2000 mg/kg. But the chemical is deadly to fish, hugely harmful to avian reproductive systems … and highly toxic to humans.

In glaring contrast, it takes more than 5000 mg/kg of glyphosate, orally or dermally, to kill rats.

Other approved organic farm favorites, like rotenone and pyrethrins, also have problematical LD50 levels.

No chemical (or activity) is totally safe. But glyphosate is far safer (and far more effective) than almost any other herbicides: past (arsenic!), present or organic. If it is banned, the impacts will be far-reaching.

Weed control chemicals eliminate the need to till cropland. That protects soil organisms, conserves soil moisture, reduces irrigation and erosion, sequesters CO2, saves time and tractor fuel, and allows more land to be conserved as wildlife habitat, instead of being planted in crops. Most obviously, they eradicate weeds that steal water and nutrients from food crops.

Eliminate herbicides, and these benefits decline or disappear. Weeds will have to be controlled by regular tractor tilling or human hands – or by more expensive, less effective, more dangerous chemicals. Far more land will have to be cultivated to get the same crop production – on top of what has already been removed from agriculture or degraded in productivity by industrial wind and solar installations.

Farming costs will skyrocket. Crop yields will decline dramatically. Food prices will soar. Food aid for malnourished people around the globe will shrivel.

We are dealing with the "precautionary principle" on steroids. Focused on alleged, highly speculative risks ofusing chemicals – never on the risks of not using them. Highlighting risks a technology allegedly might cause – but ignoring often far greater risks it would reduce or prevent.

Demonizing, prohibiting, suing and regulating vital chemicals out of existence is a surefire way to slash US and global living standards and nutrition. It's time to rein in the activists and jackpot-justice lawyers.

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