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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



Trump Freeing U.S. from UN Health, Energy and Climate Tyranny

By Larry Bell

The Trump administration has severed fealty and bondage to United Nations programs that compromise American sovereignty and subordinate national interests and policy autonomy to globalist agendas.

Two recent actions address disentanglements from dysfunctional and exploitive world health authority and unwarranted and climate alarm-premised energy policy fiascos.

Regarding the first such matter, U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio and U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Robert Kennedy, Jr. issued a Jan. 22 joint statement declaring,

"Today, the United States withdrew from the World Health Organization, freeing itself from its constraints, as President Trump promised on his first day in office.

"This action responds to WHO's failures during the COVID-19 pandemic and seeks to rectify the harm from those failures inflicted on the American people."

A White House statement on the matter declared that the decision was "due to the organization's mishandling of the COVID-19 pandemic that arose out of Wuhan, China, and other

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Poor nations won't follow Europe, UN in economic suicide

Or continue letting global elites set policies that impoverish and kill their people

By Paul Driessen



Calling them wasteful and a threat to America's sovereignty, freedoms and prosperity, President Trump pulled the United States out of 66 international organizations – most importantly the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, the foundation for "climate crisis" treaties and policies.

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A Challenge to Republican/Conservative Forces – What's Your Plan to Win?

By Tom DeWeese



Republican spokesmen and conservative media continue to report with glee that the Democrats are out of control and finished as a political force. "They're clueless," "they're crazy." "Their leadership is completely out of control." "The Democrats are done." On and on it goes. "Are you tired of winning yet," goes the most popular slogan. And, "The midterms are in the Republicans hands!"

My frustration grows as I'm forced to watch the absolute

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Is Canada's "warming" just politically driven data corruption?

By Tom Harris



"Canada is warming at roughly double the global average rate," according to scientists at Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC). But it looks like this claim, regularly repeated by politicians and media across the board, is yet another example of made up evidence to support a politically correct narrative. And, given that Canada represents such a large fraction of global land surface area, one naturally wonders if the

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Beglinger Blast..... Fraud Waiting To Happen

By Joan Beglinger

On January 28 Wisconsin voters scored a big win in the epic battle for verifiability of our election results. "Verifiable" means

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Canada: A Chinese Colony on Our Northern Border

"Thus saith the Lord; For three transgressions of Tyrus, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they delivered up the whole captivity to Edom, and remembered not the brotherly covenant:" Amos 1:9

By Riley J. Hood

There has been bad news out of Canada for decades. They have legalized abortion, sodomy,

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What Lurks in Supreme Court's Shadow Docket? A Star Chamber

By William L. Kovacs



The U.S. Supreme Court has taken on a new and troubling persona since the start of the Trump administration. Historically, the Court insisted on full briefing, oral argument, and written opinions explaining the legal principles supporting its decisions. That tedious process, in transparency and public justification, earned it legitimacy and provided critical guidance to the lower courts. In the last several months, however, the Supreme Court

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The Endangerment Finding Is Dead. Here's Why It Matters

By Jim Lakely, Linnea Lueken, Anthony Watts, Lois Perry

It's finally done. The Trump administration on Thursday announced that the Endangerment Finding for carbon dioxide is dead. No longer will the federal government treat CO2 as a gas that harms human health and welfare. It has been the lynchpin of regulatory overreach for nearly two decades, morphing into a way for the Biden administration to all but outlaw the internal combustion engine. President Trump said the Endangerment Finding has cost the U.S. economy more than $1 trillion, and EPA Administrator Lee Zeldin said the repeal will make the annoying "auto off" switch in new

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Lyme Disease: A Holistic Treatment That Truly Heals

By Susan Rohr, Brookfield Health & Wellness



Lyme disease and Chronic Infection Syndrome are complex for several reasons. Lyme, once considered to solely be transmitted by ticks, has become more widespread than ever.

Documented cases are now indicating that Lyme disease, a vector-borne illness, can be transmitted through any infected insect that exchanges blood or saliva. Examples include mosquitoes, fleas, horseflies, ticks, etc. Often the severity of an

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Steve's Say . . . Trump's War on Election Fraud About to Get Very Hot

The recent visit of Tulsi Gabbard and the FBI down to Fulton county, Georgia to retrieve tangible evidence of what occurred there in the 2020 Presidential election produced the first lightning bolt in the coming storm over election fraud and vote integrity. Less than two weeks later Kristi Noem journeyed to Maricopa county, Arizona to discuss "election security" with the powers that be down there.

These starting antes in this high stakes duel portend a hurricane of events to follow to either expose or cover up the overthrow of the US Federal government through the fraudulent 2020 election. Trump's team plans to show unequivocally that foreign powers, with help from traitorous American citizens, overthrew the US government using their long-planned, countrywide and well-choreographed scheme, which included media collusion and participation.

All of these participants will be exposed and prosecuted according to the fullest extent of the law. I foresee a blistering series to follow that will not only prove that the Democrats stole the 2020 presidential election, but more importantly, how they did it. Participation by foreign entities in this coup, which explains Tulsi Gabbard's presence in Georgia, elevates this crime to an Act of War. Acts of War cannot be adjudicated through the civilian justice system but mandate Military Tribunals.

And just like we know the monstrous financial fraud exposed in Minnesota can be found in every state, the election fraud being confirmed in Georgia and Arizona can also be extrapolated across all of America. That includes Wisconsin.

Quite interestingly, Dan Scavino, one of Trump's key insiders throughout his administrations, posted a video a few days ago of former Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice Michael Gableman recommending to the Assembly committee on voter fraud to recall their electors for Biden. Trump promised several months ago to provide help to Wisconsin in purging the voter roles and massively reducing election fraud in the state. Maybe that help is on the way, or already in action.

We sure know that the Wisconsin GOP has done nothing to address any of these concerns and in fact appear to be covering for the scoundrels. Representative Scott Krug of Wisconsin Rapids, also known as the VOS mini-me, staunchly guards against anyone seeking to enter the forbidden lands of election integrity inquiry. He enforces legislative censoring of all people espousing the fanatical conspiracy theory that any election fraud has ever happened in our state.

The lack of action by Wisconsin Legislature Republicans in pursuing what most citizens see as the most important issue facing the state portends, at best, disinterest in their constituent's concerns, likely many beneficiaries of the system within their ranks, or, God forbid, direct participation in fraudulent voting schemes. Eventually truth prevails, and every participant's involvement exposed.

Reality News readers got a taste of this frustration with several articles over the past few months surrounding the upcoming gubernatorial election. The two Republican candidates did not appear to some of the Reality News contributors to be focused enough on this particularly important and very urgent issue. Then at the end of January Washington County Executive Josh Schoemann ended his campaign after President Trump endorsed US Congressman Tom Tiffany for the Republican nomination. So now Tiffany bears the sole responsibility for addressing the election integrity for MAGA voters. You will find some follow up articles regarding this quest in this edition of Reality News.

I saw this ad in the Wisconsin Conservative Digest from Tom Tiffany:



So I sent an e-mail to some of these contributors saying I guess we have a candidate now that takes election integrity seriously. The responses I received seemed guarded at best. So I sent a rather long reply to all from which I will share a few choice excerpts:

I know Tom Tiffany. He came from our original Tea Party movement (as did Ron Johnson and Janel) which has been ostracized by the GOP. He's a real grassroots guy and the ONLY member of the WI House delegation that not a back-benching tree stump like the rest of them. He's been the head of the environmental committee, and the recent reversal of the endangerment finding has a lot to do with his efforts.



People get tired of reading negative stuff. There are many great things happening out there, many of which I'm positive none of you are aware of. Here's the reality: Tiffany will be our guy in November. He has Trump's support. That's good enough for me.

No one understands more than me that until the election fraud is essentially eliminated in this state, the bad guys will keep installing their puppets. But I assure you people, that condition will be changing soon.

…get people to understand the real problem is the GOP hierarchy's dismissal of the MAGA base and our efforts to rid the fraud problem in our state. They have been of no help at all. We know the State GOP in our WI Legislature is what holds us hostage here. And its not just VOS.

So putting all of these things together, I believe Trump's team embarked on a long-studied and well-planned offensive against all those actors involved in the scheme that not only overthrew the US government in 2020 but installed puppet leaders throughout the world, 71 countries to be exact. So this problem transcends national boundaries, truly a world wide threat. In fact, destroying the will of the people blazes the trail to one world totalitarian rule, the entire point of developing and utilizing an election fraud system like this.

So Trump aims to not only neutralize election fraud in America but across the world. When the true will of the people becomes recognized in every nation by free and fair elections, then the world will become a world of peace, fair trade and abundance. And that seems to me like the way God wanted it to be for us all along.

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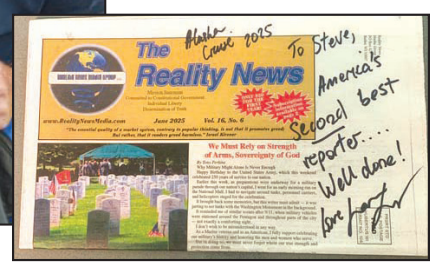

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Real Environmental Crisis Is Not Climate Change

By Vijay Jayaraj

What if the worst environmental problem wasn't the one everyone is talking about? While Western elites sip fair-trade coffee and obsess over carbon footprints, the developing world drowns in a toxic soup of its own making – a crisis entirely distinct from the phantom menace of climate change.

The real environmental emergency isn't the modest warming that has helped humans thrive. It's land degradation, poisoned water, and other forms of pollution that are burying the Global South alive.

Yes, we've been fighting the wrong environmental war.

The foaming black sludge in the rivers, the mountains of untreated garbage festering in streets, and the invisible superbugs breeding in waterways represent a true crisis that extends across continents.

In Ghana, only one-quarter of the daily trash is gathered for disposal. Uncollected waste breeds insect vectors that transmit malaria and dengue fever. In South African townships, nearly three-quarters of the residents report diseases directly attributable to improper waste disposal. Cholera dominates the list.

Southeast Asia now ranks among the largest contributors to marine plastic pollution. Mismanaged waste flows through rivers into coastal waters, damaging fisheries and tourism. Plastic pollution stems from governance failure, not atmospheric chemistry. The solutions are mundane but unapplied: collection trucks, engineered landfills, and modern incineration with air-emission controls.

Yet here emerges the peculiar tragedy of our moment: While our children drink poisoned water, our governments have burned billions of dollars at the altar of net zero. They divert precious financial resources, energy, and administrative bandwidth toward fighting a ghost. They chase the approval of the United Nations and the World Economic Forum, pledging allegiance to a "war on carbon." They announce billion-dollar "renewable" targets for solar and wind installations.

In countries where capital is scarce and competing priorities numerous, this reallocation is consequential. Billions allocated to renewable energy transition in poor countries translates into delayed investment in wastewater treatment, sanitation systems and waste management technology.

Environmental ministers in developing nations have been socialized into a hierarchy of concern that places the atmospheric concentration of a botanical nutrient – carbon dioxide – above demonstrable health catastrophes unfolding in their jurisdictions.

The justification for this abysmal stance is rooted in the claim that carbon dioxide (CO_2) is causing a climate crisis. The premise that this trace gas drives dangerous global warming is unscientific. The "settled science" is anything but.

Researchers like William Happer and W. A. van Wijngaarden have shown that the greenhouse effect of each CO_2 molecule diminishes as it atmospheric concentration increases. Adding more CO_2 to the atmosphere is like painting a black window with another coat of black paint; it makes little difference to the light passing through.

Furthermore, new data indicate that the rate of global warming between 1899 and 1940 – before the surge in industrial emissions – may have been higher than the warming rate from 1983 to 2024. If human emissions are the primary control knob of the climate, how can the greater warming of the early 20th century be explained? It cannot.

Every time a city in India or Bangladesh floods, the media shrieks "climate change!", blaming the rain on the burning of fossil fuels. This is a lie. The rain is real, but the cause of the disaster is fabricated. Analysis of Indian flood deaths show repeatedly that urban planning failures are the culprit.

Recent assessment by the U.S. Department of Energy acknowledges that excessively aggressive mitigation policies targeting CO_2 are likely more detrimental than beneficial to economic welfare. The scientific case for treating CO_2 as a planetary menace has weakened as observational data and physical modeling have matured.

And the irony is that the fossil fuels proposed for abandonment are needed to solve the real problems: High-temperature incinerators, recycling plants, and water treatment facilities require massive amounts of reliable, affordable baseload power. Solar and wind cannot provide this.

Robust infrastructure that can withstand floods and storms requires steel and concrete, which is produced by using coal and natural gas. To improve the quality of indoor air, households must transition away from burning dung and wood to clean-burning liquefied petroleum gas.

The climate scare is a luxury adventure for the rich. For most, the fight is for clean water, breathable air, and the dignity of a life free from filth. The abstract, unscientific, and profitable carbon targets tailor-made for multi-billion-dollar corporations is not going to save the Global South from the suffocating effect of real pollution.

The longer developing nations remain entranced by climate virtue signaling, the longer they defer the genuine environmental remediation their populations deserve.

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Across the Atlantic, a Self-Inflicted Disaster is Steadily Unfolding

By Vijay Jayaraj

Across the Atlantic, a self-inflicted disaster is steadily unfolding. One of the United States' closest allies, the United Kingdom, has surrendered energy riches and industrial prowess.

This decline is not the result of any shortage of capital, technological capacity or natural resources. Instead, it is the consequence of an ideologically driven climate agenda that has elevated "green" symbolism over engineering reality.

For years, politicians have beaten their chests about the U.K.'s "world-leading" renewable capacity. They paraded statistics showing wind and solar generating most of the electricity, conveniently ignoring that this only happens when the wind blows and the sun shines.

When "green" generation doesn't perform, British taxpayers pay for natural gas-fired power plants to back up idle facilities and stabilize the grid. They also pay "constraint payments" to switch off wind turbines when it is too windy to operate them.

This is the great deception of the Levelized Cost of Energy (LCOE) metric the green lobby loves to cite. LCOE excludes the enormous price of grid balancing, backup generation, curtailment payments, transmission expansion and subsidies – all required to prop up the green sham.

In the real world – where bills must be paid – the U.K. has created for itself some of the highest electricity rates on the planet, up to four times more than in the United States. One-third of Scots live in energy poverty. But the real cost never shows up in glossy charts that promote manipulated data representing wind and solar as cheap.

The price caps of Great Britain's Office of Gas and Electricity Markets now dominate household conversations, which are amplified by each winter's anxiety over lifestyle choices. Heat or eat has shifted from a slogan to a lived reality. Once a power behind the Industrial Revolution, Britain has shamefully imposed on its citizens energy poverty. Families ration warmth while politicians celebrate decarbonization targets.

One reader told U.K.'s Independent of heating only a single room with a wood-burning stove, mimicking a 19th century living standard 200 years later. Such is the "Green Industrial Revolution" promised by know-nothing managers of energy policy.

And for what? So that the U.K. can reduce its negligible contribution to global emissions of harmless carbon dioxide. Meanwhile, China and India build coal plants to power the manufacturing

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Heartland Institute Experts Cheer End of the Endangerment Finding for CO2

By H. Sterling Burnett, Anthony Watts, Linnea Lueken

President Trump's Environmental Protection Agency today announced the repeal of an Obama-era rule called the "Endangerment Finding," which categorized carbon dioxide (CO2) and other greenhouse gases as a threat to public health. This move cuts the legs out from under the EPA's climate rules, which allowed the federal government to impose ever-increasing regulations on automobiles and appliances in an effort to reduce their "carbon footprints."

The following statements from energy and environment experts at The Heartland Institute may be used for attribution. For more information or to schedule an interview, please contact Executive Vice President and Director of Communications Jim Lakely at jlakely@heartland.org or call/text 312-731-9364.

The Heartland Institute is a national free market think tank that The Economist magazine called "the world's most prominent think-tank promoting skepticism about man-made climate change."

Heartland has organized 15 International Conferences on Climate Change and will host its 16th conference on April 8-9 in Washington, DC. Heartland also published the 3,000-page Climate Change Reconsidered series of volumes by the Nongovernmental International Panel on Climate Change.

"This action is long overdue and good for the American people, freeing up the auto industry to make the vehicles people want unburdened by unnecessary emission restrictions or money-losing electric vehicle mandates. Today is a win for car and truck buyers and Trump should be applauded for taking this action.

"The endangerment finding was never justified by either science or law. Now it's time to strike another blow for affordability, and strike while the iron is hot, to rescind endangerment for power plants as well. Let's hope the Administration is up to the task of defending this decision in court and take it all the way to the Supreme Court.

"For CO2 regulation to be put back in the hands of the legislature where it belongs, the Supreme Court must overturn the terrible majority ruling in Massachusetts v. EPA, which spawned the endangerment finding in the first place."

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"The repeal of the EPA's 2009 Endangerment Finding is a huge step toward restoring climate reality for the United States.

"There's temptation to say, in Star Trek parlance, 'It's dead. Jim.' But, in reality, it is a Yogi Berra moment: 'It ain't over 'til it's over.' Today's announcement is poised to trigger a sweeping political, legal, and media backlash.

"As the regulatory foundation for nearly two decades of federal climate policy, its reversal will ignite coordinated lawsuits, state-level countermeasures, and an intensified public relations campaign from activist groups and aligned institutions determined to preserve existing climate authorities. Look for courtroom battles, a surge in state-driven climate initiatives, and the likely escalation of extreme-weather attribution claims in the media."

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"This is a great first step towards rolling back all the horribly damaging overregulation that has suffocated American innovation in the last few decades. Rescinding the vehicle emissions related endangerment finding is a necessary and fantastic start, it's now time to press the advantage.

"Undo the damage done by the 2007 Massachusetts v. EPA ruling, remove the powerplant greenhouse gas emissions rules, and make it so that only real legislation passed by Congress would ever put any of it back in place."

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EPA Plans One of Largest Deregulation Moves in U.S. History

By Levi Mikula

The EPA is set to repeal an Obama-era greenhouse gas rule, in what the EPA is describing as "the largest act of deregulation in the history of the United States." The new rule will reportedly eliminate requirements to measure, report, certify, and comply with the federal greenhouse gas emission standards for motor vehicles that were put in place after the 2009 "endangerment finding" of six greenhouse gases that the Obama administration argued posed "a threat to public health and welfare," including CO2, a gas that is essential for plants.

Despite no real scientific evidence or consensus confirming that CO2 emissions are increasing due to human activity, and the rule being based on a false pretense of climate alarmism, including overpredicting global warming and an increase in frequency and intensity of storms, the EPA used a 2007 Supreme Court ruling to justify these regulations, and virtually any other policies that they wish to implement.

The repeal of this rule will begin to reverse the severe overstepping of the EPA's authority that was put in place based on flawed data and over-exaggerated claims, placing an unnecessary burden on consumers and costing more than $1 trillion in unneeded regulations and higher energy costs. Overturning this disastrous rule might face significant legal challenges, but will hopefully open the door to a significantly weaker department and the authority being placed back in the hands of Congress, where it was designed to be. Congress must represent we the people instead of relying on unelected bureaucrats to do the job that they were elected to do.

Climate alarmism has been one of the largest schemes in history, based off of fear and controlling the consumer, and I am glad to see the Trump administration taking it seriously and beginning to reverse this monumental overreach.

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automobiles no longer mandatory.

Does the end of the Endangerment Finding mean the death of the climate hoax? How significant is this move, really, if it doesn't directly address CO2 emissions from coal and natural gas power plants? Will it survive a court challenge? What more must be done to restore science and common sense to public policy?

The Heartland Institute's Anthony Watts, Linnea Lueken, Jim Lakely, and special guest Lois Perry will tackle this subject, plus other Crazy Climate News of the Week. Join us LIVE at 1 p.m. ET on YouTube, Rumble, X, and Facebook. Participate in the show by leaving your comments and questions in the chat.

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How Va. Consumers Could Soon Face Blowout Energy Costs

By Larry Bell

A federal judge recently ruled that the massive Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind (CVOW) program must be allowed to proceed despite Trump administration attempts to kill the project on national security grounds for interference with coastal radar defense systems.

Was that really the strongest rationale to end this costly scheme - one of the most expensive energy projects in U.S. history?

Not likely.

More cogent reasons for opposition are the project's unwarranted burdens on Virginia energy consumers and U.S. taxpayers falsely premised on "affordability."

Virginia's State Corporation Commission approved the CVOW project in 2022 under mandate of the Virginia Clean Energy Act of 2020 which required its main utility, Dominion Energy, to be carbon-free within a quarter-century.

The Act specifically required that a Virginia utility build the wind farm rather than import the wind energy from an adjacent state.

Although the State Corporation Commission originally understood that that the project would raise the average consumer's bill by more than $50 a year and as much as $170 in some years, with a special fee specifically added to Virginians' energy bills for offshore wind, they nevertheless became shocked at what that electricity would cost.

Their conclusion, "the electricity produced by this Project will be among the most expensive sources of power" in the U.S., whether measured by total capacity created or by actual electricity delivered.

"They additionally noted that at more than $20 billion, CVOW is also the "costliest project being undertaken by a regulated utility in the United States."

Construction alone is expected to cost about $10 billion, with financing and other long-term costs doubling more than doubling the total price tag.

As the state notes, "all of these costs . . . will find their way to ratepayers' electric bills."

And this spending largess doesn't account for billions in federal tax credits for the project provided by taxpayers across the nation.

Dominion Energy claims that CVOW will reduce customers' bills by shrinking the amount of outside renewable energy the utility will need to purchase under state law.

However, this circular argument ignores reality that it is state law that mandated their purchase of costly "renewable" green energy in the first place with no thanks to the Virginia Clean Energy Act which has mandated that several far more economical fossil fuel generators be shut down.

Since Dominion Energy will own CVOW directly, their energy dependent customers will also bear added supply cost risks if the project fails economically, whereas other utilities have promised to buy power from independent offshore wind companies.

According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), offshore wind is already the most expensive primary type of energy available, more than twice the cost per megawatt hour of onshore wind and 3.4 times more expensive than power produced by natural gas plants, even without factoring in special tax credits.

Since Virginia's offshore winds are weak, even Dominion has noted that the project would typically produce less than half its full power capacity.

Nor can wind farms produce seasonal weather-independent reliable power when needed, instead generating the most electricity in spring and fall when demand is lowest, and the least in summer afternoons when demand is highest.

Because wind power by its fundamental nature is intermittent, extra costs of providing backup standby generation capacity (typically gas-fired plants) come as a requirement to stabilize the grid, made more expensive by a need to inefficiently throttle the turbines up and down in a similar manner to repeatedly starting and stopping a car in heavy traffic.

Since modern societies require around-the-clock power depending in this case upon two systems, renewables and reliable backup, this leaves a need to always have a ready supply of mostly natural gas turbines on hand to make up the difference, although operating at low efficiency and profit margin costs for suppliers who are forced to charge more.

Ironically, it's often cheaper and more reliable to run natural gas plants continuously.

Gas plants last longer too, with typical useful operating lives of 30-40 years compared with 20-24 years for offshore wind turbines.

Theres little wonder then why President Trump would deem to end this government-subsidized energy economy-ravaging folly which he referred to along with solar in a social media post as "the scam of the century."

Speaking at the World Economic Forum (WEF), Trump said, "There are windmills all over Europe," "There are windmills all over the place, and they are losers.

"One thing I've noticed is that the more windmills a country has, the more money that country loses and the worse that country is doing."

Take Germany, for example, which pays more than twice the U.S. price, and three times more than China pays per kilowatt hour for electricity. Simultaneously, Germany has installed enough solar and wind power to supply nearly 70% of its electricity needs with a huge caveat. . . .

It excludes cloudy and windless days as have occurred twice in recent months when these "renewables" delivered less than 4% of daily power requirements.

And Germany's entire emergency battery storage is limited to about 20 minutes.

In any case, whatever the outcome of the legal cases surrounding the Trump administration and CVOW, pausing the project won't lower energy costs for Virginians at this point because the state regulator has already baked them into the bill.

The only thing "green" about this energy legislation will come out of pockets of Virginia ratepayers and U.S. taxpayers.

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Across the Atlantic, a self-inflicted disaster is steadily unfolding. One of the United States' closest allies, the United Kingdom, has surrendered energy riches and industrial prowess.

This decline is not the result of any shortage of capital, technological capacity or natural resources. Instead, it is the consequence of an ideologically driven climate agenda that has elevated "green" symbolism over engineering reality.

For years, politicians have beaten their chests about the U.K.'s "world-leading" renewable capacity. They paraded statistics showing wind and solar generating most of the electricity, conveniently ignoring that this only happens when the wind blows and the sun shines.



When "green" generation doesn't perform, British taxpayers pay for natural gas-fired power plants to back up idle facilities and stabilize the grid. They also pay "constraint payments" to switch off wind turbines when it is too windy to operate them.

This is the great deception of the Levelized Cost of Energy (LCOE) metric the green lobby loves to cite. LCOE excludes the enormous price of grid balancing, backup generation, curtailment payments, transmission expansion and subsidies – all required to prop up the green sham.

In the real world – where bills must be paid – the U.K. has created for itself some of the highest electricity rates on the planet, up to four times more than in the United States. One-third of Scots live in energy poverty. But the real cost never shows up in glossy charts that promote manipulated data representing wind and solar as cheap.

The price caps of Great Britain's Office of Gas and Electricity Markets now dominate household conversations, which are amplified by each winter's anxiety over lifestyle choices. Heat or eat has shifted from a slogan to a lived reality. Once a power behind the Industrial Revolution, Britain has shamefully imposed on its citizens energy poverty. Families ration warmth while politicians celebrate decarbonization targets.

One reader told U.K.'s Independent of heating only a single room with a wood-burning stove, mimicking a 19th century living standard 200 years later. Such is the "Green Industrial Revolution" promised by know-nothing managers of energy policy.

And for what? So that the U.K. can reduce its negligible contribution to global emissions of harmless carbon dioxide. Meanwhile, China and India build coal plants to power the manufacturing exported to them by those who have frittered away British industrial might.

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SCIENCE & ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY PROJECT

The Week That Was February 14th, 2026

Quote of the Week:

"Why one hundred? If I were wrong, one would have been enough." — Albert Einstein (1931) Retort to the book "A Hundred Authors Against Einstein."

Number of the Week:

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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.

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And thank you.

Scope: This TWTW begins with Dansgaard–Oeschger (D–O) as discussed in Unstoppable Global Warming: Every 1,500 Years by Singer and Avery plus additional evidence that D-O events are global. TWTW presents important sections of the EPA press release that the so-called endangerment finding is beyond the regulatory authority of the EPA, and that the application of the finding to automobiles is insignificant. TWTW concludes that there are highly questionable assertions in the latest US Reference Manual on Scientific Evidence.

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Natural Climate Cycles: The late S. Fred Singer and the late Dennis T. Avery authored a book published in 2007 on natural warming and cooling of Earth titled Unstoppable Global Warming: Every 1,500 Years. The cycles are not precisely observed, and the 1500 years is approximate, but the variation is less than 10% through at least 20 events covering tens of thousands of years. Singer and Avery state this variation suggests an external cause such as solar energy reaching Earth. The second edition was published in 2008. The description on Amazon.com states:

"Singer and Avery present -- in popular language supported by in-depth scientific evidence -- the compelling concept that global temperatures have been rising mostly or entirely because of a natural cycle. Using historic data from two millennia of recorded history combined with the natural physical records found in ice cores, seabed sediment, cave stalagmites, and tree rings, Unstoppable Global Warming argues that the 1,500-year solar-driven cycle that has always controlled the earth's climate remains the driving force in the current warming trend.

Trillions of dollars spent on reducing fossil fuel use would have no effect on today's rising temperatures. The public policy key, Singer and Avery propose, is adaptation, not fruitless attempts at prevention. Further, they offer convincing evidence that civilization's most successful eras have coincided with the cycle's warmest peaks. With the added benefit of modern technology, humanity can not only survive global climate change, but thrive."

The cyclical nature of this warming and cooling was discovered by Willi Dansgaard of Denmark, Hans Oeschger of Switzerland, and Claude Lorius of France. They were jointly awarded the Tyler Prize (the "environmental Nobel") in 1996. According to the book:

"However, their award citations say nary a word about the climate cycle they discovered, nor anything about its predictive power to forecast moderate climate changes. The public has remained virtually unaware that the 1,500-year cycle offers the only explanation for the modern warming that is supported by physical evidence." [Boldface added]

The warming and cooling cycles are called Dansgaard-Oeschger (D-O) events and NOAA lumps them with Heinrich events which are massive, periodic discharges of icebergs from the Laurentide Ice Sheet into the North Atlantic Ocean during the last glacial period (roughly 60,000 to 16,800 years ago). According to the NOAA website on Heinrich and Dansgaard–Oeschger Events:

"Climate during the last glacial period was far from stable. Heinrich and Dansgaard-Oeschger events occurred repeatedly throughout most of this time.

Scientists Willi Dansgaard and Hans Oeschger first reported the Dansgaard-Oeschger (D-O) events in Greenland ice cores. Each of the 25 observed D-O events consisted of an abrupt warming to near interglacial conditions that occurred in a matter of decades and was followed by a gradual cooling.

Related to some of the coldest intervals between D-O events were six distinctive events, named after paleoclimatologist Hartmut Heinrich, which are recorded in North Atlantic marine sediments as layers with a large amount of coarse-grained sediments derived from land. These layers, which are continuous across large areas of the North Atlantic, are evidence for both an increase in icebergs discharged from the Laurentide ice sheet in North America and a southward extension of cold, polar waters (Bond et al. 1992). Icebergs carry sand-sized grains eroded by ice sheets.

When icebergs encounter warmer ocean water, they melt and drop their sediment load onto the seafloor. A southward extension of cold, polar waters allowed icebergs to travel farther before melting. Heinrich events occurred less frequently than D-O events. D-O events repeated every several thousand years on average, while ~10,000 years elapsed between Heinrich events. Neither of the two types of events is strictly periodic, however."

https://www.ncei.noaa.gov/sites/default/files/2021-11/2 Heinrich and Dansgaard%E2%80%93Oeschger Events - Final-OCT 2021.pdf

Since the cause is not known, there is no logical reason to assume that the cause stopped with end of the last Ice Age. Indeed, the GISP2 ice cores of the Greenland ice sheet show moderate fluctuations continuing. The NOAA website recognizes that D-O Events are global, not local or regional. Now Kenneth Richard of No Tricks Zone discusses a new paper on D-O events: "A global analysis of pollen-based reconstructions of land climate changes during Dansgaard–Oeschger events." The abstract states:

"Dansgaard–Oeschger (D–O) warming events are comparable in magnitude and rate to the anticipated 21st century warming. As such, they provide a good target for evaluation of the ability of state-of-the-art climate models to simulate rapid climate changes. Despite the wealth of qualitative information about climate changes during the D–O events, there has been no attempt to date to make quantitative reconstructions globally. Here we use … [special statistics] … to reconstruct mean temperature of the coldest month, mean temperature of the warmest month, and a plant-available moisture index across multiple D–O events between 50 and 30,000 years ago based on available pollen records across the globe. The reconstruction of plant-available moisture is corrected for the impact of changing atmospheric CO2 concentrations on plant water use efficiency. These reconstructions show that the largest warming occurred in northern extratropics, especially Eurasia, while western North America and the southern extratropics were characterized by cooling. The change in winter temperature was significantly larger than the change in summer temperature in the northern extratropics and the tropics, indicating that the D–O warming events were characterized by reduced seasonality, but there was no significant difference between the summer and winter temperature changes in the southern extratropics. The antiphasing between northern and southern extratropical changes, and the west-east pattern of cooling and warming in North America were generally consistent across the eight D–O events examined, although coherency is greatest during the strongest events. There was no globally consistent pattern between changes in moisture and changes in temperature. These reconstructions can be used to evaluate the spatial patterns of changes in temperature and moisture in the transient simulations of the D–O events planned as part of the Paleoclimate Modelling Intercomparison Project."

All this prompts the question: Is 20th century warming in part or all due to a D-O event? If so, then attempting to control carbon dioxide emissions is a fruitless exercise. See links under Challenging the Orthodoxy.

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Endangerment Finding: In a public announcement president Trump and EPA Administrator Lee Zeldin stated that the administration will be dropping the scientifically flawed assertion that carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases endanger public health and welfare. The major greenhouse gas, water vapor, was ignored in the original finding and subsequent regulations but it is a key part of global climate modeling because water vapor is the major "positive feedback" and is used to justify other positive feedbacks. Yet, the modelers have failed to produce physical evidence supporting these positive feedbacks. Key parts of the press release are [legal decisions in italics are underlined here]:

"Alongside President Trump in the White House's Roosevelt Room, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Lee Zeldin announced the single largest deregulatory action in U.S. history. In this final rule, EPA is saving American taxpayers over $1.3 trillion, eliminating both the Obama-era 2009 Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Endangerment Finding and all subsequent federal GHG emission standards for all vehicles and engines of model years 2012 to 2027 and beyond. The action also eliminates all off-cycle credits, including for the almost universally hated start-stop feature. EPA's historic move restores consumer choice, makes more affordable vehicles available for American families, and decreases the cost of living on all products by lowering the cost of trucks. This major deregulatory process included substantial public input and robust analysis of the law following the U.S. Supreme Court decision in Loper Bright Enterprises v. Raimondo and West Virginia v. EPA.

'The Endangerment Finding has been the source of 16 years of consumer choice restrictions and trillions of dollars in hidden costs for Americans,' said Administrator Zeldin. 'Referred to by some as the 'Holy Grail' of the 'climate change religion,' the Endangerment Finding is now eliminated. The Trump EPA is strictly following the letter of the law, returning commonsense to policy, delivering consumer choice to Americans and advancing the American Dream.

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Number of the Week: US $50 billion; World $140 billion. An article in the Wall Street Journal reports that Detroit's big three automakers, GM, Ford, and Stellantis have written off $50 billion in losses in their venture into electric vehicles. Jo Nova reports that Robert Bryce estimates that to total loss worldwide has been $140 billion. Contrary to the view of the previous Secretary of Energy, it appears that the transition from internal combustion engines to EVs will not be as easy as the transition from horses to automobiles. See link under Alternative, Green ("Clean") Vehicles and Article #2.

Wyoming Should Ditch Green Hydrogen Boondoggles

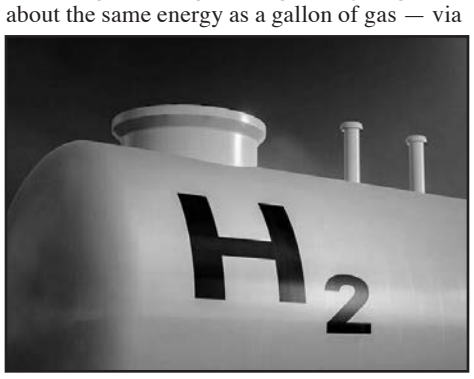
By Frank Lasee

As European energy expert Samuel Furfari aptly puts it, green hydrogen is "like burning Louis Vuitton handbags for heat." It's an extravagant waste, especially in water-scarce Wyoming.

With federal subsidies pouring billions into clean energy hubs, states are lining up for projects like Wyoming's Pronghorn Clean Hydrogen Center.

Let's cut through the hype: Green hydrogen is a money pit that costs up to three times the energy to produce than it yields. That's right — it costs double or triple the energy of the hydrogen made. It can't handle the intermittency of wind and solar, and it worsens regional water scarcity. Wyoming taxpayers should demand a halt before more dollars vanish into this green financial nightmare.

First, the energy math is damning. Producing one kilogram of green hydrogen — about the same energy as a gallon of gas — via



electrolysis requires 50 to 85 or more kilowatt-hours of electricity, yet yields just 33 kWh of usable energy.

That's a whopping 1.5 to 2.5 net loss.

Factor in all inputs: harvesting and purifying water (10-13 times more water than hydrogen produced), cooling, splitting water with electricity, compression to 10,000 psi — triple an average scuba tank — chilling to near zero (minus 460 degrees for liquefaction), and storage losses to top it off.

Besides energy losses, the full costs for green hydrogen facilities like Pronghorn — including capital for electrolyzers, infrastructure ($1,000 to 2,000 per kW), labor, operations and maintenance — push costs to $5 to $8 per kg. The energy-equivalent gallon of gas costs less than $3.

Grey hydrogen from natural gas (abundant in Wyoming) costs around $2 per kg on an equivalent basis, with a steady supply and existing infrastructure. These hidden expenses make the Pronghorn project a bigger financial black hole for Wyoming taxpayers.

As one energy specialist notes, "Every time you involve hydrogen, you get not small losses but large, substantial losses."

Why squander electricity on a fuel that devours more power than it delivers? The only reason is climate ideology. Because it doesn't make any economic sense. And green hydrogen will not change future temperature one iota.

Worse, wind and solar — the backbone of green claims — can't power these industrial behemoths. Green hydrogen electrolysis plants, like Pronghorn, need 24/7 operation to be economical. They can't be flipped on and off like a light switch as the wind gusts or clouds roll in.

In Wyoming, wind generates power only 30 percent to 40 percent of the time, solar just 20 percent to 25 percent.

Projects like Wyoming's Sidewinder Hydrogen Hub envision giga-scale facilities, but intermittency means they would be idle most of the time, further spiking costs.

Proponents tout storage, but using stored hydrogen to generate electricity for more hydrogen? That's "second-generation" folly, additionally costing an additional 100 percent of the energy yielded, plus leaks and inefficiencies. It's absurd.

Abundant natural gas provides a steady baseload without additional expense or water stress. Natural gas has a fully built-out infrastructure, ready demand, no need for subsidies, and pays taxes and royalties. None of this is true for green hydrogen.

Water scarcity seals the deal. Green hydrogen guzzles nine to 13 times as much pure water for every kilogram of hydrogen produced, requiring even more for cooling. In arid Wyoming, hydrogen production will compete with agriculture, communities and nature.

They will have to pay for water rights, too — another expense.

Infrastructure nightmares compound the waste. Hydrogen's tiny molecules escape easily (10 percent storage loss), embrittle metals and risk explosions — remember the Hindenburg? We have zero dedicated pipelines; retrofitting costs billions, and it's unsuitable for existing gas lines. It will destroy them through embrittlement. Remember, it has to be compressed to 10,000 psi and frozen.

Demand? Where is it? No mass market for hydrogen trucks or planes exists; it's five times pricier than natural gas, ignoring extras. Big players like BP scrapped 18 projects to save $200 million, and Shell axed Norway ventures for lack of buyers. Australia's $750 million plant? Canceled as a money-loser. Reasonable people are fleeing green hydrogen money pits.

Federal handouts — $9.5 billion from the Inflation Reduction Act — prop this up, adding to the $38 trillion debt and fueling inflation. Wyoming, rich in natural gas, should pivot to compressed natural gas: easier (stored at 3,500 psi vs. 10,000), no super-chilling, infrastructure-ready (1,500-plus stations), and convertible gas engines.

Energy Secretary Chris Wright nails it: Natural gas yes, hydrogen no. These states can't afford dumb ideas mimicking Europe's failures. Let's kill the hubs.

Let markets decide; subsidizing green hydrogen is burning our future — just like burning Louis Vuitton bags. Wyomingites are smarter and more frugal than supporting this waste. Time to rise up and put a stop to this wasteful green folly.

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As EPA Administrator, I am proud to deliver the single largest deregulatory action in U.S. history on behalf of American taxpayers and consumers. As an added bonus, the off-cycle credit for the almost universally despised start-stop feature on vehicles has been removed.

The 2009 Endangerment Finding was used to justify trillions of dollars in regulations, including the Obama and Biden Administrations' illegal push towards Electric Vehicle (EV) mandates and compliance requirements, while simultaneously driving up the cost of vehicles for American families and small businesses—limiting economic mobility and the American Dream. The final rule will save Americans over $1.3 trillion by removing the regulatory requirements to measure, report, certify, and comply with federal GHG emission standards for motor vehicles, and repeals associated compliance programs, credit provisions, and reporting obligations that exist solely to support the vehicle GHG regulatory regime. Americans will have certainty, flexibility and regulatory relief, allowing companies to plan appropriately, and empowering American families.

Returning the Rule of Law to EPA Regulations

In finalizing this rule, EPA carefully considered and reevaluated the legal foundation of the 2009 Endangerment Finding and the text of the Clean Air Act (CAA) in light of subsequent legal developments and court decisions. The agency concludes that Section 202(a) of the CAA does not provide statutory authority for EPA to prescribe motor vehicle and engine emission standards in the manner previously utilized, including for the purpose of addressing global climate change, and therefore has no legal basis for the Endangerment Finding and resulting regulations. EPA firmly believes the 2009 Endangerment Finding made by the Obama Administration exceeded the agency's authority to combat "air pollution" that harms public health and welfare, and that a policy decision of this magnitude, which carries sweeping economic and policy consequences, lies solely with Congress. Unlike our predecessors, the Trump EPA is committed to following the law exactly as it is written and as Congress intended—not as others might wish it to be.

Creating Policy Rooted in Reality

The Endangerment Finding was a legal prerequisite used by the Obama and Biden Administrations to regulate GHG emissions. In the 16 years since the Endangerment Finding, many of the predictions and assumptions used to justify the rule did not materialize. Using the same types of models utilized by the previous administrations and climate change zealots, EPA now finds that even if the U.S. were to eliminate all GHG emissions from all vehicles, there would be no material impact on global climate indicators through 2100. Therefore, maintaining GHG emission standards is not necessary for EPA to fulfill its core mission of protecting human health and the environment; but regardless, is not within the authority Congress entrusted to EPA. Today's action is only related to GHG emissions and does not affect regulations that combat criteria pollutants and air toxins. The Trump EPA's final rule dismantles the tactics and legal fictions used by the Obama and Biden Administrations to backdoor their ideological agendas on the American people."

After other statements, some background information was given [Boldface added]:

Background

"Congress tasked EPA under Section 202(a)(1) of the CAA with prescribing emission standards for new motor vehicles and engines when the Administrator determines that emissions from a class or classes of new motor vehicles and engines cause or contribute to air pollution that may reasonably be anticipated to endanger public health or welfare. In an unprecedented move, the Obama EPA found that carbon dioxide emissions emitted from automobiles – in combination with five other gases, some of which vehicles don't even emit – contribute an unknown amount to greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere that, in turn, play a role through varied causal chains that may endanger human health and welfare. These mental leaps were admittedly novel, as EPA had for decades understood that the 'air pollution' targeted by the statute means pollution that harms health or the environment through local and regional exposure. However, this creative interpretation of the law was the only way the Obama-Biden Administration determined they could potentially access EPA's authority to regulate under Section 202(a)(1). This flawed legal theory took the agency outside the scope of its statutory authority in multiple respects.

Additionally, major Supreme Court decisions in the intervening years, including Loper Bright Enterprises v. Raimondo, West Virginia v. EPA, Michigan v. EPA, and Utility Air Regulatory Group v. EPA, have significantly clarified the scope of EPA's authority under the CAA and made clear that the interpretive moves the Endangerment Finding used to launch an unprecedented course of regulation were unlawful. The decisions emphasized that statutes have a single, best meaning fixed at the time of enactment; that major policy determinations must be made by Congress, not by administrative agencies, and that agencies cannot bury their heads in the sand as to the consequences of their actions when considering regulations that impose immense costs."

The West Virginia v. EPA (2022) decision is particularly important because that is when the Supreme Court held that a principle of administrative law called the Major Questions Doctrine is that federal agencies cannot resolve matters of "vast economic and political significance" without clear, explicit authorization from Congress. This is a major constraint on executive power including Federal agencies. For the press releases and commentary see links under Science, Policy, and Evidence, Seeking a Common Ground, and Article # 1.

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Legal Fight: It is doubtful that many US organizations which have heavily committed to the false claims the carbon dioxide is causing dangerous global warming will give up without a bitter fight. Such organizations include the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM) under the current leadership. NASEM, together with the Federal Judicial Center, wrote the new US Reference Manual on Scientific Evidence. Even though the Chapter on Climate Change has been thankfully dropped, the Manual contains assertions that are highly questionable in the fields of physical science. Such assertions include sections in the chapter "How Science Works." Such assertions include:

"Science Is Carried Out by a Community that Holds Members to Norms

Communities engaged in scientific endeavors generally adhere to a set of practical behavioral standards, known as norms, which can change over time. There is no one group tasked with ensuring adherence to scientific norms, but

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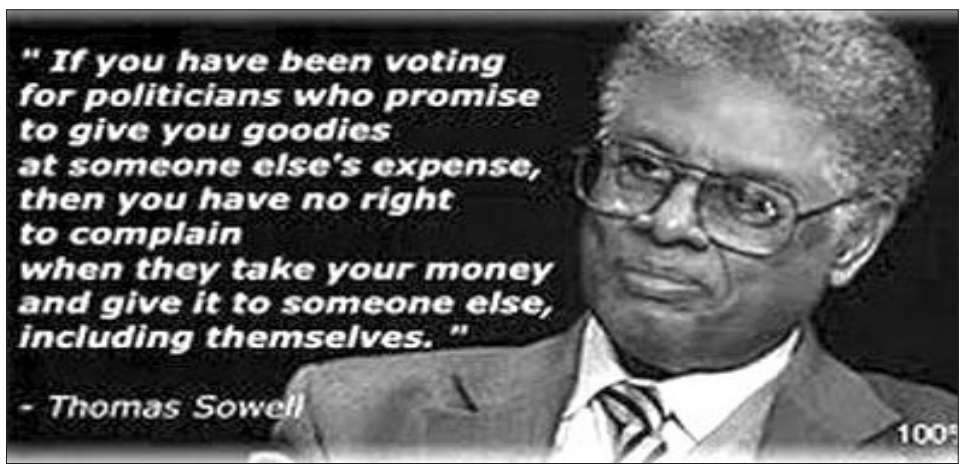

The Citizenship Clause and the Most Misunderstood Moment in Constitutional History



By Gary Wickert

Few phrases in American constitutional law have been more confidently invoked and less carefully examined than the Citizenship Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment. Much like the oft repeated but textually absent "separation of church and state," birthright citizenship has become a civic article of faith divorced from its historical context, original purpose, and limiting language. The prevailing assumption that anyone born on United States soil is automatically a citizen, regardless of allegiance, status, or jurisdiction, is not the inevitable command of the Constitution. It is the product of decades of interpretive drift layered atop a single Supreme Court case that resolved a far narrower question than modern rhetoric suggests.

The operative constitutional text is familiar: "All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the state wherein they reside." The final clause is not surplusage. It was deliberately added, after debate, to limit the scope of citizenship and to exclude categories of persons who, though physically present in the United States, were not subject to its full and complete jurisdiction. That limiting language is the fulcrum of the modern controversy.

The first draft of the Fourteenth Amendment, introduced in 1866, would indeed have conferred citizenship on all persons born in the United States. That language did not survive. Senator Jacob Howard, the amendment's principal floor sponsor, introduced the revised language adding the phrase "and subject to the jurisdiction thereof." In explaining the change, Howard made clear that jurisdiction meant "the same jurisdiction in extent and quality as applies to every citizen of the United States." This was not mere territorial presence. It was political allegiance and complete subjection to American law, not qualified, partial, or temporary obedience.

The legislative history reinforces that understanding. Senators debating the amendment expressly excluded from birthright citizenship children of foreign diplomats, members of invading armies, and persons who owed allegiance to a foreign sovereign. Senator Lyman Trumbull, chairman of the Judiciary Committee, explained that "subject to the jurisdiction" meant "not owing allegiance to anybody else." That formulation is difficult to square with the modern claim that persons who have entered the country unlawfully, in defiance of its laws and without consent, are nonetheless fully within its jurisdiction for citizenship purposes.

The Supreme Court's decision in United States v. Wong Kim Ark, 169 U.S. 649 (1898), is often cited as the definitive resolution of the issue. It is not. The case arose because Wong Kim Ark, born in San Francisco in 1873 to Chinese parents lawfully residing in the United States, was denied reentry after a temporary visit abroad under the Chinese Exclusion Acts (a series of late 19th Century federal laws barring Chinese laborers from immigrating and denying Chinese nationals eligibility for naturalization, reflecting a racially restrictive immigration policy of that era). The government argued that he was not a citizen because his parents were subjects of China and ineligible for naturalization. The Supreme Court rejected that argument, holding that a child born in the United States to legally domiciled alien parents was a citizen under the Fourteenth Amendment. The holding should therefore have been confined to children of lawful, permanent residents who were peacefully present and subject to U.S. law. The Court got the broader constitutional question wrong by transforming a narrow, fact-bound holding into an expansive rule of universal birthright citizenship, untethered from the Amendment's jurisdictional language and divorced from the framers' explicit concern with allegiance, consent, and sovereign authority. The decision did not involve, and expressly did not decide, the status of children born to parents who were unlawfully present, transient, or hostile to the sovereign authority of the United States.

Treating Wong Kim Ark as a blanket endorsement of universal birthright citizenship requires ignoring its facts, its reasoning, and its careful limitation. The Court grounded its holding in English common law principles as applied to lawful, peaceful residents, not to those present in violation of law. To extend that holding to illegal entrants is not constitutional interpretation. It is constitutional extrapolation and a clear case of legislating from the bench to achieve through the courts what the framers did not intend.

Importantly, nothing in the Constitution requires an amendment to revisit this question. The text already contains the limiting principle. What has changed is not the Constitution, but the executive branch's interpretation of it. Citizenship determinations are administered by the federal government through statute, regulation, and executive enforcement. The Department of Justice has long taken the position, without judicial compulsion, that "subject to the jurisdiction" includes virtually everyone physically present except diplomats. That position is policy driven, not constitutionally mandated.

While our president's naysayers and those chronically infected with Trump Derangement Syndrome will attack him for doing so, as a matter of executive authority, our president can direct the Department of Justice and the Department of Homeland Security to adopt a narrower, historically grounded interpretation of the Citizenship Clause. That interpretation would distinguish between lawful, permanent residents who owe allegiance to the United States and those who are present unlawfully and remain subject to a foreign sovereign. No constitutional amendment is required to correct a misinterpretation. Only a willingness to enforce the text as written and intended.

The stakes are not theoretical. Estimates suggest that approximately four million children have been born in the United States to parents who were present unlawfully. Birthright citizenship has become a powerful magnet, incentivizing illegal entry and undermining the political community's ability to define its own membership. That concern is not merely economic or cultural. It implicates national security.

The Fourteenth Amendment was never intended to operate mechanically in circumstances of invasion or hostile mass entry. Even under common law principles, birthright citizenship did not attach to children born of enemy forces occupying territory. While the term "invasion" has traditionally been understood in a military sense, the Constitution itself does not define it so narrowly. Article I, Section 10 recognizes invasion as a condition triggering extraordinary state powers. Article IV, Section 4 guarantees each state protection against invasion. In 2022, a national poll reflected that a majority of Americans believed the country was experiencing an invasion at the southern border. Whether one accepts that characterization or not, the scale and organized nature of unlawful entry raises constitutional questions that cannot be dismissed as fringe.

Some scholars argue that states themselves possess authority to declare an invasion and take defensive measures when the federal government fails to act. That argument draws strength from the Guarantee Clause and from the framers' understanding that states were not required to endure existential threats in silence. While federal supremacy ultimately controls immigration policy, the constitutional structure does not compel states to pretend that mass unlawful entry is legally irrelevant.

The left abhors the idea of revisiting birthright citizenship and often frames the issue as settled law and warns of chaos or the "death of democracy" if it is questioned. That rhetoric mirrors the way "separation of church and state" has been elevated from a metaphor into a constitutional command. In both cases, repetition has substituted for analysis. The Constitution says what it says. It does not say what later generations wish it said.

None of this denies the humanity of children born in difficult circumstances or suggests retroactive punishment. It does, however, insist that citizenship is a legal status grounded in allegiance, consent, and jurisdiction, not mere geography. Known as "birth tourism", the phenomenon of crossing the border to give birth a few feet away is nothing knew give this skewed version of constitutional history. One widely reported example involved organized "maternity hotel" and "birth house" operations in Southern California that catered primarily to wealthy Chinese nationals who entered on visitor visas and gave birth in the United States specifically so the child would acquire U.S. citizenship. They charged tens of thousands of dollars per client to arrange travel, housing, and medical care for the express purpose of obtaining birthright citizenship for the child, and included instructions to clients on how to avoid detection by immigration officials.

Sadly, these operations were illegal not because of the fraud of giving birth here to obtain citizenship, but because the businesses and their clients systematically committed independent federal crimes that had nothing to do with the child's citizenship status. The prosecutions were based on visa fraud, conspiracy, false statements to federal officers, money laundering, and tax evasion. The operators coached foreign nationals to enter the United States on temporary visitor visas while concealing the true purpose of their travel, affirmatively misrepresenting pregnancy status, length of stay, financial resources, and intent to depart. Federal agents executed search warrants at roughly twenty locations in March 2015, and federal prosecutors later brought charges and obtained convictions against operators who coached clients on how to conceal late stage pregnancies and misrepresent the purpose of travel. But these illegalities were rewarded, because the kids remained citizens.

Major U.S. media have reported on the phenomenon as a deliberate strategy to obtain the legal and practical benefits associated with a child's U.S. citizenship, even when the parents have no intent to immigrate permanently, and the federal government has, at times, treated it as a form of immigration or visa fraud rather than merely "tourism." That real world reporting, including contemporaneous coverage of raids, prosecutions, and sentencing, is why the practice is commonly described as "birth tourism" rather than a rare or accidental byproduct of travel.

This fraud on the United States isn't limited to its established

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Defending the Criminals

"He that justifieth the wicked, and he that condemneth the just, even they both are abomination to the Lord." Proverbs 17:15

By Riley J. Hood

January 07, 2026: Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz talked about activating the Minnesota National Guard to protect "the people" of his state from rogue federal agents, following the shooting of a lesbian psychopath in Minneapolis by federal law enforcement. Walz held a press conference on Wednesday after the news broke that an Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agent shot and killed an agitator in her vehicle. According to the Department of Homeland Security, the woman hit an ICE agent with her car, and the ICE officer fired shots in self-defense killing the driver. Trump should respond to Walz and Nationalize the Minnesota National Guard, like JFK did in Alabama.

When Tim Walz, or Tina Kotek, Katie Hochul, Gavin Newsom, all of them; say they are defending the people of their State, why is the person they are defending always a criminal? Like George Floyd? Or members of MS-13, or Tren de Aragua? I thought it was a grotesque act of hypocrisy on the media's part when on January 6th, this year they climbed upon a dung hill to crow about the "Trump Insurrection" when they spent over 6 months of 2020 supporting the "George Floyd" or "Black Lives Matter Riots."

Isn't it interesting that the same ANTIFA mob that has never stopped rioting, has chucked the "Free Palestine" and "No King" themes in favor of rioting for Nicholas Maduro, and now this lesbian. They engage in violent tactics and push the envelope. They fill the atmosphere with gas, and any event is enough to spark a conflagration. These groups have no incentive to change their ways, because if they are violent enough, the GOP caves in to their shrill demands every time. For example, while the No Kings riots and the Schumer Shutdown failed, the House just voted to extend Obamacare, including tax-funding abortions. And the Senate will probably go wimpy as well, and Trump said something about being "flexible" on the Hyde Amendment. So much for GOP resolve. Like the TET offensive, where the NVA got blown away, the commies won in the long term, because the "our people" lacked resolve.

I say Tim Walz, Tina Kotek, and all the Somali ghetto, and the whole city of Portland should be deported. Send the Somalian Muslim back to Somaliland, and send the rest to Cuba or Venezuela. The term "criminal illegal alien" is a conservative wimp term: if they are HERE ILLEGALLY, they ARE criminals. What should happen is that alien pimps, rapists, dope dealers and murderers should be executed, and their corpses should be deported. That would make these people cheese-up. No American would think that he could go to Japan, kill a Japanese person, on his or her own soil, and expect the worst punishment he would face is to be sent home. That is why America looks so wimpy in the eyes of the world. It is time to go after these people in a major way, they couldn't hate us any more than they already do, and maybe some of those people will make good on their statements, and actually leave America and ruin other countries with their behaviors, instead of ours.

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pot, and all other manner of vices, and their government has outlawed Bible preaching against sodomy. Their voluntary "assault weapon buy back" is actually a gun confiscation program. The thing is, many if not most Canadians hate us. Over fifty years ago, when I was ten, I met one of those characters when I went with my foster family to Yellowstone for a week during the summer. He told me how Canadians won WWII, and how they defeated America in the War of 1812. Asked him why he and is parents where here? He took a swing at me, and I pounded him into the ground. This punk may not have picked up his attitude from his parents, but he certainly did from his school teachers. If you look at the Handmaid's Tale series, written by Canadian author Margret Attwood, it is rife with hatred of America. When Trump talked about Canada as the "51st State," I saw nothing but more hatred of America from the Canadian people. We have people on both our borders who hate us, that is the reality.

That is why I have never considered oil imports from Canada as energy independence. While I'd rather have oil from them than oil from Saudi Arabia, it is still foreign oil. I don't actually want anything from Canada these days, not even the band Rush, which I used to like from when I was 10 until 16 years old or so. Quite frankly, if you hate Americans, you hate me.

Now, this was posted by Diana Furchtgott-Roth, in her article, *Mike Carney's Dangerous Electric Car Bargain with Beijing*, "In an effort to reduce reliance on the United States, Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney has announced a new strategic partnership with China to export oil and import Chinese electric vehicles." After the World Economic Forum, Carney said, "the balance of power has shifted" and Canada will deal with China as the world power. And in his rambling speech Carney sounded like Canada hated American Superpower status ever since WWII. I would dare say, most of "our allies" so-called, hate us, and think we have a "comeuppance" due to us. While I personally think Canada has been a Chinese colony for quite some time, PM Carney is now being vocal about it. When you send natural resources to another nation in exchange for manufactured goods, you nation becomes that Nation's colony. So why is America exporting oil, food and other resources to its enemy, in exchange for manufactured goods? Why are we a Chinese colony? As bad as it is having an enemy on our northern border, the treason within is much worse.

HOT JACK

Red Tsunami

I was going to start by saying that this isn't about politics, but it is. From the Epoch Times opinion section comes: **"Why I Wrote the Red Tsunami-The Silent Storm Killing Your Freedom"** by Casey Fleming.
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As you might guess, the article is an overview of Mr. Fleming's book.

The article starts out: *I recently wrote "The Red Tsunami—The Silent Storm Killing Your Freedom" as a whistleblower exposé and survival guide because time is running out. Rhetoric and cover-up about global competition ignore the people most affected by it: citizens.*
Is this another conspiracy theory? Maybe. But being labeled a "conspiracy theory" doesn't mean that something isn't true. That's what makes conspiracy theories so much fun.

The article goes on: *The defining feature of today's threat environment is not conventional war. War was redefined by the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) 27 years ago to be anything but the military. It is unrestricted war- a strategy in which no clear boundaries exist between peace and conflict, civilian and military, economic and political. Under this model, everything becomes a domain of attack: trade, technology, education, media, health care, infrastructure, and even social cohesion. Citizens are not collateral damage in this strategy; **they are the primary target to be destroyed.*** **Emphasis** Added. This makes perfect sense. Control/manipulate the citizens and you can take over a Nation without firing a shot.

And more: *This is the reality behind "The Red Tsunami." It is not a single event or dramatic confrontation. It is the steady accumulation of nefarious influence and leverage across the systems that citizens depend on every day. Supply chains shape affordability and availability. Digital platforms determine the information people see and trust. Labor markets influence security and opportunity. Data flows affect privacy and autonomy. When these systems are influenced or controlled externally, the impact is not abstract—it is personal.* Take a look around you. Is this not what is happening today and what has been happening for at least the last 27 years? How are you and by whom are you "influenced" (controlled) every day?

Still more: *Economic dependencies are created. Technological standards are set. Data is harvested. Narratives are shaped. Illicit drugs murder 150,000 young adults every year. Minds are permanently damaged and controlled. Over time, citizens experience fewer choices, less resilience, and diminished agency—often without a clear understanding of why. Think about it.* We KNOW that our data is harvested every day. There is no attempt to try and hide it. And about "fewer choices": How many Health Care choices do you really have today? Is not every Doctor or Hospital a part of 3 or so mega corporations? And throw health insurance on top of that. How many real choices do you have? What about information control? You have the big corporations controlling almost everything that you see and read, whether you consume "Right" or "Left" information.

I could go on, but I have limited space. So, I'll end with this: *The greatest misconception is that unrestricted war targets governments first. In reality, it bypasses them by design. Citizens are reached directly through consumer dependence, digital influence, employment pressures, education, and information environments that blur the line between truth and manipulation. Trust erodes not because democracy fails overnight, but because people begin to feel that systems no longer work for them. Read that last sentence again.* Tell me: Is your trust eroding? Do you feel that government no longer works for you?

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"An investment in knowledge pays the best interest"

- Benjamin Franklin

A Bedrock Economic Law "TANSTAAFL"

By James Bohn and Greg Grambow

There's not a misprint in the title. And it is not a Dutch snack. That's a stroopwafel.

TANSTAAFL is short for "There Ain't No Such Thing As A Free Lunch. Economics tells us there is no such thing as a free lunch. Nothing is free, even if someone claims otherwise. Everything has a cost.

2026 is a political year. Politicians are going to make promises of gain votes by catering to individuals hope they will receive something for nothing. All of the promises have a cost. The cost may not be readily apparent. But the burden inevitably falls on someone.

For votes, politicians will try and convince voters that like Rumpelstiltskin they can spin straw into gold; that they've invented the financial equivalent of the perpetual motion machine. What the truth is promised giveaways are not free. If executed they are future taxes.

Every dollar government spends is a dollar in taxes paid by someone. You may see it in your tax bill today or maybe tomorrow but, you will see it. If government borrows the money, it's reflected in your tax bill tomorrow. If government prints the money, it's reflected in the loss in value of your money and assets.

In fact, it's not just a dollar-for-dollar exchange between the government and the private sector. It's worse than that. Taxes and inflation alter our incentives.

When taxes go up, the return to work and investment goes down. Less work and less investment result in less production and wealth creation.

Economists have calculated that in the United States, when taxes go up by a $1.00, private income falls by $1.30. The transfer from the private sector to the government is one dollar. The loss in output because of the negative incentive effects of taxation is thirty cents. In terms of total income, taxation is a negative-sum game.

The same is true for inflation. When inflation rates are high, people look for creative ways to avoid holding a devaluing currency. Exchange takes place by barter rather than cash. Some hold gold and other precious metals.

For example, in Argentina, a country with historically high inflation rates, people save by amassing not cash but enormous stockpiles of bricks, which don't depreciate and can be sold later or used to build a home.

Nor are price controls a free lunch. There are plenty of politicians today that want to impose price controls. New York City Mayor Zohran Mamdani wants to control rents. Donald Trump and Bernie Sanders want to cap credit card interest rates. Price controls create shortages. Control rents, credit card interest rates, etc. You get less apartment construction, less consumer lending, and less innovation. There are other costs too. People move away from places where there's a shortage of living space. Cities with rent controls become less vibrant.

When it's harder to get credit, people don't buy as much and start fewer businesses. The Federal Reserve reports that half of small firms in the United States use business credit cards for short-term financing and to manage cash flow.

So next time that a politician tries to convince you that a new government program, more spending, or price controls are a free lunch, recognize that they're trying to pull the wool over your eyes.

Don't be afraid to write them and ask why are you spending more when this country is creating billions of dollars of deficits every year.

Instead, think TANSTAAFL.

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downfall of American freedom, led by those same pathetic Republican forces who have ignored and completely misunderstand the agenda they have been facing for over thirty years. Above all, they have no idea how dedicated the powers behind it are to assuring that it's fully enforced. It's an agenda of central power and control from the top. Its most dangerous aspect is its goal to eliminate independent sovereign nations and change our society through a platform of non-elected councils and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) as they rule through fear from made-up crises. Their tools come under various names including Sustainable, Smart Growth, NetZero, open immigration (disguised as "free movement"), and the "Collective Good." The real name is Technocracy, and the real goal is Globalism. The forces behind it are united under the United Nations and the World Economic Forum (WEF).

Of course, President Trump has focused on much of the agenda in an effort to expose and stop it. His recent move to end funding and get us out of 31 United Nations agencies and 35 international organizations, including the World Health Organization (WHO) and the International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) are huge steps in the right direction for the goal to free us from the global chains. If the United Staters were to drop its membership in the United Nations, it would collapse overnight and the global forces would lose their base of operation. All of this has prompted some in the Trump Administration to declare that "globalism is dead." Well no, it's not.

However, Trump is one man. The federal government is massive in size. He can't possibly see every detail, and every anti-MAGA effort to move the agenda forward. Who can he really trust? The new head of WEF is Larry Fink, the CEO of Blackrock, the most powerful corporation in the world. Blackrock is dedicated to enforcing the Global Agenda, especially through local communities. They leave no stone unturned as they cover every level of government, every issue, and every aspect of our lives. Stop them here and they pop up there. And the "Agenda" marches forward.

Their tactics — destroy the culture, history, and system of representative government. Control the education system to change the actual knowledge of an entire generation to assure their compliance. Enforce massive immigration, eliminate property rights, destroy individual liberties, and divide the citizens. All under the excuse of protecting the collective. Above all, grab control of the election process to assure outcomes and maintain their forces in power. Label the opposition as radical, racist, and violent. That's how it works. We are made to look like the bad guys. And too many fear the label and seek ways to compromise. And each failure to stand strong for freedom means a loss of that freedom. Soon it becomes forgotten. Destroy history. The Constitution becomes a forgotten piece of paper. That's not a difference of political opinion, it's deadly Revolution.

Let's just take a quick look around the nation to see the agenda marching forward. New York City is now a communist fortress. Private property rights are being eliminated, small business is facing destruction under a mass of new regulations, and taxes rule the day – all in the name of warm and fuzzy collectivism. How free and honest do you suspect the election system is in current New York City?

Of course, Minnesota is currently ground zero for frontal attacks to push the agenda. Why the total insistence on illegal immigration protection? Because the number one tool to change our culture and bury our history is to fill the space with those who have no knowledge of either. A blank slate doesn't question rules and regulations that defy a history of personal freedom. Was it not always so? And it must be noted: it is not the citizens of Minnesota who are leading this attack. The ground forces are dedicated, paid activists fully trained in public confrontation and dedicated to the cause of destroying our free society. And they are succeeding in getting our own citizens to begin questioning and opposing the very ideas that founded this nation.

These two examples are the best for exposing their tactic of direct confrontation to government authority. Keep the nightly news focused on the violence in Minneapolis and miss something much more dangerous. Watch what's happening inside the parameters of normal local and state laws and government traditions around the country as step by step the agenda moves forward.

The major example of that is Virginia where last November's election shocked nearly everyone. Against all odds, the Democrats won the office of Governor, Lt. Governor, and Attorney General. In addition, Republicans lost thirteen House seats. Democrats now control the Virginia House of Representatives 64-36.

Now, with these dedicated Leftist forces in control, within the first week of its new legislative session, the word spread that Virginia is headed to be the new California as the Democrats piled on the legislation to radically change the state.

Immediately the Democrats presented two Constitutional Amendments. The first allows for a child to be aborted in the third trimester. The second Amendment went right after control of redistricting congressional maps to ensure they gain more members in Congress. Then came the rush for more taxes, including raising the minimum wage to $15 per hour, mandatory paid sick leave totaling over $2 billion in new taxes, and income tax increases on higher earners. All of this leads to a direct attack on local businesses and their ability to survive.

The Republican response is to simply try to add amendments to this legislation in a wasted attempt to make it just a little less damaging. They have no ability to stop this drive for more government control.

Meanwhile, new Governor Spanberger just signed an executive order to make Virginia a sanctuary state to protect illegal immigrants – as the entire nation is watching the violence in Minnesota!

The lies of the environmental scare tactics, abortion, illegal immigration, tax the productive, attack farmers and their vital property rights, end single family neighborhoods, kill the dollar and move to digital control, invade our personal privacy with AI digital surveillance, and more and more government!! THIS IS THE AGENDA!! Do these global forces look defeated? They are growing stronger. They have not backed off; they continue to push the agenda forward. These are not just confused out-of-touch Democrats!

The problem begins with a confused and out of touch Republican response. As the Democrats have built the structure to gain control, Republicans have not only ignored it, they have actually joined in to help build it. Example, in last November's election, Republicans called on their supporters to vote early – "that's how we will win." Then they lost everything. Why? Because early voting, mail-in voting, and voting machines are the structure created by Democrats. Their people are the ones in place collecting the early and mail in votes. They can see if their candidate needs help from strong Republican opposition. And they rush to make the changes.

Meanwhile, Republicans have done next to nothing to gain an honest, legal voting system. They have not demanded that voting rolls be cleaned. In Virginia it has been discovered that there is

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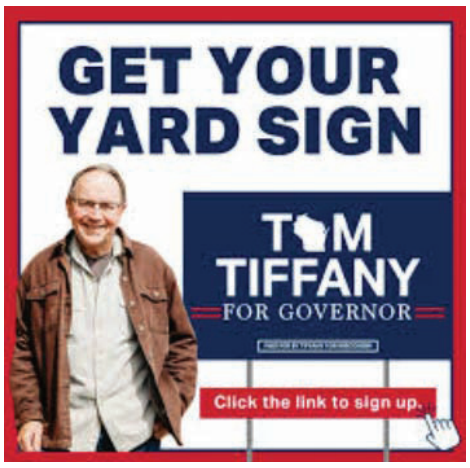
The Beglinger Blast... An Open Letter to Tom Tiffany from a Conservative Wisconsin Voter

By Joan Beglinger

Dear Tom,

I received another fund-raising letter from your campaign a few days ago. It is obvious you are using the same campaign consultants who have been helping Republicans lose elections for years. They are seriously out of touch with conservative Wisconsin voters, and, despite their poor performance, there appears to be no shortage of work for them. One letter I received included a message from you urging voters to email you with their ideas and concerns. I did but was not surprised when I received no response or acknowledgement that I had reached out to you. The latest letter contains no such invitation, making me wonder if the campaign did not like what voters were telling them. I would be surprised if you are even aware of any of the feedback you received. This open letter is another attempt to reach you before it is too late.



I have no money to give you for the ad campaigns that will almost certainly be part of a predictably nasty war of words lacking substance and filled with lies and distortions from both sides. The campaigns will waste millions of dollars and leave the voters disgusted and counting the days until the election will put an end to them. I do have a gift for you that is far more valuable than any donation I could make. It is the truth about what conservative voters are earnestly looking for in candidates they will be able to enthusiastically support rather than merely tolerate.

It is no mystery why Donald Trump was resoundingly elected to a second term as President of the United States. He is an authentic leader. He told the American people exactly what he was going to do, and it was exactly what most of us wanted. He gave us the specifics of his game plan, providing crucial details about how he would achieve his ambitious goals. We learned about tariffs, downsizing government, reshoring manufacturing, energy production, border control, deregulation, and the countless ways Trump would use carrots and sticks domestically and abroad to make "America First" more than just a campaign slogan. He gave us substance to evaluate and we believed him. We knew from experience Trump does what he says he is going to do.

Tom, we need an authentic leader for Governor. Trump is not just someone with coattails to ride on. He is someone to learn from.

Wisconsin voters, like Americans all across the country, are in a fight for our freedom. Trump's leadership has exposed government corruption and dysfunction beyond what we could have imagined. The corrupt political parties, the dishonest media, and career politicians are all part of the problem, and we intend to take our country back. It will be a serious mistake for you to listen to the political consultants and Party elites. They could not be further out of touch with we the people.

The Path to Authenticity

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every vote cast can be tied to the name of an eligible voter. President Trump signaled he has Wisconsin in his sights in the fight for election integrity with a tweet on Truth Social about the more than 4 million ineligible voters who are maintained by the Wisconsin Elections Commission (WEC) on the Registered Voter List. We have every reason to be optimistic Trump is not going to let this issue go; and having him as an ally in the fight is as good as it gets.

It took just hours for Molly Beck, a reporter for the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, and Alexander Shur, reporting for Wisconsin Watch, a "news organization" based at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, to produce articles in defense of Wisconsin's election system that were filled with lies and inaccuracies. Ann Jacobs, the Democratic Chair of the WEC, was a source. Jacobs is at the heart of Wisconsin's election unverifiability. Beck's and Shur's blatant political activism have destroyed any semblance of journalistic integrity in their writing; it compels me to shred their lies with the truth and contribute what I can to hastening their descent into total irrelevance.

Molly Beck and Alexander Shur are Miserable Excuses for Journalists

Beck and Shur work hard to discredit any concerns about the susceptibility of Wisconsin's election system to cheating. Beck titled her piece, "Trump re ups myth about Wisconsin voter numbers. Here are the Facts" and Shur titled his, "No, Mr. President. Wisconsin's voter roll figures aren't a sign of 'fraud waiting to happen'."

Excerpts from what they presented to their readers are listed below. The truth follows.

Beck:

"The claims shared by Trump allege the state has more than 7 million registered voters, which is false".

"The state of Wisconsin had 3.6 million active registered voters as of January 1…" "The state has 4.6 million inactive voters…".

Shur:

"A misleading claim that Wisconsin has more registered voters than people eligible to vote is gaining traction on social media…"

"It's just the latest in a long-running series of claims that misinterpret basic data about voter rolls to create alarm about the risk of voter fraud".

"…his claim conflates two datasets in Wisconsin's voter registration system: the Wisconsin voter list and active registered voters".

"…voter fraud is extremely rare".

"As of July 2025, the state had about 8.3 million names on its list…of them only 3.7 million were active registered voters. The remaining roughly 4.6 million are inactive voters".

"Those individuals haven't been removed from the voter list but…they cannot vote unless they re-register".

Fact: Wisconsin's Registered Voter List Contains the Names of More than 4 million Ineligible Voters

Beck says it is a false claim that Wisconsin has more than 7 million registered voters on its Registered Voter List. This is a lie. The total number is actually more than 8.2 million registered voters on the List. On the WEC's website called Badger Voters, the WEC calls the site "a simple and automated way for the public to request voter data lists". They describe the available data as "voter names, addresses and any contact information they provided with their registration". Every name on this list is a person who at one time registered to vote. The WEC has deliberately created confusion about its indefensible decision to keep millions of names on the list, who have become ineligible to vote for any reason, by labeling them "inactive" and labeling eligible voters "active", terms that do not appear anywhere in Wisconsin election laws. As Beck and Shur both correctly reported, the "inactive" voters would have to re-register if they became eligible and wanted to vote in the future. Critically thinking citizens across the state must ask themselves, "What then could possibly be the reason for such strenuous resistance to removing voters when they become ineligible and maintaining only currently eligible voters on the list?" Why is this important? Keep reading.

Cybercrime is the Real and Growing Threat

Those who are fighting to keep ineligible voters on Wisconsin's Voter List are trying to convince the citizens that all this fuss is about an occasional voter here and there who may try to vote using an ineligible name. Beck describes it as, "State election officials keep inactive names on hand to be able to catch people trying to register to vote under a dead person's name, for example, or to flag a person registering in two different states". Election officials are trying to sell this as a security measure. They are trying to dupe the citizens into believing the entire matter is small and inconsequential.

The real threat is a massive breach of a "secure" database by sophisticated cybercriminals. It wasn't long ago that most important business was conducted on paper and in-person. We now live in an electronic world where most things are done over the internet using computer networks. "Cyber" is the term to describe this paperless world. Cybersecurity is a booming new industry, made necessary because cybercrime has rapidly become the method of choice for stealing things of value. Nothing would be more valuable to steal than an election.

Extensive information about how cybercriminals work is on the internet and easily accessible to any journalist who is seriously interested in truth. Criminals are combining advanced persistent threats (APTs) with cutting edge artificial intelligence (AI) to launch complex attacks that bypass modern security systems. Cybersecurity experts define APTs as sneak, long-term cyberattacks where skilled threat actors break into a network, remain hidden for extended periods (months/years), and systematically steal data, spy, or disrupt operations, often targeting high-value entities like governments or corporations.

A criminal technique called SQL injection is the leading cause of data breaches. A destructive code is injected into websites to manipulate or delete database

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Canada's Warming *cont. from page 1*

world is actually warming at anything like the rate we are told it is.

A new report demonstrates that the data ECCC has been relying on may be hopelessly corrupted by fundamental mistakes that are responsible for almost all the supposed warming. Rather than being the poster child for global warming, Canada may actually be the latest example of why the public increasingly do not believe anything we are told by governments about climate change.

Scientists can certainly make errors when analysing data, but sometimes, instruments or other effects can lead to skewed data that is more difficult to detect. When it comes to climate change, such errors can have devastating consequences since severe climate change policies based on flawed studies not only affects businesses, but all citizens who are forced to pay for "climate action" and costly and unreliable alternative energy technologies.

On December 23rd, the report "Artificial stepwise increases in homogenized surface air temperature data invalidate published climate warming claims for Canada" was released by Dr. Joseph Hickey, a data scientist with a PhD in Physics (Complexity Science). The report was published by CORRELATION Research in the Public Interest, a registered not-for-profit corporation based in Ottawa, Canada, regarding what appears to be a significant error in Canada's temperature data from Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC), a temperature artifact that does not represent actual warming. This artifact could "be responsible for essentially all of the calculated warming for many Canadian locations over the past six or seven decades." The temperature dataset, the Adjusted and Homogenized Canadian Climate Data (AHCCD), was available to the public and is used for calculating long-term temperature trends in Canada as well as data for global temperature analyses.

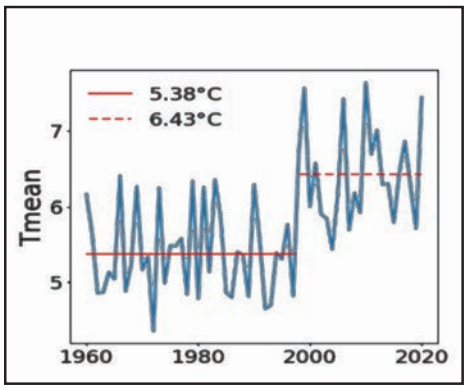
Hickey writes that "surface air temperature records are affected by many biasing factors, related to changes to instrumentation, observation methods and procedures, and the environment surrounding the instruments." This means that results published could be skewed to show warming, cooling, or varying trends when none exist. Using a wide variety of temperature monitoring stations, as well as comparing surface air temperatures records with other temperature records from satellites, for instance, will help minimize biased results.

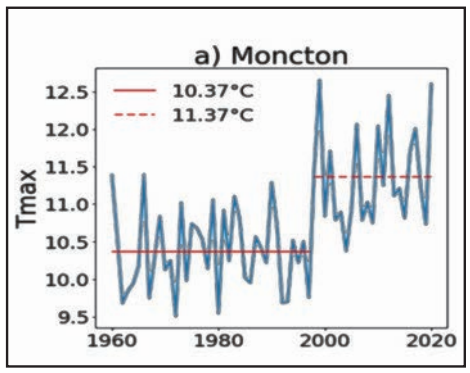
When data from different stations is combined to form long-term temperature records, gradual biases can cause the record to shift upward or downward even if there is no real temperature change. These biasing factors could include factors such as the growth of trees in the vicinity of the thermometer, aging of the thermometer, or other changes to the station's environment. In an attempt to make long-term climate trends meaningful, scientists adjust the data to remove these non climatic influences. They also homogenize the records—this means aligning data from different periods so that the dataset behaves as if the station had been measuring consistently all along. If these modifications are not made properly, the effect of these factors "influences the long-term trends calculated from the temperature series in a manner that is not reflective of regional climate variability but rather only the conditions in the local surroundings of the thermometer," Hickey writes.

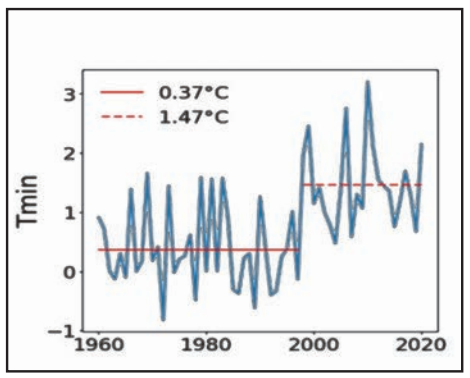
The AHCCD from ECCC consists of daily minimum, maximum, and mean surface air temperatures from hundreds of stations across Canada. Using this data, various scientists have calculated that the surface air temperature has increased 1 – 2 degrees Celsius over the past six to seven decades. Yet in 1998, a stepwise (sudden) increase of approximately 1 degree Celsius occurred in the temperature record at most stations across Canada. This increase could be responsible for almost all of the claimed warming calculated for Canada over the past six or seven decades. This leads Hickey to conclude that "The reported climate warming of Canada appears to be entirely from a temperature measurement artifact." Hickey also explains, "1998 is the year in which a set of 72 Canadian reference climatological stations were first added to the Global Climate Observing System (Milewska and Vincent 2016)."

A coincidence that that is exactly when the sudden jump occurred? Not likely.

Temperature data from Moncton, New Brunswick is shown below as an example to illustrate the increase.







Temperature data from Dr. Hickey's report shows the mean (Tmean), maximum (Tmax), and minimum (Tmin) temperatures recorded.

The significant increase in temperature (a "step" in the data) occurred at many other stations throughout the country in exactly the same year. Such a sudden shift only becomes apparent after data from further years are collected, but it needs to be investigated to determine if it is natural or not.

Despite the apparent flaw in their records, Environment Canada essentially dismissed the finding even when alerted to the artifact and other serious problems in their data by Hickey when he was a Bank of Canada employee.

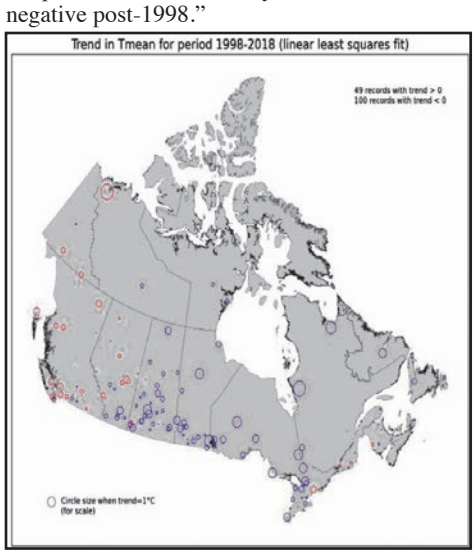
Hickey explains:

"I sent figures showing the 1998 step-increase feature in the temperature records of many AHCCD stations to the Environment Canada researchers responsible for creating the AHCCD in emails in June and July of 2021, when I was employed as a data scientist at the Bank of Canada. These emails have since been obtained via an Access to Information (ATI) request to Environment Canada."

"…In her responses, Vincent [senior Environment Canada Research Climatologist Dr. Lucie A. Vincent] did not provide an explanation for the 1998 step-increase feature, but rather stated she had 'quickly checked the metadata [data before adjustment and homogenization] for some of the stations' and, on that basis, affirmed that the step-increase feature would not have been caused by the introduction of automated weather stations during the 1990s. In her final response, Vincent stated that '[w]e have not detected a positive shift around 1998 in the annual mean temperature of the selected stations due to automation or any other non-climatic causes' and that '[t]his shift [the 1998 step-increase feature] identified visually when the time series is focused on the 1960-2020 period is probably due to climate variability only.'"

"Probably?" So, Canada is spending hundreds of billions of dollars largely based on data that the government scientist most involved in its generation can only say is "probably" indicative of real warming? Something she confirmed in part through "quickly checking the meta data." And, removing that questionable step change results in practically no real warming at all?

Showing the map below in his report, where blue circles represent locations of cooling, and red warming, Hickey points out: "If anything, the two-decade trend in annual average temperature series for many AHCCD stations is negative post-1998."



Citing numerous references from the scientific literature, Hickey explained in detail to Vincent in follow-up emails that the sharpness of the temperature increase and its magnitude indicate that it is not due to real climactic change. He also laid out a detailed analysis of potential sources of the artifact in his report, which could include land use changes and instrumentation changes. Both of these could easily cause a 1-degree shift in the temperature data. Moreover, he explained, "there are no other similar large and geographically widespread discontinuities in the AHCCD dataset at other years."

Meaningfully, Hickey concludes in his Dec 23rd report (my bold):

"The 1998 step-increase feature in the annually-averaged temperature time-series for many Canadian stations was therefore left essentially unaddressed by Environment Canada, and remains in place in the AHCCD dataset to this day, including in the 4th generation of the data,..."

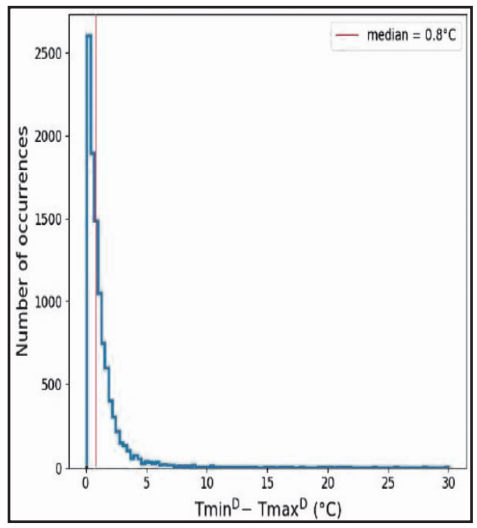
Hickey was not the only Bank of Canada employee to find fault with ECCC's temperature data. He writes:

"On December 7, 2020, Bank of Canada Economist Julien McDonald-Guimond sent an email to Environment Canada researchers with an inquiry about the 2nd generation AHCCD daily temperature records, noting he had found some cases in which the daily minimum temperature (Tmin(D)) was greater than the daily maximum temperature (Tmax(D)) for the same day and for the same AHCCD station."

In fact, there were more than 10,000 instances of days for which the daily minimum temperature was greater than the daily maximum temperature, in the 2nd generation of the AHCCD. Hickey writes (my bold):

"McDonald-Guimond sent a second email on December 9, 2020 with an attached table listing the instances of Tmin(D) > Tmax(D) that he had found…The attachment to McDonald-Guimond's December 9, 2020 email, which Environment Canada's Access to Information office initially failed to include in its release, was eventually provided...McDonald-Guimond's table contains 10,159 instances of daily temperature records with Tmin(D)>

Tmax(D). Affected records occurred in all Canadian provinces and territories.



"*A histogram of the differences Tmin(D)–Tmax for the 10,159 instances shown in McDonald-Guimond's table is shown in Figure 10 [below].*

"For the 10,159 instances, the median difference between Tmin(D) and Tmax(D) was 0.80°C (vertical red line in Figure 10), the average difference was 1.21°C, and the maximum difference, which was for Cape Dorset, Nunavut, on February 25, 1995, was 30°C." [my bold]

Environment Canada Climate Data Analyst Megan Hartwell replied to McDonald-Guimond on

January 13, 2021 that "We [ECCC] were quite surprised by the frequency of the issue you reported, and have taken some time to go through the data carefully."

That ECCC were surprised by McDonald-Guimond's finding is cause enough to worry. But the fact that they now "have taken some time to go through the data carefully" begs the question: didn't they go through the data carefully before releasing it the first time? Hartwell's excuse that the homogenized data has since been updated to a later version, while admitting that "the AHCCD site-page has not been updated yet and does not introduce the third generation…" hardly boosts public confidence.

This situation is far too complicated to be explained fully in a brief article such as this, so I encourage interested parties to read Dr. Hickey's December 23, 2025 report and judge for yourself if we can trust ECCC's claim that the increase in Canada's average temperature (a specious parameter to begin with) is anything close to the amounts they claim, and on which the government of Canada is basing multi-billion dollar climate policies.

When this apparent blunder is finally fixed, government scientists should be compelled to publish the corrected results just as prominently as they announced their initial findings. And, in the meantime, we should be grateful that experts like Hickey and McDonald-Guimond are prepared to engage in skeptical inquiry of their government peers about data that has contributed to climate policies that we all pay for.

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Short Takes

By Ken Van Doren

I'm not that obsessed with making representations of ugliness. Everything I've seen is beautiful. -Otto Dix

Television is chewing gum for the eyes. -Frank Lloyd Wright

Creativity is allowing yourself to make mistakes. Art is knowing which ones to keep. -Scott Adams

Expert: a man who makes three correct guesses consecutively. -Laurence J. Peter

I buy expensive suits. They just look cheap on me. -Warren Buffett

Unemployment is capitalism's way of getting you to plant a garden. -Orson Scott Card

Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let every new year find you a better man. -Benjamin Franklin

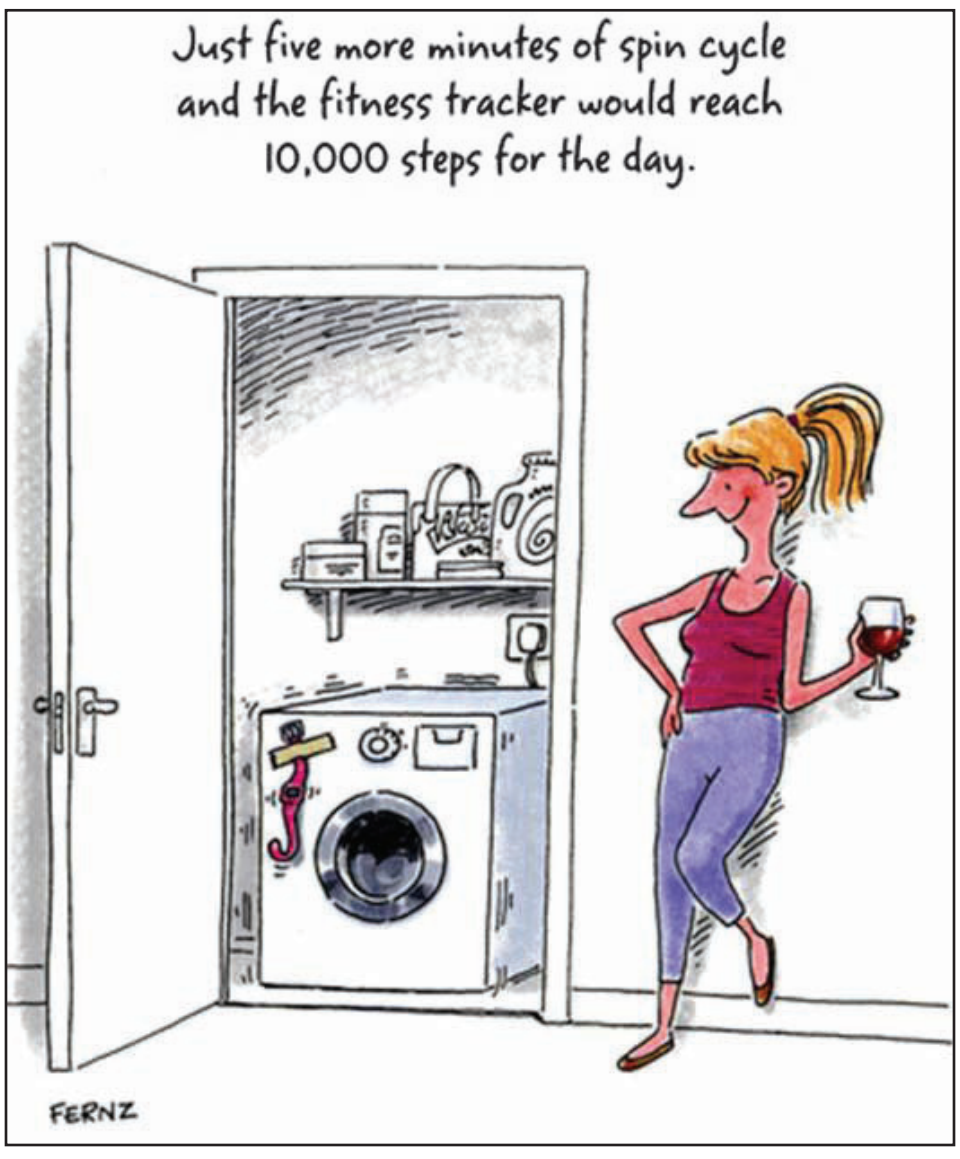
We won't have a society if we destroy the environment. -Margaret Mead

We live in a society exquisitely dependent on science and technology, in which hardly anyone knows anything about science and technology. -Carl Sagan

Wisdom to Live By

Science is the belief in the ignorance of experts."

Richard Feynman (H/t Francis Menton)



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Crossword Puzzler

ACROSS
1. Tear companion
5. Strongbox
9. "Get lost!"
14. Symbol of goodness
15. Org. founded in 1920
16. Leather strip
17. "Cunning hunter" of the bible
18. Impolite glance
19. Disorderly disturbances
20. Patti Page hit
23. CSI identifier
24. Danny of "White Christmas"
25. Moves abruptly
28. Tolerate
30. Overwhelm
33. Turkish leader
34. Azov is one
35. Scorching
37. Beach Boys hit
40. Bowling alley head
41. Move aimlessly
42. Word with bar or area
43. X-ray unit
44. Name names
46. Pendant feature
47. Greek cheese
48. Fez, e.g.
49. Ferko String Band tune
56. Word of praise
57. Moby Dick pursuer
58. Temporary calm
59. South Pacific tourist site
60. Miner's pursuit
61. Opera offering
62. Prepared for action
63. Observed
64. Intuitive ability

DOWN
1. Sharpen, as a blade
2. Alleviate
3. Football Hall-of-Famer Page
4. Like some tickets
5. Latin American music
6. Experts
7. Cut and run
8. "I've found it!"
9. Part of a pound?
10. Santiago's country
11. Tooth part
12. Animated movie of 1998
13. Booker T. and the ___
21. USN officer
22. Classified blurb
25. Style of furnishing
26. Kenmore competitor
27. Rubbed the wrong way
28. Sun. deliverance
29. Ham operator's letter
30. Keyboard symbol
31. Playwright Oscar
32. Collectible flop
34. Beethoven's "Moonlight ___"
36. Baked potato alternative
38. Dockside flame fighter
39. Fleming of fiction
45. Cornhusk-wrapped edible
46. Certain punch
47. Take after
48. Diced
49. Diminishing sea
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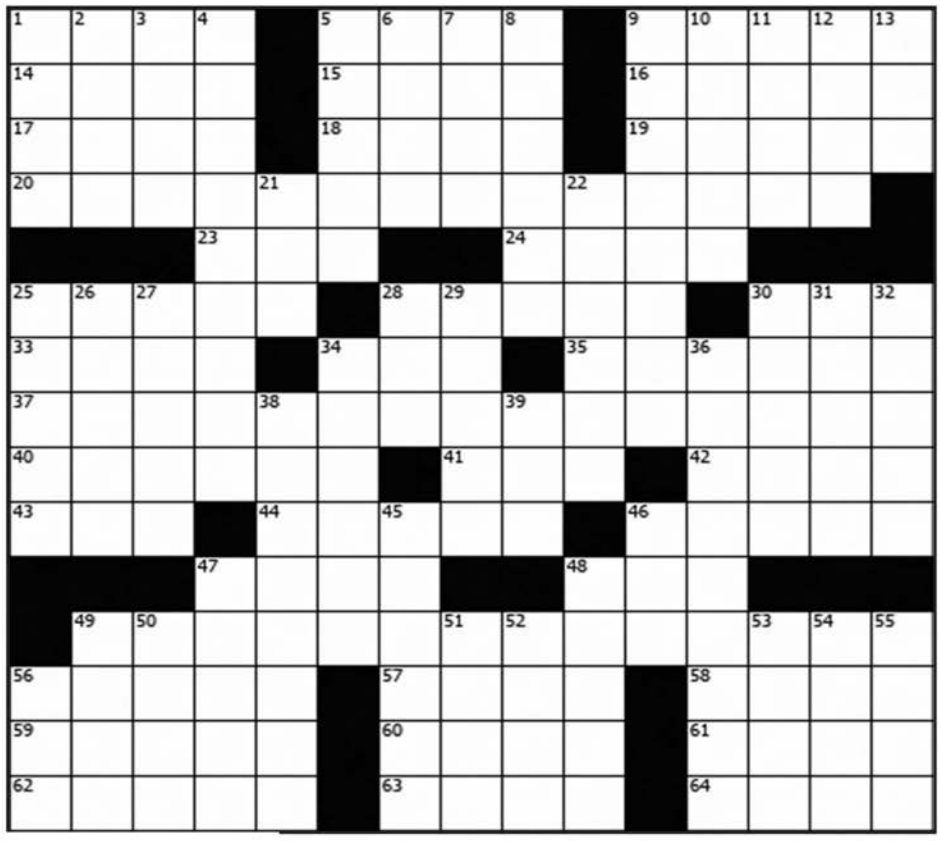
51. On-board shout
52. Green ornamental stone
53. Angler's decoy
54. Nobelist Wiesel
55. Israeli airline
56. Youth org.



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He also withdrew the US from the Paris climate agreement, vetoed US attendance at the 2025 COP30 climate conference, and revoked multiple costly regulations based on "climate crisis" claims.

Dozens of banks have withdrawn from the Net Zero Banking Alliance. At this year's World Economic Forum, in Davos, Switzerland, climate action, renewable energy and sustainable development received little attention – by the wealthy political, corporate and financial elites who populate the WEF.

(However, the WEF may simply be going into stealth mode, using its "financialization of nature" concept to "treat ecosystems as assets," dollarize them – and set the stage for the "international community" or UN to replace local, state and national decision-making on development.)

Bill Gates now says climate change is not a crisis, and the world must focus on improving lives, healthcare and living standards for the world's poorest people, especially by ensuring they have plentiful, dependable, affordable energy – which only coal, oil, natural gas and nuclear can provide.

Running counter to these trends, Western Europe is still committing economic suicide – or more accurately, its elites are committing economic and real manslaughter against poor and working classes.

But meanwhile, China, India, Indonesia and other recently impoverished and still developing countries are increasingly using fossil fuels to lift millions, even billions out of poverty, disease and despair. African and other nations are eager to follow – and tell Western climate scolds to buzz off.

Winter Storm Fern caused dozens of deaths across the United States. Hundreds of thousands went hours or days without electricity, mostly due to ice breaking power lines amid days-long frigid temperatures.

But every year, in still-poor countries, nearly 750 million people still have no access to electricity – 600 million in Sub-Saharan Africa alone. Billions more have minimal, sporadic access. They subsist in permanent or rolling blackouts.

Not dozens, but millions of them die every year. From indoor air pollution from having to burn wood, charcoal, grass and dung, because they don't have natural gas, propane or electricity for cooking and heating. From bacteria and parasites in their water and food, because they don't have electricity, water treatment or refrigeration. From malaria and other diseases, because their substandard clinics and hospitals lack electricity, clean water, sufficient vaccines and antibiotics, even window screens.

In short, due to being deprived of energy, sound governance, vibrant economies and jobs. And to global fixations on the "climate crisis" and "ridding the world of fossil fuels," instead of meeting their needs.

It's equally abominable that the legacy news media, academia and "human rights stalwarts" largely those basic needs – while they incessantly bash the United States, Israel and Western culture.

Global financial institutions are no better – including the World Bank and assorted Multilateral Development Banks, including the Asian Development Bank, Inter-American Development Bank, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and even the African Development Bank.

They remind me of Saint Augustine: let us embrace and promote development – but not yet, not too much, and not with fossil fuels. Indeed, most of them still refuse to finance little more than wind, solar and other "renewable energy" projects. They impose Carbon Colonialism, poverty, disease and death on poor families – with self-righteous morality and feigned concern about the human tolls.

In 2015, President Obama launched his Power Africa initiative, telling African audiences this was their opportunity to "leapfrog over dirty energy and immediately go to clean energy."

For a short while, the African Development Bank seemingly broke from this crowd, voicing muted support for coal and gas power generation. "Africa must develop its energy sector with what it has," AfDB President Akinwumi Adesina said in 2017 – renewable energy and the continent's vast coal, oil and gas resources, most of which remain untapped or get exported.

Ignoring fossil fuels is unsustainable, intolerable and immoral – as is the absurd reality that, excluding South Africa, per capita power consumption in Africa is around 660 kWh per annum, compared to an average 6,000 kWh in Europe and 12,500 kWh in the USA.

Thankfully, more African and other countries are freeing themselves from "progressive" Western shackles. However, since 2017, the AfDB has stopped funding new coal projects and restricted oil and gas drilling and production. Abundant, reliable, affordable baseload electricity for Africa seems to have again given way to climate politics, though the changing global tide initiated by President Trump may alter that yet again.

Meanwhile though, China, India and other countries now realize that coal and hydrocarbons are the sine qua non of prosperity, employment, health, and political and strategic power.

As energy and science researcher Vijay Jayarj recently noted, 460 coal plants are under construction worldwide, another 500 have permits or soon will, and 260 more new coal-fired power plants could be announced soon. Oil and gas are also growing in importance as fuels and raw materials. Wind and solar are add-ons but can never replace coal, hydrocarbons or nuclear power.

The vast majority of the coal plants are in China and India, with Indonesia and other nations also surging ahead – building reliable generation for affordable electricity, securing supply lines, and drilling and mining their way out of dependence on foreign supplies.

They're also following the path that Europe, the United States and other nations did to become developed and wealthy. Every investment in new power generates industries, jobs, tax revenues and more money for future investments. Free enterprise financing, invention, inspiration, perspiration and production – with essential, non-stifling government regulation – remain the fastest, surest way forward.

Simply put, the world doesn't need some "miracle of prosperity." It needs to eradicate the anti-miracle tragedy of continued poverty. There is simply no reason poverty should continue – or that prosperity should not be found everywhere.

Books, courses and the internet enable every politician and citizen to learn what technologies are available, what they've accomplished, and how to achieve health and prosperity.

These resources also bear witness to the failures across Europe and other countries that have sent living standards back 50-100 years – and sentenced their citizens to energy deprivation, joblessness, and dying because they can no longer afford proper heating and air conditioning or even nutritious food – due to misplaced devotion to climate and renewable energy ideologies.

We might call this the Reverse-Midas Effect: everything climate alarmists touch turns to lead – which brings lead poisoning, developmental delays, learning and behavioral problems, memory dysfunction, even comas and death. In people and nations.

Governments and institutions must support basic human rights of access to abundant, reliable, affordable energy to support modern living standards. Not free; but access to that energy. The must stop financing the WEF, UN, World Bank and other institutions that often despise America and support only such health and living standards as wind and solar power can provide.

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Challenge *cont. from page 10*

a 32% duplication rate of registered voters. Republicans did nothing to correct it. Do you think this might be why they lost?

Too many Republicans and conservative activists have accepted one of two misguided positions. Some have accepted the lie that the radical left and its globalism is dead and they are defeated. Not true. The other misguided position is that the leftist forces are too strong and there is nothing we can do. Not true. The fact is that the Left is amazed that they are succeeding too easily.

The real difference in the fight is this – the Left has an agenda and the Right does not. I challenge you to tell me what the Rights' agenda is. How do you define freedom? What are your goals to achieve it? The Left has every detail written out to define, promote, and enforce their agenda. That's why the Right is forced on the defense instead of the offense.

Right now, those of us who support limited government and the rights it protects have got to get involved. Especially at the local level. For the past few years I have been working to teach local activists how to build a Freedom Pod in their community. We must make our local elected officials answer the question – who do they represent? Make them feel pressure from us just as the Left has done for years. Communicate with the people in your town – let them know what these policies will do to your lives and demand that the local officials stop. Be there and be committed. It's your life and your children's future.

For those who have been attacking Trump for being too aggressive and dictatorial you must understand he is combating a fully dedicated revolutionary Leftist democrat force and a timid Republican opposition. Trump's strategy is to take strong action to eliminate those false councils and their tyrannical powers and then reestablish the true rule of law. He's not setting up a dictatorship. He's driving to eliminate it. Trump can give us a powerful base to work from. But he can't do it alone. He's one man against a determined enemy with an agenda of destruction. He needs each of us to join the fight and take action. Especially at the local level.

Above all, it's time to establish a FREEDOM AGENDA and demand that our elected representatives s at every level of government dedicate themselves to enforcing it. We must get as determined to achieve freedom as the Left has been to destroy it. Define freedom and how to achieve it through every avenue including the economy, property rights, the education system, health care, personal choice, the election system, etc. Make sure this agenda is included in every piece of legislation at every level of government. As Rocky once said, "That's how winning is done!"

I challenge the Conservative Movement to join me in writing that Freedom Agenda to fully define our goals to reestablish freedom, prepare the tactics and strategies needed to achieve it, and begin to move at every level of government to enforce it. Let's get off the defense and prepare to win.

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being run on your behalf is seriously missing the mark. There is still time for you to course correct and demonstrate the authentic leadership we crave. Key changes have the potential to earn you the all-in support of conservative voters rather than reluctant acceptance that you are all we've got.

We must have strong, unwavering leadership in the fight to secure verifiability in our elections. We are up against liars who will look you square in the eye and tell you black is white. Addressing the susceptibility of our elections to cheating must be a top priority in your pursuit of the Governorship, as it is for President Trump. If Wisconsin voters cannot verify that the election results accurately reflect the will of the people, nothing else we do will matter. This is foundational. It is inconceivable that you are not fully informed of the problems with our election system. On the chance that this is the case, I have included a link to a recent report I published on the issue for your reference. https://www.beglingerforwisconsin.com/so/1aPmRbUjA?languageTag=en

Blaming everything that is wrong in Wisconsin on Governor Tony Evers is falling flat. Republicans held the majorities in both legislative houses from 2011 until now. They also held the Governorship for 8 of those years. Taxes, government spending, and failing education systems are things you call "Madison madness." We are with you on the need for change but laying it all at the feet of Evers while giving the Republicans a pass is an insult to critically thinking citizens. Take a lesson from Donald Trump. He calls out the bad actors irrespective of Party and the people love him for it.

The "solemn promises" you make to the voters are just meaningless political rhetoric without any specifics about how you will accomplish your hefty agenda. Lower property taxes, banning sanctuary cities, ending woke insanity, protecting farmland, reducing income taxes, bringing down energy costs, and more money in our pockets are all things we have heard many times before. How exactly are you going to do this? What accomplishments from your past would make us believe you have what it takes? You say your mission is "Restore Wisconsin to Greatness." What does this mean?

Your campaign is using the fearmongering and attacks that have become the norm in politics. Our "help is urgently needed" (translation: send money) to protect us from the "dark path" we are heading down and the hatred the opposition has for Donald Trump. You warn us this is a "make-or-break race for Wisconsin's future." Your campaign is guilty of tapping emotions rather than promoting critical thinking, a nationwide problem which has contributed significantly to our social decline. We are in search of leaders who will stick to the issues and provide the substance we need for sound decision making.

Tom, the campaign being executed in your name makes it impossible for the voters to differentiate you from every other run of the mill politician; and we are sick to death of politicians. The fact that the slate of Democratic candidates for Governor contains of some of the most extreme liberal ideologues we have ever seen on a ballot may help you in this fight, but it will not provide you cover for things that only you can and must do.

These are things to do differently if you want to win the hearts and minds of conservative voters. Do not allow yourself to be managed by consultants or the elites of the Republican Party. Meet in-person with as many Wisconsin voters, in as many venues as possible, and place no restrictions on the issues you will discuss with us. Listen to us. Tell us how you will address our priorities in specific terms so we can evaluate whether we believe you. We are seeking a Governor who is a leader to believe in and enthusiastically support. I sincerely hope you will be that leader.

Wishing you all the best, Joan Ellis Beglinger, Conservative Wisconsin Voter

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A "fatal blow" to regulatory overreach?

By Craig Rucker

President Trump and EPA Administrator Lee Zeldin are repealing EPA's "Endangerment Finding."

This is important.

The Obama administration was willing to go to any length to advance their radical climate agenda. The Biden administration was just as bad.

They sought every way possible to bypass Congress, particularly substituting regulation by unelected bureaucrats for votes by the people's representatives.

You wouldn't want to let a little thing like the U.S. Constitution stand in the way of a good time!

The "Endangerment Finding" was the Obama EPA's rule that CO2 and other greenhouse gases pose a danger to public health and must be regulated under the Clean Air Act. The Act, however, was designed to protect us from potentially harmful risks such as sulfur dioxide and particulates, not the odorless, invisible gas you just exhaled.

Repealing the "Endangerment Finding" is a bold and needed step to reform climate policy, protect our economy, and restore the constitutional separation of powers that keeps us free.



CFACT report takes down UN assault on plastic

By Craig Rucker

Plastics are a great equalizer.

Thanks to plastic, never before in history have the necessities of life been so plentiful and affordable.

Plastics make an abundance of food, clothing, shelter, transportation, healthcare, and information technology available to all.

The Ellen MacArthur Foundation's 2030 Plastics Agenda for Business, launched in November 2025 with UNEP backing, promotes a "circular economy" through mandates and bureaucratic control.

CFACT's report, The Next Plastics Playbook: Inside the Ellen MacArthur Foundation's 2030 Business Agenda by Melanie Collette, reveals it as a push for one-size-fits-all global regulation that could undermine plastics' immense benefits.

You are almost certainly reading this on a plastic device. You're probably wearing plastic as well.

Lightweight, corrosion-resistant plastics cut transport costs and, crucially, make essentials affordable. Plastic packaging extends food shelf life, reduces waste, and delivers staples like rice, oil, and medicine to remote or low-income areas.

Plastic is essential to our entire economy, so naturally, the UN wants in.

Plastics drive the world economy, contribute trillions in value, employ millions globally, support jobs in manufacturing and healthcare, and are essential to human well-being.

The UN plastic agenda risks stifling these advantages by favoring big corporations over smaller ones and imposing rigid rules that ignore local needs, eroding sovereignty and consumer choice.

True progress requires voluntary innovation and evidence-based, localized solutions — not centralized UN mandates.

As the climate agenda crumbles, we dare not permit a UN bureaucratic comeback under the guise of saving us from plastic.

Datacenters and electricity costs by the numbers

By Paul Steidler

While there is a push by some politicians of both parties to singularly blame, and in some cases scapegoat, datacenters for rising electricity prices, data from the U.S. Department of Energy's U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) tells a much different story.

EIA's most recent Electric Power Monthly on January 26 found that the nationwide average cost of residential electricity was 17.78 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh) for the month of November 2025. That is up 5.5% from a year ago. It exceeds the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for that period, continuing a disturbing trend that began in 2021, long before the datacenter boom took off.

If datacenters are the singular reason for high electricity prices, then the states with the most of them should be in dire straits, pricewise. They are not.

A January 2026 study from the American Edge Project found that the two states with the most datacenters are, by far, Virginia (663) and Texas (405). These two states account for 26% of all U.S. datacenters.

Yet the average residential electricity rate in Virginia is 15.94 cents per kWh, more than 10% less than the national average. Yes, those costs have increased over the past year, and by slightly more than the national increase (8.2% vs. 5.5%), while Virginia has gained an influx of high-paying jobs, tax revenue, and other economic activity.

In Texas, the average residential electricity rate is 16.04 cents per kWh, 9.8% less than the national average. Over the past year, in energy-friendly Texas, residential electricity prices have risen 2.3%.

At the other end of the cost spectrum is Vermont, home of Senator Bernie Sanders, who has aggressively sought to demonize datacenters. Vermont has the fewest datacenters in the country – three. Yet Vermont's residential electric rates are 36% above the national average, an onerous financial burden, especially in a state that does not receive the vast economic benefits of datacenters.

Electricity costs have risen faster than the CPI over the past five years due to systemic problems: a shortage of supply (power plants), an aging transmission grid prone to bottlenecks, and regulatory inertia, including intractable permitting delays.

Datacenters can be catalysts for breaking these chains in our electrical system and revitalizing it, so that it not only meets our needs but does so at a lower cost. There is ample precedent for this.

Since electricity was first invented and was initially available only to the wealthy, its costs have trended lower. Despite significant price increases since 2021, according to the Federal Reserve, average residential electricity prices fell by 14.6% from 1978 to 2026 when measured in real dollars, that is, adjusted for inflation.

It is time to accelerate electricity production so that the increased supply dwarfs the rising demand from datacenters, new manufacturing facilities, homes that want to use more electronic devices, and other factors.

With many Americans facing high electricity bills amid the current cold snap, constructive dialogue should begin immediately, using the EIA data and a sober assessment of the immense electricity challenges now facing the country.





Where the Real Power Bill Problems Lie in America

Original Article: Locating the Electricity Affordability Crisis by Severin Borenstein.
https://energyathaas.wordpress.com

Bullet Points

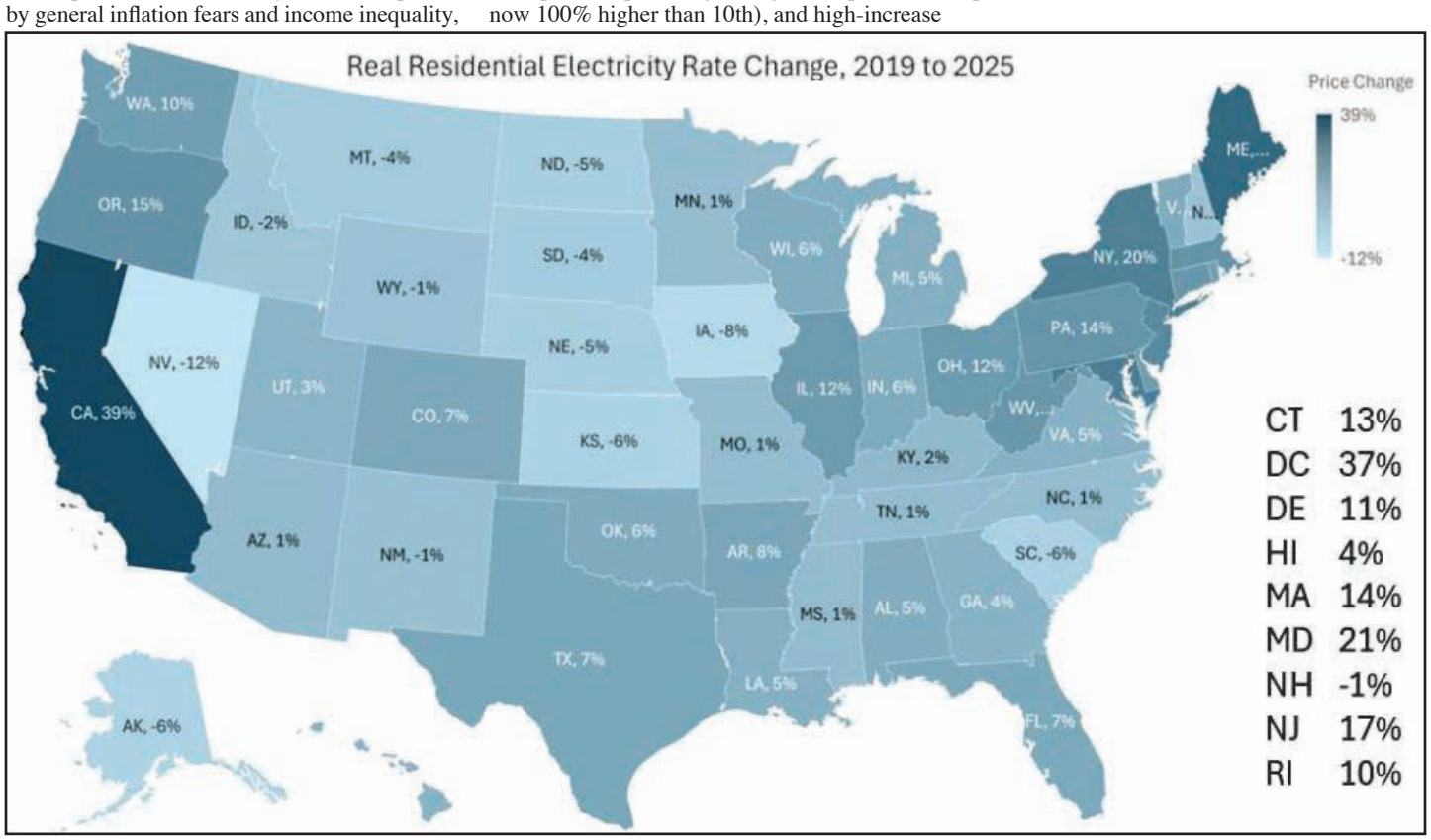
National U.S. residential electricity prices have remained stable in real terms over the past decade, staying flat or declining when excluding California's unique factors like solar subsidies.

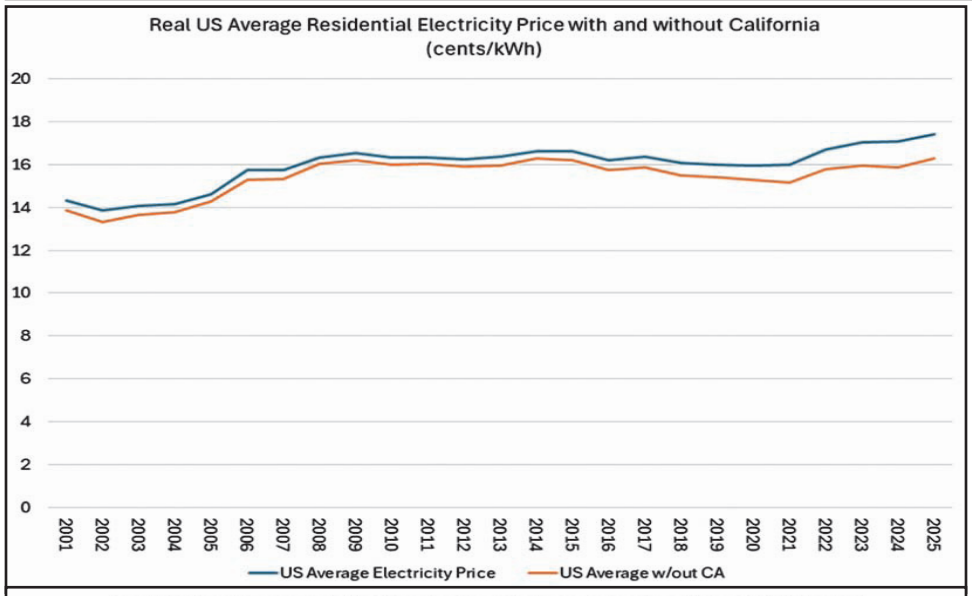
The perceived affordability crisis is amplified by general inflation fears and income inequality, where utility bills are highly salient, rather than a uniform electricity-specific issue.

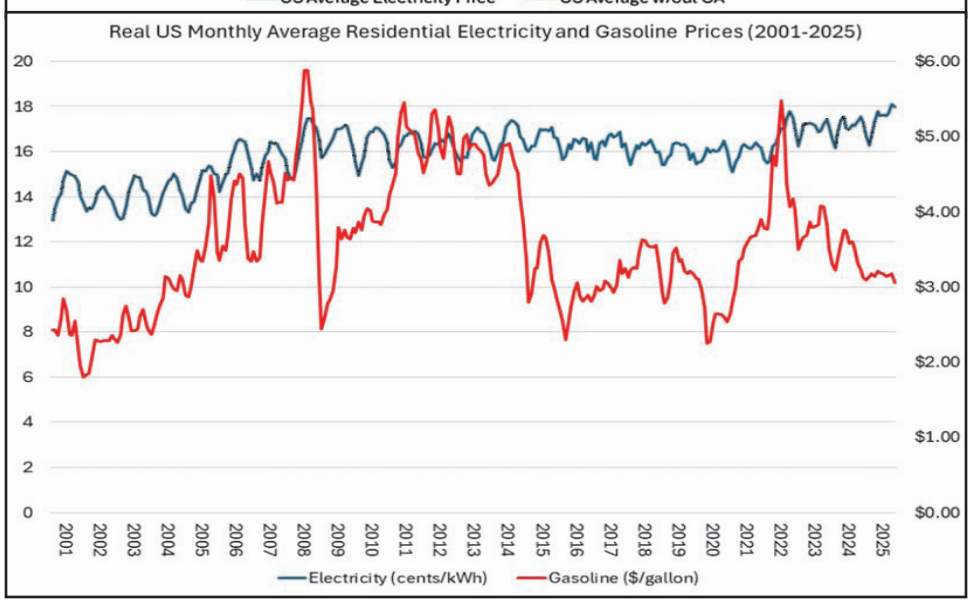
Recent price increases (5.2% in the year ending October 2025) outpace inflation (2.7%) but are not catastrophic compared to more volatile gasoline prices, which impact household budgets more significantly.

Geographic variations have widened, with state price disparities growing (90th percentile now 100% higher than 10th), and high-increase states clustered in Eastern/Northeast regions like PJM, NYISO, and ISO-New England as well as California.

No single cause explains rate hikes across states; drivers vary (e.g., capacity prices in PJM (eastern US vs. wildfire management and wind and solar in California), making one-size-fits-all policies ineffective amid broader economic pressures.







Ecological Facts Debunking Climate Doomsday Predictions

Original Article: Climate Alarmism's Credibility Sinks Under Weight of Ecological Evidence
https://co2coalition.substack.com/p/

Bullet Points

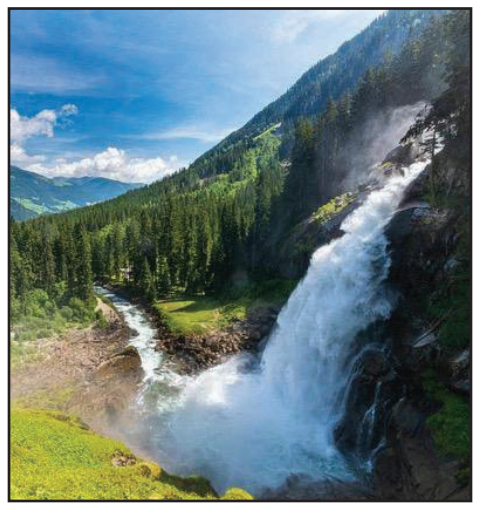
Climate alarmism is losing credibility as ecological evidence, such as expanding forests in major nations, contradicts predictions of environmental collapse and biodiversity loss.

Species populations like polar bears and Bengal tigers are stable or increasing, defying claims of mass extinctions driven by climate change.

Extinction rates have declined since peaking over a century ago, primarily due to invasive species on islands rather than modern industrialization or warming.

Global agriculture has seen record yields, with CO2 acting as a beneficial plant fertilizer, feeding a doubled population, and disproving famine forecasts.

The alarmist narrative persists for power and profit, ignoring positive data, while recent elections reject expensive net-zero policies in favor of energy affordability.



"If you are not prepared to use force to defend civilization, then be prepared to accept barbarism."
~ Thomas Sowell

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Stolen Land And The Mythology of Innocence: When Slogans Replace History

By Gary L. Wickert

The assertion that the United States occupies "stolen land" has become one of the most effective political slogans of the modern era precisely because it discourages historical inquiry. It reduces centuries of human migration, warfare, alliance-building, conquest, treaty-making, and cultural collision into a single moral indictment. That framing depends on an even more distorted premise: that the indigenous peoples of North America constituted a single, peaceful civilization living in harmony with nature until Europeans arrived and disrupted an otherwise pristine moral order. Neither premise survives serious historical scrutiny. Both function as ideological tools, not as descriptions of the past.

Long before Europeans set foot on the continent, North America was not a shared commons but a fiercely contested landscape. Hundreds of tribes, nations, and confederacies occupied overlapping territories, asserted exclusive claims, and fought repeatedly over land, resources, trade routes, and prestige. These conflicts were not sporadic or symbolic. They involved sustained campaigns of violence, forced displacement, brutal torture, enslavement, and, in many cases, annihilation. Entire tribes vanished from the historical record not because of European contact, but because they were conquered by rival indigenous powers generations earlier. Land was acquired, defended, and lost through force in exactly the same way land has changed hands everywhere humans have lived.

The idea that Native Americans formed a cohesive cultural or political unit living peacefully on land later stolen by evil white men is a modern political invention that seems to be enjoying somewhat of a resurgence recently. The Comanche and Apache were mortal enemies of the Pueblo peoples they terrorized for generations. The Iroquois Confederacy expanded its territory through aggressive warfare, brutally displacing neighboring tribes across vast areas of the Northeast. On the Great Plains, the rise of horse culture dramatically altered power dynamics, enabling certain tribes to dominate others through sustained raiding and conquest. These were not defensive skirmishes. They were deliberate campaigns to control land and resources. To describe European settlement as uniquely illegitimate requires ignoring the fact that indigenous peoples themselves recognized conquest as a legitimate means of acquiring territory.

Equally durable is the romantic claim that indigenous societies were uniformly peaceful and environmentally enlightened. This narrative projects modern environmental ideology backward onto societies that understood nature not as something to preserve, but as something to master, appease, or exploit in accordance with cultural and spiritual beliefs. Indigenous peoples adapted impressively to their environments, but adaptation is not the same as conservation. Large-scale hunting practices illustrate this clearly. Across the Plains and Rocky Mountain regions, tribes routinely conducted buffalo jumps, driving entire herds over cliffs to secure mass kills. While these hunts were sometimes carefully planned, they often resulted in the death of far more animals than could be processed before spoilage. Carcasses were left to rot after preferred portions were taken for ritual or immediate use.

This practice was not incidental. It was embedded in religious, cultural, and social systems that valued abundance, spiritual symbolism, and communal spectacle. Over time, repeated mass kills contributed to localized depletion of herds. The near-extinction of the American bison in the nineteenth century was unquestionably driven by industrialized commercial slaughter enabled by railroads and firearms, but it is historically dishonest to pretend that pre-Columbian societies always hunted sustainably or lived in perfect ecological balance. They were human societies responding to incentives and beliefs, not caretakers operating under modern environmental ethics.

Much of the contemporary insistence that European settlement of the Americas constitutes "genocide" rests not on settled historical consensus, but on a relatively recent shift driven by polemical scholarship and sensationalized media narratives. For decades, professional historians deliberately avoided applying the term genocide to New World colonialism, recognizing that it traditionally described deliberate, systematic efforts to exterminate an entire people, a standard not met by the historical record in the Americas. This restraint is evident in major scholarly works, including the Cambridge History of the Native Peoples of the Americas, which explicitly rejected the term as inapplicable. European colonial powers, particularly Spain, adopted policies aimed at protecting and increasing indigenous populations, including formal legal protections and autonomous indigenous jurisdictions. Even episodes most frequently cited as evidence of genocidal intent, such as the Trail of Tears, were historically understood within a far more complex political and legal context, involving divided indigenous leadership, compensation offers, public opposition, and judicial resistance, all of which are now routinely ignored to strengthen modern claims. Compounding the distortion is the systematic

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Reining in Your Electric Bill

One of the things that I do for fun is to read the weekly updates from State Senator Kapenga. His most recent one includes an article **"Slowing the Rise in Utility Costs"**. In the article Senator Kapenga tells us to be prepared for a $9-$10 MONTHLY INCREASE IN OUR BILLS. That's "MONTHLY", like in EVERY month.

The Senator goes on to say that he has "*.....authored a bill that would prevent this kind of influence peddling by establishing a three-year waiting period before a former PSC Commissioner may accept employment with a public utility or transmission company.*" And that he has "*.....held a public hearing in my Licensing, Regulatory Reform, State and Federal Affairs Committee on several bills to protect our infrastructure and services from foreign adversaries, including the People's Republic of China, Iran, and North Korea.*"

I sent the following reply email to Senator Kapenga:

Good Morning Senator,

I appreciate you for authoring a bill to limit members of the UTILITY Service Commission benefiting from their own decisions. But the real question is, "HOW WILL YOU GET IT PASSED?"

And even if it does get passed and signed into law, so what. How will it affect my gas and electric bill?

Senator, anyone with a basic understanding of economics will know that the only way to reduce the cost of anything is through competition. So, the big question is, "HOW WILL YOU INTRODUCE COMPETITION INTO THE ARENA OF PUBLIC UTILITIES?" Or at least threaten to do so. President Trump has proven that companies, industries and even nations can be molded to his will by simply presenting a reasonable threat of change to the status quo. The same approach will work with utilities.

To me it is obvious that there is no one person in Wisconsin that wields the kind of power and influence of President Trump. You would need to build a bi-partisan consortium of politicians, who are more interested in their constituents' benefit than their own. Can such a power base be built? Are there members of both parties and both houses who are not owned by someone else? Is there a Gubernatorial Candidate out there that will publicly join you?

My personal opinion is that the politicians needed to fulfill such a mission are non-existent. Today's politicians and political parties have neither the character nor the interest in working FOR the public. But hey. Go ahead and prove me wrong.

You might want to start with Sylvia Ortiz-Velez in the Assembly. And then work with groups like HOT Government. If you don't know how to make those connections, let me know and I'll hook you up.

I can't fault the Senator for trying to drain the swamp water out of State Government. But we don't need him to try. We need him to succeed.

Trump Freeing *cont. from page 1*

global health crises, its failure to adopt urgently needed reforms, and its inability to demonstrate independence from the inappropriate political influence of WHO member states."

This declaration followed a Jan. 20 executive order directing that all U.S. funding for the WHO cease and all official representatives to the UN subsidiary be recalled, a prerogative established under terms of the original agreement that allows membership withdrawal after filing a year's notice of intent to do so which Trump issued immediately upon taking office in 2025.

Trump had attempted to withdraw the U.S. from WHO in 2020 at the end of his first term.

However, President Joe Biden reversed that move upon taking office in 2021 and actively tried to push for the UN to sign on to WHO's Pandemic Agreement, which together with its International Health Regulations, was intended to give the organization sweeping new powers to set policy for all member nations during pandemics and other "health emergencies" declared at their sole discretion.

Although withdrawal from WHO was supposed to be subject to a condition that all unpaid membership dues be fulfilled – currently $278 million for 2024 and 2025 – a State Department spokesperson has stated that no additional payments will be made because, "The American people have paid enough."

The U.S. was required to fund 22% of WHO's budget among 194 member nations since it was founded in 1948, amounting to an average $237 million annually between 2012 and 2024.

This January, President Trump likewise pulled the U.S. out of 66 U.N.-sponsored climate and social justice organizations, among them the U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

As former UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) official Ottmar Edenhofer, admitted in a November 2010 interview with the Swiss newspaper Neue Zürcher Zeitung: " . . . one has to free oneself from the illusion that international climate policy is environmental policy. Instead, climate change policy is about how we redistribute de facto the world's wealth . . . "

The UNFCCC severance followed immediate actions upon Trump's resumption of White House residency a year ago to withdraw America from the 2015 Paris Agreement on climate change mitigation contending that the agreement would undermine the U.S. economy with permanent damage which President Barack Obama had committed the United States to fund with a three billion-dollar contribution to its Green Climate Fund.

During a September 2025 speech to the UN General Assembly, Trump has accurately characterized global warming alarmism a "con job" to push renewable energy "scams" such as wind and solar.

Trump repeated this view while speaking to attendees at the Davos World Economic Forum on Jan. 21, commenting, "There are windmills all over Europe. There are windmills all over the place, and they are losers. One thing I've noticed is that the more windmills a country has, the more money that country loses, and the worse that country is doing."

He pointed to Germany as a prime example, a country that "now generates 22% less electricity than it did in 2017 . . . and electricity prices are 64% higher."

Trump added, "China makes almost all of the windmills, and yet I haven't been able to find any wind farms in China. Did you ever think of that? It's a good way of looking at it.

"They're smart. China is very smart. They make them. They sell them for a fortune. They sell them to the stupid people that buy them, but they don't use them themselves.

"They put up a couple of big wind farms, but they don't use them."

U.S. Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick was jeered by a few attendees while advancing that theme during a Davos panel discussion that "globalization has failed the West" and has left America and American workers behind.

Lutnick rattled his audience further by criticizing European nations for pursuing green energy policies that would make them "subservient to China."

"Why are you going to do solar and wind? Why would Europe agree to be net zero in 2030 when they don't make a battery? They don't make a battery," he said.

Secretary Lutnick later reported that observing being booed by one particular attendee, former Vice President Al Gore, was the "greatest honor" he could have received during the trip, telling Fox News, "And you all remember Al Gore told us, by today — in 2025 — the whole ice cap would be gone, and Greenland would be green."

Yes, and if Gore was right, most of us likely wouldn't be experiencing the coldest winter storm in decades.

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Will AI Rob Us of the Full Human Experience?

By Larry Bell

Is AI Really More Intelligent Than Humans?

Chances are that you have bought into a popularly accepted notion which divides personality types into predominate logically analytical and technically oriented left-brained thinkers versus more creative right-brained free spirits, and that these are mutually exclusive traits.

While this stereotype has some measure of validity, and while each side of the brain separately controls a variety of discrete roles and functions, both of those two hemispheres "collaborate" to fill in perceptual gaps that enable remarkable human intellectual capabilities.

As discussed in my 2018 book, "Thinking Whole," the left hemisphere is broadly characterized as dealing more with individual steps of a process and piecing together small bits of data into linear and readily articulable thoughts.

The left hemisphere also coordinates with and depends upon the right hemisphere which is more sensitive to less defined features of thought including processing of images, patterns and visual comprehension: such as in recognizing faces, and reading emotions which together enables "wisdom."

As psychiatrist and philosopher Ian McGilchrist points out, wisdom entails judgement, moral discernment, and the right-brain's ability to perceive meaning, context, and consequence.

Here, while the two hemispheres divide the labor, the left side serves as emissary to the right side as the master which engages with the world as a living whole, sensitive to context, relationships and meaning.

Unlike the left hemisphere, the right side tolerates ambiguities and enables insight, empathy, moral awareness, and genuine understanding.

But what about artificial "intelligence," which functions without any brain at all?

McGilchrist, author of "The Master and His Emissary . . . How Left-Brain Thinking is Killing Civilization" and numerous other books, observes left brain functions and influences on cognitive consequences which offer analogies to AI which is also very fluent in piecing enormous strings of data together with pattern recognition including visual constructs.

AI, McGilchrist argues, is analogous to a brain lacking a right hemisphere to enable meaningful interpretations of information processing outcomes or judgements regarding whether they are either accurate or relevant to an inquiry.

McGilchrist believes this abbreviated version of intelligence has come to increasingly narrow our appreciation of context and judgement regarding whether the information outcome makes real sense to our human lives.

As consequence of reducing everything to the level of minute, mechanistic detail, increasing AI emphasis and influence poses risks of robbing modern society of the ability to understand and appreciate deeper human values whereby intelligence is being redefined in terms of speed and optimization: the ability to process vast amounts of information quickly, to generate output efficiently, and to scale.

Whole brain thinking, on the other hand, encourages us to observe our world, surroundings, issues and connections from larger and more dynamic perspectives before delving into details . . . a classic lesson of viewing a forest before becoming lost in trees and entangled in underbrush.

In doing so, we may avoid recurring problems made even worse by failed attempts to fix the wrong parts whereby a big picture perspective may also reveal that a "best solution" may be to recognize and exit bad environments that pose undesired risks.

Understandably and appropriately, many of us worry that AI is having innumerable and far-reaching disruptive effects on society – putting people out of work, adding to work and income inequality, and some will say, even pose an existential risk to the long-term future of Homo sapiens.

Others will remind us that just as all of other previous technical revolutions profoundly increased human productivity, welfare and lifespans, AI will make human society better.

Both views will likely prove correct.

Society therefore is rushing into a new era in which rules must be followed even when they cause harm; procedures override common sense; responsibilities become untraceable because everyone is consigned to follow the same process; and intelligence no longer equates with understanding or wisdom.

Perhaps the greatest danger here is that mechanistic left-brain dominant/AI thinking robs us of experiencing what it means to be fully human.

As British-born neurologist and science writer Oliver Sacks instructed in a 2012 New Yorker magazine article:

"To live on a day-to-day basis is insufficient for human beings; we need meaning, understanding, and explanation; we need to see overall patterns in our lives; we need hope, the sense of a future; and we need freedom (or, at least the illusion of freedom) to get beyond ourselves, whether with telescopes and microscopes and our ever-burgeoning technology, or states of mind that allow us to travel to other worlds, to rise above our immediate surroundings."

Nevertheless, as noted by New York Times writer Carl Zimmer, "No matter how lateralized the brain can get, the two sides still work together."

Zimmer points out that "The pop notion of a [dominant] left brain and a right brain doesn't capture their intimate working relationship."

For example, whereas the left hemisphere specializes in picking out the sounds that form words and working out the syntax of the phrase, it doesn't have a monopoly on language processing because the right hemisphere is more sensitive to the emotional features of language, tuning-in to the slow rhythms of speech that carry intonation and stress.

As Dr. Seuss instructs us, "Think left and think right and think low and think high. Oh, the thinks you can think up if only you try."

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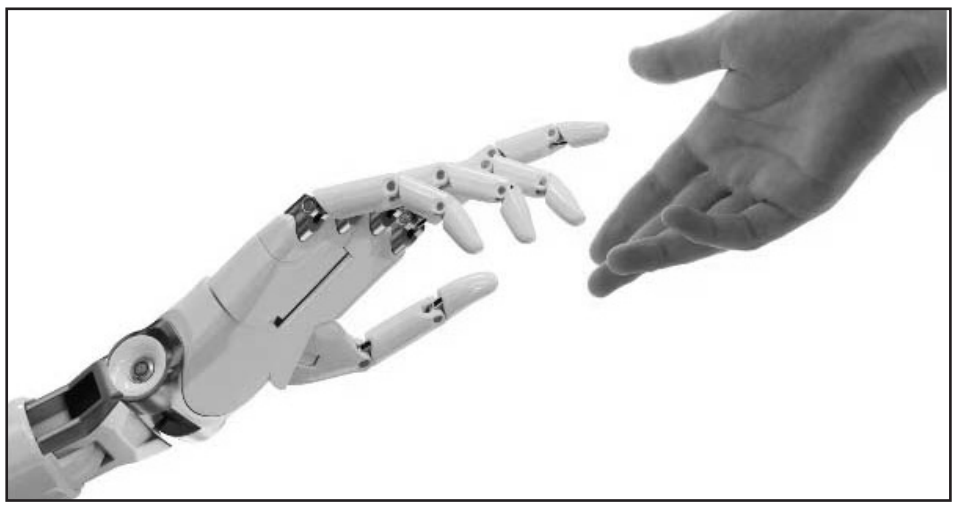

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History Repeating Itself?

I recently read an article from the Epoch Times titled "Seeing No Hope for the Future, China's Youth are Choosing Failure."
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This one single article asks so many questions, each with many implications, it will pull your mind in many directions. READ IT.

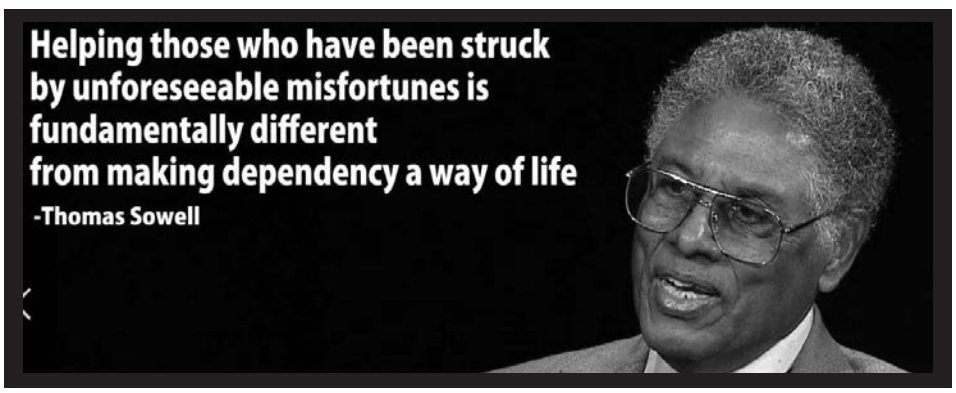
Question: (I'm sure that the phenomena of kids being lazy or discontented was not born in China in the 21st Century. But I'm going to limit things TO the 21st Century for this discussion.) Is this movement limited to Chinese culture, or is it something born of Human Nature? The answer appears to be the latter. Is the "China" situation different from what is going on in Iran with the only exception being that the Iranians are ahead of China on the timeline? If revolution is coming in Iran, is it also going to come to China? History along with Man's genetic drive to break away from tyranny seems to indicate the answer is "Yes".

Discounting the spill-over effects of civil wars, what's next? If Iran and China have internal power struggles, what about other countries? Russia? And what about America? What's our strategy going to be when it all goes into the toilet? Keep our heads down? Or take sides and try to "nation build"? Historically it has been to nation build. But our success rate at nation building is nothing to write home about. And when you consider that there's a lot of nuclear warheads (both known and unknown) in the world, leadership and decision-making is WAY MORE critical now than it has ever been.

Speaking of America, are we facing our own civil war? What's happening in Minnesota could be a harbinger of our future too. Like what's happening in China, Iran and Russia the US is having its own power struggle by opposing political forces. Will "Minnesota" spread to other states? Someone is sure TRYING to spread it. (It's too bad that they don't have a public face, yet.) Will our fate be any different than those countries previously mentioned?

If we know anything for certain, we know this. Civil War IS a bi-partisan event. And we know that war, "Civil" or not, is fought only for one reason: profit. So, when deciding on which side to pick, ask yourself this. "WHO is going to profit from this war and WHO is going to be cannon fodder?" Wars by definition need both. You will find that these two groups, one being significantly larger than the other, are mutually exclusive. And most of us (and our families) are in the latter group.

So, to all of us, **Choose Wisely**.



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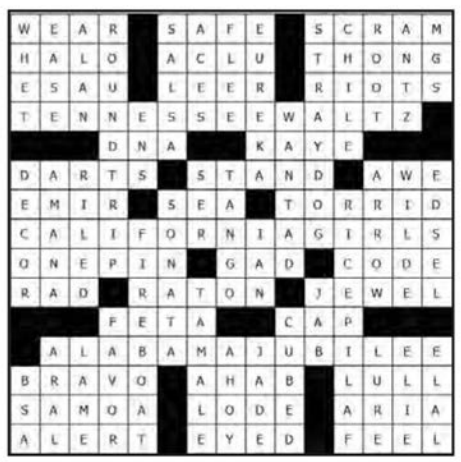
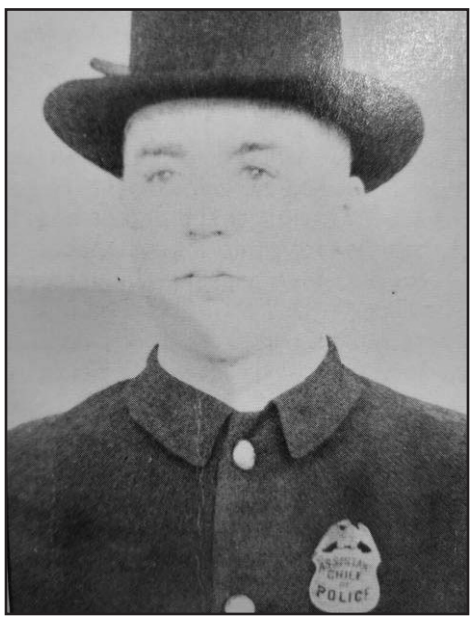


Officer Joe Burnett - Unsung Hero



By Wisco Rolf Lindgren

It was January 13, 1904 in Oklahoma City. Police officer Joe Burnett was patrolling the streets when he encountered an armed thug. The thug yelled foul names at Officer Burnett. Earlier that day, this thug had been arrested and then threatened to kill any policeman who tried to arrest him again.

The thug struck Burnett in the head and then Burnett grabbed the gun in the thug's right hand. They got into a life or death struggle. The thug fired his gun into the air. The thug bit off Burnett's ear like something out of a Tyson/ Holyfield boxing match. For 15 minutes they grappled on First Street in Oklahoma City.

Finally, a startled onlooker intervened and knocked the gun from the thug's hand. Then Officer Joe Burnett shot and killed the thug with his Colt 38. Burnett got a dangerous hooligan permanently off the streets!

Who was this dangerous thug? He was Edward Capehart O'Kelley. Twelve years earlier he had killed a saloonkeeper that he didn't like. On June 8, 1892, O'Kelley walked into a Colorado Saloon and murdered a saloonkeeper in cold blood, by shooting him in the neck.

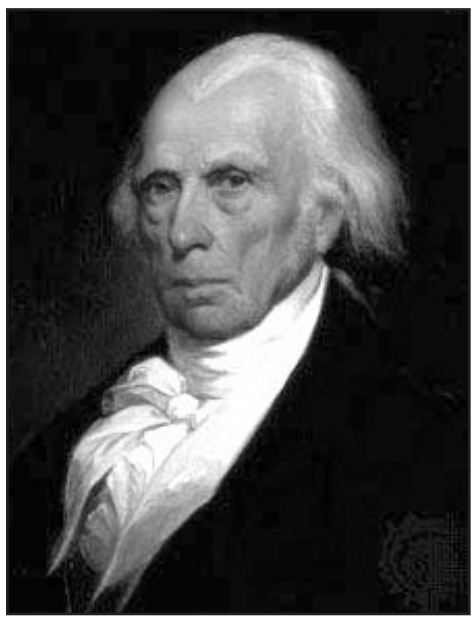
And who was this dead man in Colorado in 1892? It was another killer named Robert Newton Ford. On April 3, 1882, in Missouri, Robert Ford had shot a man in the back of the head, who was standing on a chair straightening a framed oil painting.

You may recognize the name Robert Ford. Yes, he is the "dirty little coward that shot Mr. Howard". Robert Ford shot and killed notorious outlaw & killer Jesse Woodson James to collect reward money! ["Thomas Howard" was the alias of Jesse James.]

So our hero, Police Officer Joe Burnett killed the man who killed the man who killed the killer Jesse James!!! Crime doesn't pay! Joe Burnett ended a cycle of violence that went back to the 1860s.

Joe Burnett died of natural causes in Oklahoma City on July 20, 1917.

The Death of Stubborn James Madison



By Rolf Lindgren

It was June of 1836 and James Madison was very old. He was 85 and nearing death. He was the last surviving signer of the Constitution. The 60th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence was approaching on July 4, 1836.

Madison's friends, family, and doctors wanted to keep Madison alive. They wanted to pump him with drugs so he would live until July 4. Those in attendance knew that great Founders Thomas Jefferson and John Adams both died on the 50th anniversary of the Declaration, on July 4, 1826.

And great Founder James Monroe died on July 4, 1831, the 55th anniversary of the Declaration. So it was natural to think Madison wanted to live a little longer.

But James Madison was stubborn. In 1794, Congressman James Madison refused to bend the Constitution and allow federal help for refugees from Haiti, who were fleeing a massive slave rebellion. Madison said the states could help the refugees.

During the War of 1812, President James Madison refused to bend the Constitution by instituting a military draft or signing any "Patriot Act"-style legislation.

And on the last day of his presidency on March 3, 1817, stubborn James Madison vetoed the Bonus Bill, which was sponsored by House Speaker Henry Clay. The bill contained spending not authorized by the Constitution.

Stubborn James Madison refused life-extending drugs and died on June 28, 1836.

Epilogue:

Word of Madison's death reached the four-lakes region of Wisconsin in early July, where a territorial meeting was taking place. The group decided to name their new city "Madison" in honor of James Madison, in hopes that the name would draw attention to their location. Wisconsin became a US territory on July 4, 1836. And in 1848, Wisconsin became the 30th state with new capital Madison, Wisconsin!

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content. (converting "inactive" voter names to "active" voter names to create fraudulent ballots, for example. This would be child's play to highly skilled criminals who are handed a reservoir of millions of voter names.) Massive fraud in our elections (defined in this case as the less than 1% of the vote it will typically take to steal a statewide election) will be sophisticated and undetectable by the current means of re-checking election results (recounts, court decisions) and makes claims that "voter fraud is extremely rare" both dishonest and unverifiable.

Cybercrime is a huge and growing problem tracked and addressed by the FBI and other agencies depending on the nature of the crime. Over the past few years, the US recorded more than 3,000 data breaches each year impacting finance, healthcare, retail and other sectors and exposing the personal records of more than 353 million individuals.

In Wisconsin, the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer protection (DATCP) publishes significant data breaches that are reported to them. In 2025, 6 companies reported breaches that affected more than 10 million people with thefts that included names, addresses, social security numbers, financial account information and dates of birth. Business sectors included education, insurance, health care, law, and even the Green Bay Packers.

Truthful Reporting

The most credible and comprehensive investigative reporting on the unverifiability of Wisconsin elections has been done over the past 2 years by John Ellis, whose integrity is beyond reproach. He has reported regularly in On Wisconsin Outdoors, a bi-monthly statewide publication, and has also directly distributed his work to elected officials, business leaders, patriot groups, media personalities and concerned Wisconsin citizens throughout the state. The result has been a growing chorus of Wisconsin voters demanding change. You never have, and never will, hear a single elected official, member of the Wisconsin Elections Commission or member of the media refute the facts Ellis is reporting. They cannot. He has exposed the truth.

Ellis has proposed a 7-step plan to make Wisconsin elections verifiable. He has disseminated his plan widely and stressed that it is not a finished product, but rather intended to ignite discussion and the spirited debate of ideas fundamental to a free society.

The Plan:

1. The Wisconsin Elections Commission (WEC) will be dismantled. The WEC is unaccountable to voters, facilitates unverifiable elections, and provides cover for the state legislators who have refused to correct Wisconsin's serious election problems. Responsibility for our elections will be returned to those legislators, where Wisconsin's voters can hold them accountable.

2. Wisconsin will discontinue membership in the Electronic Voting Information Center (ERIC). ERIC is a multistate agreement, promoted as helping member states improve the accuracy of their voter rolls. But Wisconsin's membership in ERIC has contributed to the state voter registration list expanding to nearly twice the size of Wisconsin's voting aged population. The accuracy of Wisconsin's voter registration list will be ensured by maintaining it solely in-state as described in step 3.

3. The lists of eligible voters used for Wisconsin's elections will be maintained locally, within each municipality, by the clerks. Those lists will be available for inspection by citizens free of charge and used by the state legislators to build and maintain the official list of registered voters as required by law. The cumulative total of eligible voters maintained by local municipalities will equal the number of eligible voters on the legislators' list. This will make it impossible for unverifiable illegal ballots to be cast, because every vote will be tied to a locally verifiable, eligible voter.

Currently, the WEC maintains a voter registration list with more than 8.2 million names in a state with only 4.6 million voting aged citizens. That list includes more than 4 million ineligible names. To receive a copy of the list costs $12,500.00. The size and cost of the list make it easy for unverifiable fraudulent ballots to be cast and impossible to inspect.

4. The voter IDs used when registering to vote will be tied to a verifiable, eligible Wisconsin voter. There are currently more than 250,000 people living legally in Wisconsin who are ineligible to vote, but who have been issued Driver's Licenses that are identical to those of Wisconsin residents who are eligible to vote. Because a Driver's License is all you need to register in Wisconsin, the ineligible people with the licenses can easily vote. To correct this, all Wisconsin Driver's Licenses issued to people who are here legally but ineligible to vote will be clearly marked "Not for Voting".

5. Paper ballots will be used, filled out manually, and counted locally using simple counters that cannot be connected to the internet. Those ballots will be kept for recounts, and to cross check with the local lists of eligible voters. After the polls close each clerk will report the results from their municipality directly to the legislators, eliminating central count. This will make any discrepancies in the vote count after elections easily found and verified locally.

6. Absentee Voting will be limited to those who are unable to make it to the polls on Election Day, and all voting by mail will end. According to a report that was released in September of 2005 by the Commission on Federal Election Reform, Co-Chaired by Democrat Jimmy Carter and Republican James Baker, voting by mail increases the risk of fraud and absentee or "convenience voting" detracts from the collective expression of citizenship that takes place on Election Day.

7. The 28-day residency rule, which allows out-of-state students to vote in Wisconsin's elections, will end. Out-of-state students have no vested interest in Wisconsin and a responsibility to vote in their home states. In addition, the University of Wisconsin system will be required to verify the citizenship of students before issuing a voting ID. Currently there is no requirement, even though there are more than 8000 non-citizen students, from 100 countries, at UW Madison alone.



All Eyes on Tom Tiffany

President Trump cleared the field for Tom Tiffany with his endorsement in Wisconsin's gubernatorial race. Tiffany is now the only Republican candidate. Republican state legislators have shown themselves to be useless in the fight for election verifiability. We collectively turn now to Tom Tiffany, and whoever emerges as Republican candidates for Lieutenant Governor, with the expectation that they make this a top priority and communicate clearly, with appropriate specificity, what they are going to do to make Wisconsin elections verifiable.

It is going to be up to the voters to secure verifiable elections for Wisconsin. We must keep the pressure on Tiffany and other Republican candidates to resolve this problem and remain undeterred by those who are trying to tell us our election system is just fine the way it is. We will use the truth as a weapon against their lies because yes, in fact, the Wisconsin election system is a fraud waiting to happen. It most likely already has.

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inflation or suppression of casualty figures. In places like Canada, documented instances of Native deaths at the hands of Europeans were historically minimal, undermining genocide claims and prompting modern advocates to retreat into vaguer concepts such as "cultural genocide." The result is a politicized redefinition of genocide that equates historical tragedy with twentieth-century extermination regimes, discourages nuanced analysis, and treats legitimate historical disagreement as moral heresy rather than scholarly debate.

The mythology of innocence also collapses when examining social organization. Many indigenous societies were rigidly hierarchical. Warrior elites and priestly classes exercised control through force, religious authority, and terror. Captives taken in war were frequently enslaved, tortured, or killed in ritual ceremonies. Slavery was widespread across North America long before European contact, often hereditary and permanent. In Mesoamerica, the Aztec Empire built a vast imperial system on conquest, tribute, and systematic human sacrifice. Tens of thousands of victims were ritually killed to sustain religious cosmology and political control. These practices were not misunderstood misunderstandings. They were central features of those civilizations.

What is striking is how selectively modern activists apply moral judgment. Practices that would be condemned without hesitation if associated with European or American societies are reframed as culturally relative or spiritually meaningful when attributed to indigenous peoples. This double standard is not accidental. It is essential to sustaining the "stolen land" narrative, which requires casting one side as uniquely corrupt and the other as uniformly virtuous.

The arrival of Europeans did not introduce violence, hierarchy, or slavery to the Americas. It encountered systems where all three already existed. What European civilization did introduce, unevenly and often imperfectly, was Christianity, and a philosophical and legal tradition that would eventually challenge those practices. From the earliest decades of Spanish colonization, intense debates erupted over the moral and legal status of indigenous peoples. Unlike most imperial systems in human history, Spain formally recognized Native peoples as rational beings with souls, entitled to legal protections. Indigenous individuals were educated in European institutions, granted citizenship, and incorporated into a broader legal framework. These efforts were inconsistent and frequently undermined by abuse, but they represented a moral rupture with the ancient assumption that conquest alone determined human worth.

Modern corporate activism ignores this complexity. Campaigns like those promoted by Ben and Jerry's adopt the "stolen land" slogan as a branding exercise, not as an act of historical engagement. By flattening history into a morality play, corporations signal ideological virtue while absolving themselves of the responsibility to tell the truth. Consumers should recognize this strategy for what it is and decide whether they wish to support companies that trade in historical distortion. The narrative they promote owes far more to ideological works like A People's History of the United States than to serious scholarship. It is propaganda disguised as empathy, and the American Left laps up these lies like bowl of milk because they serve a present-day political agenda.

None of this denies that indigenous peoples suffered displacement, disease, exploitation, and injustice during European colonization and American expansion. Those facts are real and should not be minimized. What should be rejected is the simplistic claim that America is uniquely illegitimate because land was "stolen" from a peaceful, unified culture. By that standard, virtually every nation on earth is illegitimate. Human history is a record of movement, conflict, conquest, and synthesis. The United States is no exception, but it is not an outlier either.

A mature understanding of history requires abandoning slogans in favor of complexity. The land that became the United States was shaped by centuries of indigenous conflict before Europeans arrived, and by centuries of struggle afterward. Reducing that story to a single accusatory phrase may be emotionally satisfying, but it is intellectually indefensible. If the goal is truth rather than political theater, the "stolen land" narrative must give way to a more honest account of the human past.

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borders. A second example, also reported in mainstream national outlets, is the U.S. territories of Saipan and Northern Mariana Islands "birth tourism" pipeline, where proximity to Asia and local entry rules were described as facilitating travel by foreign mothers seeking U.S. citizenship for their newborns by delivering in a U.S. jurisdiction and then returning overseas. It has become a farce and a stick in the eye to all U.S. citizens who worked hard to become a citizen the right way.

Help is on the way. For the first time in generations, birthright citizenship is being tested in cases that directly present the constitutional question the framers actually debated, rather than the narrow factual scenario addressed in United States v. Wong Kim Ark. Pending challenges arising from executive efforts to reinterpret the Citizenship Clause, including cases such as State of Texas v. United States and Doe v. Trump, ask whether "subject to the jurisdiction thereof" was meant to require full political allegiance rather than mere physical presence. These cases provide a far better vehicle for discerning original intent because they force courts to confront the text and legislative history of the Fourteenth Amendment head on, rather than assuming universal birthright citizenship as a given and working backward. Unlike Wong Kim Ark, which involved a child born to lawfully domiciled parents, these challenges squarely raise the question the framers sought to answer: who belongs to the American political community, and on what terms.

The principal case now before the Supreme Court that directly tests birthright citizenship is Trump v. Barbara, in which the court will decide whether President Trump's executive order limiting citizenship at birth for children of non-citizen or temporary parents violates the 14th Amendment's Citizenship Clause. Barbara challenges the constitutional validity of Executive Order 14160 and asks the Court to confront head-on what "subject to the jurisdiction thereof" means in the text of the Amendment rather than assuming universal citizenship. The Court is expected to hear oral argument in the spring of 2026 and issue a decision by this summer.

The Fourteenth Amendment was adopted to secure the citizenship of freed slaves, not to erase the concept of national membership. Properly understood, the Citizenship Clause already contains the tools necessary to address modern realities and the fraud being perpetrated on the country. What has been lacking is the political will to apply them. Citizenship is the highest political privilege a nation can bestow, and it is too consequential to be dispensed by accident of geography or reduced to a prize won by exploiting a loophole rather than earned through allegiance, consent, and lawful membership in the national community.

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has dramatically altered its handling of the nation's most controversial disputes. Many are now resolved without full briefing, without oral argument, and without signed opinions. The Court quietly picks winners and leaves the losers without any explanation of why they lost. It is a process eerily reminiscent of the medieval "Star Chamber" of England.

The Star Chamber

The Star Chamber was a secret English tribunal active from the 15th to 17th centuries, originally created to curb abuses by powerful nobles. Over time, however, it devolved into an instrument of oppression—issuing arbitrary judgments against political dissenters in closed proceedings. Its secrecy and lack of accountability led Parliament to abolish it in 1641.

Emergency appeals force the court into politics.

U.S. presidents often accumulate power by pushing into what Justice Jackson insightfully called the "zone of twilight"—areas where Congress has not spoken clearly and executive power expands to fill the void. President Trump has taken this dynamic to an unprecedented extreme. In less than a year, he has issued 221 executive orders reshaping energy policy, immigration enforcement, and directing retaliation against law firms, universities, and companies he views as "slighting" or "opposing" him.

Many of these orders reinterpret statutes beyond anything Congress intended. Predictably, 552 lawsuits have been filed challenging Trump's executive actions, and one legal tracker reports that he has lost roughly 93% of those cases in the lower courts.

Rather than pursue the normal appellate route—briefing, oral argument, and merits review—Trump repeatedly files emergency appeals directly with the Supreme Court. In its first nine months, the Trump administration submitted 23 emergency stay applications. The Supreme Court granted 20, allowing disputed policies to remain in effect indefinitely. For comparison: the Biden administration filed 19 over four years; Presidents Bush and Obama filed eight across sixteen years. Another organization tracking these filings counts as many as 40 Trump emergency applications.

Which is it, coordination or anticipatory obedience?

While there is certainly no direct coordination between Trump and the Supreme Court, the management of the Court's docket suggests what academics call "anticipatory obedience." It is: [p]reemptively complying with perceived or expected demands from authority, often without explicit orders" … It's a dangerous form of self-censorship and subservience where individuals and institutions adjust their behavior to align with potential future authoritarian or repressive desires, setting precedents and enabling authoritarianism before coercion even begins, seen in examples like universities censoring courses or companies changing policies.

This dynamic does not require coordination between the Court and the President. Modern political systems increasingly operate through signals rather than directives. When a president routinely pushes legal boundaries and retaliates against opponents, institutions adjust themselves in advance. Bureaucrats, agencies, and even courts begin to calibrate their behavior to avoid conflict with the executive. In this environment, the Supreme Court's unexplained emergency orders function as powerful signals. Silence becomes instruction. Without transparent reasoning, the Shadow Docket encourages officials at every level to conform to the preferences of the president—not because they are told to, but because they understand "what to do." Without signed opinions, no justice is personally accountable.

When the Supreme Court acts without explanation, the lower courts are left in darkness. Cases return to them stripped of guidance. Judges asked to rule on politically charged cases now know that the Supreme Court may reverse them silently—through a process that asserts authority without accepting responsibility.

No matter how carefully a lower court crafts its reasoning, that reasoning becomes irrelevant when the Supreme Court's Shadow Docket overrides it without explanation. The pattern provides maximal flexibility to satisfy political power while minimizing accountability to the law.

The core harm is constitutional: the Shadow Docket weakens checks and balances. At what point does the rule of law suffer irreparable damage? At what point will the public conclude that the Court has finally achieved its centuries-long dream of becoming a Super-Legislature? Conversely, when does the Court simply become the president's scribe?

Shadow Docket stays have permitted many of the Trump administration's most legally questionable initiatives—including dismantling statutory agencies, mass firings of civil servants, and race- and language-based immigration raids—to continue without justification or reflection on the harm to separation of powers or stare decisis.

Law without reasoning; policy without discussion.

The foundation of the rule of law is the articulation of law itself. When courts do not explain the standards they apply, the parties, the public, and Congress cannot know what the law requires. Citizens cannot comply with rules they cannot see. Legislators cannot revise laws whose meaning the courts refuse to reveal.

In this opaque environment, unsigned orders allow the Court to decide identical cases differently in the future, so long as the outcome aligns with the preferences of the sitting president. Even more alarming: without written opinions, legal rights can be granted or withdrawn overnight—by the Court or the Executive—with no explanation and no accountability.

The Shadow Docket is transforming the rule of law into rule by arbitrary impulse. If allowed to continue, the Supreme Court will become a modern-day, American Star Chamber—powerful, secretive, and unbound by the constraints that have defined judicial legitimacy for centuries.

The danger of anticipatory obedience.

In systems where power is concentrated and retaliation is commonplace; institutions begin to act in anticipation of the leader's desires. Executive officials, lower courts, business leaders, and even foreign governments learn to interpret silence, speed, and selective intervention as cues. Under those conditions, the Shadow Docket becomes a tool not because it is intentionally weaponized, but because its secrecy and unpredictability encourage others to fall in line. The constitutional danger lies not in conspiracy but in convergence—the quiet alignment of institutions around power without explicit command.

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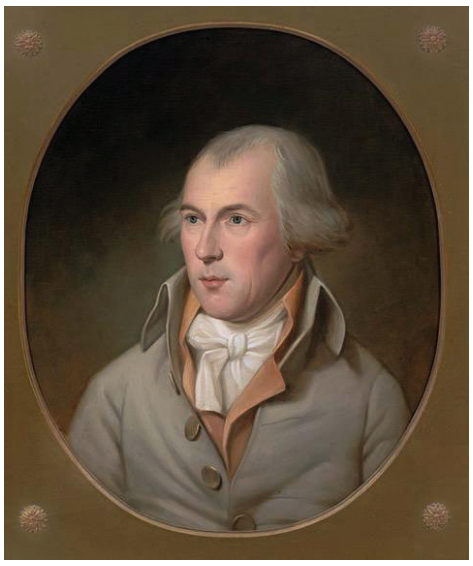
Top Ten Reasons Why Your Local Newspaper Wouldn't Publish the Federalist Papers Today



By Wisco Rolf Lindgren

From the time of Thomas Paine until H.L. Mencken, creative American writers often got their start writing essays in local newspapers. Not much any more. It's very difficult to get a good article published for the following reasons.

This article is inspired by the Wisconsin State Journal.

1. Anonymous Authorship [bold]

Not allowed for article submissions, except in very rare circumstances

2. Too Long

A typical guest editorial might be about 600 words long. The Federalist Papers average over 2000 words each. Federalist #10 is over 3000 words.

3. Material Too Complex

The Federalist Papers cite examples from ancient Greece & Rome, and make sublte arguments about the nature of government not comprehensible to modern readers.

4. Essays Too Frequent

Most newspapers won't accept more than one editorial or letter per month from the same author. The first 77 Federalist essays were published in seven months. [The final 8 essays were published in book form only.]

5. Not an Exclusive

Most guest editorials must be exclusives, except corporate syndication deals. The Federalist Papers appeared in four New York newspapers and several others around the country, none as exclusives.

6. Not Responding to an Article

Although this rule generally applies to letters to the editor, it's usually encouraged that even guest editorials be specific responses to other articles in the newspaper, rather than stand-alone opinion pieces.

7. Candidate Articles Not Allowed

James Madison, Alexander Hamilton, and John Jay were frequest candidates for public office. If you're a candidate, your guest editorial probably won't be published. As the Wisconsin State Journal once told me: "We don't publish candidate articles. We cover the candidates". [Facepalm]

Part Two

8. Misinformation

Most of the statements about the operation of the federal government in the Federalist Papers aren't followed anyone. So it would be deemed misinformation.

Also, "Publius" didn't really write them. That's deemed fake news.

9. DEI

The Federalist Papers were written by three white males. If your newspaper already hit their white male quota this month, and you happen to be a white male, your editorial can't be published.

10. Material Racist

Even though South Carolina voted against the 3/5th clause compromise, the Constitution is still considered racist by modern editorial boards.

The natural born citizen clause has also been deemed racist.

11. Wrong Pronouns

As just one example, a sentence in Federalist # 38 by James Madison ends with "...appointment should be made by the President himself."

It says "himself". That is a pronoun no-no.

Oops, that's more than 10 reasons.

12. Undemocratic

The Electoral College, Senate, and Supreme Court have been deemed undemocratic, another reason to ban the Federalist Papers.

Even if your guest editorial passes all the above criteria, they still may not publish it because they don't like Trump.

I am happy this article was accepted for publication in the Reality News.

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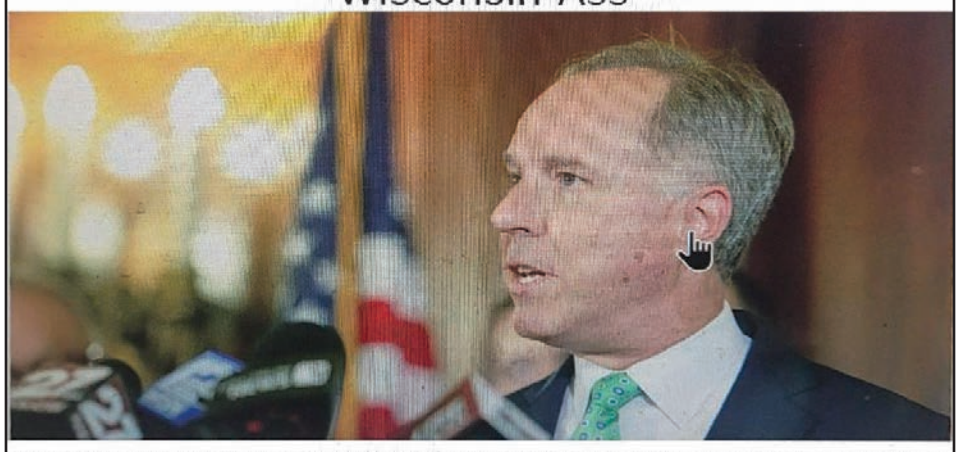
Wisconsin Ass



Robin Vos, who has led the Republican charge in Wisconsin during his record-long stint as state Assembly speaker, announced Thursday that he will retire at the end of the year.

OUR PRAYERS ARE ANSWERED!

HOT GOVERNMENT HOT JACK

What Will Tom Do

Did you ever feel like you were getting SCREWED BIG TIME and couldn't do anything about it? Welcome to the corrupt world of American Government. It's all the same and it happens on EVERY level and in every governmental body. Local boards. SCHOOL Boards. STATE and FEDERAL governments. WHY? For three reasons: Because "government" is where the money is. Because it's not THEIR money. And. Because they CAN.

The Omega4America Substack recently released ***Why Politicos Fear Voter Rolls Matched to Tax Rolls***.

https://omega4america.substack.com/p/why-politicos-fear-voter-rolls-matched
The article talks about the basis of frauds (note the plural usage), the really BIG frauds, being the overstated "lists" of the recipients of said frauds.

We all know that our voter rolls suck. And we (O4A) know that the lists for Medicare, Medicaid and every other government programs are just as bad. From the article: .....wait until we start publishing the quadrillions of dollars in program fraud in the state and municipal governments. And: So, what the hell do you think is going to happen when we cross search Medicaid, Medicare, Payroll Protection Program payments and the housing vouchers in every major city in America - with the property tax roll where the check went or where the guy lived who got the hysterectomy?

Then, AS AN EXAMPLE of how fraud works, the article details the **ELECTION FRAUD IN WISCONSIN**. Imagine that! Crooked elections in Wisconsin. Who Knew!! Did Republican leadership know? Did they care?

The "guy" referred to in the 2024 Senate Race seems to be **Eric Hovde**. Some "investigative journalist" (if there still is one out there) should ask Mr. Hovde about it and "break an exclusive, blockbuster story" instead of keeping their head buried in the sand. While they are at it, they should also ask **Tim Michaels**, the LOSER of the last Governor's race. And to top it off, they might want to ask **Tom Tiffany** if he is going to let himself be the next victim. Both Eric and Tim listened to the "Politicos" and failed to heed the warnings. **What will Tom do?**

Sometime before the end of this year, I'm sure that I will write about what Tom either DID or DIDN'T do. I'm not overly optimistic. But we'll see. There is hope.

HOT GOVERNMENT HOT JACK

RPW Repeals the First Amendment?

From a recent Facebook posting by the **Waupaca County Republican County**:

February 6 at 10:17am
Message to the Republican Party of Wisconsin

Telling elected leaders of county parties that they have to sign NDA's stating they will not share "sensitive information" is right out of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) playbook. Who determines what constitutes "sensitive information"? You can then sue county leaders (volunteers) based on anything you determine is sensitive?

Waupaca County does not keep "secrets" from their membership or the public.

This is a stupid move, just like your failed "Code of Conduct", designed to bring all the Counties into your RINO cesspool.

You should have known better than to send that to us in Waupaca. Apparently, our message of true Conservative values is not strong enough so we have to double down.

Again, if you all would focus on winning elections and fighting for Truth, Liberty and Making America Great Again, you would not try and force your counties to sign NDA's.

Take your NDA and shove it.

Holy Crap! I can't wait to see the correspondence from the RPW that precipitated THAT response.

What was the theme of last year's State Republican Party Convention? Unity? As Bob Uecker once said, "....just a bit outside". Who are the real strategists and decision makers at RPW? Brian Schimming? Robbin' Vos? Tyler August? Is Republican Party Leadership just plain stupid? Or are they extraordinarily stupid? What exactly is their definition of "Unity"? Maybe the RPW isn't run by Republicans at all. Maybe it's run by Democrats. Wouldn't that explain a lot?

PS: What NDAs did YOUR County Republican Party sign? Oh, wait. They can't tell you because they signed an NDA.

One Nation Under God

The Daughter of Aurora Regino

"But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea." Matthew 18:6

By Riley J. Hood

I was sent a shocking email, "Aurora Regino sent her daughter to an elementary school and the school sent home a 'son.' An elementary school guidance counselor facilitated the social transition from girl to boy of Aurora's 5th grade daughter. The school started calling this young girl by a male name, male pronouns, without notifying Aurora or getting her consent." A conservative legal firm sued school officials on Aurora's behalf. The email continued, "For a second time now, a federal district court dismissed this case concluding Aurora's constitutional rights weren't violated." Twice in the same district court. The first an appeal was made to the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, who rejected to district court ruling but sent the case back to them, where the same court reached the same conclusion. Aurora's case is being appealed again.

First off, there is no such thing as the GOP term "constitutional rights." Rights are God-given, and not granted by the US Constitution. The Constitution secures your rights by limiting federal powers. Aurora Regino's daughter has the Right to grow up into a woman, according to the sex God created her as. Aurora has the Right to ensure this as a parent, even though she abdicated that Right by sending her daughter to that filthy public school.

Public schools have no Right to exist, as the Bible makes no mention of them, and assigns education as the primary responsibility to parents. Public Schools were first established by the unitarian Horace Mann, and the power of the State of Massachusetts established them at the end of the barrel of a rifle. That pervert guidance counselor has no Right to talk to any child. This pervert has a Right to a trial before it/they/him/her/thing is put to death. No child is born in the wrong body. God does not create mistakes, and no one has the Right to pervert a child.

Aurora Regino is not alone. One of my co-workers 6yr-old daughter "came out" as a lesbian. He went to her school to try to straighten these people out. How bad do the public schools have to get, before parents remove their children from their auspices? How long before parents love their children more than they love their stuff?



Trump announces May 17 National Mall prayer event: Time to 'rededicate America'

By Ryan King

President Trump announced Thursday that a massive prayer event will be held on the National Mall this coming May — declaring it is time "to rededicate America as one nation under God," as the nation celebrates its 250th birthday this year.

Trump revealed the event during remarks at the National Prayer Breakfast at the Washington Hilton, where he also doubled down on his commitment to religious liberty in the US.

"This morning, I'm pleased to announce that on May 17, 2026, that we're inviting Americans from all across the country to come together on our National Mall, to pray, to give thanks, to rededicate America as one nation under God," the president said.

Trump did not specify why May 17 was selected, however, shortly before the Declaration of Independence, the colonial Congress had declared May 17, 1776, a national day of fasting and prayer.

May 17 also comes a few days after multiple Christian denominations celebrate the Feast of the Ascension of Jesus Christ.

Trump also revealed that the Department of Education will be taking steps to protect prayer in public schools.

"I'm also pleased to announce that the Department of Education is officially issuing its new guidance to protect the right to prayer in our public schools," Trump said. "That's a big deal."

"Now the Democrats will sue us, but we'll win."

The Supreme Court ruled in 1962 that school-sponsored, mandatory prayer in public schools violates the First Amendment.

"This is a beautiful American tradition, and it's a true honor to be back," Trump remarked about the National Prayer Breakfast.

"I think I've been here just about every time. It's hard to turn it down. I don't have the courage to turn it

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- ***What is IVF?***
  In Vitro Fertilization (IVF) is a means of artificially conceiving human life. From the Latin, "In Vitro" is defined as "in glass," and IVF is a test or procedure performed outside of a living organism, in a laboratory environment, such as a test tube or petri dish.
- ***Is IVF pro-life?***
  No, IVF is not pro-life. This boils down to two main reasons. One is that IVF "plays God" with human life, electing to create and destroy life in the hands of parents and doctors. The other is that it is an affront to human dignity as the process of IVF reduces human life to a science experiment.
- ***What are the statistics around IVF that point to the fact that it is not, in fact, a pro-life method of conceiving children?***
  There are many stark realities around IVF that point to it being a means of destroying human life.
  1. *About 57-87% of the children conceived in this manner die in the process of IVF or during the pregnancy ensuing from IVF.*
  2. *Transfers (to the mother) are of several embryos, which means that if more than one or a few of these implant, selective reduction (aborting one or a few embryos) is often practiced.*
  3. *IVF allows couples to select embryos for implantation based on genetic traits such as sex.*
  4. *Some embryos are frozen indefinitely, especially if parents have "too many" fertilized eggs (which are human beings)*
  5. *Other embryos are "donated" to science and spend the rest of their lives as the subjects of scientific experimentation.*
- ***If IVF isn't the pro-life response to infertility, then what can people do who aren't getting pregnant on their own?***
  Couples struggling with infertility have other, life-affirming options such as NaProTECHNOLOGY (Natural Procreative Technology) which is used right here in Wisconsin at the St. Gianna Clinic in De Pere and Our Lady of Hope Clinic in Middleton, where miracles are happening every day.
- ***What is NaProTECHNOLOGY?***
  NaProTECHNOLOGY is a natural fertility-corrective process that works with the woman and man attempting to conceive to solve the underlying health concerns that are leading to infertility. These treatments are done in such a way that respects that God is the only Author of Life, and that we must not use any methods to conceive that obstruct the natural union between the spouses nor that could lead to the destruction of preborn life.
- ***I or someone I know was conceived using IVF. Does this mean we are not equal human beings in the sight of pro-lifers?***
  Absolutely not! At Pro-Life Wisconsin, we know that every single human being has equal dignity, regardless of the circumstances of their conception. This is why we advocate for equal protection from abortion for every baby, for instance, even those who came into this world through "extreme circumstances" like rape or incest. However, IVF is a morally evil process that offends human dignity and destroys human life, which is why we oppose it.
- ***How many preborn lives are lost to IVF in the United States annually?***
  *According to Live Action, of the approximately close to 4 million human beings created through IVF in 2023, "we can estimate that at least 1.9 million died before even making it to the implantation or freezing stage of the IVF process, and another 1.7 million are not statistically accounted for." This means that it's likley that more than **1.9 million preborn human lives were lost as a result of IVF in 2023** in contrast with the 1.04 million preborn human lives lost to abortion that same year.[1]*

*For more information on IVF, the moral issues surrounding it, and the threat it poses to preborn children, visit **ProLifeWI.org/ivf** or scan the QR code here.*

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VOICE OF JERUSALEM

Genocide

By Ivan M. Lang

Many have accused Israel of genocide regarding their war with Gaza including Patrick Delaney in the January 2026 issue of Reality News. They also state that making this claim is not anti-Semitic, it is free speech. However, according to the US Constitution, incitement, defamation, or fighting words are not free speech. So, let's look at the facts.

The legal definition of genocide is established in international law primarily through the 1948 United Nations Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide. Genocide means any of the following acts committed with intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnical, racial or religious group, such as: killing members of the group; causing serious bodily or mental harm to members of the group; deliberately inflicting on the group conditions of life calculated to bring about its physical destruction in whole or in part; imposing measures intended to prevent births within the group; forcibly transferring children of the group to another group.

Gaza is situated on the western border of Israel. Up until the end of WWI, Gaza was part of Egypt. After WWI Gaza along with what is now Israel, Jordan and the West Bank became part of the British Mandate of Palestine. After Israel's war of independence in 1948, Gaza again became part of Egypt. After the 6-Day War in 1967, Israel occupied Gaza. In the Oslo Accords of 1993, Israel gave control of Gaza to the Palestinian Authority. In 2006, Israel completely removed all Israeli presence from Gaza, expelling thousands of Israelis and abandoning houses, farms, and factories. For the past 20 years Gaza has been totally ruled by the Palestinian Arabs. So what have they done with this freedom?

The Palestinian Arabs of Gaza have three major terrorist organizations, HAMAS, Palestinian Islamic Jihad, and Fatah, which have been designated terrorist organizations by the USA, Canada, and European Union. In 2007, the Palestinian Arabs had an election for ruling Gaza in which HAMAS got 45% of the vote and Fatah got 41% of the vote. Therefore, 86% of the Palestinian Arabs voted for a terrorist group to be in full control of their land and resources in Gaza. The Palestinian Arabs of Gaza got what they voted for as between 2007 and 2023, the Gazans launched over 10,000 rockets into Israel killing about 250 civilians, and built hundreds of miles of terror tunnels under Gaza to allow undetected travel of terrorists and storage of military equipment and rockets. These military storage sites were placed under hospitals, schools, and mosques. All of this was financed by Qatar (about 2 billion), Iran (300 million/year), and so-called humanitarian groups (e.g., UNWRA (millions)).

On October 7, 2023, HAMAS attacked Israel by sending 3000 terrorists over the border and launching about 5000 rockets into Israel. HAMAS targeted civilian communities: kibbutzim and towns near the border (e.g., Be'eri, Kfar Aza, Nir Oz, Netiv HaAsara), where militants went house-to-house, massacring residents, burning homes, and committing acts of extreme violence (including rape, mutilation, and burning people alive); and the Nova music festival (near Kibbutz Re'im): an outdoor event with ~3,500 attendees. Over 1,000 civilians were killed and 251 were taken hostage. Thousands more were wounded, including from gunfire, grenades, burns, and trauma. This was the start of the Israel-Gaza war.

An important fact about HAMAS was that HAMAS had planned for this war for a long time by building the terrorist tunnels and putting military equipment under civilian buildings. Such an activity by an army is a war crime as defined by the Fourth Geneva Convention. Fourth Geneva Convention (1949), Article 28 prohibits using protected persons (including civilians) to shield military operations. The use of human shields is prohibited in both international and non-international armed conflicts. This is considered a binding norm of customary law, applicable to all parties (states and non-state armed groups) regardless of treaty ratification. One example of a human shield is operating from civilian areas without taking precautions to separate forces and directly using civilians to shield. HAMAS was guilty of these war crimes repeatedly throughout the Israel-Gaza War. and it was the primary cause of the deaths of Gazan civilians.

The ratio of civilian to military deaths in the Israel-Gaza war was about 56%. the Palestinians claim it is 80%, but there is much evidence that the Palestinian Arabs lie about everything regarding Israel. Most wars have a higher citizen to military death ratio than the Israel-Gaza war. The death ratios in WWI and WWII were 71% and 75%. In fact. the Israel army has a documented record of being the most humane military. The Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) has received formal recognition for humanitarian efforts. In 2016, the World Health Organization awarded the IDF's field hospital the first-ever "Type 3" classification - the highest ranking for emergency medical teams worldwide. The IDF has been labeled as one of the most humane or moral armies in the world. This characterization stems from the IDF's emphasis on principles like "Purity of Arms", which mandates minimizing harm to non-combatants and using force only when necessary. Colonel Richard Kemp, a retired British Army officer and commentator on military ethics, has called the IDF "the world's most moral army," praising its adherence to laws of war and risks taken to protect civilians, even in asymmetric conflicts.

Therefore, there is absolutely no evidence that Israel committed genocide in the Israel-Gaza war, and making this false claim is a form of anti-Semitism. As stated above, the First Amendment does not legalize speech that leads to violence. Antisemitic violent incidents in the United States have reached record levels in recent years according to major tracking organizations and government data. FBI hate crime statistics show Jews remain the most targeted religious group by a wide margin. Nearly 70% of religion-based hate crimes targeted Jews, even though Jewish Americans make up roughly 2% of the U.S. population. Last year two young Israeli Embassy staff members were murdered outside the Capital Jewish Museum in Washington, D.C. Authorities classified the shooting as a hate-motivated antisemitic attack. Therefore, claiming that Israel conducted genocide is a false anti-Semitic accusation that incites violence against Jews. What makes the accusation that Israel committed genocide in the Israel-Gaza war even worse and more anti-Semitic is that it was Jews who were subjected to the worst case of true genocide in the history of the world during the Holocaust.

It is also quite hypocritical for any American to criticize Israel's actions in any war. Israel was fighting a major enemy, i.e. HAMAS, whose entire goal is the destruction of Israel, who had been attacking Israel for decades, and who lived right next door. On Oct 7, 2023 this military group conducted the worst massacre of civilians on earth since the Holocaust. What did the USA do in its major wars? Japan did attack the USA in Pearl Harbor and killed about 1000 civilians, but Japan is thousands of miles away and was no great threat to the USA. In spite of this, the USA bombed the city of Tokyo killing about 100,00 civilians. Then the US dropped two nuclear bombs on two major Japanese cities killing about 250,00 civilians. Germany, also thousands of miles away from the USA, had killed no American civilians and was no threat to the USA, yet the USA killed about 100,000 German civilians in its bombing of Dresden. The USA directly and purposely killed hundreds of thousands of Japanese and German civilians in WWII, yet neither country posed any significant threat to the USA.

In addition, a comparison between 9/11 and 10/7 should be considered. On 9/11 about 3000 Americans were killed. In response USA sent thousands of troops thousands of miles away invading the Middle East for 20 years, and killing over 400,000 civilians. While only 1200 Israelis were murdered on 10/7, this number is equivalent to 42,000 Americans when one considers that the USA has 35 times the population of Israel. Therefore, what Israel did in response to 10/7 was far less than what the USA did in response to various military attacks, and in every case the attack on the USA was far less than the attack on Israel. This is not a criticism of the USA's actions in these military responses, as I fully support the USA's defense of its citizens. However, Israel was faced with more serious military aggression than the USA, and Israel responded with less military response than the USA. In addition, the USA voluntarily killed many more innocent civilians it its wars than did Israel in the Israel-Gaza war. Therefore, no American has the moral right to criticize what Israel did in its war against HAMAS in Gaza.

The false accusation that Israel committed genocide in the Israel-Gaza war is anti-Semitism and anti-Semitism has become very violent in the USA, therefore, the false claim that Israel committed genocide in the Israel-Gaza war is not protected by the First Amendment of the US Constitution.

Layoffs

"Masters, give unto your servants that which is just and equal; knowing that ye also have a Master in heaven." Colossians 4:1

By Riley J. Hood

The evil geniuses' that make up the Democrat Party used the Schumer Shutdown to create the perfect storm. Laid off government employees showed up at the No Kings protests, and I'm sure people whose SNAP handouts were in jeopardy joined them. Just like the Democrat Lockdown of 2020 provided the Black Lives Matter rioters with millions of idle brainwashed masses. It is like turning a tornado into a hurricane, just add water.

I for one do not feel sorry for any furloughed government employee. Here in Wisconsin, we have "at will" employment, where a worker can be fired or laid off at any time, no reason. You can collect Unemployment benefits, only if your employer agrees. And if you are a straight white man, you have no recourse under Civils Rights Legislation that provides handouts and privileges for minorities.

Preston Brashers from the Heritage Foundation wrote, "Let the wailing and gnashing of teeth begin. Within the first two weeks of the ongoing government shutdown, agency heads reportedly sent permanent layoff notices to about 4,000 federal employees under the guidance of Director of the Office of Management and Budget Russ Vought. But compared to the private sector, this is a proverbial drop in the bucket." 4,000 layoffs from the 3-million-person federal civilian workforce, that is hardly DOGE 2.0 The term "mass layoffs" is an exaggeration.

Brashers continued, "The same media would take little notice if a construction firm laid off half of its workforce or if a small retailer went out of business and was forced to terminate all its employees. The press ignores these situations or treats them as commonplace because—well—they are quite common. Between 2001 and 2024, private-sector employers laid off or discharged employees a whopping 520 million times. Last year, private-sector layoffs and discharges occurred at a rate of about one for every seven workers. In contrast, the government laid off or discharged only about one out of every 47 federal workers." Over the course of my life, the media cheered as America was being de-industrialized

In 2024, Construction layoffs were at 23.8% of workers. Professional Services at 21.5%, Transportation and Warehousing at18.4%, Manufacturing at 11.2%. The private sector average was 14.3%. Jimmy Carter's Civil Service Reform Act of 1978 created a massive bureaucracy to impede agency heads from firing or laying off these protected federal workers. Protected workers can only be demoted or removed with cause or if it's established that such action would enhance agency efficiency. Federal workers must receive 60-day advance notice of such dismissals or adverse actions and can appeal the decision. Not every appeal succeeds, yet each case can take substantial time and energy, which discourages managers from terminating a civil servants' employment.

Federal workers are paid more 60% more than private sector workers. The average federal employee keeps his job for 11.8 years, when the average private sector job tenure is under 3 years. Trump doesn't support civil service progressivism, where a socialist bureaucracy is exempt from any elected President. He is up against a privileged class that knows what side their bread is buttered on. Under DOGE an estimated 154,000 federal employees took a buy-out. Most factory workers don't get buy-outs, only office workers and management get buy-outs. Still, a 154,000-loafer reduction is a good start. Now, the unemployment figures may experience a short-term spike, emphasized by the fake news, but that is more affordable than lazy lefties with bad attitudes getting nobility pay and Cadillac benefits. Finally, if some federal employee getting 150k per year is living paycheck to paycheck, the problem lies with his lack of self-control, and not my support of DOGE, or the Big Beautiful Bill. After the 2008 depression, I had 16 jobs in six years, and my wife and I were freezing and hungry often. If I hadn't paid off my house before we married, we would have lost our home. None of the elitist hypocrites cared about the likes of us.

Lyme Disease *cont. from page 1*

individual's symptoms will largely depend on how early a diagnosis is established and how quickly treatment is initiated. It is imperative to receive a customized treatment plan to effectively address the acute pathogens and its co-infections, as well as support the body to reestablish its innate immune response.

As Susan Rohr, owner of Brookfield Health & Wellness, LLC, explains; "Unfortunately, most cases of Lyme disease are not identified early enough to be treated with antibiotics. It isn't until it becomes a chronic multi-systemic infection of virus, bacteria, fungus, and parasites that people realize they have it. At this point, the immune system can become severely weakened and require alternative forms of treatment to overcome the disease."

Helping the body strengthen its natural healing abilities is the key to fighting illness of any kind.

Energy and oxidative therapies are core components used to accomplish exactly that in many successfully treated patients with Lyme disease. By identifying the root cause of illness, and utilizing some of the world's most innovative energy technologies of this century, there truly is hope and healing for those who may show:

• Appearance of a growing red area akin to a "bullseye" three to 30 days after an infected

tick bite • Flu-like symptoms: Fever, chills, fatigue, body aches, and headache • Joint pain and joint swelling

Through an integrative approach, Susan can help to identify the root cause of illness and customize a treatment plan for each patient. The use of bioenergetic modalities has been found to be extremely effective in helping people compromised with Lyme, and other coinfections.

Some of these advanced technologies include the Ondamed, Qi-5, NuVision, Ampcoil and AO Scan. IASIS Microcurrent Neurofeedback is another important treatment used to aid in the healing process of Lyme recovery.

IASIS Microcurrent Neurofeedback enables the restoration of optimal cognitive function through healing unhealthy or stuck patterns in the brain. Additionally, chiropractic care, proper nutrition, supplementation, rest, and stress management are all helpful adjuncts as well. Proper alignment, hydration, and nourishment all contribute to the body being able to flush toxins more productively. Our Energy Enhancement System will increase cellular voltage enabling the body to support healing. Rife (Electromedicine) is another exceptional tool that uses specific electromagnetic frequencies to target pathogens including bacteria responsible for Lyme disease.

By using bioenergetic assessment to identify individual imbalances, we can develop a custom protocol of supplementation and supportive energy therapeutics. A personalized therapeutic strategy allows the body to do what it was designed to do – restore & regenerate.

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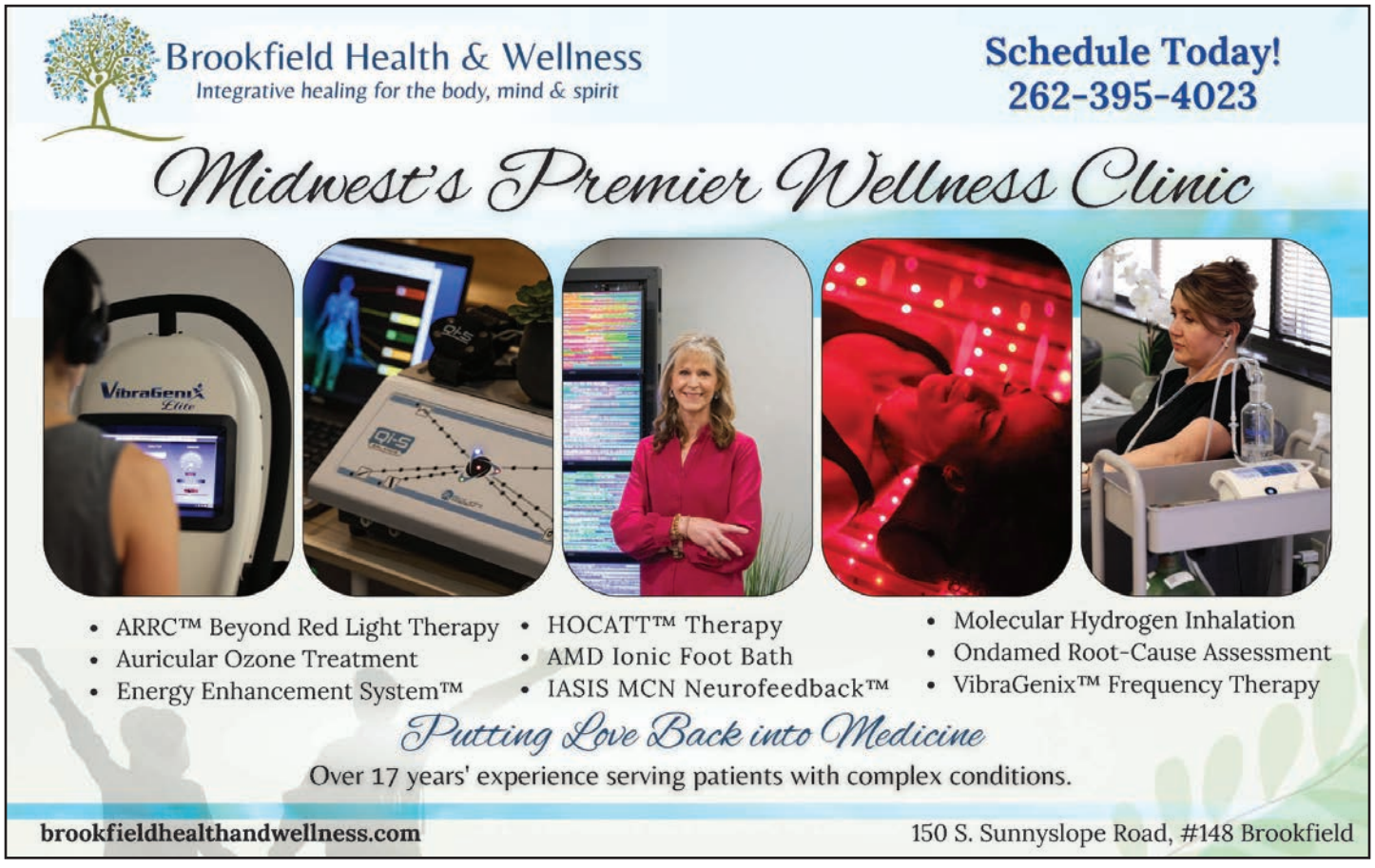





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down," he continued.

"The last time I came, I got in [to DC] at 4 in the morning. They said, 'Sir, you're going to be speaking at 7,'" he added. "I said, 'I'll be there. I'm afraid not to be. I need all the help I can get.'"

At another point, the president predicted that he'd make it to heaven while scolding the media for misunderstanding his prior joke last year about not making the cut.

"I really think I probably should make it," he said. "I mean, I'm not a perfect candidate, but I did a hell of a lot of good."

Trump also riffed about his foreign policy pursuits, war, the Democrats, and defended his cabinet officials during his wide-ranging address.

"They always like to say, 'Trump is a dictator.' They love that. I'm not a dictator. But they were like dictators. They were like the Gestapo," Trump chided.

"They were arresting people for going to church, and they were arresting people and treating people horribly," he went on. "I made a lot of amends to those people."

Trump repeatedly crowed about some of the successful military operations he approved, such as the Jan. 3 raid to capture Venezuelan strongman Nicolas Maduro and the Christmas Day bombing of ISIS in Nigeria.

"I specifically told Pete [Hegseth], I said hit them on Christmas Day, not earlier and not later," the president recounted at the religious event. "And man did he hit them."

He also defended his cabinet, boasting that "we have an unbelievable bench" in his administration.

Trump scoffed at the questions he's gotten from reporters about firing Secretary of Homeland Security Kristi Noem, pointing to her track record on border security and crime.

The president gave shoutouts to Attorney General Pam Bondi and Director of National Intelligence Tulsi Gabbard, defending her involvement in the raid on an election center in Fulton County, Ga. last week.

