Reality News Media Group LLC
PO Box 429
Butler, WI 53007

PRSRT STD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
HUBERTUS WI
PERMIT NO. 106

REALITY NEWS MEDIA GROUP LLC.

The Reality News

Mission Statement
Committed to Constitutional Government
Individual Liberty
Dissemination of Truth

ONLY $20 FOR THE FIRST YEAR!

Subscription information available on page 2

www.RealityNewsMedia.com ***January 2026*** ***Vol. 17, No. 1***

"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



The Real Outrage Isn't Maduro's Capture: It's The Rush To Defend And Protect Him

By Gary L. Wickert

The loudest voices protesting the capture of Nicolás Maduro as "illegal" are once again the least informed. They are not offering legal analysis; only the flimsiest of gaslit, retread slogans about kings and generic claims that the actions were "illegal." They are chanting a conclusion, and they are doing it with the confidence of people who either have not read the Constitution or have decided that it is subordinate to whatever their preferred narrative demands this week. Their claim collapses under even basic scrutiny. The President is not forbidden from enforcing federal criminal law against a foreign national who has been indicted by U.S. courts for serious offenses, particularly where that individual is alleged to be operating a transnational criminal enterprise that reaches into the United States and harms Americans. The Constitution vests substantial authority in the Executive Branch to conduct foreign affairs and protect national security, and it imposes a non-negotiable obligation to enforce the law. When the United States apprehends a wanted defendant and places him into the judicial system for prosecution, it is not acting outside the Constitution; it is acting through it. The protest signs declaring "unconstitutional" may be emotionally satisfying to wave, but they are legally empty.

The irony is difficult to ignore. Many of these same protesters have recently been theatrically marching behind banners reading "No More *continued on page 8*

Destroying countrysides to save Earth from a climate non-crisis

Make-believe renewable energy hammers croplands, habitats, scenery – and families



By Paul Driessen

Energy analyst Robert Bryce maintains a database showing that, as of November 2025, local communities have rejected or restricted 595 wind, 475 solar and (more recently) 72 large-scale battery projects.

Many don't want the installations blanketing wildlife habitats, *continued on page 15*

Nearly a third of Albertans support independence from Canada: new survey

By Clare Marie Merkowsky

Three-in-10 Albertans are open to separating from Canada, with the majority of support coming from young citizens.

According to data released January 8 by Research Co., 42 percent of Albertans age 18 to 34 supported the province becoming an independent country, marking a 15-point increase since 2023.

"By a 2-to-1 margin, Albertans currently express a desire to remain in Canada," Mario Canseco, president of Research Co., revealed. "Still, the growth of separatist sentiment is significant across some groups." *continued on page 20*

The Truth About Metabolic Syndrome

By Brookfield Health & Wellness

On my last health visit, I was weighed, measured, and my blood pressure was taken; a blood sample was also drawn. What I didn't realize at the time was that my practitioner was quietly assessing my risk for Metabolic Syndrome – a condition that now affects 88% of adult Americans.

Metabolic Syndrome is diagnosed when three or more of the five key risk factors are present. These include:

- Elevated triglycerides
- Low LDL ("good") cholesterol
- Elevated blood glucose
- Elevated blood pressure

continued on page 24

2026 - A Year for the Voters

By Joan Ellis Beglinger

The massive welfare fraud that has been perpetrated on the American people in Minnesota is not the biggest crime that has been revealed by its unraveling. Congress doles out the money collected from hard working American taxpayers without even the most basic oversight checks in place to assure desired purposes are achieved and fraud is thwarted. As details of the Minnesota fraud continue to emerge we are learning how easy it was to defraud the American people of billions. We would be fools to think this is an isolated incident in one state and, unless proven otherwise, it is reasonable to assume that some of those who are responsible *continued on page 11*



These are the 66 global organizations the Trump administration is leaving

By The Associated Press

The Trump administration says it's going to depart 66 international organizations, nearly half them affiliated with the United Nations.

Many focus on climate, labor, migration and other issues the Trump administration has categorized as catering to diversity and "woke" initiatives.

See page 5 for the complete listing

Time To End Vehicle Emissions Testing

By Chris Kapenga

Without a doubt, one of the top issues I hear from constituents is the frustration of having to get an emissions test for their vehicle. It's a costly, and frankly a pointless, exercise where people are chasing all over town just trying to find a testing location.



I've had concerns and have wanted to see this testing program eliminated for years. In fact, I introduced a bill a few years ago that would have exempted vehicles at least 10 years old from emissions testing, but others in state government *continued on page 21*

Health Policy Reform Needs a Joint Congressional Committee

By William L. Kovacs

The recent government shutdown drew a bright line between the permanent health-care subsidies that benefit higher-income workers and union members and the temporary, annually renewed subsidies available to lower-income Americans. More than a century after Teddy Roosevelt's Bull Moose Party first placed national health insurance on the agenda, Congress continues to "reform" the system *continued on page 19*



Crime Ideology and Legacy

By Chris Kemble

Crime is up significantly since Obama launched his War on Cops in 2014. Soon after, the Rogue Prosecutor Movement began its own war on the courts. Clearance rates for crime have decreased, with violent crime clearance rates cut in half in big cities. Homicide clearance rates continue to plummet. Crime victimization surveys show that even more crime is going unreported. Major municipalities are not reporting their crime data to the FBI. The FBI had to revise the crime rates much higher for 2024.

The bad olden days of daily stories of criminals with long records committing horrific *continued on page 16*

I Let AI Mimic My Voice, Not Speak My Mind

By Larry Bell

AI's expanding omnipresence in our lives is a double-edged sword, presenting both remarkable opportunities and significant privacy and security challenges.



Having mused and written on numerous occasions about disruptive AI influences upon the future of humanity, work roles, education, etc., the topic resonated on a deeper personal level in hearing it speak back to me not only in my own voice, but also replicating my characteristic phrasing, speech *continued on page 18*

Steve's Say . . . Nothing Can Stop What is Coming



Anyone familiar with the Q drop intel board knows the statement in the headline above appears numerous times. This statement, a monstrously huge claim, when announced with hubris and self-grandiosity, portends a deluded vision, ripe with the fruit of deceit, and destined for a rapid fall into complete destruction. However, when attached to the inevitable Holy Plan of God for humanity, announced with reverence, humility and servitude, it becomes a truthful statement of God's transcendental power.

So our challenge as creatures created in God's image and likeness is to fulfill the part of God's Holy Plan He wishes for us to carry out. Figuring out that pathway forward for any of us requires diligence, strength and courage, a working and growing knowledge of God's Word, and much prayer.

Examination of our own life journey reveals a continuum of learning experiences, revelations, good and bad decisions and a realization of how little control any of us can exert upon what lies ahead. Yet we have no choice but to move forward as best we can. As believers in the salvation pathway cleared by Christ Jesus, the Only Son of God, we must use all of the tools and talents God provided to us as unique individuals, along with the Church, His Holy Word, and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Imagine how our President Donald J. Trump must feel about his specific role in the Holy Plan. While he continually acknowledges his belief in Christ the Savior and God's sovereign power, he clearly realizes the enormity of the role God has placed upon him and its immense responsibility. I see a man of concrete faith, confident that the Spirit's guidance leads him to fulfill the destiny God planned for him.

What is this destiny? I see a man who put his entire being and everything he has into service to the world. His life continuum equipped him with everything he needed to take on what I and most everyone else saw as an impossible task - to bring real and lasting peace to the world. To put and end to slavery in all of its forms. And to bring all nations into a brotherhood which acknowledges Christ as King, with all governments subservient to His sovereignty, and all leaders and officials stewards of His trust and will.

The Venezuelan episode perfectly demonstrates this role being fulfilled. The Venezuelan people, seduced and enslaved by the globalist criminal cabal in the 1990s to become their lair of iniquity in the western hemisphere, endured incredible suffering during this nightmare. As the country with the largest proven oil reserves on Earth (see page 9), the cabal looted these resources, supplying China, Cuba and other pillaging states with oil well below market prices. As starving Venezuelans chased feral cats for food, the cabal drained the wealth and spirit of the country, allowing its infrastructure to crumble while turning the country into the prime staging ground for human and drug trafficking and a money laundering mecca.

I believe God heard the pleas of His people. And He sent Donald J. Trump, using the God-fearing power of the US military, as His tool of liberation. By extension, much of the rest of the enslaved world will be freed, since the Venezuelan lair produced the most devious weapons for stealing elections. The cabal imbedded these foul instruments in nations across the entire Earth. Deep State actors installed leaders in seventy-one (71) countries using the election fraud methods developed in Venezuela. This list includes the United States, Australia and most European countries. Their day of reckoning will come like a thief in the night.

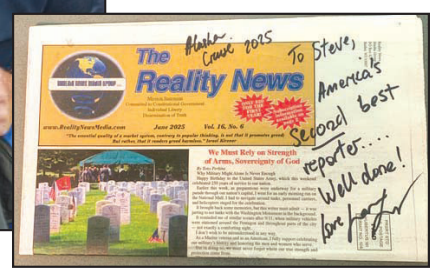
Now to Iran. Trump set the stage with the Abrahamic Accords and his decisive action to destroy Iran's nuclear weapons capability. The full-scale rebellion of the population against their totalitarian Mullah masters turned dark and bloody days ago. The totalitarians instituted widespread media blackouts and martial law, gunning down anyone out of their homes or perceived as being associated with the call for freedom. Trump promised the Iranian population that he would not leave them to be slaughtered by these thugs. Let's see how Trump fulfills his word to them over the coming days. I am confident he will extricate these bad guys, finally paving the way for the enslaved Iranian people to build their self-determined future.

Next up: Cuba, Columbia, or Mexico? All need a complete purge of globalist criminal enterprises and rule by cartel violence. With regard to the lost countries of Europe, their tired game of pillaging from others and projecting an over-sized influence in the world is over. No power remains there - economic, military or spiritual. They turned from God, worshipped their governments, and now we see the inevitable result. Hopefully the people of Europe return to God with all their hearts so He can heal their land.

Trump wants real peace and real prosperity for all nations and all people on Earth. Everything he pursues points to that goal. He understands the power of true capitalistic systems. By eliminating the Federal Reserve and the central banking system across the world, real fair trade and prosperity can be achieved by all nations. And that achievement will lead to a lasting peace.

Welcome to the Great Awakening!





Activist Mark Kelly with Journalist legend Lora Logan signing a copy of Reality News

REALITY NEWS
RealityNewsMedia.com
StevenWelcenbach *Owner/Editor*
414-491-3421
We'd like to hear from you.
Please e-mail article content to alchem1@earthlink.net
For advertising information call 414-491-3421
We reserve the right to edit or reject content.
Printed by a Local Company: 414-840-0299

We need your support!
Please subscribe to Reality News, mailed Monthly directly to you for only...
$20 per year

Name _____
Mailing Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone Number (required) _____ E-mail _____
☐ Check Enclosed Bill my: ☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard ☐ DISCOVER ☐ AMERICAN EXPRESS
Credit Card Number _____ Exp. Date _____
Signature (required) _____

Please make checks payable to Reality News Media Group LLC. Mail all payments and forms to PO Box 429, Butler, Wisconsin 53007

For credit card orders call 414-491-3421. Have your credit card ready!

Order online at RealityNewsMedia.com

CORRECTION! CORRECTION!

Last month's edition of Reality News contained two errors which we want everyone to be aware of. On page 21 the article "Sound Money on Main Street" was wrongly attributed to Riley J. Hood. The actual author is Brian Jurries. Because of our error I have re-printed that piece again this month with the correct attribution. Additionally, on page 22 an article about Father Altman was wrongly attributed to Riley J. Hood. That piece came from LifeSite News. Reality News apologizes to both Riley Hood and Brian Jurries for our errors and thank them for their contributions to our publication.

WORKING ON WEBSITE

We apologize for the inconvenience. **Please direct your browser to *https://www.realitynewsmedia.com/news* to read the content that we provide.**
Please DO NOT USE Paypal anymore.
Send payment by check or call to make a credit card payment.



Europe's 'Green' Emperor Is Naked and Cold

By Vijay Jayaraj

Europe stands as the self-proclaimed cathedral of the "green" transition. Bureaucrats in Brussels and politicians in Berlin have spent decades lecturing the world on the moral necessity to abandon hydrocarbons. They have constructed a narrative of the European Union as a shining city powered by the breeze and sun, modeling a net-zero utopia.

Yet, when the first real chill of winter settled over the continent this fall, that facade collapsed under the weight of physical reality.

Europe depends on fossil fuels for approximately 70% of its total energy consumption. This figure has remained stubbornly consistent over the years despite billions of euros spent on solar and wind infrastructure. The much-celebrated growth in those technologies masks a fundamental truth about energy systems that European policymakers refuse to acknowledge in public: Electricity accounts for only a fraction of total energy demand.

Transportation, heating, industrial processes and manufacturing continue to run overwhelmingly on oil, natural gas and coal. Highlighting additions in renewable power generation while ignoring the broader energy picture is like taking pride in a new front door while the rest of the house is in shambles

In late November, the fragility of a weather-dependent energy system went on display as temperatures dropped and the demand for space heating surged. This is a predictable feature of life in the Northern Hemisphere, yet European energy policy seems perpetually surprised by it.

Right when families needed heat the most, the wind refused to blow. This is the "Dunkelflaute" – the dark doldrums – about which engineers have warned for years. Wind generation plummeted by 20%.

Operators of the power grid, needing a backup source to avoid blackouts, turned not to batteries, which remain woefully inadequate for the job. Instead, they harnessed a workhorse of today's energy systems: natural gas. Gas-fired generation surged by more than 40% to fill the void left by stalled wind turbines.

In the Netherlands, heating-degree days – a measure of demand for warmth – were 35% above the five-year average. Data from mid-November paints a damning picture of the failure of so-called renewables. Between November 14 – 21, as the first cold spell gripped the region, European gas demand skyrocketed by 45%.

In absolute terms, daily gas demand leaped by 0.6 billion cubic meters per day. This was not a gradual uptick. It was the panic-induced spike of a 75% increase in residential and commercial heating needs.

Gas storage sites were the unsung heroes of this drama, meeting approximately 90% of the jump in daily demand during a critical week. Withdrawals from storage facilities surged by nearly 450%.

The magnitude of this intervention by natural gas is difficult to overstate. To put the 0.6 billion cubic meters of gas into perspective, consider that the energy equivalent of that amount of gas is the daily output of 220 nuclear power plants – a number nearly five times the size of France's entire nuclear fleet.

Imagine the catastrophe if Europe had achieved its net-zero goals and eliminated its gas infrastructure. There is no battery system on Earth, existing or planned, that could deploy the equivalent of 220 nuclear reactors.

Despite this frantic consumption of gas, prices have remained relatively stable. This was not due to European foresight. It was due to the "peace dividend" of potentially resolving the Ukraine conflict and, more importantly, a flood of liquefied natural gas from the United States.

Herein lies the supreme irony of the story: An anti-fossil fuel, anti-drilling European Union is keeping its population alive only because of a pro-fossil fuel, pro-human administration across the Atlantic. The United States, by encouraging hydrocarbon production, has created the surplus that now warms European homes.

Fossil fuels are the lifeblood of daily life, especially in advanced societies, which cannot run on the wishful thinking of wind and sun worshipers. The stability of European society today rests on the shoulders of American drillers of gas wells.

The European Union serves as a warning of what happens when ideology trumps physics. Climate mandates cannot make the wind blow. The "green" emperor has no clothes, and, baby, it's cold outside.

This commentary was first published at RealClear Markets December 16.

Vijay Jayaraj is a Research Associate at the CO2 Coalition, Arlington, VA and writes frequently for the Cornwall Alliance. He holds a master's degree in environmental sciences from the University of East Anglia, UK, and resides in India.



Delaware's Energy Crossroads: Rising Demand, Shrinking Reliability

By Dr. David R. Legates, Ph.D.

PJM Interconnection, the regional grid operator responsible for electricity reliability across Delaware and much of the Mid-Atlantic, has warned that brownouts and blackouts could affect the grid as early as June 1, 2026, because people will be using significantly more electricity than before.

This increase is being driven by the rapid growth of data centers and by people switching their cars, heating, hot water, and cooking from gasoline, natural gas, oil, and propane to electric. At the same time, Delaware has closed major power plants that could reliably generate electricity when needed, including the Indian River Power Plant near Millsboro in early 2025.

Against those warnings, Delaware now faces a growing energy challenge as electricity demand continues to rise. With electricity costs increasing and grid reliability under pressure, the question becomes: what short-term and long-term strategies will allow Delaware to keep the lights on and its economy running?



State Climate Policy and the Push to Electrification

Delaware adopted its Climate Action Plan in 2021 to outline how the state intends to reduce greenhouse gas emissions over time. To turn those goals into enforceable policy, lawmakers later enacted the Delaware Climate Change Solutions Act of 2023, which requires statewide greenhouse gas emissions to be reduced 50% below 2005 levels by Jan. 1, 2030, and to reach net zero by 2050.

As part of the broader effort to meet those targets, state policies have emphasized several strategies, including:

Electric vehicle requirements. Delaware adopted vehicle emissions rules based on the Advanced Clean Cars II program developed by the California Air Resources Board. Under the 2023 regulations, 43% of new cars and trucks delivered for sale in Delaware would have been required to be zero-emission vehicles beginning with model year 2027, rising to 82% by 2032. However, after taking office, Gov. Matt Meyer has said he will not move forward with enforcing the state's electric vehicle sales mandate, saying residents should retain the freedom to choose what type of vehicle best fits their needs, according to WHYY.

Reducing carbon dioxide and methane emissions. The Climate Change Solutions Act directs state agencies to cut emissions of carbon dioxide, methane, and other greenhouse gases across the power, transportation, building, and industrial sectors.

continued on page 5

Our Vision

We aspire to a world in which people, made in the image of God, reconciled to Him by Jesus Christ, and reflecting God's own creativity, work together to enhance the fruitfulness, beauty, and safety of the Earth, enabling more and more of our neighbors to enjoy good health, long life, freedom, justice, and spiritual and material abundance, for the glory of God and the good of our fellow man, thus fulfilling the two Great Commandments to love God and love our neighbor.

Our Mission

We seek to magnify the glory of God in creation, the wisdom of His truth in environmental stewardship, the kindness of His mercy in lifting the needy out of poverty, and the wonders of His grace in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Our Identity

A coalition of theologians, pastors, ministry leaders, scientists, economists, policy experts, and committed laymen, the Cornwall Alliance is an evangelical voice promoting environmental stewardship and economic development built on Biblical principles.

Schedule a Speaker

Dr. Beisner and many Fellows, Adjuncts, and Contributing Writers are available to speak for churches, seminaries, universities and colleges, schools, and other groups. To schedule a speaker, email Calvin@CornwallAlliance.org.

Connect with us Socially

Follow Us on Facebook
www.Facebook.com/CornwallAlliance
Follow Us on Twitter
@CornwallSteward

Other ways to Connect

www.EarthRisingBlog.com
www.facebook.com/EarthRisingBlog
@EarthRisingBlog

The Cornwall Alliance
3712 Ringgold Rd. #355
Chattanooga, TN 37412

Phone 423-500-3009
www.CornwallAlliance.org
www.EarthRisingBlog.com
www.Facebook.com/CornwallAlliance

The Heartland INSTITUTE
Ideas that empower people

THE HEARTLAND INSTITUTE

The Heartland Institute is a national nonprofit research and education organization founded in 1984 and located in Arlington Heights, Illinois.

We have deep expertise on climate change and energy policy, budget and tax issues, school reform, health care policy, and the rise of socialism.

We host several websites including heartland.org, heartlanddailynews.com, climaterealism.com, climateataglance.com, and stoppingsocialism.com.

We also produce podcasts, e-newsletters, videos, books, policy studies, and shorter publications.

We have a comprehensive government relations program as well. We are a trusted resource for state elected officials across the country.

Our e-newsletter, *Heartland Weekly*, is free. Donations are tax-deductible.



Contact Us
The Heartland Institute
3939 North Wilke Road
Arlington Heights, Illinois 60004
312-377-4000
webmaster@heartland.org

The Heartland Institute is a national nonprofit research and education organization devoted to discovering, developing, and promoting free-market solutions to social and economic problems.

A Meaningless Number Drives Climate Policy

From Heartland.org

A recent study published in the Journal of American Physicians and Surgeons argues the trillions of dollars spent to fight climate change are being wasted in a vain and unnecessary effort driven in large part by the focus on an essentially meaningless and made-up metric: global mean surface temperature (GMST).

Study author Jonathan Cohler points out GMST is a made-up and poorly defined metric:

[T]he GMST does not have a precise regulatory definition, and is in fact physically meaningless based on fundamental principles of thermodynamics. Nevertheless, all IPCC climate models are tuned to reproduce historical GMST trends. This represents what Orwell presciently described: the systematic replacement of objective truth with politically convenient fiction

Cohler notes that the fundamental principles of thermodynamics were firmly established by the last quarter of the nineteenth century, defining warming as a transfer of energy into or within a system as measured by joules or watt-seconds, not changes in measured degrees Celsius.

A recent AI analysis of the claims of warming based on purported changes in temperatures confirmed the methodologies and assumptions used by the IPCC to designate and forecast temperatures are "fundamentally fraudulent" because the project of averaging temperatures is meaningless outside of an equilibrium system, which the Earth and its various climates are not. Also, to measure average temperature change, one must work within a common designated system of measurement, yet the IPCC contributors don't do this. Per Cohler:

Temperature is an intensive property [a characteristic of a substance that does not change with the amount of matter present, such as density, temperature, color, or boiling point, etc.] that is defined only in equilibrium systems and cannot be meaningfully averaged across non-equilibrium systems. The Earth's surface air and ocean water is a large non-equilibrium system with enormous spatial and temporal variations in temperature, pressure, humidity, and heat capacity, in addition to the more than 800-fold mass density difference between sea water and air. It is well understood that as an intensive thermodynamic property, temperature is neither additive nor meaningfully averageable across such a system, in contrast to extensive properties such as energy, mass, and volume, which scale directly with the amount of matter and can be summed over subsystems. As Essex et al. demonstrate, there is no physical principle that dictates how surface temperatures should be averaged globally to produce a meaningful statistic, making any such human-chosen averaging methodology arbitrary, resulting in a statistical artifact with no physical meaning.

This arbitrariness is not a minor technical detail. There are infinite ways to average temperatures—arithmetic mean, geometric mean, harmonic mean, root mean square, and the entire family of Hölder means, among infinitely many others. Each method produces different numerical results and different trends over time. Without a physical principle to select one averaging method over another, the choice becomes purely arbitrary. As the Essex paper conclusively demonstrates, "if the physics does not prescribe one averaging rule to be used over another, as it does not for temperature, we may use any rule. If one interpreter of the data chooses one rule while another chooses a different rule, there is no way to settle a disagreement as to whether the system is getting warmer or cooler with time."

The computer and logic principle of Garbage In, Garbage Out applies to climate claims. As Cohler notes, since the GMST used to support the claim of dangerous global warming is unscientific and arbitrary, all the feedback mechanisms and outputs describing future states of the Earth's climate that computer models project are equally ungrounded and arbitrary:

The implications extend far beyond academic thermodynamics. Every climate model used by the IPCC (CMIP models) is tuned to reproduce historical GMST trends. When models are calibrated to match a physically meaningless quantity, their outputs become equally meaningless—not just for temperature projections, but for all variables, since these are coupled global circulation models where all components interact. The fundamental principle of scientific modeling requires that models be validated against physically meaningful observables.

In short, Cohler argues, to "regain legitimacy and contribute meaningfully to understanding the Earth's complex thermal systems," climate science must stop using derivative metrics such as climate sensitivity and instead stick to fundamental physics.

Heartland Institute Experts Applaud U.S. Withdrawal from United Nations Climate Treaty

By H. Sterling Burnett, Anthony Watts, James Taylor

President Donald Trump on Wednesday withdrew the United States from the United Nations' Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent also announced that the United States is out of the Green Climate Fund (GCF) for developing countries. The Trump administration also withdrew the U.S. from more than 60 other international organizations, including dozens of U.N.-linked bodies.

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.

The following statements may be used for attribution. For more information about this book distribution, or to interview the authors, please contact Executive Vice President and Director of Communications Jim Lakely at jlakely@heartland.org or call/text 312-731-9364.

"President Trump displayed tremendous judgment and courage pulling America out of impoverishing and counterproductive globalist entities such as the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change. These entities exist to impose leftist, top-down decisionmaking regarding important topics while bypassing common sense and national interests. America and the world itself will benefit from Trump's decisive action."

"With one sweeping, deft move President Trump did more the reestablish U.S. sovereignty and economic and geopolitical liberty than any president in my lifetime. Trump's withdrawal from the IPCC and the UNFCCC underlying it were long overdue if, honestly, unexpected.

"The UNFCCC was a misguided effort from its very beginning. From formulation as an idea to its inception and operation, it was established on the false premise that human fossil fuel use is causing a climate catastrophe. Not only does the data in the 33 years since the UNFCCC and IPCC were formed not show an anthropogenic decline in human well-being, fossil fuels have continued to play an essential role in human progress and the reduction in hunger, premature death and poverty. And that's just two treaties/agreements of more than 60 that Trump withdrew U.S. support for.

"Collectively, Trump's action will save the U.S. money, advance U.S. interests, and defund corrupt foreign politicians and politically connected elites. The trillions of dollars the U.S. provided to the dozens of programs Trump pulled us out of rarely helped average people, rather the funding was siphoned away by U.N. bureaucrats and venal, power–hungry tinpot dictators and warlords, leaving the poor in developing countries impoverished. Trump's action represents a huge leap toward Making America Sovereign Again, and thus Making America Great Again."

"I welcome President Donald J. Trump's memorandum directing federal agencies to take immediate steps to withdraw the United States from 66 international organizations (including dozens of U.N.-linked bodies), following a State Department review conducted under Executive Order 14199. Notably, the list includes both the U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), marking a decisive break from the international climate-policy machinery that has too often substituted politics and "consensus management" for transparent, accountable science.

"For years, the UNFCCC/IPCC ecosystem has operated like a self-perpetuating global climate bureaucracy. It elevates a narrow, pre-approved narrative, then turns around and uses it to rationalize higher energy costs, heavier regulation, and permanent "emergency" governance—while treating skeptical inquiry as something to be sidelined rather than answered.

"This move is a long-overdue course correction and a blunt reminder that American taxpayers are not obligated to bankroll institutions that are increasingly unaccountable to voters and insulated from meaningful scrutiny. The Heartland Institute will continue to champion open scientific debate, transparent data, and sound energy policy that keeps energy reliable and affordable—without outsourcing America's decisions to unelected international bodies."

H. Sterling Burnett, Ph.D., is the Director of the Arthur B. Robinson Center on Climate and Environmental Policy and the managing editor of Environment & Climate News.

Anthony Watts is a senior fellow for environment and climate at The Heartland Institute.

James Taylor is president of The Heartland Institute.

From Fake Data to Extreme Scenarios: Climate Science's Top Issues

By Steven E Koonin

Original article: https://hs-2305951.f.hubspotemail.net/hubfs/2305951/Content%20Offers/The%20Factual%20Context%20for%20Climate%20and%20Energy%20Policy/Hoover_Factual%20Context.pdf?utm_campaign=29237903-The%20Factual%20Context%20for%20Climate%20and%20Energy%20Policy&utm_source=hs_automation&utm_medium=email&utm_content=390539197&_hsmi=390539197

Five Key Bullet Points

1 Extreme, implausible emissions scenarios dominate over 11,000 studies, distorting research, and policy despite known flaws.



2 A fake hurricane loss dataset (ICAT) persists in papers and assessments, warranting retractions.

3 "Climate risk" in finance is invented, lacking a unique basis and fostering a poor-quality industry.

4 US National Climate Assessment suffers bipartisan political interference, needing depoliticization.

5 Trump administration targets climate programs as "woke," proposing cuts to research bodies.

Delaware *cont. from page 3*

While the law does not explicitly require an immediate legal ban on fossil fuel use, its long-term goal of net zero emissions by 2050 would require a broad shift away from fossil fuels such as gasoline, diesel, coal, natural gas, and propane.

As these policies move forward, pressure on the electric grid is expected to grow. Strain on the system is likely to intensify as Delaware's population expands, data centers come online across the region, and more vehicles and buildings switch from gas, oil, and propane to electric instead.

PJM forecasts a sharp rise in electricity demand by 2030, driven largely by large load additions such as data centers. PJM has also warned that without enough new reliable power generation added in time, the system could face capacity shortfalls, raising the risk of blackouts, brownouts, and higher electricity costs.

Long-Term Solutions

The long-term solution is to recognize that carbon dioxide is a life-affirming gas and that sharply restricting the use of fossil fuels will necessarily make energy less available and more expensive. Nuclear power must also be considered as an additional source of energy to strengthen overall energy availability.

Today's nuclear reactors are not the large, first-generation plants of decades past. Much of the industry's future now centers on small modular reactors (SMRs). These reactors are designed to be built in factory-produced modules and assembled on site, allowing for shorter construction timelines and lower upfront capital costs than traditional large nuclear plants. SMRs also incorporate newer safety systems and can be scaled in stages to match growing electricity demand, according to an earlier analysis by David T. Stevenson published by the Caesar Rodney Institute.

By contrast, much of Delaware's recent energy policy has emphasized wind and solar, which do not provide the same level of reliability as nuclear or other firm power sources. Wind and solar both rely on subsidies that increase the overall cost of electricity, with those costs reflected through compliance requirements and utility delivery charges. More importantly, renewable energy sources such as wind and solar are not dispatchable.

Dispatchable energy comes from sources that can be turned on or off, or adjusted on demand, to meet electricity needs. Unlike intermittent wind and solar, dispatchable sources such as natural gas, coal, and nuclear can be controlled by grid operators to ensure a stable and reliable power supply.

Legislation Now Before Lawmakers

Two pieces of legislation now before the General Assembly would directly address rising electricity costs and growing reliability concerns. Both deserve serious consideration and support.

Senate Bill 65 would remove Delaware from the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI), a multistate carbon dioxide trading program for power plants. Ending Delaware's participation in RGGI would reduce compliance costs that are passed on to consumers, help retain more in-state power generation, and strengthen grid reliability. Pennsylvania has decided to leave RGGI, and similar action in Delaware could improve affordability and grid reliability.

House Bill 80 would roll back Delaware's Renewable Portfolio Standard to 10% and hold it at that level for the next 10 years. The current standard requires utilities to obtain a growing share of their power from renewable sources. Rolling the standard back would help stabilize electric costs while still allowing renewable energy to remain part of the state's energy mix.

Final Thoughts

Delaware now stands at a critical energy crossroads. Electricity demand is rising because of population growth, new data centers, and the shift from fuel-powered systems to electric power. At the same time, reliable local generation has declined, leaving the state more exposed to price volatility and reliability risks.

SMRs offer a potential long-term path toward restoring dependable, around-the-clock power while maintaining grid stability. Unlike large, traditional nuclear plants, SMRs are designed for modular construction, incremental deployment, and enhanced safety systems, making them a realistic option as older power plants retire and electricity demand continues to grow.

In the meantime, the most immediate path to protecting affordability and reliability lies with legislative action. Decisions on renewable mandates, carbon programs, and access to dispatchable power will determine whether Delaware can meet rising demand without placing an unsustainable burden on families, businesses, and the state's electric grid.

This piece originally appeared at CaesarRodney.org and has been republished here with permission.

Dr. Legates, Cornwall Alliance for the Stewardship of Creation's Director of Research and Education, is a retired Professor of Climatology at the University of Delaware, former Delaware State Climatologist, and author of numerous peer-reviewed articles on meteorology, climate change, and human influence on climate.

Trump withdraws US from 66 organizations, including UN climate treaty

Fox And Friends - Fox News Channel
January 10, 2026

Morano excerpt: We've been going through the yin-yang of this climate policy for over a decade, Obama, Trump, Biden, Trump. The problem is if a future AOC or President Newsom comes in, they put us back in. What Donald Trump's done this time is different than just withdrawing from the 2015 U.N. Paris climate pact. He has now pulled out of the basis for all of the UN climate agenda.

Think of it like Jenga blocks. Trump has pulled out the base of the blocks, and it's collapsing. This is the 1992 UN Rio Earth Summit, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change treaty that is the foundation for all of the madness, I was going to say mandates, but mandates, madness — same thing.

This goes back to 1992, this is net zero, this is the U.N. climate treaties, this is the entire United Nations climate agenda, the grandfather of them all. by withdrawing from this, legal analysts say, and, according to Politico and other publications, you're going to need the next president to resubmit the ratification to the Senate to get us back into this.

So Trump 2.0 has gone and exceeded everything beyond what Trump 1.0 did on climate in his first term.

And we're also out of the U.N. population fund, which is a great thing, and the U.N. climate panel, the IPCC, which was merely a political body masquerading as a science panel that had to take its orders line by line from politicians when they do their climate reports. This is a day of liberation. This is true America First, one of the most significant things he's done in his presidency when it comes to international regulatory policy.

Gobal Organizations *cont. from page 1*

Here is a list of all the agencies that the U.S. is exiting, according to the White House:

Non-U. N. organizations

- 24/7 Carbon-Free Energy Compact
- Colombo Plan Council
- Commission for Environmental Cooperation
- Education Cannot Wait
- European Centre of Excellence for Countering Hybrid Threats
- Forum of European National Highway Research Laboratories
- Freedom Online Coalition
- Global Community Engagement and Resilience Fund
- Global Counterterrorism Forum
- Global Forum on Cyber Expertise
- Global Forum on Migration and Development
- Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research
- Intergovernmental Forum on Mining, Minerals, Metals, and Sustainable Development
- Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
- Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services
- International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property
- International Cotton Advisory Committee
- International Development Law Organization
- International Energy Forum
- International Federation of Arts Councils and Culture Agencies
- International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance
- International Institute for Justice and the Rule of Law
- International Lead and Zinc Study Group
- International Renewable Energy Agency
- International Solar Alliance
- International Tropical Timber Organization
- International Union for Conservation of Nature
- Pan American Institute of Geography and History
- Partnership for Atlantic Cooperation
- Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia
- Regional Cooperation Council
- Renewable Energy Policy Network for the 21st Century
- Science and Technology Center in Ukraine
- Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme
- Venice Commission of the Council of Europe

United Nations organizations

- Department of Economic and Social Affairs
- U.N. Economic and Social Council, or ECOSOC - Economic Commission for Africa
- ECOSOC - Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean
- ECOSOC - Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
- ECOSOC - Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia
- International Law Commission
- International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals
- International Trade Centre
- Office of the Special Adviser on Africa
- Office of the Special Representative of the secretary-general for Children in Armed Conflict
- Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict
- Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence Against Children
- Peacebuilding Commission
- Peacebuilding Fund
- Permanent Forum on People of African Descent
- U.N. Alliance of Civilizations
- U.N. Collaborative Programme on Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation in Developing Countries
- U.N. Conference on Trade and Development
- U.N. Democracy Fund
- U.N. Energy
- U.N. Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women
- U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change
- U.N. Human Settlements Programme
- U.N. Institute for Training and Research
- U.N. Oceans
- U.N. Population Fund
- U.N. Register of Conventional Arms
- U.N. System Chief Executives Board for Coordination
- U.N. System Staff College
- U.N. Water
- U.N. University

Quote of the Week:

"I haye already placed before the Royal Society an account of some experiments which brought to light the remarkable fact that the body of our atmosphere, that is to say the mixture of oxygen and nitrogen of which it is composed, is a comparative vacuum to the calorific rays [Infrared Radiation], its main absorbent constituent being the aqueous vapor [Water Vapor] which it contains. It is very important that the minds of meteorologists should be set at rest on this subject—that they should be able to apply, without misgiving, this newly revealed physical property of aqueous vapor; for it is certain to have numerous and important applications." — John Tyndall, Dec 31, 1863

Number of the Week:

28% v. 0.3%; 13% v 32%; down 6% v. up 455%

This Week:

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

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

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

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

You can help in two ways:

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

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

Send your contributions to:

The Science & Environmental Policy Project
Attn: Fundraising
1600 South Eads Street, Suite #712-S
Arlington,VA 22202-2907
Tel/Fax 703-920-2744

And thank you.

SCIENCE & ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY PROJECT

The Week That Was January 10th, 2026

Scope: This TWTW opens a discussion that the US administration has announced it is withdrawing from 66 national and international organizations. Then TWTW discusses whether this announcement is bad for the US. TWTW discusses Roy Spencer's presentation of surface-air temperature trends compared with model results and compares the surface-air temperature trends with satellite temperature trends. Then it discusses Matthew Wielicki's explanation of the El Niño-Southern Oscillation (ENSO). TWTW discusses some electricity issues and concludes with a suggestion on redefining the Waters of the United States.

****

IPCC & UNFCCC: On January 7, the Office of the President issued a Memorandum for the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies "Withdrawing the United States from International Organizations, Conventions, and Treaties that Are Contrary to the Interests of the United States." The initial part of the memorandum stated:

"By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, I hereby direct:

Section 1. Purpose. (a) On February 4, 2025, I issued Executive Order 14199 (Withdrawing the United States from and Ending Funding to Certain United Nations Organizations and Reviewing United States Support to All International Organizations). That Executive Order directed the Secretary of State, in consultation with the United States Representative to the United Nations, to conduct a review of all international intergovernmental organizations of which the United States is a member and provides any type of funding or other support, and all conventions and treaties to which the United States is a party, to determine which organizations, conventions, and treaties are contrary to the interests of the United States. The Secretary of State has reported his findings as required by Executive Order 14199.

(b) I have considered the Secretary of State's report and, after deliberating with my Cabinet, have determined that it is contrary to the interests of the United States to remain a member of, participate in, or otherwise provide support to the organizations listed in section 2 of this memorandum.

(c) Consistent with Executive Order 14199 and pursuant to the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, I hereby direct all executive departments and agencies (agencies) to take immediate steps to effectuate the withdrawal of the United States from the organizations listed in section 2 of this memorandum as soon as possible. For United Nations entities, withdrawal means ceasing participation in or funding to those entities to the extent permitted by law. [Boldface added]

(d) My review of further findings of the Secretary of State remains ongoing."

The memorandum contains a list of 66 non-UN organizations and UN organizations from which the US is withdrawing. The non-UN organizations include the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) which has produced six assessment reports on the human influence on climate change. The UN organizations include the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) the parent organization of the IPCC. This action produced a highly divided response, some praising, it others condemning it.

For example, in her praise of the action Australian sceptic of CO2-caused warming and blogger Jo Nova cited an article in the Guardian including a quote from Gina McCarthy, the Administrator of the EPA in President Obama's second term and the first-ever White House National Climate Advisor leading the Climate Policy Office created by President Biden. The post by Nova stated, in part:

From The Guardian:

"Donald Trump has sparked outrage by announcing the US will exit the foundational international agreement to address the climate crisis, cementing the US's utter isolation from the global effort to confront dangerously escalating temperatures.

'This is a shortsighted, embarrassing and foolish decision,' said Gina McCarthy, who was a top climate adviser to Joe Biden's White House.

'As the only country in the world not a part of the UNFCCC treaty, the Trump administration is throwing away decades of US climate change leadership and global collaboration. This administration is forfeiting our country's ability to influence trillions of dollars in investments, policies and decisions that would have advanced our economy and protected us from costly disasters wreaking havoc on our country.'"

Since this is an executive order, it may only be in force while Trump is president. The order withdraws all funding from these "entities to the extent permitted by law." Thus, the immediate impact on funding these entities is not clear. But it is doubtful that the funding will be in the Presidents proposed budget in the next fiscal year starting September 2026. See links under After Paris!

****

Bad for the US? Roger Pielke, Jr. wrote a post in this blog "Leaving the IPCC and UNFCC is Bad for the United States." In December, Pielke was already upset at the administration because it was considering dismantling the National Center Atmospheric Research (NCAR). Employees at NCAR had greatly assisted Pielke. The administration proposed sending the weather forecasting functions of NCAR elsewhere.

The global climate modeling section of NCAR uses one of the nation's topflight computers. The modelers have ignored that their model results are contradicted by atmospheric temperature trends as measured by satellites and verified by measurements by instruments on weather balloons. Thus, the models have never been validated. The NCAR modelers ignore this and prefer to be part of the IPCC modeling process that consistently overestimates the warming of the atmosphere, spreading fear of a dangerous global warming from carbon dioxide.

In his objection to the US leaving the IPCC and UNFCCC, Pielke writes in part:

"Interestingly, despite the Senate's ratification of the UNFCCC in 1992, it remains legally unresolved whether or not a president can withdraw from such an agreement unilaterally.

The U.S. Senate ratified the UNFCCC treaty on October 7, 1992, by a unanimous vote (92-0), giving President George H.W. Bush the advice and consent needed to formalize U.S. participation in the foundational international climate agreement."

What Pielke does not mention is that following the 1992 Supplement to the first IPCC report (1990) distinguished physicist Federick Seitz wrote an editorial in the Wall Street Journal, calling it the worst abuse of the peer review process he has witnessed in 60 years in American physics. Further the Second Assessment report (IPCC-SAR 1996) was the first attempt to assert that the atmosphere has a mysterious "human fingerprint" no one has been able to find even today. These are only a few of the many deceits the UN IPCC and the UNFCCC have foisted on an unsuspecting public.

Following these, in in 1997 the US Senate unanimously passed (95-0) S.Res.98 known as the Byrd-Hagel Resolution concerning UN Climate Change which stated the Senate would not approve any treaty requiring emissions cuts from the U.S. or other developed nations without mandatory commitments from developing nations and warning of economic harm. The resolution states:

"Declares that the United States should not be a signatory to any protocol to, or other agreement regarding, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change of 1992, at negotiations in Kyoto in December 1997 or thereafter which would: (1) mandate new commitments to limit or reduce greenhouse gas emissions for the Annex 1 Parties, unless the protocol or other agreement also mandates new specific scheduled commitments to limit or reduce greenhouse gas emissions for Developing Country Parties within the same compliance period; or (2) result in serious harm to the U.S. economy.

Calls for any such protocol or other agreement which would require the advice and consent of the Senate to ratification to be accompanied by: (1) a detailed explanation of any legislation or regulatory actions that may be required to implement it; and (2) an analysis of the detailed financial costs which would be incurred by, and other impacts on, the U.S. economy."

The Obama administration was well aware of this and forced a significant revision to the Paris Agreement after it was passed so that it would not appear to be a treaty requiring Senate approval. The UN IPCC and the UNFCCC continue to produce reports calling for measures that are destructive to the US economy. Whether this is sufficient reason to declare the UNFCCC treaty invalid for the US remains to be seen.

Further, a number of excellent scientists angrily quit the IPCC's Working Group I, The Physical Science Basis, because of the

continued on page 7

Number of the Week: 28% v. 0.3%; 13% v 32%; down 6% v. up 455%

According to the IPCC, "List of Member Governments and Organizations" that contributed in 2024 (31 December 2024), its income for the year was $5,207,437. Of that amount, the US contributed $1,445,000 or 27.75%; China contributed $17,940 or 0.34%.

https://apps.ipcc.ch/eventmanager/documents/88/180220250655-Doc. 2, Rev.1 - IPCC Programme and Budget.pdf

According to Our World in Data, the "Total Emissions of Carbon Dioxide" in 2024 – Global emissions were 38.68 billion metric tons (BMT); from China 12.29 BMT 32% (31.77%); and from US 4.9 BMT (12.67%)

Emissions of CO2 in 1992 -- US 5.2 BMT China 2.7 BMT; The increase from 1992 to 2024 was US down 6%; China up 455%.

https://ourworldindata.org/grapher/annual-co2-emissions-per-country

Could the UN's demand that the US reduce emissions be considered penalizing the citizens of the US, contradicting the 1997 Senate resolution S.Res.98?

SEPP *cont. from page 6*

terrible distortions inserted into the "Summary for Policymakers" and the "Synthesis Report." These reports completely abandon the good science they wrote, substituting alarmist claims. By withdrawing from the IPCC, the US is declaring that the IPCC and the UNFCCC did NOT do what they promised. If the IPCC and the UNFCCC die, perhaps a new (genuinely scientific) organization will be formed to replace them. If not, for the good of humanity and modern civilization little is lost.

See links under Seeking a Common Ground, for the IPCC 1990 report and 1992 Supplement see https://wedocs.unep.org/items/e58f3806-61a3-4d01-9913-a78e3c549da6, and for S.Res.98 (1997) see https://www.congress.gov/bill/105th-congress/senate-resolution/98

****

Atmospheric v. Surface Temperature Trends: The greenhouse effect occurs in the atmosphere where the two major greenhouse gases reside, water vapor and carbon dioxide (though there is a great deal of carbon dioxide in the oceans and on land). Yet global climate modelers insist on using surface-air data when they claim to be estimating the influence of carbon dioxide on temperatures. This is not to say that atmospheric temperatures are not influenced by the land and oceans below the atmosphere. Roy Spencer has a valuable post "Surface Air Temperature Trends, Climate Models vs Observations, 1979-2025." He states:

"This is just a short update regarding how global surface air temperature (Tsfc) trends are tracking 34 CMIP6 climate models through 2025. The following plot shows the Tsfc trends, 1979-2025, ranked from the warmest to the coolest.

Observations' is an average of 4 datasets: HadCRUT5, NOAAGlobalTemp Version 6 (now featuring AI, of course), ERA5 (a reanalysis dataset), and the Berkeley 1×1 deg. dataset, which produces a trend identical to HadCRUT5 (+0.205 C/decade).

I consider reanalyzes to be in the class of 'observations' since they are constrained to match, in some average sense, the measurements made from the surface, weather balloons, global commercial aircraft, satellites, and the kitchen sink.

The observations moved up one place in the rankings since the last time I made one of these plots, mainly due to an anomalously warm 2024."

TWTW Comment: What is particularly interesting are the surface-air "observations" that produce a trend of +0.205°C (0.369°F) per decade. (The last digit in the numbers is not meaningful.) We see that most of the global climate models overestimate surface-air temperature trends.

In his post on "UAH v6.1 Global Temperature Update for December 2025" Spencer notes that:

"2025 was the 2nd warmest year (a distant 2nd behind 2024) in the 47-year satellite record."

He also ranks the years in the record. This clearly indicates that "2024 really was an anomalously warm year, more than can be attributed to El Nino alone." To TWTW, this indicates that the Hunga Tonga–Hunga Ha'apai eruption in 2022 that put about 150 million tons of sea water into the stratosphere may have had a significant impact on 2024 temperatures for both the surface and in the atmosphere. It is consistent with the assertions by Javier Vinos discussed in last week's TWTW. But if correct, why the effect was not immediate and temperatures did not start increasing until 2023 is unexplained.

Also, in his post on atmospheric temperature trends as of December, Spencer notes that:

"The Version 6.1 global area-averaged linear temperature trend (January 1979 through December 2025) remains at +0.16 deg/ C/decade [+0.29°F per decade] (+0.22 C/decade [+0.40 °F per decade] over land, +0.13 C/decade [+0.23 °F per decade] over oceans)."

So, the decadal surface-air temperature trends of +0.21°C/decade closely match the decadal atmospheric temperature trend over land of +0.22°C/per decade. But the surface-air temperatures trends are far higher than the atmospheric temperature trend over the oceans of +0.13 C/decade. The oceans cover 71% of the globe. Do the global climate models omit 71% of the globe?

For Spencer's analysis see link under Challenging the Orthodoxy, for atmospheric temperature trends see links under Measurement Issues – Atmosphere, and for sea surface temperature measurements see link under Changing Seas.

****

ENSO: On his blog, Matthew Wielicki has a post titled

"ENSO: The Pacific's Climate Powerhouse: The overlooked engine behind global temperature spikes and U.S. weather whiplash."

Wielinski gives a solid description of the El Niño-Southern Oscillation (ENSO) which is a powerful influence on global weather. He writes:

"What is ENSO? A Simple Breakdown

To understand ENSO, let's start with the basics – no advanced physics required, just some ocean and atmosphere fundamentals. The El Niño-Southern Oscillation is a natural climate pattern in the tropical Pacific Ocean that flips between three phases: El Niño (warm), La Niña (cool), and neutral. It's driven by interactions between the ocean and the atmosphere, specifically trade winds, sea surface temperatures (SSTs), and air pressure differences.

Here's how it works: Normally, strong easterly trade winds blow from east to west across the equatorial Pacific, pushing warm surface water toward Asia and Australia. This causes cooler water to upwell (rise from deeper layers) along the South American coast, rich in nutrients that support marine life. But every 2-7 years, these winds weaken or reverse. During El Niño, the warm water sloshes back eastward, warming the central and eastern Pacific. This suppresses upwelling, leading to warmer global temperatures overall.

Conversely, during La Niña, the trade winds strengthen, piling even more warm water in the west and enhancing cool upwelling in the east, which tends to cool the planet slightly. The "Southern Oscillation" part refers to the seesaw in air pressure between the eastern Pacific (high pressure) and western Pacific/Indian Ocean (low pressure) that accompanies these shifts.

Why does it change? It's a self-regulating cycle influenced by factors like wind bursts, ocean heat content, and even distant weather patterns. Think of it as the ocean "burping" excess heat – El Niño releases stored heat from the Pacific into the atmosphere, spiking global temps, while La Niña stores it away. Unlike the slow, debated changes in the AMOC, ENSO flips dramatically and unpredictably, making it a dominant short-term climate driver."

Wielicki gives excellent graphs illustrating his assertions that there is "no long-term trend tied to human activity…it's nature's rhythm."

"Look at the UAH satellite-based global lower atmosphere temperature graph below (Version 6.1), showing anomalies from 1979 to December 2025.

Notice the sharp spikes? The massive 1997-98 El Niño caused a huge temperature to jump in 1998, often cited as a "record" year. Similarly, the super El Niño of 2015-16 drove 2016's heat, and the 2023-24 event correlated with 2023's "hottest year ever" claims. These aren't coincidences. El Niño releases vast amounts of ocean heat into the atmosphere, far outpacing the subtle warming from increasing greenhouse gases (GHGs).

The IPCC and mainstream narratives conveniently downplay this because, after

continue reading at SEPP.org

2025 Was the Safest Year from Extreme Weather Despite Headlines

By Truth in Energy and Climate.com

Original article: https://justthenews.com/politics-policy/energy/media-blast-climate-alarm-2025-ends-year-saw-fewest-deaths-extreme-weather?utm_source=daily&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=newsletter

Five Key Bullet Points

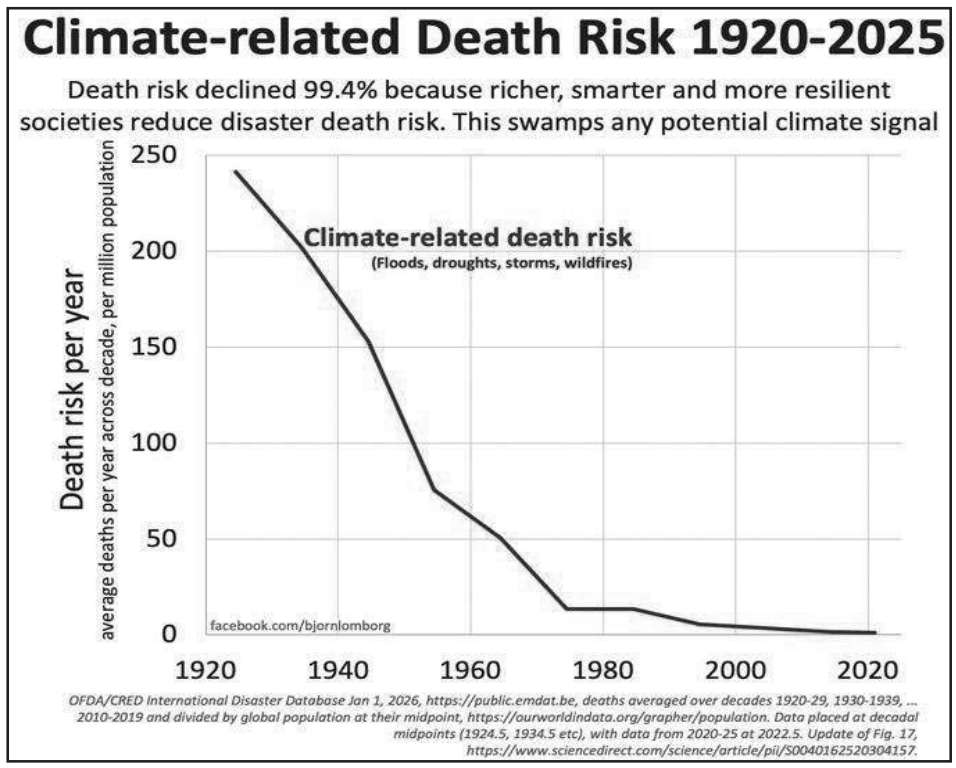
1 Global extreme weather deaths in 2025 hit a historic low of about 0.8 per 100,000 people, with estimates around 4,500-6,100 total fatalities.

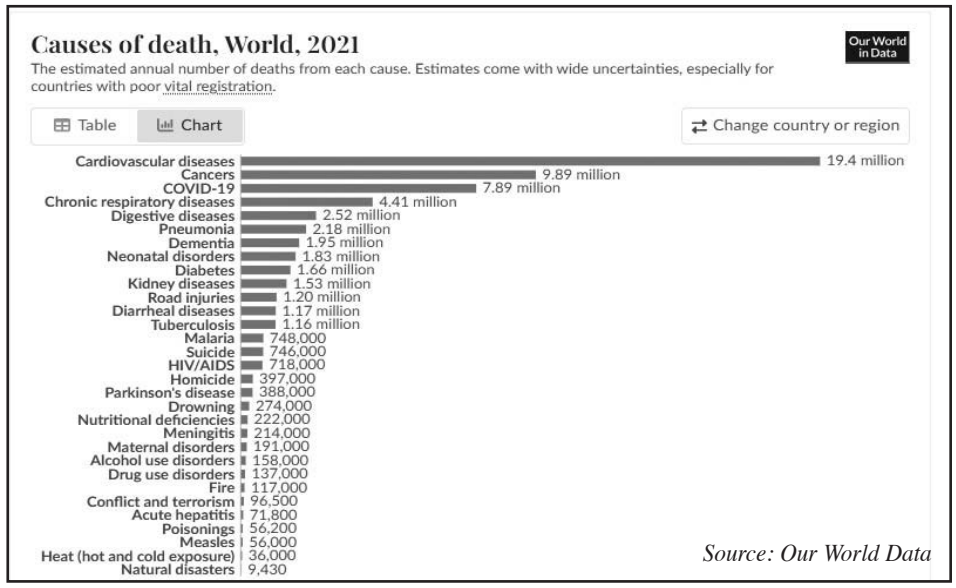
2 This continues a sharp long-term decline from over 320 deaths per 100,000 in the 1960s, thanks to better technology, infrastructure, and preparedness.

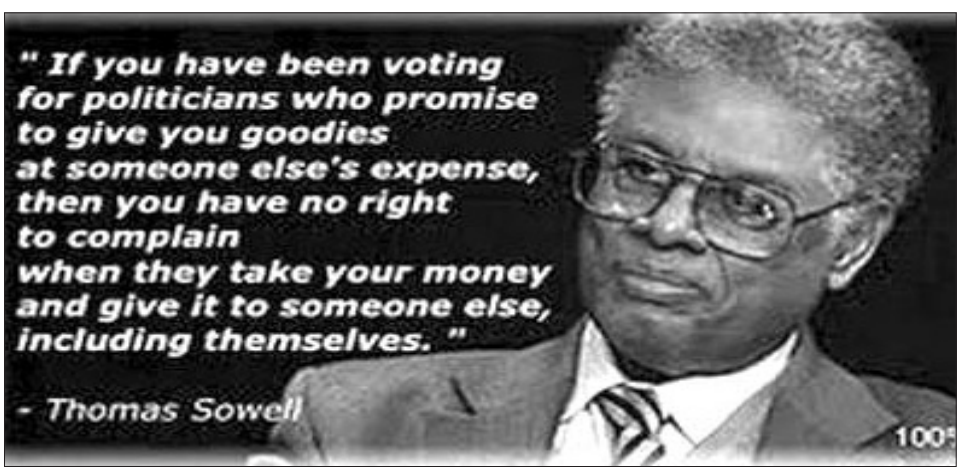
3 Media emphasized 2025's record heat, wildfires, and cyclones as climate chaos, often downplaying positives like no major US hurricanes.

4 Advocacy funding and attribution science are criticized for biasing coverage toward alarmism.

5 Positive trends, including potential warming benefits, receive less attention.







Post Script to the Final Phase

Letter to Reality News

By John Meisser

As an addendum to my previous letter which called for the removal of all congressional Senators and Representatives, I offer the following consideration for DJT and his cabinet. As there may be some hesitancy to take action due to the lengthy and possibly overwhelming legal challenges which could take years as well as the Mainstream Media decrying DJT as a totalitarian thug, let me offer a viewpoint on totalitarianism.

Every system of government bears a resemblance of totalitarianism whether it is brutal tyranny or what we have been experiencing under the Obama/Biden soft-spoken omni control. Yes, that is correct, they have a lot in common. First is the rejection of moral absolutes established by a transcendent Being (God). Second is minimizing the absolute value of human life (Abortion) and third is the elevation of the State as the final (False) arbiter of good and evil.

The pendulum swings between both of these extremes of totalitarianism. Despite how the Mainstream Media tries to depict DJT as being on both ends of the pendulum swing, he is clearly in the center and this is supported by the overwhelming majority of the population in America. The exposure of voter fraud is the proof. We, the Patriots and believers in the Constitution have had enough. We thereby claim that a major reset and removal/replacement of our government and judiciary is justified by the military. Rather than tie up everything in the courts for years before this happens, the new government under the Constitution can be operational and the new Judiciary can churn though the lawsuits after the fact. What a folly that would be to witness as they argue their positions and try to justify their criminal actions when their power is gone.

We can already see social media dismantling the traditional old media networks. These criminal accomplices in the mainstream media must also be held to account. Fear not DJT for name calling and protests cannot prevent the coming righteous tribunals that are justified. You are not a thug but the leader whose time has come. Let's finish it and truly restore the honest and moral America under the Constitution our wise and cautious forefathers created. Be forewarned however that We the People are watching.

"Nothing could be more jolting and discordant with the vision of today's intellectuals than the fact that it was businessmen, devout religious leaders, and Western imperialists who together destroyed slavery around the world. And if it doesn't fit their vision, it is the same to them as if it never happened." -Thomas Sowell

HOT JACK

No Limit Hold 'em or Chess?

About a year ago I wrote Jack # 367 titled No Limit Hold 'em. It talked about DJT and his "dealings" with tariffs. Well, times change but they stay the same. Sort of. Recent events in Venezuela, when looked at through the lens of a NLH poker game can bring up some interesting questions; questions that you won't hear on the TV or radio. And when you add in the strategy and long-term goals of a chess game, things become even more interesting.

Those in media with the intellectual capacity to eat what they are fed, will lead you down the path of "it's about the oil." But while oil is an important part of the game, it is only a small part. "Oil" in this case can be viewed as either the first round of betting or, as a sacrificial rook. If it is not about the oil, or drug trafficking or even stolen elections, what's it all about?

If we know anything about President Trump, we know this. Trump doesn't waste his time nor does he play small, insignificant games. So, we need to think big. And what could be bigger than avoiding confrontations that will start World War III? Let me help out my friends at iHeart. THERE IS NOTHING BIGGER THAN THAT.

President Trump sees WWIII coming. And he sees it coming from the Chinese invasion of Taiwan. No matter how you slice it, the US will become involved in the resulting war unless they make it crystal clear to China that the US will in no way attempt to support Taiwan or impede China in their takeover. But I don't think Trump will do that. He will not put his credibility and the credibility of the US Government on the line like previous Presidents have. And this brings us to Venezuelan Oil and The Art of the Deal.

Just like China is trying to get the US hooked on Fentanyl, Trump is going to get China hooked on Venezuelan oil. He will strike a deal to supply China oil at a reasonable price. As a part of the deal, the US may keep China out of Taiwan and more importantly, out of The Americas. He may also get Chinese support for the US "dealings" with Greenland. And who knows what else he might have in mind.

Make no mistake. The "Deal" is already in process. Trump will get it done. Unless.....unless.....

Real Outrage *cont. from page 1*

Kings," as though their chief concern is the preservation of constitutional structure and the rejection of authoritarian power. Yet here they are, on camera and online, throwing down an embarrassing defense of and a kind of immunity for one of the hemisphere's most notorious authoritarians, insisting that the United States must treat him as untouchable and beyond the reach of accountability. If one truly believes in "no more kings," then Maduro is precisely the type of strongman that principle is meant to confront. You do not defeat monarchy by granting dictators a pass. You defeat it by defending lawful institutions, enforcing valid indictments, and refusing to allow a tyrant to hide behind the very concepts of sovereignty and legitimacy that he has spent years destroying within his own country. This is what a decisive Donald Trump has done. Again.

The United States' seizure of Maduro and his delivery to federal court is best understood as a constitutionally grounded exercise of executive authority undertaken to enforce criminal process and protect national security. The Constitution assigns the Executive Branch primary responsibility for foreign affairs, and it requires the President to "take Care that the Laws be faithfully executed." Where U.S. courts have issued indictments and the political branches have long treated narcotics trafficking and terrorism-linked activity as grave threats to national interests, the Executive has wide latitude to use lawful military and intelligence resources to effectuate an arrest. The decisive point is that this was not an exercise in lawlessness or conquest. It was the enforcement of law, followed by judicial oversight, counsel, due process, and Article III adjudication. Whatever one thinks of the policy wisdom, the constitutional design here is conventional: apprehension of an accused criminal defendant, prosecution in court, and judgment by an independent judiciary.

At the same time, the Venezuelan people's reaction has been both extraordinary and revealing. The widespread public celebrations across the country are not the behavior of a population that believes a legitimate president has been wrongfully removed. They are the unmistakable expressions of a people who feel a long-suppressed hope returning. Public rejoicing, in this context, is evidence of illegitimacy: it signals that Maduro's rule was experienced not as democratic governance, but as domination. Those scenes, taken together with Venezuela's mass migration and the state's long campaign of intimidation, provide a powerful factual rebuttal to the claim that this was the destabilization of a democracy. The clearest referendum on Maduro has never been what he announced from a stage. It has been what Venezuelans have been forced to endure, and what they have tried to rid themselves of.

It is also difficult to ignore the recklessness of a number of liberal pundits and Democratic lawmakers who, almost reflexively, branded the operation "clearly illegal" and "unconstitutional," as if repeating those words makes them true. If one is going to accuse the United States of committing a constitutional offense, there is an obligation to engage the actual constitutional framework, historical practice, and the details of criminal process. They did not and cannot do this. They are not merely expressing political disagreement; they are misleading the public by substituting slogans for analysis. It is the sort of gaslighting that leads to mental illness and actions like the assassination of Charlie Kirk. Responsible public officials and commentators do not have the luxury of ignorance when they choose to speak in absolutes. If they cannot be bothered to read the indictments, examine the legal authorities under which rewards and apprehensions are authorized, and understand the Executive's foreign-affairs powers, then they should refrain from presenting legal conclusions as though they were facts. This was not principled dissent. It was careless misinformation for political gain. I can't even give them the benefit of the doubt of saying it was intentionally misleading. I think they may be dumb enough to actually believe the things they are repeating.

History provides further perspective. The world has repeatedly witnessed what happens when despots are finally removed from the machinery of repression, whether through internal collapse, military action, or international prosecution. The deposing of Saddam Hussein and the end of Muammar Gaddafi's regime, whatever one believes about the subsequent outcomes, were justified publicly by reference to the brutality and corrosive illegitimacy of those governments. Maduro's Venezuela has increasingly fit the same profile: a regime sustained by coercion, corruption, and violence against dissent rather than genuine democratic mandate. Maduro's capture and immediate introduction into a U.S. judicial forum resembles the law-enforcement model used against Manuel Noriega more than it resembles a war of conquest. It is accountability channeled through courts, not a replacement of law with force.

The manufactured outrage also rings hollow in light of one central, inconvenient fact: in his waning years, former President Joe Biden, publicly placed a $25 million reward on Maduro, and it was done under a Democratic administration without provoking any constitutional objections from the same political class now pretending to be guardians of the rule of law. If the premise is that apprehending Maduro is unconstitutional, the time to object was when the reward was announced, renewed, and defended as a legitimate instrument of U.S. law enforcement and national security policy. The deafening silence then, paired with the shrill outrage now, exposes that much of the criticism is politics masquerading as constitutional concern.

There is also no good-faith way to discuss Maduro without confronting the atrocities committed under his rule and the systematic electoral fraud that sustained it. His government has been repeatedly associated with arbitrary detention, alleged torture, extrajudicial killings, and persecution of political opposition and independent media. Meanwhile, Venezuelan elections have been marred by credible accusations of manipulation, coercion, and the disqualification or suppression of opposition. When a regime preserves power through sham elections and brute force, it forfeits the moral authority that typically undergirds international deference. Sovereignty is not a talisman that transforms tyranny into legitimacy, nor does it grant permanent immunity from criminal accountability for those who allegedly direct transnational criminal enterprises.

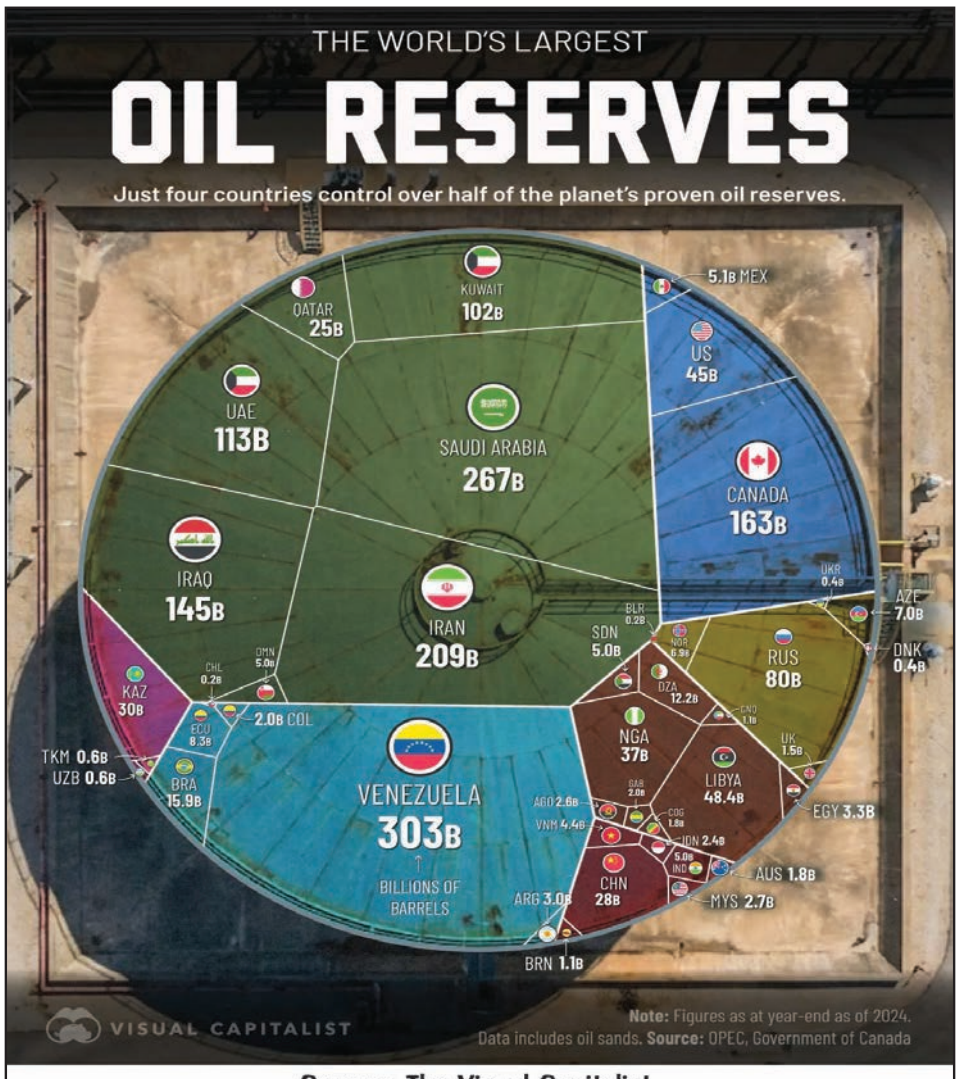
Finally, Maduro's fall carries profound consequences beyond Venezuela's borders. For years, Venezuela's subsidized oil assistance has helped prop up the Cuban government, providing an economic lifeline that cushioned the effects of authoritarian mismanagement and prolonged the political stasis experienced by the Cuban people. With Maduro removed, there is reason to hope that this pipeline will weaken and that new pressures will develop for reform in Cuba. For those in Cuba who have lived for decades with state control over speech, economic activity, and political life, any disruption in the external support network that has prolonged that system is meaningful. The celebration in Venezuela, therefore, is not merely a local phenomenon. It is a signal that authoritarian ecosystems can fracture, and that the collapse of one strongman can loosen the grip of another. With one 45-minute arrest, the political future of millions within Venezuela, Cuba, and Central America has been brightened considerably. I dare any of the dozens of protesters across the country, screaming and carrying homemade signs with spelling errors denouncing Trump's action as "illegal" to try their flaccid protest on the streets of Venezuela. They would get a dose of reality that might even be as effective as a Trump Derangement Syndrome vaccine.

Venezuela Oil

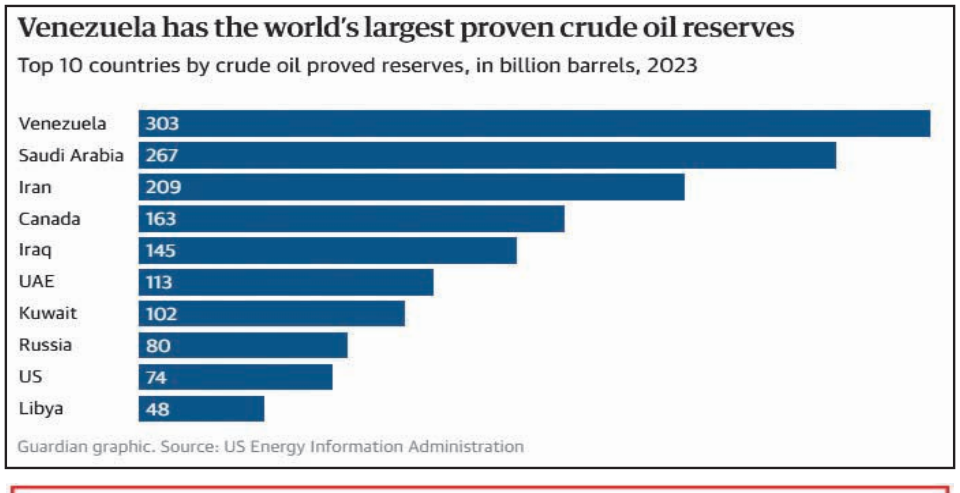
By Bruno Venditti

Original article: https://www.visualcapitalist.com/all-of-the-worlds-oil-reserves-by-country-in-one-visualization/

Venezuela has more oil reserves than any country in the world. Since the socialist (central planning and government control, and/or ownership of all big businesses) took over through elections, and then dictatorship, their oil production has plummeted. In the 1960s and 1970s, Venezuela was producing 3.7 million barrels a day (a barrel is 55 gallons). Then it dropped to 3 million in the 1990s and 2000s. Now they are producing about 1 million a day or less.



Source: The Visual Capitalist



Redirecting Venezuela's Tar-Like Crude from China to US Markets

By Jillian Ambrose

In the late 1990s, US imports of Venezuelan crude reached almost 2m barrels a day. Photograph: Carlos García Rawlins/Reuters

Original article: https://www.theguardian.com/business/2026/jan/05/venezuelan-crude-oil-appeals-to-us-refineries

Five Key Bullet Points

1. US Gulf Coast refineries are optimized for processing heavy, high-sulfur Venezuelan crude, which is dense and sticky, making it ideal for producing gasoline, diesel, and chemicals compared to lighter shale oil.



2. Venezuelan oil imports to the US have plummeted from nearly 2 million barrels per day in the late 1990s to around 135,000 recently.

3.Increased access could add up to 1 million barrels daily, offering proximity and cost advantages over Canadian or other heavy crudes.

4.Trump's policies aim to redirect Venezuelan supplies from China to the US for energy dominance and reindustrialization, supporting millions of refinery-related jobs.

5. Significant production revival requires billions in investment amid infrastructure decay and political challenges.

888-236-8838
Wisconsin Stamping & Manufacturing
Your Idea. Our Ingenuity. A Perfect Match.
TUBULAR
Raschig Rings
Compression Limiters
Spacers
STAMPING
Progressive
Compound
Shallow Draw
WIRE FORMING
2D & 3D Forms
Guards
Thread Rolling
MACHINING
Milling
Swiss CNC Turning
Drill/Tap
FABRICATION
Welding
Laser Cutting
Assembly
CAREERS: HR@WISCONSINSTAMPING.COM
www.wisconsinstamping.com
N110 W13455 North Patton Court • Germantown, WI 53022

Weaponize
Crime History
Graphs & Nationally Published Articles
StopCrimeTosa.com
Chris Kemble 479BCE@Hushmail.com

WE SUPPORT
LIFE, LIBERTY, AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS
WE ARE NORTHEAST WISCONSIN PATRIOTS
N·E·W PATRIOTS
WORKING TO PRESERVE YOUR FREEDOM AND SAFETY. JOIN US!
We host speakers once a month in the Green Bay area. We invite everyone concerned about the future of our communities, state, and the nation to join us and help us save America.
www.NEWPatriots.org

Personal Economics, Inc

Better Economic Thinking

Who We Are

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

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

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

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

What We Do

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

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

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

No short-term ad blitzes or internet poput ads. The website address on each billboard sends viewers to our site for a more detailed presentation.

Economic Freedom

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

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

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

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

You support helps us provide important information on basic economics and personal financial management to adults in SE Wisconsin.

Send your tax-deductible contribution by Secure Credit Card at personaleconomics.org or mail to 2108A Silvernail Rd., Suite 222 Pewaukee, WI 53072. 262-278-0460

501(c) 3 Non-Prifit

"An investment in knowledge pays the best interest"

- Benjamin Franklin

What do the Badgers football team and the Wisconsin economy have in common? Both are losing their competitive edge.

By James Bohn and Greg Grambow

A competitive edge is a factor of strength that allows one to outperform others. For a business, an edge is a key to more revenue and profits. For a state, an edge is what drives superior economic growth and greater prosperity.

Early on Wisconsin prospered from an abundance of natural resources. Early settlers used Wisconsin's vast forests and fertile soil to produce lumber and grain at lower cost than could be done elsewhere.

In the early 1900's Wisconsin developed a competitive edge in manufacturing, leather tanning and beer making thanks to abundant water and the entrepreneurship of European immigrants.

Many of the firms created then still survive such as A.O. Smith, Johnson Controls, Rockwell Automation/Allen-Bradley, Rexnord, and Harnischfeger/Kubota. Others are gone such as Allis Chalmers, Schlitz, and Pfister & Vogel.

Education can provide an edge. Wisconsin was once known for having a well-educated populace. Test scores of students who attended Wisconsin's public schools twenty-plus years ago were significantly above the national average.

No more. Wisconsin student performance today hovers at the national average. And in Milwaukee, test scores are at the bottom compared to America's largest school systems. In just one generation Wisconsin's edge in education has been wiped out.

Government policy can also provide a competitive edge … or a handicap.

How? Wisconsin has 165,000 regulatory restrictions on its books making it the 13th most heavily regulated state in the US. Overregulation dampens entrepreneurship and threatens Wisconsin's historical lead in manufacturing.

Regulations drive up the cost of doing business, especially among manufacturing firms. Regulation is one reason the Site Selection Group, a consulting firm that advises manufacturers looking for expansion opportunities, ranks Wisconsin 31st among the states in terms of operating costs for manufacturing firms.

Nor does Wisconsin have the innovative spirit of a century ago. Business startup rates in Wisconsin lag significantly below the national average and have done so for a long time.

We lost our edges in education, manufacturing and entrepreneurship because of factors that were self-imposed. So, if willing, we can recover. However, it will take the will to govern based on the economic good of Wisconsinites and not party politics.

Education reform is prime. Wisconsin was an early leader in school choice and voucher programs. Unfortunately, that movement has stalled due to politics.

Today, fifteen states have universal school choice and more are looking to adopt such programs. Wisconsin needs to allow every student to have access to the school of their choice.

At the regulatory level the Red Tape Reset package introduced by Republicans in the legislature is a good first step. The package includes legislation requiring periodic review and cost-benefit analyses of regulatory requirements.

Finally, Wisconsin's tax system needs to be dealt with. Wisconsin's most successful, entrepreneurial, and innovative citizens are among its top earners. Wisconsin taxes their income at a higher rate than any Midwestern state other than Minnesota. We know where that leads to.

Current government policy/regulations create a clear incentive for these folks to move to Texas, Florida, Arizona, etc., and take their current and future jobs and businesses with them.

How can you help? Go to "myvote.wi.gov" and connect with your state representative and senator. Let them know your feelings. It does have an effect!

Our economic future depends on becoming competitive again. Pure and simple.

James Bohn and Greg Grambow are with Personal Economics, a non-profit financial and economic education organization in the Milwaukee area. Learn more at personaleconomics.org.

Katie Wilson

"As for my people, children are their oppressors, and women rule over them. O my people, they which lead thee cause thee to err, and destroy the way of thy paths." Isaiah 3:12

By Riley J. Hood

On November 12th, 2025 voters in Seattle voted for a socialist feminazi to be Mayor of Seattle. She beat incumbent Bruce Harrell by about 2,000 votes. On November 13th, Harrell conceded. Who is Katie Wilson? Katherine Barrett Wilson was born on July 12th, 1982. She is a millennial. Her parents, Anne Barrett Clark and David Sloan Wilson, were evolutionary biologists. She graduated in 2000 as Salutatorian from Binghamton High School before studying at Oxford in England. She dropped out six weeks before her final exams. She moved to Seattle in 2004, working odd jobs, boat repair, construction, and office work. She clearly had a well-to-do and privileged background. As a result of living in the bubble of academia, she is a self-declared "Democratic Socialist."

She co-founded the "Transit Riders Union." This isn't a worker's union, but a Saul Alinsky-type "community organization," agitating for free or cheap bus fares, and more transit spending. She also agitates for minimum wage increases, renter's rights, rent control and in 2020 the Jumpstart tax, a payroll tax on private employers to fund affordable housing. She ran on a policy of opposing Trump, and socialist handouts. The TRU is a non-profit 501(c)(4), and she was a paid full-time employee, who took in "almost $73,000" according to Wikipedia. In other words, like that anti-Christ Barak Hussein Obama, and the interloper Zohran Mamdani, she was a "community organizer." She is not honest enough to hold down a real job, but she is clever enough to create an easy money agitator position for herself. She never owned a car, but demanded more public transit to meet her personal preferences.

In her November 13th speech, she said, "As a progressive and as a socialist, I believe in good governance," and "Our government is how we act collectively, how we accomplish the things that can only be done together." (According to Romans 13:1-7 civil government is to punish crime.) The problem is her idea of good likely means aborting preborn babies, two homosexuals molesting a little boy, and Muslims and Communists exterminating Christians. Her "goodness" emanates from her "self-autonomy," which everyone else will be subjected to.

She also said, "I think it's really damaging when people lose faith in the ability of their government to successfully tackle big challenges, when they lose faith in their government's ability to deliver services for the people," Wilson told CNN host Erin Burnett after winning the election. "And so, I am really excited to get to work to make sure that the city of Seattle is delivering for people, and that we are responsive and communicative and doing the things that people want their government to do for them." The problem is, when "people" disagree, the socialist never stands down, but doubles down. Like all socialists, she will do what she wants in the people's name. "Faith in their government's ability," mind you, as opposed to faith in God.

Christina Lewis who broke the story wrote, "I remember learning about socialism in high school. I was told it was a political system in which everyone benefits equally—the rich and the poor. A brief look at history, however, reveals a different story." Christina talked about recent events in Venezuela, "With massive oil reserves and prime geography, it should be one of the richest countries in the world. And for a time, it was. That changed when socialist leader Hugo Chávez came to power in 1999. During Chávez's term as president—a role he held until his death in 2013 he administered a series of efforts, in the name of progress, that promised beneficial social programs and free public health clinics. It was only a matter of time, however, until Chávez's grand promises came face-to-face with reality. Alas, this world is no utopia: Resources are scarce. As former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom Margaret Thatcher said, 'The problem with socialism is that you eventually run out of other people's money.'"

Who supported Wilson? The same ignoramuses who supported Mamdani a week before. A poll conducted by the Heartland Institute and Rasmussen Report said, 53% of voters between 18 and 39 said they would, "like to see a democratic socialist candidate win the 2028 presidential election." 76% said that major industries like health-care, energy, and big-tech should be nationalized. Even though healthcare and energy all ready suffer under socialistic policies. Millennials and Gen Z are the demographic death of America, and while there are some exceptions, they are few and far between, and most often compromised. They are not a "toolbelt" generation, or a "missionary generation," they are limp-wristed brats. They are two generations of baristas, hairdressers, and social-media influencers, aka gossip columnists. Parents must be willing to confront their wayward children, in a last-ditch attempt to help them grow-up. If not, socialism will descend upon America.

"It is self-destructive for any society to create a situation where a baby who is born into the world today automatically has pre-existing grievances against another baby born at the same time, because of what their ancestors did centuries ago. It is hard enough to solve our own problems, without trying to solve our ancestors' problems."

- Thomas Sowell

GOVERNMENT CIRCUS

Voters *cont. from page 1*

for oversight are involved in the fraud. The indefensible dereliction of duty by Congress would never have been exposed without the election of Donald Trump, a disruptor. His disregard for revered institutions and "the way things are done" in Washington is blowing things wide open on many fronts at the behest of the voters who elected him.

The Federal Government collects $4.9 trillion from the American people every year. Most of it comes in the form of taxes with nearly half (49%) as individual income tax. Payroll tax (Social Security and Medicare) makes up another 35% and corporate income tax about 11%.

According to the Economic Policy Innovation Center (EPIC), an organization that does research for practical policy solutions and provides educational resources to Federal policy makers, welfare comprises 20% of annual Federal spending and is one of the largest categories in the Federal budget. In 2019, a year for which EPIC provided data, the Federal government spent $955 billion on 83 programs for low-income people. In the absence of evidence to the contrary, we can assume that welfare spending, and all government spending, is rife with fraud. The Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) initiative uncovered mountains of waste, fraud and abuse before hitting the brick wall erected by career politicians and deep state actors who like things just the way they are.

What We Know About the Minnesota Fraud

The Biden administration flooded the country will "relief" funding of all sorts during the COVID pandemic. It has been known for several years that large scale theft occurred from child nutrition, housing, child care, and autism programs in Minnesota during COVID-19, but it was largely suppressed by the national media and kept out of view of the public at large.

Prosecutions for the fraud have been in process since 2022 and continued into 2025. Nearly 100 have been charged with the crimes and most have already been convicted. Most are members of the Somali population in Minnesota and, pulling right from the liberal playbook, Governor Tim Walz called Trump's criticism of the Somali criminals "vile, racist lies and slander toward our fellow Minnesotans". There is nothing racist about reacting with anger to the sting of immigrants who were welcomed here to build a better life for themselves defrauding those who welcomed them. Walz dropped his reelection bid last week amid the growing scandal. It remains to be seen how deeply he is entangled in the fraud. It's chilling to think if the Democrats had prevailed, he would be the Vice President.

It took the aggressive journalism of a YouTube videographer by the name of Nick Shirley to blow the scheme wide open when he went to a number of fake child care centers under the guise of wanting to enroll his child. It was immediately obvious these were shell entities with no children enrolled. The childcare fraudsters have received more than $6 million in Federal funding. Once Shirley's video hit social media, the fraud could no longer be suppressed. CBS broke its silence with a "news review" reporting that the defendants spent the money on cars, property, and luxury travel and wired millions to overseas accounts. CNN was forced to cover the story but could not resist adding that there are those who say this is just another attempt of the Trump administration to cast a bad light on Somali immigrants.

In Minnesota, fake not-for-profit organizations were created and falsified invoices for enrollments, meal counts, or whatever services were supposed to be provided were used to bilk the Government. It is projected that the fraud may top $9 billion. Federal prosecutors are describing it as "industrial scale fraud".

Wisconsin Has Its Own Problems

Last fall when the Democrats forced a government shutdown, Americans were shocked to learn that nearly 42 million people (more than 12% of the population) receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits to help pay for their food every month. The number of people receiving assistance has more than doubled since 2000.



This program is administered by the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) which provides more than $100 billion to the states for direct food assistance and the administrative costs of running the program.

The spotlight the shutdown shined on SNAP prompted the Trump administration to undertake an audit of the program for fraud and abuse. In Wisconsin, the SNAP program is called Food Share. It has about 700,000 enrollees and it receives $1.5 billion in Federal funding.

The USDA requested information about program recipients from Wisconsin and was refused by Governor Evers who argued the request for sensitive data is an attempt to cut the program and a violation of privacy of the enrollees. Attorney General Josh Kaul joined multiple states in a lawsuit to block the Government's data collection. In an interview, asked why he would not share Wisconsin's data with the Federal program administrator Evers responded that the data is analyzed every year and "we feel confident in it."

Rather than the strong pressure that should have been exerted by Robin Vos, Assembly Speaker, Devin LeMahieu, Senate Leader, and other elected Republicans on the Evers administration to cooperate with the audit and verify for the people of Wisconsin that proper checks are in place, we heard nothing…until last Sunday when an article in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel carried a glowing report of the cooperation between the Republicans and Governor Evers, who are working to comply with changes the Big Beautiful Bill is making to the SNAP program. Their focus is on protecting Wisconsin's Federal funding. Instead of focusing on why Welfare has become a way of life for so many Wisconsin residents and developing a plan to move them to self-sufficiency, Tony Evers has proposed $70 million to create new positions at the state level to make sure food assistance payments are accurate and avoid penalties being imposed by the Federal government if they are not. Robin Vos appears to be very pleased with the plan.

Last December, the Wisconsin Elections Commission (WEC) refused a second demand from the Department of Justice (DOJ) for the state's full Voter Registration List. The DOJ's purpose is to assess states' voter registration lists for proper maintenance and compliance with Federal law. We know with more than 8.2 million names on the Wisconsin Voter Registration List, and more than 4 million of them ineligible to vote, the List is not properly maintained. The WEC's excuses to the DOJ were Wisconsin law explicitly prevents the Commission from sharing the personal information of voters and Wisconsin law requires a fee of $12,500 to share the Voter Registration List.

Wisconsin lawmakers obviously never intended the laws protecting the information of Wisconsin voters to interfere with legitimate audits of regulatory compliance. The aggressive action we should have expected from Vos, LeMahieu, and the rest of the elected Republicans, demanding cooperation with the Federal audit and figuring out how to get it, never materialized.

Verifiability is Not Just About Elections

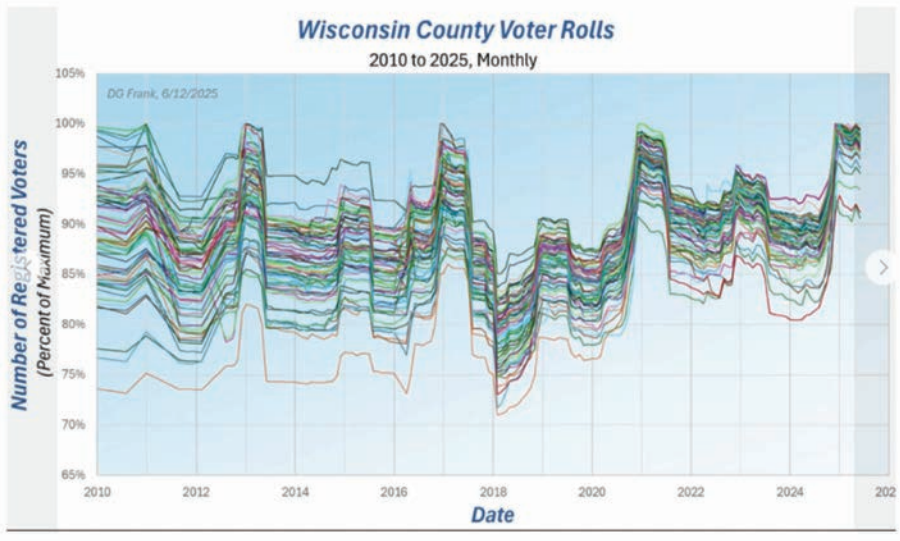
The connections among these seemingly unrelated occurrences are too important to miss. Elected officials in Congress and all across our state spout hollow platitudes about the importance of transparent government, but strenuously resist efforts to make our election results and how our money is spent verifiable to the people.

The year since Donald Trump's election has exposed that government performance has degenerated to a level even lower than we realized. Unchecked corruption and incompetence are impeding good government. Career politicians have replaced citizen legislators and the media is corrupt. Many changes will be required to restore a government that is worthy of the freest people in the greatest country in the world. Our vote is the most powerful tool we have to exert our collective will and the Minnesota fraud has reinforced that when money and power are on the line, there are always people who will cheat if they can. Our ability to verify that election results accurately reflect the will of the people must be the solid foundation for every other change we will undertake. Our unrelenting insistence on verifiable elections, in which every vote cast can be tied to an eligible voter, is the most important first step on the long road ahead. Intent on taking our country back state by state, and fueled by the wrath of people who will not settle, we can and must make 2026 a year for the voters.

HOT GOVERNMENT **HOT JACK**

Proof of Election Stealing

For 5 years the **Election Fraud Deniers** have been placing their hands over their ears and screaming, "Where's the PROOF?" Well, IMHO, here it is.



The above chart shows the number or registered voters in Wisconsin BY COUNTY. Yes, every county. Do you notice the dramatic changes in the numbers just BEFORE and just AFTER elections? If this were occurring in JUST ONE county, say Milwaukee, Dane or Racine, this would be incredibly suspicious. You'd think that something fishy was going on. But when it occurs in EVERY COUNTY AT THE SAME TIMES, YEAR AFTER YEAR, it screams that someone is doing their best to FIX YOUR ELECTIONS. And FIX them they have.

This is not new information. Dr. Douglas Frank has had this chart out there for quite a while. But no one in a position of power wants to do anything but ignore it. We know why "certain" elected officials ignore the data. They benefit from the fixing. What will be interesting is how it will play in the upcoming Gubernatorial Election. Will the Honest Candidates make Election Cheating their Number One Issue, or will they be CHEATED out of victory?

PS: You might want to ask Dr. Frank if Wisconsin is the ONLY state where this exact pattern occurs. He has the data. The answer isn't surprising, but it is disturbing.

Fabricated Fear: Finance Invents "Climate Risk" Without Science

By Roger Pielke Jr.
Original article: https://rogerpielkejr.substack.com/p/how-the-financial-system-invented

Ten Key Bullet Points

1 The Oxford Climate Journalism Network's flagship six-month course, training about 800 journalists to advance climate narratives, halts in January 2026 due to waning interest.

2 Funded by foundations, it promoted linking weather events to human activity but faced criticism as indoctrination.

3 Public fatigue stems from unfulfilled alarmist predictions and growing recognition of CO2 benefits like planetary greening.

4 US climate media coverage dropped 25% in 2024, signaling broader skepticism.

5 The closure reflects a shift away from constant alarmism toward realism.

6 The financial system defines "climate risk" as a novel threat to global stability. They invented this term.

7 This concept surged post-2015 Carney speech and Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) creation.

8 Physical "climate risk" claims rely on rising economic losses from disasters. We have more to lose now compared to 50 years ago. So losses are bigger with each event.

Truth comment: If a natural disaster hits either of these cities there is so much more to lose now. Yet, there are more people purchasing insurance to cover the costs. This has happened to cities all over the world. And there is more to lose in the countryside too. Prosperity is good, and with more wealth, there is more to lose to nature.

9 Finance dismisses historical data as irrelevant due to alleged accelerations. In fact there is no trend in increasing disasters.

10 No mainstream climate science supports a distinct new "climate risk" category.



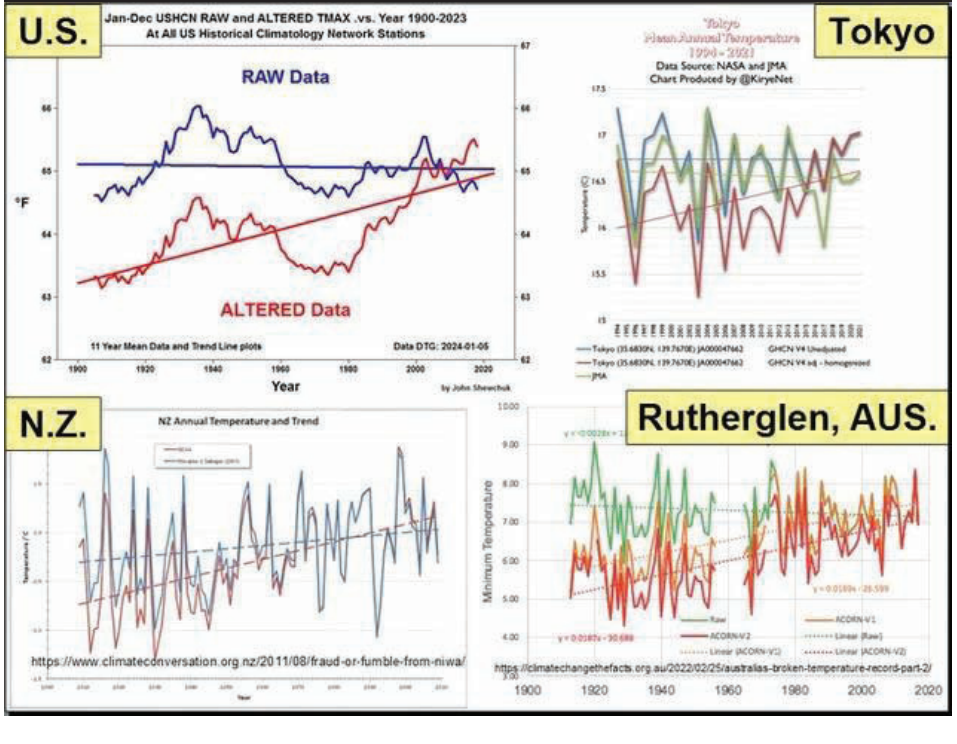


Spot the difference, note the clock tower in both photos, 26 years apart. Source: theatlantic.com

You can get more energy and climate information at: https://truthinenergyandclimate.com/



Fact of the day: The temperature record keepers around the world have adjusted the temperatures. They cooled the past and warmed the present, post 2008. Without the adjustments they have a lot of trouble for their alarmist narratives. Also, all around the western world they have been closing about 1/3 of their temperature stations and making up the temperature. No kidding. They really do.



Short Takes

By Ken Van Doren

"Indeed, I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just."
- Thomas Jefferson

"Democracy passes into despotism.
Plato

"Among the many misdeeds of the British rule in India, history will look upon the act of depriving a whole nation of arms as the blackest.
- Mahatma Gandhi

"Is life so dear or peace so sweet as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? For bid it Almighty God. I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty or give me de ath." - Patrick Henry 1799

"We admit of no government by divine right....the only legitimate right to govern is an express grant of power from the governed."
- William Henry Harrison 1841

"The concentration of power precedes the destruction of liberties."
- Woodrow Wilson

"We are not fighting so that you will offer us something. We are fighting to destroy you." - Hussein Massaui

"To be prepared for war is one of the most effectual means of preserving the peace. - George Washington

We cannot put off living until we are ready. -Jose Ortega y Gasset

Achild of five would understand this. Send someone to fetch a child of five.
-Groucho Marx

I can live without money, but I cannot live without love. -Judy Garland

The person who can bring the spirit of laughter into a room is indeed blessed.
-Bennett Cerf

An original artist is unable to copy. So he has only to copy in order to be original. -Jean Cocteau

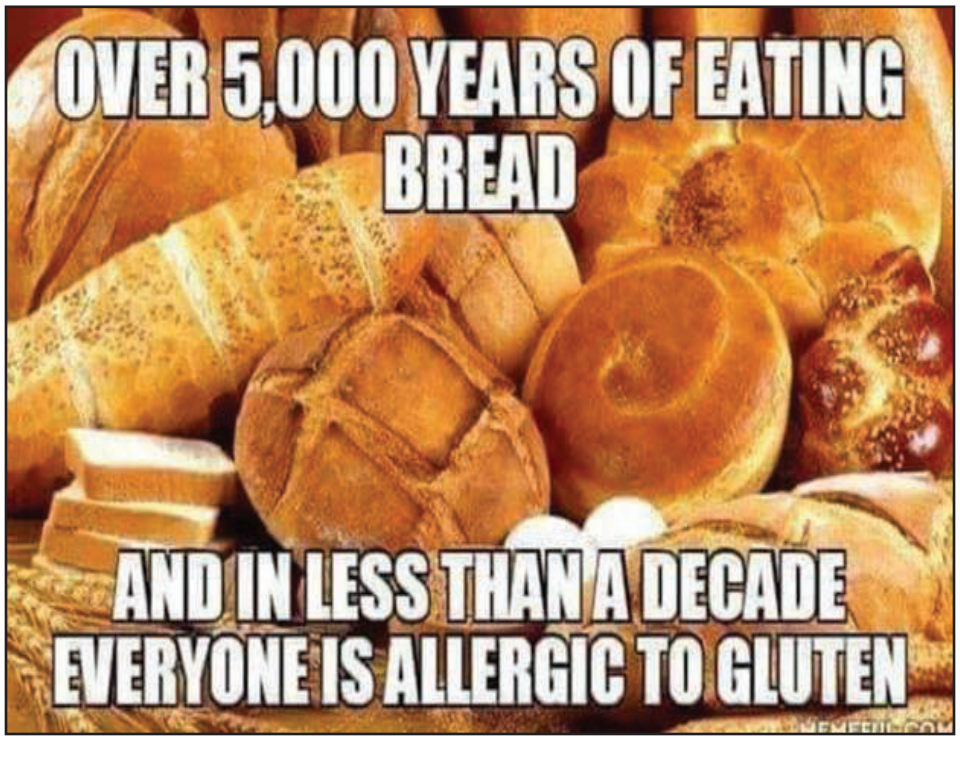
Defeat may serve as well as victory to shake the soul and let the glory out.
-Edwin Markham

If people think nature is their friend, then they sure don't need an enemy. -Kurt Vonnegut

There are three things you can do in a baseball game. You can win, or you can lose, or it can rain.
-Casey Stengel

Wisdom to Live By

"Anti-social behavior is a trait of intelligence in a world full of conformists." ~ Nikola Tesla

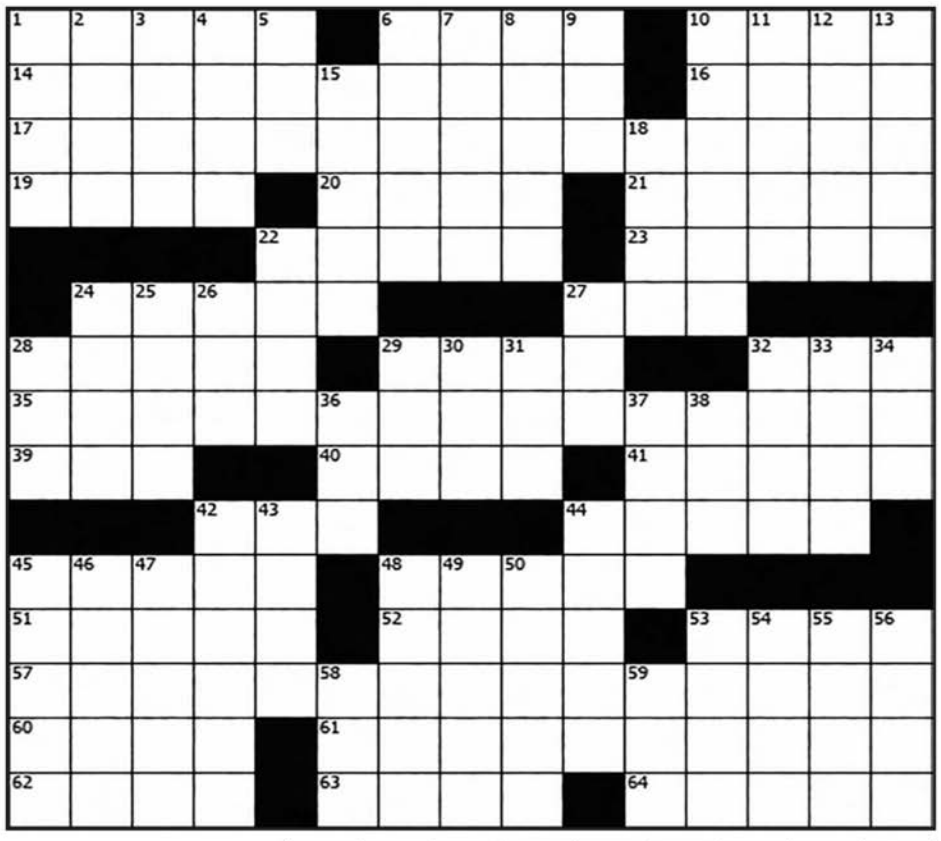


THE GAME PAGE

Crossword Puzzler

ACROSS
1. Heighten
6. Classic TV monkey
10. One of a campus couple
14. A happening that happens to happen
16. Magazine fodder
17. Where "Survivor" Tribal Council meetings are held?
19. Exxon competitor
20. Down in the mouth look
21. "Animal House" role
22. Prerecorded
23. Checks out the joint
24. Learn the ropes
27. Related group
28. Sawyer of note
29. Stat in baseball and hockey
32. Small or chicken
35. Investigation into the death of a famous writer?
39. Tournament term
40. Printer's primary color
41. Enticed
42. One in a battle scene
44. Spiteful
45. Bob Cratchit's occupation
48. Battle lineup
51. Pis ___ (the last resort)
52. It starts most MGM films
53. Frost, for one
57. Honor for the top cooking school graduate?
60. Send forth
61. Mixtures of unrelated objects
62. It ends at the pins
63. Completely blows away
64. Notable exploits

DOWN
1. Popular IRA
2. Hurt all over
3. Seals, as a victory
4. Has dinner
5. Prove one's humanity
6. Thelonious Monk's music
7. Follow as a result
8. Took measures
9. Antique auto
10. Lounger's cover-up
11. Leaves somthing out
12. Seacrest on "American Idol," e.g.
13. Idlers' opposites
15. Kind of candle
18. Centers of activity
22. Stadium level
24. Like some profits
25. Fly off the handle
26. Santa ___ winds
27. He's a real doll
28. Society girl
29. Kind of dog
30. Menu phrase
31. It may move you
32. Sweet wine
33. Word in traditional wedding vows
34. Marked the spot
36. Unreturnable serve
37. It makes Jack less dull
38. Common place to get stuck
42. Band that covered "Bizarre Love Triangle"
43. Relative of hibiscus
44. ___ loading (marathoner's prep)
45. Ship of the desert
46. Zoo mate of 45-Down
47. Basketball legend Baylor
48. Exemplar of straightness
49. Postal worker's path
50. They comply with the ADA
53. Strip a Granny Smith?
54. Not yours or mine, yet both
55. Polish a story, e.g.
56. Tracy nee Trueheart
58. No. cruncher
59. Big palooka



Answers on page 19

Soduko

Fill in the blank squares so that each row, each column and each 3-by-3 block contain all of the digits 1 thru 9.

			6		9			
	7	3		5		6	9	
6	9						1	5
		4		8	6	3		
	1						4	
		9	4	1		2		
4	2						3	9
	3	6		9		4	8	
			1		3			

Answers on page 18

Here's to Our Health!

By Joan Ellis Beglinger

For months members of Congress have been pointing fingers at each other and trying to generate hysteria over the "health care crisis" expected on January 1 when astronomical rate increases go into effect for most private sector health insurance plans. Market place filings suggest the median increase will be 18% on the Affordable Care Act (ACA) marketplace with employer-based plans and small business plans rising 10% or more. Americans all across the country are in sticker shock as they get the first looks at their insurance premium increases. Many will pay thousands of dollars more for health insurance or drop their coverage altogether.

Democrats have tried to make the government insurance subsidies, which were increased during COVID for 22 million people and set to expire on December 31, the focal point of the debate, though all Americans who have private insurance plans are being hurt by these increases. The Democrats were willing to shut down the government on October 1 because the extreme liberals in their base want them to fight! Fight! Fight! against everything that Donald Trump says or does. For 43 days, the longest shut-down in history, members of both Parties jockeyed for time in front of media cameras to explain why the other guys are the real villains. They inflicted real harm on millions of Americans and, in the end, nothing of substance had changed. (With Gross Domestic Product (GDP) far above expectations in November and inflation trending down, expect the Democrats to try to shut down government again at the end of January. A strong economic recovery will not be good for their midterm chances and they would rather hurt Americans than lose elections).

With January 1 right around the corner and anxious Americans watching and waiting to see if any relief would be coming, Congress made its next bold move. They closed up shop on December 19 and headed home for the holidays. They won't be back until early January, confirming that the growing contempt of the American people for the members of Congress in both Parties is well-deserved.

The Magnitude of the Healthcare Problem

The bureaucratic monstrosity that we call a health care delivery system developed under the noses of our legislators over many decades and is the product of ineptitude and corruption. It is a disgrace that the greatest medical know-how and technology in world is delivered ineffectively and at a cost that is breaking the American people. Congress is not going to "fix" this.

The American people should calibrate their expectations using the recent experience from the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) initiative. When bureaucracies grow in size and complexity to the extent we see in the Federal Government and in health care, there is tremendous, almost insurmountable, resistance to change. The private sector professionals Trump brought in to eliminate waste, fraud, and abuse in government had track records second to none in producing results. Yet they were severely limited in what they could accomplish by the massive pushback from insiders, allies in Congress and the media.

Most members of Congress know little, if anything, about producing real results of any kind in the private sector or elsewhere. Couple their ineptitude with the massive payoffs they have been accepting from the health care industry in the form of lobbying and campaign contributions for years and it becomes clear Congress is not capable of meaningful health care reform. If they make the foolish mistake of trying to reconceptualize the entire system, health care bureaucrats will rest easy. The system is entrenched and largely immovable.

In 2010, the ACA was signed into law. At that time total health care spending was about $2.6 trillion each year. Today, it is expected to exceed $5 trillion. Analyses have shown that the increase in spending is driven by pricing, not some dramatic change in how Americans are utilizing health services. The Affordable Care Act did nothing to make care affordable and was about as aptly named as the more recent Inflation Reduction Act.

Enter the Master of the Art of the Deal

Donald Trump spent most of his adult life in private sector real estate. He's a builder. He came to the Presidency with the skills he learned working in an environment where you either produce value for your customers or your competition eats you for lunch. Seeing possibilities where others see none is a hallmark of successful entrepreneurs and Trump came to office viewing the workings of government through the lens of someone who sees opportunities and knows how to produce results.

Last May, Trump put pharmaceutical companies on notice that he expected them to provide their drugs to the American people at the lowest prices being paid by any developed country. He called this most favored nation (MFN) pricing and gave them until September to commit. He used the threat of tariffs to motivate their cooperation. This move was necessary because Presidents and members of Congress over many years have allowed the American people to be saddled with all of the costs of research in the pharmaceutical industry and tolerated prices that are astoundingly higher than the same drugs in other countries.

On December 19, Trump held a press conference with the Chiefs of 9 of the largest pharmaceutical companies in the world to announce they had reached agreements on most favored nation status. This was the second conference of its kind and brought the number of companies on board to 14. Trump signaled more companies will be announcing before the year ends.

Their commitments will be extremely consequential for the American people.

Among the examples of price reductions were a cholesterol lowering drug going from $573 to $239; an HIV medicine going from $1,449 to $217; a diabetes medication going from $525 to $55; an asthma inhaler going from $265 to $89; and the "blood thinner" Plavix going from $756 to $16.

President Trump is also developing a website called Trump Rx, through which patients will be connected directly with the lowest priced provider of the medications they are taking. This will cut "middle men" out of the process. The site is scheduled to be operational in January.

The 9 companies participating in the announcement with Trump have collectively committed to $150 billion in investments in manufacturing their products in the United States. One of the participating companies has 9 new manufacturing plants in the works. Ground has already been broken on 7 of them.

Finally, and very significant to our security, these pharmaceutical companies have agreed to stockpile the active ingredients for key products in a Strategic Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient Reserve (SAPIR) to protect Americans from having to rely on foreign sources for key drugs in the event of a future national emergency.

It will not surprise anyone to learn that very few media outlets covered the press conference announcing these agreements live. Coverage has been shamefully sparse to non-existent since. In one news report, the anchor informed the viewing audience that "experts" are skeptical whether these agreements will have much impact. We didn't hear any such reservations expressed when Joe Biden and Kamala Harris were touting negotiating discounts on 10 drugs. Prescription drugs are estimated at 10% of total healthcare spending or $500 billion. If American journalists were ethical, they would follow the truth where it leads and we would have serious investigative reporting; objectively analyzing the impact of MFN pricing on specific drugs. For example, comparing a list of the top drugs by usage and by cost to determine what Americans are currently paying and what the reduction to most favored nation pricing will mean in real terms.

A Glimpse at Trump's Next Strategic Target for Those Who Are Paying Attention

During the news conference, Trump casually remarked that the insurance company profits are interfering with affordable health care for the American people. He suggested he will convene a meeting of the major insurance companies within weeks and is certain that, like the pharmaceutical companies, they will reduce premiums to contribute their part in making health care affordable. Private sector health care insurance accounts for about 33% of total health care spending or $1.65 trillion. In previous writing, I have suggested that our strong preference for capitalism with its competition and free markets is going to have to be tempered when Americans are dependent on some industries for their very existence. Governing Boards and Executives of health care insurance companies need to put concern for the American people's access to health care over concern for shareholder earnings. This will not interfere with our basic economic principles. Ethics supersede profitability and ethical companies do what is right.

Liberal ideology supports a single payor government run health insurance system. There are more than a few Democrats in Congress who would jump at the chance to eliminate the private health insurance industry altogether. The industry leaders' desire to survive will serve as strong motivation for them to cooperate with Trump on reducing expense for the American people.

My Money is on Trump

Trump approaches problems that need to be fixed from the vantage point of someone who sees opportunities and knows how to get things done. Congress is steeped in bureaucracy and mired down in "how things work in Washington". Anyone who is paying attention can see that Trump is segmenting the work into manageable parts. He is making changes that will translate into real savings for the American people. He has recruited a capable team with the expertise and sense of urgency to produce results. If his next move is working with the insurance industry, he will have 43% of health care spending in play. The media won't provide us factual information on the work Trump is doing but the White House is publishing Fact Sheets on all of this work that will keep us informed.

If I were a betting woman, my money would be on Trump. I expect him to sidestep Congress while they bicker, pander, and accomplish nothing to spearhead real improvements in the American health care system. As we enter this New Year full of optimism and determination to make America great again, here's to our health!

Happy New Year!

Biomass Energy: A Subsidy-Driven Failure for Climate and Wildfires

By Truth in Energy and Climate.com

Original article: https://rclutz.com/2025/12/23/biomass-energy-exorbitant-destructive-and-pointless/

Five Bullet Points

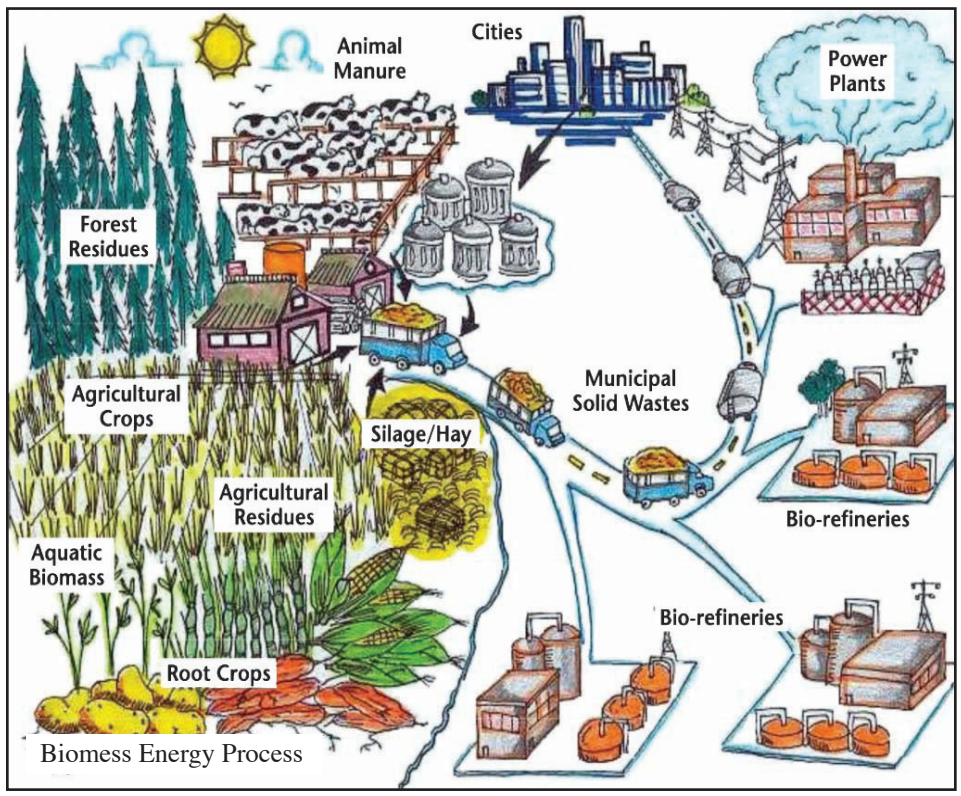
1 Biomass electricity in California costs four times the average, heavily subsidized, yet polluting more than coal at the source.

2 Facilities emit toxic contaminants, disproportionately affecting low-income and minority communities.

3 Claims of wildfire risk reduction via thinning are disputed, as it can harm ecosystems and fail against intense fires.

4 Better alternatives include using wood for mulch, habitat, or carbon storage instead of burning.

5 Subsidies like BioMAT are criticized and poised for potential end.



Biomess Energy Process

CFACT

Our Mission...

At the heart of CFACT, our goal is to enhance the fruitfulness of the earth and all of its inhabitants. CFACT accomplishes this through four main strategies:

Prospering Lives. CFACT works to help people find better ways to provide for food, water, energy and other essential human services.

Promoting Progress. CFACT advocates the use of safe, affordable technologies and the pursuit of economic policies that reduce pollution and waste, and maximize the use of resources.

Protecting the Earth. CFACT helps protect the earth through wise stewardship of the land and its wildlife.

Providing Education. CFACT educates various sectors of the public about important facts and practical solutions regarding environmental concerns.

Stay Informed...

Listen to Podcasts or join our email newsletter

Visit
www.cfact.org/podcasts/
or
www.cfact.org/about/stay-informed/

Our Staff

Craig Rucker
President and Co-Founder

Marc Morano
Director of Communications

Christina Norman
Director of Development

Paul Driessen
Senior Policy Advisor

Adam Houser
National Collegians Director

Become A Truth Warrior- Donate Monthly

Give Securely Online at
www.cfact.org/donate

CFACT
Committee for a Constructive Tomorrow
1717 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Suite 1025
Washington. DC 20006

www.CFact.org



Win for CFACT as Trump halts all significant offshore wind projects

By Craig Rucker

Santa brought CFACT's present early when he chucked a massive lump of coal smack-dab into Dominion Energy's stocking.

The Trump Administration announced today that it is halting all construction of significant offshore wind projects including Vineyard Wind 1, Revolution Wind, Sunrise Wind, Empire Wind 1, and Dominion's Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind.

The Virginia wind farm was slated to be the "largest project of its kind in the U.S."

CFACT's friends and supporters know that CFACT brought legal action against Dominion Energy in March, 2024, to protect endangered right whales and other species from potential harm from Dominion's gigantic Virginia wind farm.

In addition, CFACT sounded the alarm warning of the threats offshore wind poses to national security.

The Trump Administration is so concerned about offshore wind's national security threat that it took action today.

"The prime duty of the United States government is to protect the American people," said Secretary of the Interior Doug Burgum. "Today's action addresses emerging national security risks, including the rapid evolution of the relevant adversary technologies, and the vulnerabilities created by large-scale offshore wind projects with proximity near our east coast population centers. The Trump administration will always prioritize the security of the American people."

Shares of Dominion Energy and Denmark's Ørsted, which erects wind turbines, both took a serious tumble.

This action is a major victory for American energy and the American process, as well as for the environment and fisheries.

CFACT and our allies, including the Heartland Institute and the National Legal Policy Center, worked tirelessly to ensure this happened.

Thank you, President Trump, for defending our coasts and bringing a little Christmas cheer to American consumers, and to those of us working to protect endangered whales and advocating for sensible U.S. energy policy.

Countrysides *cont. from page 1*

This opposition is not only an American phenomenon. French and other European towns are also raising concerns, as are others around the world.

A recurrent sales pitch is that wind and solar power costs are declining and are now lower than coal, gas or nuclear electricity, ensuring lower prices for consumers. The claims leave out important but studiously unmentioned costs – economic, environmental and human.

"Save with renewable energy" promotions typically look only at initial costs associated with installing wind turbines and solar panels – which often come from China and are manufactured with cheap labor, using materials extracted with child labor, in mines and facilities with minimal or no workplace safety operating duplicative backup systems: coal- or gas-fired power plants that must operate full-time at low throttle and go full-bore whenever wind and sunshine are inadequate. Or the mining and pollution involved in manufacturing all these technologies.

Grid-scale backup batteries cost tens of billions of dollars and carry significant fire and toxic emission risks, as with the 300-megawatt battery inferno at Moss Landing, California.

Offshore oceanic wind turbines must be replaced frequently, due to salt spray and storms. Hailstorms can destroy entire solar panel installations. The trillions of dollars keep adding up.

High-voltage transmission lines, often hundreds of miles long, cost $1-8 million per mile – for concrete, power lines, transformers, towers 50-200 feet tall, and warehouses of other equipment.

No wonder states and countries obsessed over climate cataclysms, net zero, and wind and solar have outrageous electricity rates. Germany now has the developed world's highest domestic electricity prices; Britan has its highest industrial rates. Average prices for Europe's heavy industries are double those in the United States. US states heavily reliant on wind and solar likewise pay exorbitant prices.

When families cannot afford electricity or gas, their homes are frigid and thousands die every winter from illnesses they would survive if they had proper heat.

Even France – which generates two-thirds of its electricity with nuclear power and leads Europe and the world in this regard – is betting big on solar, plus some wind. President Emmanuel Macron's government intends to install millions of solar panels on "wastelands" and along freeways, and still "protect the beauty of our landscapes."

The French Parliament has mandated that parking lots larger than 1,500 square meters (16,145 square feet; 80 vehicles) be 50% covered with solar panels. The government claims this electricity will equal the output of ten nuclear power plants producing a total of 10 Gigawatts on about 13 square miles of land.

It's a fantastical assertion.

A 1-GW solar installation requires 4,000-5000 acres (6-8 sq. mi.), so ten will cover roughly 70 square miles. That's nearly twice the land area of Paris, if entire parking lots are covered by panels. Can there possibly be that many appropriately sized outdoor lots in France?

Moreover, actually generating Gigawatts with photovoltaic solar requires – sunlight! France averages about 2,000 hours a year (23% of total annual hours). So legislators will have to conjure up many more parking lots covered in solar panels. Or compel the sun to shine longer and brighter.

Unless France builds more coal and gas power plants, it will also have to spend tens of billions of euros to install hundreds of thousands of grid-scale batteries, to store much of that electricity for nighttime and cloudy-day needs, diverting electricity from homes to batteries.

Perhaps the Macron government recognizes these obstacles. It's blanketing, not just roadsides, "wastelands" and parking lots, but farmlands, meadows and forests all over France.

Seventeen solar projects are being fast-tracked in the Lot River Valley region alone. Macron officials are having thousands of trees chopped down there to "plant" Chinese solar panels next to the Causses du Quercy regional natural park, home to Saint Cirq Lapopie – France's "most beautiful village."

Tourists come to the Lot Valley to enjoy its stunning cliffs, historic villages, vineyards, superb cuisine and outdoor activities – not to see wind turbines, solar panels, battery "farms" and transmission lines.

But when national governments make "climate stabilization" and "saving the planet" their top priority, destroying villages, scenery, croplands and habitats becomes a minor inconvenience. So does the fact that much of the pseudo-sustainable electricity will likely be exported to Belgium, Switzerland and CERN – or to Spain during its next massive blackout.

The German government even bulldozes ancient villages to mine dirty, low-quality lignite coal, because it opposes nuclear power plants … and refuses to frack for natural gas for backup power.

This craziness could be coming to your neighborhood, as governments commit varying degrees of environmental vandalism and economic suicide in pursuit of solutions to the imaginary "climate crisis."

Sometimes a wildly "green" state or provincial government preempts local zoning laws that could otherwise be used to reject wind, solar, battery and transmission line projects, so that "70% green energy by 2030" goals can be met by building in rural areas to serve high-voter urban areas.

Climate-obsessed national governments often act to control local voices and choices in pursuit of "decarbonization" even without being bound by international treaties. However, nations frequently trample on both state and local needs and concerns by signing onto Kyoto and Paris climate agreements that impose "tyranny by treaty" and thereby let unelected, unaccountable international politicians and bureaucrats rule in contravention of national laws and even constitutions.

President Trump took America out of the Paris climate pact, President Biden put it back in, and Trump 47 removed the US again in 2025. The cycle could repeat at the national or state level, as elections install new governments. Virginia is already finding that out, as its Clean Economy Act gets a "progressive" political power boost, though Trump just suspended its offshore wind project.

Voters and ratepayers need to wake up to these realities – and vote ideologues out of power before they destroy the planet in misguided attempts to save it.

Paul Driessen is senior policy analyst for the Committee For A Constructive Tomorrow (www.CFACT.org) and author of books and articles on energy, climate change and human rights. Special thanks to researcher T.H. Platt, author of The Dark Side of Hunger Mountain, for assisting with this article.



Crime Ideology *cont. from page 1*

crimes, have returned. The Truth-in-Sentencing (TiS) revolution from 30 years ago has been significantly rolled back. The Left has run an attack campaign for decades, calling the criminal justice system broken and insulting it as the prison-industrial complex or the carceral state, and calling for its abolishment. Their mass incarceration fiction campaigns hide the facts, and their published histories omit the 1960s. Leftists talk endlessly about incarceration without ever mentioning that the crime came years before and is much higher.

Leftists dominate the internet with fiction. The progressive disinformation industry is not the Democrat Party or the partisan news media. It consists of hundreds of other organizations spending $100s of millions, perhaps $billions a year. Their mission statements show they are as insanely radical as ever. But today they are richer, more entrenched, and their propaganda libraries are massive. A search of 'incarceration' at just one organization website brings up links to over 400 articles tagged 'End Mass Incarceration.' These organizations codify leftist ideology for Democrat candidates who pretend to be moderates, but undercut traditional criminal justice at every opportunity once in office.

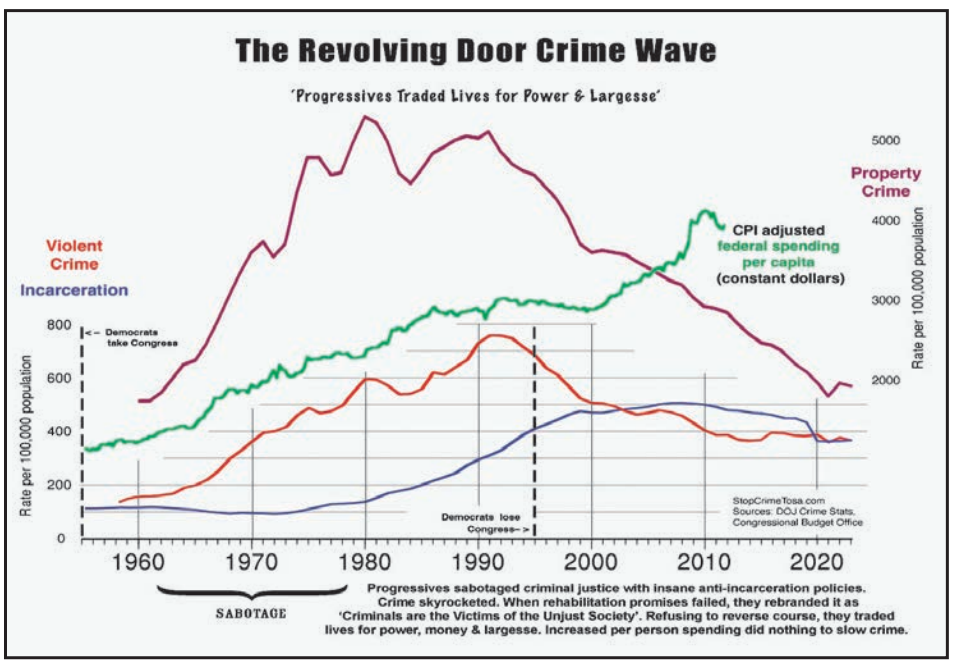
A DC judge released the thugs who beat up a DOGE worker, saying that rehabilitation is her concern. This is straight out of the 1960s Revolving Door Crime Wave failures, caused by leftists claiming that they could rehabilitate criminals on the fly. Deliberate incarceration cuts were made year after year and their catastrophic effects are clear to see in objective graph data. Yet that empirical historical evidence is not brought to the fight. In New York City, Zohran Mamdani says the social safety net has failed, and they must shift money. That path has been taken before, resulting in 40 years of spectacular disaster. With their control of Congress starting in 1955, the Democrats started the biggest crime explosion. Massively increased social spending was matched by skyrocketing crime for decades. Social spending does not even slow crime down, yet conservatives do not step forward with the historical proof.

Republican campaigns are predictable. They back the badge, support law and order, promise safe streets, propose new legislation, highlight some terrible crimes, ask for donations, and knock on doors. But these campaigns continually fail with people indoctrinated in leftist ideology. Republicans claim history is unimportant and ineffective for campaigns. So in their absence, the Left have been free to run their own slanted crime history fiction for years.

In the October 2025 Imprimis, New York Post columnist Miranda Devine writes "Lawlessness is a Choice." She rips leftist policies but objective historical evidence is not offered. Instead she perpetuates the myth that Rudy Giuliani's enforcement of minor offenses is the key to fixing crime. As a prosecutor Giuliani used RICO laws to smash the mob, as mayor he got the police to do their jobs, and he deserves those accolades. However, crime was falling two years before Giuliani became mayor. A Truth-in-Sentencing (TiS) revolution, largely undocumented except here, was sweeping the country. The federal TiS law was the tip of the iceberg because every state also needed TiS. These laws were the tip of an even bigger iceberg, because at least seven categories of law also needed reforms; probation, parole, pretrial detention, early release, recreational drug use, three-strikes, and crime asset seizures. Giuliani became mayor in 1993, the federal TiS became law in 1994, New York state passed TiS laws in 1995 and 1998. The whole country was riding a TiS revolution and seeing crime fall; and Giuliani benefited directly from three TiS laws.

Hundreds of new laws were required because the Left is at war with the criminal justice system, and yet Republicans say nothing about it. Instead they push a silly myth that arresting turnstile jumpers and a dubious idea that the perception of order in New York City, caused crime to magically fall across the entire country. Republicans did not successfully defend the TiS revolution, which has contributed to the rolling back of these effective laws. Republicans fail to keep us safe, because they fail to win enough elections, because they message poorly. The website StopCrimeTosa.com documents crime history with objective, easy to understand graphs, and in nationally published articles.

Chris Kemble has written crime history for MacIver Institute, Federalist Society, Conservative Digest, Reality News, Canada Free Press, Wisconsin Interest, and American Thinker.



Bethany MaGee

"Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man." Genesis 9:6

By Riley J. Hood

On November 26th, 2025, I was sent an email by Jarrett Stepman, "A young woman is fighting for her life in Chicago with severe burns because of a grave injustice intolerably common in cities across America." Bethany MaGee, 26 years of age from Upland Indiana was attacked on the CTA Blue Line train, on November 17th.

She was lit on fire by Lawrence Reed, a 50yr-old career criminal. The New York Post reports that he was arrested 72 times, and convicted 15 times. Including an aggravated arson conviction in April 2020, for which he served no jail time. He doused her with gasoline, lit her on fire, and to quote Stepman, "He reportedly yelled out burn alive bitch."

Of course, the socialist thinks Mr. Reed is a cuddly teddy-bear, and his violence is caused by other people. The Chicago Mayor said, "We can not incarcerate our way out of violence, it is racist, It is immoral, It is unholy." Technically that is correct. The Bible calls for the death penalty for felony crimes, but I'm quite certain that isn't what Mayor has in mind. The Death Penalty may not be perfect, but it cuts down on recidivism.

This isn't just Chicago; an illegal alien attacked a transit rider in the NYC subway last year. A man was recently stabbed on the Charlotte train by an illegal immigrant, and Iryna Zarutska was stabbed to death in the same City's train, earlier this year, by DeCarlos Brown Jr. also a career criminal.

Recently, the North Carolina State Legislature passed Iryna's Law: an effort to crack down on repeat offenders, and leftist/socialist/ politically correct judges who abet the politically correct criminal. It seeks to curtail "bail reform," such as no cash bail. It makes repeat, violent criminals ineligible for a secured bond, and they must pay for a bail bond, or stay in jail. Iryna's Law also states all persons charged with a state crime, "while still residing in or subsequent to his escape or during an unauthorized absence from involuntary commitment in a mental health facility" will not be allowed pretrial release. Under the law, procedures for suspension and removal of judges is also set, and it calls for the revival of the death penalty, which hasn't been enforced in North Carolina for 20 years.

There needs to be a Bethany MaGee law in Chicago, and similar laws in every American city, including here in Milwaukee. It is time to quit calling law enforcement "racist" and dismantling it on the grounds of "disparate impact" which helps no one, other than the criminals themselves. Of course, doctrinaire socialists will have to be dragged kicking and screaming into reality. States can override "sanctuary cities," sanctuaries for criminals, by passing proper laws, they can even remove a rogue city's Municipal Charter. Remember Bethany MaGee, remember Laken Riley, and remember Iryna Zarutska.





Eduard Habsburg on why having large families is 'the greatest gift' to the world

By Andreas Wailzer

Former Hungarian Ambassador to the Holy See Eduard Habsburg's newest books tries to give readers a guide on how to have a large, wholesome family in today's anti-family Western World.

In an exclusive interview with LifeSiteNews, Habsburg talked about his latest book, Building a Wholesome Family in a Broken World, in which he gives tips to young singles and married couples on how to go about founding a family. Throughout the book, he draws on examples from his own life of being married for over 30 years and having six children, as well as the lives of his royal ancestors.

Eduard Habsburg-Lothringen is the great-great-great-grandson of Franz Joseph I., who was emperor of the Austro-Hungarian Empire from 1848 until his death in 1916. Habsburg is an author, script writer, and served as Hungary's ambassador to the Holy See from 2015 to 2025.

"Having lots of children is the greatest gift that spouses can make to each other, to their children, and also to society," he told LifeSiteNews.

LifeSiteNews: Dear Archduke Eduard Habsburg, thank you for taking the time for this interview with LifeSiteNews. Your latest book is called Building a Wholesome Family in a Broken World. What is the book about, and why did you decide to write it?

Archduke Eduard Habsburg: For several years, I have been a scriptwriter, and there is one very famous suggestion given to young scriptwriters: "Write what you know." What do I know a lot about, apart from Holy See politics (and monster movies)? Why, family of course. Over 30 years I've been blessed with a wonderful wife, six children and in the meanwhile two grandchildren. Marriage was the greatest decision, the greatest experience of my life.

At the same time, I noticed that most people around me don't have the same experience in their married lives. Many young people don't even seem to know how to go about finding the perfect spouse or founding a happy and wholesome family. So I decided to write a book to help all these people.

LSN: Why do you think it is so important to live chastely before one marries and has kids?

EH: Living chastely before and during marriage is a key ingredient of a happy and long-term, fulfilling marriage. Of course, I am aware that this has become even more difficult today than perhaps ever in history. We are under original sin and broken human beings, but for each of us, the fight for a chaste life should begin ever again. It will enable you to be faithful to your spouse and love him or her for all your life. My father used to say: "Why would you be faithful to your wife in your marriage if you haven't been before your marriage?" And one last word – don't, just don't cohabitate before marriage. Wait for the sacrament to enable you to truly come together.

LSN: Many young Catholics (and non-Catholics) would love to find a spouse, but find it very difficult. Do you recommend Catholic dating apps or other means to find a spouse?

EH: This is a very good question. The kind of spouse I suggest is not exactly easy to find. You won't find somebody with a deep and lived faith, a desire for a large family, a chaste lifestyle in the pub around the corner, or necessarily even in your neighborhood. Still, these are the cornerstones if you want a happy and wholesome family. Catholic dating apps can be a great help. I personally know couples who met on dating apps and are very happy with each other. Another thing I suggest is to go to parishes, pilgrimages, and prayer events where young people go. But I know it is not easy.

LSN: Our world is full of dangers for us Catholics and especially for our children. Aggressively secular school curricula, LGBT ideology, pornography, and drugs, to name just a few. How can we best protect our children, especially if homeschooling is not available due to legal bans or other circumstances?

EH: You are right that school is probably the place where our children are most inundated with all the bad elements that are bound to lead them astray. I have had very good experiences with homeschooling, but if this is not an option, at least try to find a Catholic school that is Catholic and not "Catholic." More importantly, you have to begin very early to talk about all essential topics with your children. Make sure they have the right ideas about family, dating, friendship, and consumerism before they come to school. In all of this, it's very helpful to have a large family and many children. That way, the peer group of your children will be their siblings – and not the pressure groups in school.

LSN: Common worldly wisdom tells us not to have more than two children. Why do you advocate for people to have large families?

EH: I know it sounds like total madness in today's world, but I believe the answer to all relationship and marriage problems, and to most of the ills of our current society, would be numerous families. Having lots of children is the greatest gift that spouses can make to each other, to their children, and also to society. Just one example, a

continued on page 24

Pro-Abortion "Males"

"Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." Ephesians 5:25-27

By Riley J. Hood

In December of 2021, Biden relaxed regulations on abortion drugs. In June of 2022 SCOTUS undermined Roe v Wade in Dobbs v Jackson Women's Health Organization. Dobbs didn't outlaw abortion: it kicked our national curse back to the States. It was maybe a victory for States Rights, but not for the preborn. Six months later, in January of 2023, according to the Alliance Defending Freedom, Biden removed in-person dispensing regulations making mifepristone and other abortion drugs available through the mail. In October of 2023, Rosalie Markezich said she was coerced a "boy-friend," emphasis on boy, who got her pregnant. Two years later, the State of Louisiana and other attorneys are suing the FDA. "If the Biden FDA had not removed in-person dispensing, my then-boyfriend would not have been able to obtain abortion drugs and pressure me to take them against my will," Rosalie said.

In Parker County Texas, Justin Anthony Banta, a 38yr-old millennial was charged with something less than murder, when he spiked his pregnant girlfriend's coffee with an abortion poison. She was rushed to the ER, with severe blood loss, and the baby died. He poisoned his girlfriend; he murdered his child.

On December 18th, 2024, a woman, referred to as Patient1, in Ohio was poisoned by mail order abortion pills, purchased online by her doctor boyfriend. Hassan-James Abbas was a surgical resident at the University of Toledo Medical Center. Abbas separated from his wife in October of 2024, and started humping around with Patient1. On December 7, 2024 she was informed she was pregnant. He pressured her to have an abortion, but she refused.

July 21st of 2025, the Ohio Medical Board questioned Abbas, and found that Hassan admitted to using his estranged wife's contact info without her knowledge to order mifepristone and misoprostol pills. He put the crushed pill powder into hot chocolate and tea. After that, he crushed the pills into powder, held the woman down and forced the powder down her throat. She broke free, and drove to the ER, but she was bleeding heavily, and the baby died. Hospital notes read, "Assault victim (Pt was held down by the neck by sexual partner after telling him she had a positive pregnancy test. Pt states that he forced an unknown substance into her mouth. She shoved and scratched him off her and got away at kitchen)." On November 5th 2025 the OMB unanimously suspended his license.

The University of Toledo Medical Center shared a statement, "Dr. Hassan Abbas, a surgical resident at The University of Toledo, was placed on administrative leave after the State Medical Board of Ohio suspended his license on Wednesday, Nov. 5." WTVG/Gray News-Toledo, Ohio reports, "A Toledo doctor is facing criminal charges and has had his medical license suspended. A Lucas County Grand Jury has indicted him on charges of abduction, tampering with evidence, disrupting public services, unlawful distribution of an abortion-inducing drug, identity fraud and deception to obtain a dangerous drug." I assume this man isn't even in jail right now. He should be executed for murder.

Pro-life groups issued statements calling on the FDA to reinstate regulations restricting mail order pills. These Pro-life groups are more concerned that the woman's consent was violated rather than that their baby was murdered. Currently most Pro-life groups see the woman as the primary victim. Obviously, pill pushers and playboys are loving the current situation.

Now, I will reiterate, that women have the legal power, and for the most part they are not victims, but these women, especially Patient 1, clearly are. So, men, if you are humping around, with a woman who you are not married to you are currently either an adulterer or a fornicator. As a former fornicator, I tell you to use that word regarding yourself, it will force you to repent. It forced me to repent and get married, and stay married. The reason many women cite for murdering their child is lack of support, namely lack of a husband. Men, if you can father a baby, you can grow up. And if you have your child murdered, you are not a man, you were a playboy, and now you are a capital criminal, worse than a pimp or a rapist. Real men are faithful husbands and real men are pro-life.

Catholic seminarians trained by pro-LGBT group in Archdiocese of Madrid

By Gaetano Masciullo

The Archdiocese of Madrid, Spain, recently allowed an LGBT advocacy group to train its seminarians.

A series of pastoral training sessions totaling 12 hours was delivered by the pro-LGBT association CRISMHOM to seminarians of the archdiocese from November 7 to December 5 at the Conciliar Seminary of Madrid, according to an investigation by InfoVaticana.

"According to the testimonies collected, during the session of November 14 the positions of the association were explicitly presented, as well as references to liberation theology as the preferred pastoral framework," InfoVaticana stated.

The sessions were organized under the authority of Cardinal José Cobo Cano, archbishop of Madrid, and were conducted by Jesús Sastre García, a priest of archdiocese identified as "spiritual director" for the association. The training was described as part of the seminary's formal program, and its inclusion has prompted complaints from several deacons.

On its official website, CRISMHOM presents itself as a "Christian LGBTI+H(eterosexual) Community" and as an "Association for Sexual Diversity and Gender Identity." The group describes itself as "ecumenical, autonomous, and non-political" and is currently part of the Federación Española de Lesbianas, Gays, Transexuales y Bisexuales. Its mission is to advocate for the LGBT agenda in society and in churches, and it participates annually in the local "Pride Day."

After the sessions, several deacons reportedly expressed complaints to seminary rector Antonio Secilla, voicing their disagreement with the orientation of the formation they received. Sources say the rector "corrected" the deacons and scheduled a subsequent meeting to address the matter.

Jesús Sastre García, the priest who conducted the sessions, holds a doctorate in theology from the Pontifical University of Salamanca and a master's degree in Human Sexuality, Social Doctrine of the Church, and Bioethics. He has served as a founding member of the Spanish Association of Catechists and has published works on pastoral accompaniment, including material addressing young people with special reference to LGBT individuals.

The Archdiocese of Madrid has previously hosted events featuring testimonies from LGBT families organized with the involvement of CRISMHOM, drawing public attention and discussion.

Cardinal Cobo Cano is known for his progressive theological and pastoral stances and being closely aligned with Pope Francis. He has repeatedly called on the Church to heed "signs of the times," engaging with social issues such as migration, economic inequality, and the role of women in both society and Church ministry.

Cobo Cano has openly supported Fiducia Supplicans, which permits blessings of same-sex couples, and has reprimanded priests in his archdiocese who opposed this measure, describing criticisms as "artificial controversies."

He has also defended the synodal path promoted by Pope Francis, calling on the faithful to follow a model of missionary discipleship and to embrace "synodality" in pastoral practice. Notably, he has framed the Church's declining social influence as a "significant minority" opportunity, a position consistent with other progressive prelates, usually associated with the Sant'Egidio Community, such as Cardinals Matteo Zuppi in Italy and Jean-Marc Aveline in France.

Real ID

"And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name."
Rev 13:16-17

By Riley J. Hood

I remember hearing about REAL ID before 9/11 from Tom DeWeese. After 9/11 there was a call to give up our liberty for a phony security. The REAL ID Act was passed in 2005, and was to be a tool of the newly created, Department of Homeland Security. (I was and still am in favor of the Department War destroying Islam, I am opposed to destroying American Liberty.)

Originally, 25 States refused to comply, but the federal carrot and stick used against State Motor Vehicle departments knocked those numbers down quite substantially. The initial resistance was stiff, as long it was Bush43, and that antichrist Barak Hussein Obama pushing the REAL ID. But now, the statists are pushing it through the Trump Administration in the name of election integrity and border enforcement. Never mind, vote fraud is rife in States where Real ID is in effect.

Today, people look at the card and they say, it is driver's license with a star. According to Twila Brase, president of Citizens' Council for Health Freedom, "It is a federal ID masquerading as a state driver's license." Thomas Massie, R-Kentucky posted on X last April, "Real ID is a national standard and database of IDs that is primarily a tool for control of Americans." I was always alarmed by the fact that my driver's license would be changed because of the hijacking of airplanes. Then the definition was expanded for entering federal buildings, and to quote the act, "and any other purposes that the Secretary [of Homeland Security] shall determine."

On May 6th, 2025 Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem declared that more than 80% of Americans have already complied with Real ID, and the remaining dissenters would be subjected to extra security steps. I agree with Ron Paul on this issue, "REAL ID does nothing to protect the American people's safety. It does, though, do much to endanger their liberty. REAL ID could even be the final piece of the transformation of America into a total surveillance society where government monitors, and thus controls, our actions."

On October 27th, 2025, the DHS mandated biometrics from REAL ID, plus palm prints and voice scans for immigration applicants. Nothing in the REAL ID Act could stop this from being used against American Citizens, and I mean those of us Christians who were born here. DHS calls it, "identity verification and management." Now, according to the US Transportation Security Administration, passengers to and from Europe now undergo digital facial imaging, and fingerprinting, just as if you committed a crime. Non-citizens traveling to US have been "scanned in" starting December 26th, 2025.

The Daily Signal posted, "Previously, governments would have struggled to process such a deluge of data on their citizens. But Oracle Corporation co-founder Larry Ellison told the World Governments Summit, in February that AI models enable unprecedented sifting and analysis of data, provided that governments collect it. The first thing a country needs to do is to unify all of their data so it can be consumed and used by the AI model," Ellison stated. The next phase will be digital ID, which are trackable, just like in Communist China.

Tyrants are pushing for digital IDs, currently voluntary in the United States but mandatory in countries like the U.K. and China, and which could also allow for tracking via cell towers. "You will not be able to work in the United Kingdom if you do not have digital ID," according to British Prime Minister Keir Starmer. In July, China required National ID as a requirement for internet use.

Twenty US States allow digital ID, even more invasive than REAL ID, and filthy Tech companies like Apple have digital ID on their "made in China" phones and watches. Right now, 10 States, Iowa, Kentucky, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Pennsylvania, Oklahoma, South Dakota and Tennessee are considering cancelling Real ID, or providing for noncompliance.

Michigan State Rep. James DeSana said, "My belief in less government carries through into keeping the government from intruding into your life when it's not necessary." Oklahoma State Sen. Kendal Sacchieri favors a noncompliant state ID, saying, "We're adopting the federal Real ID, but we're still going to allow an opt-out option for our citizens, we've been getting tons of emails from our constituents that they don't want this [Real ID] anymore." I am in favor of opt-outs, but REAL ID should not exist.

According to Virginia Allen, "The Transportation Security Administration is preparing to roll out a new method for travelers to confirm their identity if they do not have a REAL ID or a passport. For a $45 fee, domestic air travelers can prove their identity ahead of scheduled travel through the TSA Confirm ID process." Of course, these accommodations to the defeated are no substitute for preserving liberty for American citizens, and destroying Islam, and the rest of America's enemies. After all REAL ID hasn't stopped Islamic attacks anywhere, and it about as effectual as those "gun free zone" signs at stopping mass shootings. REAL ID is more effective at punishing the innocent, and it prevents nothing.

AI *cont. from page 1*

cadence and context-appropriate expressive intonations.

Remarkably, that AI mimicry had only required recording my readings of a few minutes of brief text samples the program provided.

Sure, I wrote that previously unspoken text, just as it might have been something casually typed or verbally recorded about virtually anything else.

But it's spooky to experience those words expressed here exactly as if spoken aloud, albeit often more perfectly phrased throughout without any empty thought pauses.

It immediately occurred to me that anyone could have articulated that text — or words written by anyone else — leading audio audiences familiar with a particular individual's voice and speaking pattern to believe it attributed to a live recording rather than a remarkably convincing cloned digital rendition.

In this instance, an occasion of briefly summarizing connected themes of my several (14) published books, AI had my full permission.

But what if I hadn't solicited that assistance?

Could someone else using AI just as readily have secretly stolen my speaking clone from a telephone conversation, a bogus marketing solicitor or pollster for example, to non-consensually impersonate me (or you) for nefarious purposes?

It's been done, and there are no insurmountable barriers preventing it from becoming more commonplace.

Cloning programs are readily available to anyone at very low cost.

Four of the services — ElevenLabs, Speechify, PlayHT and Lovo — simply require checking a box saying that the person whose voice is being copied had given authorization, then allowing the registrant to upload the audio of an individual speaking from a TikTok or YouTube for video distribution.

Of six services available to the public via websites, only two charge fees of $5 or less to create custom voice clones whereas the others are free.

There are reportedly few reliable ways to detect synthetic speech clone renditions from the real thing, with even deepfake detection programs subject to confusion since the technology lags behind cloning algorithm advancements.

What might personally go very wrong with being cloned?

One type of nightmare would be a so-called grandparent scam where a criminal makes a fake phone call impersonating a family member claiming to have been kidnapped, arrested or injured.

Well-known public figures and their works get scammed as well, such as when other people release their synthetic voices without permission as occurred with a streamed 2023 song falsely seeming to have originated by Drake and the Weeknd.

Last February, the Federal Communications Commission outlawed robocalls that contain non-authentic AI-generated voices used to scam people and mislead voters with prerecorded messages under terms of a 1991 Telephone Consumer Protection Act.

As Patrick Traynor, a University of Florida professor who specializes in computer science and telephone networks points out, "Machine learning is good at telling you about something it's seen before [an individual's voice for example], but it's not so good about reasoning about things it hasn't seen."

Generative AI is also making remarkable strides in mimicking, matching and automating visual appearance with verbal video impersonations.

Lindsay Gorman, who studies emerging technologies and disinformation at the German Marshall Fund's Alliance for Securing Democracy observes deepfake production progress in imitating realistically convincing eye movements which avoid tipoffs such as either too much staring or blinking.

Nevertheless, recognizing that such recently unfathomable AI capabilities to clandestinely impersonate us with illicit agendas, so does the amazing technology enable us to more efficiently and effectively project fuller, more nuanced aspects of our individual personas and thoughts to extended virtual media audiences than printed words alone.

Whereas it's apparent that television and social media have resulted in far fewer people reading books, audio versions seem to have gained audiences who listen while driving or doing other quiet tasks.

I have accompanied a couple of my own books with audio copies as well, hiring a professional studio narrator with a voice far more expressively resonant than my own, but involving a process that required extra time and costs which more personal AI-translated versions can now avoid.

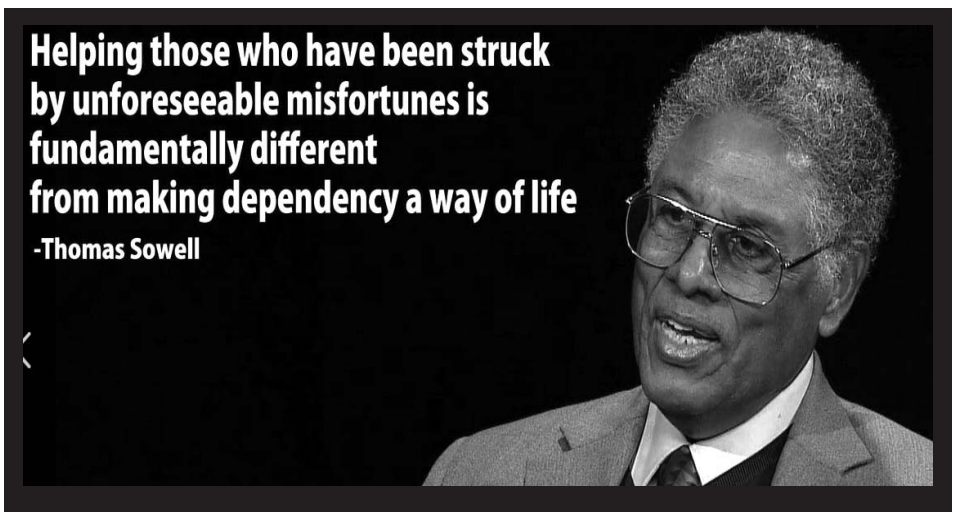
Similarly, I have begun using AI narration — sometimes my own voice — for audio versions of technical reports which can be conveniently posted with illustrations on professional websites and electronic media platforms including YouTube videos.

Even more, AI can translate and communicate that text into seeming limitless languages, extending that personal realm of thought and expression to global audiences.

As Barry Chudakov, principal at Sertain Research, projects, "The embedding of AI will be both a convenience and a point of contention as we enhance and entwine our lives with its hidden presence."

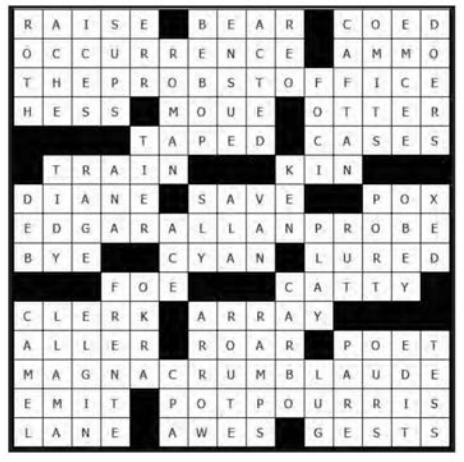
So yes, I've determined that lending my voice is perfectly OK with me so long as it doesn't change my meaning or allow algorithmic imitators to pretend to make up my mind.

Larry Bell is an endowed professor of space architecture at the University of Houston where he founded the Sasakawa International Center for Space Architecture and the graduate space architecture program.



Puzzle Answers

5	4	1	6	7	9	8	2	3
8	7	3	2	5	1	6	9	4
6	9	2	8	3	4	7	1	5
2	5	4	9	8	6	3	7	1
7	1	8	3	2	5	9	4	6
3	6	9	4	1	7	2	5	8
4	2	5	7	6	8	1	3	9
1	3	6	5	9	2	4	8	7
9	8	7	1	4	3	5	6	2



CHINA: Wuhan lab suing Schmitt in COVID origins showdown

By Stephen Dinan, The Washington Times

The Chinese lab blamed for sparking the COVID-19 pandemic has lashed out with a lawsuit against Sen. Eric Schmitt, saying he has ruined Wuhan's reputation and needs to pay for it, to the tune of roughly $50 billion.

Mr. Schmitt, Missouri Republican, revealed the lawsuit this week. He accused the Wuhan Institute of Virology, the municipal government and the Chinese Academy of Sciences of trying to gag him after he initiated a lawsuit in the U.S. that found China responsible for the deadly virus that crippled the global economy in 2020.

That Missouri lawsuit won a $24 billion judgment in federal court in the U.S. earlier this year and spurred Wuhan's retaliatory legal strike.

The Chinese entities say Mr. Schmitt "belittled" the scientists,

The Wuhan Institute of Virology says Sen. Eric Schmitt hurt its "brand value" and wants $50 billion in damages plus an apology.

ASSOCIATED PRESS hurt their "brand value and academic reputation" and made it more difficult to get international cooperation on projects. They assigned a financial value of 356.437 billion yuan to the loss, or about $50 billion.

They also asked the Chinese court to order Mr. Schmitt and his fellow defendants, the state of Missouri and former state Attorney General Andrew Bailey to issue public apologies through The New York Times, CNN, YouTube and Chinese outlets, including People's Daily and Xinhuanet.

"The three defendants shall bear the liability of ceasing the infringement, eliminating adverse effects, rehabilitating reputation, extending apologies and compensating losses," the lawsuit says, according to the diplomatic packet serving notice.



The Wuhan Institute of Virology blocked journalists investigating COVID-19 and refused to provide its documents on bat coronavirus experiments funded by the U.S. ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mr. Schmitt said he considered the lawsuit "a badge of honor" and, far from gagging himself, doubled down on tying Wuhan to the origins of the pandemic.

"China's deceit during COVID led to immense human suffering and loss, and as Missouri AG, I sued them for it. Now they've launched a factually baseless, targeted lawfare campaign against me in an attempt to harass and intimidate me, but it won't work," he said in a statement to The Washington Times.

"I won't be bullied, and I won't back down. Communist China has not heard the last from me."

More than 7 million global deaths have been blamed on COVID-19, including more than 1.2 million in the U.S.

American officials initially believed the virus likely originated from the wild, but some U.S. agencies now suspect it may have come from the Wuhan lab.

That was also the crux of the lawsuit Mr. Schmitt filed as attorney general in Missouri, and Mr. Bailey saw to the conclusion with the $24 billion judgment earlier this year. The Chinese entities didn't mount a defense.

Catherine Hanaway, the current attorney general in Missouri, called the Wuhan lawsuit an attempt to avoid paying the $24 billion and vowed to continue pressing for payment.

That includes seizing Chinese-owned assets.

Ms. Hanaway said her notice of judgment was submitted to the State Department for service on China last month.

"I find it extremely telling that the Chinese blame our great state for 'belittling the social evaluation' of the Wuhan Institute of Virology," she said. "This lawsuit is a stalling tactic and tells me that we have been on the right side of this issue all along."

Mr. Bailey is now deputy director at the FBI. The bureau declined to comment on his behalf.

The lawsuit was filed in the spring, but the notice was served on Missouri only last week. Mr. Schmitt was notified of it this week.

"This is their way of distracting from what the world already knows, China has blood on its hands," the senator said in a news release announcing the action.

The documents Mr. Schmitt publicized this week included a Chineselanguage notice of the lawsuit and an English translation provided by the plaintiffs as part of the official notice of service.

A three-judge panel of the Intermediate People's Court in Wuhan has been formed to hear the case. Jiang Ning is the presiding judge, with Yin Wei and Pei Lu joining.

The lawsuit names Mr. Schmitt as the "major contriver, promoter and implementer" of the denigration of Wuhan, which suggests that his original lawsuit was, in fact, the spur for the Chinese legal retaliation.

"Numerous openly available information had proved that three defendants' acts through malicious and vexatious litigation are totally defamation and libel, and have seriously infringed plaintiffs' reputation rights, causing profound and extremely enormous losses to plaintiffs," the lawsuit says.

Wuhan also rejected claims by U.S. officials that the lab had been uncooperative in helping sort out the origins of the virus.

The lawsuit pointed to more than 3,000 "medical workers" China deployed to 57 countries to assist with pandemic efforts and COVID supplies China provided to 153 nations, including the U.S.

"China has always acted with openness, transparency and responsibility," Wuhan said in its lawsuit.

U.S. officials disagree with that assessment.

In 2023, the inspector general for the Department of Health and Human Services concluded that the Wuhan lab refused to provide its lab notebooks or files on bat coronavirus experiments funded by the U.S. government.

The government has since dropped the Wuhan lab from its list of institutions approved to receive U.S. money for animal experiments

---

Health Policy *cont. from page 1*

through incremental patches. Today's health-care architecture is a maze of unrelated statutes overseen by 13 House committees and 12 Senate committees—a sprawling structure that guarantees fragmentation, inequity, and escalating costs.

The most discouraging part of health care reform is everyone in Congress, Republicans and Democrats, know ObamaCare does not work. They all want to make the system work, yet not one single member advances serious reform ideas. The congressional stumbling block is the ego of 535 elites, who have great health care and "don't feel anyone's pain."

So, let's think out of the small box American politics puts us in.

This article does not advocate a specific health-care model. Instead, it advocates a process. Congress should create a Permanent Joint House-Senate Committee on Healthcare Reform charged with conducting a comprehensive review of the system and presenting actionable legislative recommendations to Congress within one-year from its first meeting.

The Shutdown Revealed Systemic Failure

The shutdown showed how federal health policy now functions: through rigid partisanship, tunnel-vision subsidies, and an allergy to structural reform.

Democrats insisted on protecting Affordable Care Act (ACA) subsidies for lower-income Americans—a rational impulse, but one that ignores the ACA's ballooning cost and long-term instability. Republicans, meanwhile, relied on those same ACA subsidies to offset tax cuts in Trump's "One Big Beautiful Bill"—another rational impulse, but one that deepens inequity.

Both parties clung to past positions. Both refused to engage in the serious, bipartisan overhaul the system desperately needs.

A Costly System with Poor Results

The United States spends more per capita on healthcare than any nation on earth. The U.S. spent $14,885 per person in 2024, compared to $9,963 among advanced economies, and $7,371 average across OECD nations.

The U.S. spends five times more on the administrative aspects of health care than in peer countries, yet the U.S. ranks last among the ten most developed nations in core health outcomes, including preventable mortality, access to and quality of care.

Subsidies That Enrich the Upper Tier

The U.S. provides unmatched subsidies to the healthcare industry—and especially to highly compensated providers.

Physician salaries illustrate the imbalance. Average annual pay:

- U.S.: $316,000–$352,000
- Canada: $195,000–$273,000
- Germany: $160,000–$183,000
- France: $98,000
- Spain: $57,000
- Mexico: $12,000

These salaries are supported by an enormous subsidy regime. In 2023 the U.S. spent $4.9 trillion on healthcare, or 17.6% of GDP, including $1.9 trillion in federal spending to subsidize health care.

But the most consequential subsidy is the federal tax exclusion for employer-sponsored insurance. By exempting employer coverage from taxation—and allowing employers to deduct the cost—the federal government provides $384 billion annually in automatic, permanent subsidies to Americans with stable, often higher-paying jobs.

By contrast, ACA subsidies and SNAP benefits—programs serving lower-income citizens—total $237 billion and the subsidies must be renewed annually. The well-off receive permanent subsidies. The poor receive precarious ones. That is not a workable approach, nor is it politically smart.

Why Congress, Not the Executive Branch, Must Lead Reform

Congress is the constitutional branch closest to the people. It hears directly from constituents, conducts oversight in public, and alone holds the power to legislate and appropriate funds. While executive agencies can provide technical support, they are neither designed nor culturally inclined to take public input beyond normal rulemakings.

Moreover, many agencies depend heavily on consultants because they lack in-house expertise. This reliance can limit transparency, complicate oversight, and leave Congress at a disadvantage in evaluating policy. A reform effort of this scale requires Congress to build its own sustained analytical capacity.

The Case for a Permanent Joint House-Senate Health Committee

Addressing national health-care policy effectively requires consistent expertise, long-term analysis, and coordination across both chambers. A Permanent Joint Committee would:

- Consolidate the expertise currently dispersed across 25 committees.
- Develop a comprehensive understanding of how federal health-care dollars are allocated and used.
- Evaluate the tradeoffs among competing policy approaches.
- Conduct continuous oversight and research supported by expert staff.
- Introduce agreed-upon legislative proposals simultaneously in both chambers, allowing Congress to move in a coordinated manner.

Congress already maintains four permanent joint committees—Library, Printing, Taxation, and the Joint Economic Committee. All are study committees. A health-care joint committee, by contrast, should be empowered to develop and introduce legislation, supported by a robust staff and dedicated research capacity.

Most importantly, moving both chambers in parallel would reduce delays and ensure that health-care reform proceeds in a structured, coordinated way rather than through fragmented, reactive measures.

William L. Kovacs, author of Devolution of Power: Rolling Back the Federal State to Preserve the Republic. It received five stars from Readers' Favorite. His previous book, Reform the Kakistocracy, received the 2021 Independent Press Award for Political/Social Change. He served as senior vice president for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and chief counsel to a congressional committee.

The Muslim Report: A Nation of Particular Concern

"Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 5:10 (Zongo's favorite verse.)

By Riley J. Hood

I first heard of Christians being ethnically cleansed by Muslims from Nigeria by Reverend Peter Hammond from Frontline Fellowship. After that I would hear about their plight from Voice of the Martyrs and Barnabas Aid. Later from the ACLJ and ADF. On October 31st, 2025, Virginia Allen posted, "Christian in Nigeria Describes Living 'Ready to Die' Amid Violence, Persecution." Virginia described how Zongo and his wife have lost loved ones at the hands of Islamic terrorist groups. And Virginia had the courage to use the word Islamic rather than cowardly terms like "Islamo-fascist," "Islamist," or "radical Islam." She talked about Zongo losing his relatives at the hands of Fulani Muslims, and how he represents thousands of Nigerian Christians. Virginia wrote that President Trump declared Nigeria a "COUNTRY OF PARTICULAR CONCERN." She quoted a Trump post on Truth Social, "When Christians, or any such group, is slaughtered like is happening in Nigeria, something must be done! I am asking Congressman Riley Moore, together with Chairman Tom Cole and the House Appropriations Committee, to immediately look into this matter, and report back to me." "The United States cannot stand by while such atrocities are happening in Nigeria, and numerous other Countries," the president said. "We stand ready, willing, and able to save our Great Christian population around the World!"

When I was involved in the Constitution Party of Wisconsin, I wrote about Islam. Many of these reports were printed in Reality News. I wrote, "Don't You Know there is a War On?" in February of 2012. I reissued it in December of 2014. I talked about Islamic Doctrine, Islamic history, including in American History, and I refuted the liberal nonsense that we started the problem. The article was printed in in the December 18th, 2014 edition of Reality News. I wrote "Time to get Serious," in response to 12 people who were murdered by two Muslims at the offices of Charlie Hebdo, for printing cartoons of Muhammad. I posted "Time to Go" on 11/19/15, refuting the Bush43 "hijacked religion of peace" bunk, and laying out what it will really take to defeat them. People, and I mean conservatives, started crying crocodile tears about what is easy for the enemy.

On 3/7/2014 I sent out the first Crescent Report about Christian persecution under Sharia in Pakistan, including their notorious 295C Law. On 4/4/15 I sent out the Crescent Report: Genocide is an Islamic Act, for the Milwaukee County CPOW. I talked about genocide, as a term coined by Rafael Lemkin. His first example of "modern genocide" was the "Armenian Genocide." It talked about persecution of Christians at the hands Muslim Ottoman Turks, from 1877-78, 1894-1896 and during WWI. Reality News printed both articles in 2015.

The Crescent Report format triggered people challenging me because I am not fluent in Arabic, so I decided to let Islam's current deeds speak for themselves, and I started issuing "The Muslim Report." The first one was Muslim Report: Indonesia, sent out on 7/8/17. The first Muslim Report: Nigeria was sent out in 2017. I gave an overview, "What has been happening is the Islamic conquest of Nigeria. In 1999 Sharia Law began to be enforced in the Muslim majority State of Zamfara. Other northern states soon followed in violation of the Nigerian Constitution. Boko Haram was founded in 2002 to turn the whole of Nigeria into an Islamic nation. In August 2016, Boko Haram reaffirmed that Christians are their main target." I also talked about the Muslim Fulani murdering 55 Christians in October of 2017.

In 2018 I issued another MR: Nigeria, I began, "At the current rate of carnage, Christianity will be completely eradicated in Nigeria in the next 25 years," according to the American Center for Law and Justice. I gave a litany of current atrocities, and concluded, "The Christians in Nigeria should be armed, and trained to defend their churches and families. As for the Fulani, that group needs to be broken up, and the malefactors executed for murder. As for Boko-Haram, they are neither an ethnicity nor a nation. Send in hit squads, and execute every last one of them."

In 2019 I issued a report early in the year, again recording murders, ethnic cleansing, kidnapping, and "in February and March of 2019, Muslims attacked 7 Christian villages, murdering 41 women, children, and elderly in Karamai. In Kajuru, they murdered 73 women and 101 children, in the name of Allah. Some of the children were babies." In late 2020, I issued another report saying, "Mohammed founded a violent anti-Christian religion, that is what the facts are. Pray for Nigeria? Yes, and absolutely. But it is time that Christians put away the laziness, excuse making and the false humility of pacifism and provide for their own defense. Finally, Joe Biden thinks all of this Islamic activity is great, and he will open the floodgates letting Muslims into America." In 2021 I mentioned, "On Christmas Eve 2020 Muslims murdered 24 people and kidnapped 20 more. One Islamic monstrosity bragged about, 'Celebrate your Christmas with the present of these Christian heads.'" Over the course of almost a decade, I regularly mentioned the 20 people murdered here and the 50 people murdered there, the inequities of Sharia and other issues. Many of these Muslim Updates were featured in Reality News. There was a page in RN dedicated to information about Islam.

Now, Nigeria is less than half Christian, and Islamic groups such as ISWAP, the Islamic State -West Africa Province and Boko Haram, and the Fulani murder Christians, and fight with government and each other. Thousands of Churches destroyed, women raped, and kidnapped, and tens of thousands shot, stabbed, beheaded, and burned alive. Estimates are 50,000 Christians have murdered since 2009. According to Concerned Women for America, 7000 were murdered in the first half of 2025.

ADF wrote, "Christianity is facing an existential threat in Nigeria. That's the reality that thanks to the leadership of President Trump and congressional leaders our government is finally acknowledging." I'm glad President Trump has recognized the obvious; and that Truth Nigeria and Virginia Allen from the Daily Signal are on the case. I would like people to recognize that Muslims have been murdering Christians for the past 1,400 years. I am tired of relief agencies sending in aid, as if these people suffered from an accident, or legal aid etc. as if that is enough. Islam must be destroyed, and Christians must also be given the arms and training to defend themselves, and fight off their attackers. If you aren't sending them rifles, and ammo, you aren't sending them dinky-do.

On Christmas Day, 2025, America gave Muslims taste of their own medicine. According to the blasé USA Today, "The United States launched airstrikes in Nigeria against Islamic State militants on Christmas Day after President Donald Trump threatened in November to go into the country 'guns-a-blazing' over what he called a 'mass slaughter' of Christians." AP News' Chinedu Asadu posted, "The United States airstrikes that targeted Islamic State group militants in northwestern Nigeria on Thursday marked a major escalation in an offensive that the West African's overstretched military has struggled with for years." He talked about the strikes carried out against Islamic State Muslims in the state of Sokoto. Trump said, "let's give a Christmas present." Of course, liberals are doing all in their power to water down the ongoing genocide, saying it is only "Radical groups" who are not supported by the Majority of Muslims in Nigeria. These socialists are liars. Need proof? The northern states adopted Sharia beginning in 1999.

In my experience, stand-alone airstrikes are often ineffectual. Air power is support for infantry; it is not the theory of everything. Hit squads would be better, and when Boko Haram toddles into a village on their motorcycles, and the men of that village surround and shoot every last one of them that would be better yet. It wouldn't end the problem, namely Islam, but it would be a beginning. For over forty years, I have known that Christians were attacked by Muslims somewhere in the world, and often in Africa every Christmas and Easter. While it isn't perfect, it is start, and it is one of the most heroic things Donald Trump has done.

Albertans *cont. from page 1*

The research surveys 703 Albertans online between January 4-6. Overall support for separating from Canada sat at 31%, which is a nine-point increase from 2023. Support for Alberta joining the United States ranked lower, with 24% supporting the plan and 72% opposed.

Additionally, separatism received more support from Conservative compared with Liberal or NDP Albertans.

Young Canadians are especially affected by the Liberal Party's election as a decade of Liberal policies has led to rising food and shelter costs. In October, Bank of Canada governor Tiff Macklem warned citizens to anticipate a lower standard of living.

Canadian taxpayers are already dealing with high inflation and high taxes, due in part to Liberal government overspending and excessive money printing, and even admitting that giving money to Ukraine comes at the "taxpayers'" expense.

Canadians pay some of the highest income and other taxes in the world. As reported by LifeSiteNews, Canadian families spend, on average, 42 percent of their income on taxes, more than food and shelter costs. Inflation in Canada is at a high not seen in decades.

The release of the polling results comes after a petition to separate Alberta from Canada opened last week. The referendum is the province's first major step toward separating from Canada. In order for the movement to succeed, the petition must gather 177,732 signatures between January 3 and May 2, representing 10 percent of the total votes cast in the 2023 provincial general election.

Smith's United Conservative government earlier this year passed Bill 54, which sets the groundwork for possible independence referendums by making such votes easier to trigger. The bill lowered the signature threshold from 600,000 to 177,000.

If the signatures are gathered, it will compel the provincial government to conduct a provincial referendum. All Albertans would be asked to vote on the province's separatism on or before the next provincial election.

If more than 50 percent of the province is in favor of separating, Alberta would begin formal negotiations with the federal government.

Discussion of Alberta's potential separation from Canada picked up in April after Prime Minister Mark Carney won the spring election and secured another Liberal government.

Since then, many Albertans have felt that the province's conservative values are dismissed by the Liberal government in favor of a woke and "green" agenda. Carney, like former Prime Minister Justin Trudeau before him, said he is opposed to new pipeline projects that would allow Alberta oil and gas to be unleashed. Also, his green agenda, like Trudeau's, is at odds with Alberta's main economic driver, its oil and gas industry.

As LifeSiteNews previously reported, in October, thousands of Albertans marched on the province's capital of Edmonton, calling for the province to immediately secede from Canada.

HOT JACK

TPUSA – Righteous, or "Grift and Greed?"

Another article from the Omega4America Substack (O4A), beats up on TPUSA.

The Art Of The Scam - When Everyone's Doing It

Are the allegations of O4A true? Or, perhaps a better question is, "How True Are They?" Personally, I don't know the answers to those questions. But if those inside of TPUSA want to maintain and build upon Charlie Kirk's dream, they had better clean it up and clean it up FAST.

Here's the quote from the article that should be most concerning to TPUSA management:

You can bet the Lefties will have a field day with TPUSA and some other Conservative Inc. grifter organizations - as they do a walk through their 990s and supporting documents ***- with their upcoming House of Representatives subpoena power.***

That statement is completely true. Once back in control of the House, Dems will "investigate" everything. But maybe that's for the best. Why shouldn't the Republicans and their "allies" be subject to the same scrutiny as those folks running the Somali scam in Minnesota? Let the orange jumpsuits fall where they may.

I have never claimed that Republicans are overly smart. Some might say that my opinion of the intellectual prowess of Republican Leadership is, shall we say, below average. So let me help you guys out.

Some graduate from Clown College once said, "Never let a good crisis go to waste." We can all see this "crisis" coming. There WILL be investigations that will point out a whole bunch of bad things about "Republican" organizations. Why don't Republicans want to get ahead of the game and clean their own house themselves? Why don't they launch their own investigations? Not investigations that sweep the trash under the rug, but REAL investigations that put the corruption and grift in the spotlight.

Why would the Republicans do this at the start of the Mid-Term Election Cycle? That's easy. CREDIBILITY. What's lower than whale poop on the bottom of the ocean? The credibility of Congress. Republicans have a chance to restore their credibility in the eyes of the VOTING public. And with that credibility will come election wins. In other words, Republicans have the chance to TAKE CREDIT for fixing the corruption within their own Party. If they fail to take action here, they will undoubtedly TAKE THE BLAME.

Patriot News

Patriot Events and Activities

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

Sound Money on Main Street:

Alpine Gold, The UPMA, Goldbacks, and the Partner Engine

By Brian Jurries

Get ready…sound money is coming to your corner of Wisconsin, and it's bringing real gold, real people, and real conversations. Alpine Gold Exchange and the United Precious Metals Association (UPMA) have built a grassroots engine of local Authorized Partners who turn the idea of "sound money" into something you can hold, spend, and trust.

The Partner Engine: Local People, National Muscle

Think of Alpine Gold and UPMA as the headquarters and the Authorized Partners as the neighborhood captains. These trained partners bring education, merchant onboarding, and hands-on support to Main Street. They don't wait for Wall Street or politicians to fix the money system…they show up at coin shows, seminars, and storefronts to help people protect wealth with gold, silver, and Goldbacks.

Partners are rewarded for growing the network—UPMA compensation plus new members and merchants—so there's a built-in incentive to keep the movement active and local. That means steady, sustainable growth instead of one-off hype.

What Partners Actually Do (Spoiler: It's Practical)

Staff coin shows and community tables so you can ask questions face to face.

Host seminars that turn abstract economics into everyday action.

Guide merchants through sign-up so businesses can accept Goldbacks and list in the Precious Metals Directory.

Offer one-on-one help with membership, merchant links, and vaulting options.

Translation: education becomes action. Businesses learn to accept precious metals; citizens learn how fractional gold works at the register; communities gain a tangible alternative to fragile fiat systems. This is grassroots conservatism…empowering individuals and local businesses to secure wealth outside unstable financial channels.

Real Options for Real People

This movement hands you practical choices that actually work. Goldbacks are the physical payment option…fractional, tangible pieces of gold you can hand over at the register, making gold useful in everyday life instead of locked away on a shelf. UPMA complements that with a digital layer: a payments and storage system backed by real, vaulted metals, so you can pay or hold value electronically while knowing actual gold and silver are sitting in secure storage. Put together, these tools let communities blend the tactile confidence of cash-in-hand gold with the speed and convenience of digital payments and custody.

Meet the Movement in Wisconsin — Mark Your Calendar!

Feb 15, 2026
Wisconsin Coin Expos LLC 43rd Coin Show

Time: 9:00 AM start; Admission: Free.

Location: Oshkosh Convention Center, 2 North Main Street, Oshkosh, WI 54901.

Who to meet: Wisconsin Authorized Partner Chris Biga will be at his table.

March 28, 2026 — Sound Money Community Connect (Wisconsin's first Alpine/UPMA/Goldback seminar)

Time: 1:30–2:30 PM; Admission: Free; anyone welcome.

Location: Ramada by Wyndham Waupaca, 110 Grand Seasons Dr, Waupaca, WI 54981.

Why go: Wisconsin's first dedicated Alpine/UPMA/Goldback seminar…members, merchants, and newcomers come together to adopt sound money.

March 29, 2026 — Fox Valley Coin Show

Time: 9:00 AM start; Admission: Free.

Location: Hilton — Paper Valley Hotel, 333 W College Ave, Appleton, WI 54911.

Who to meet: Wisconsin Authorized Partner Chris Biga and Alpine Gold Exchange Midwest Area Manager Bryan Jurries will be on site to speak, answer questions, and sell Goldbacks.

Come for the Gold, Stay for the Community

These aren't just vendor tables—they're community organizing for monetary resilience. Show up, bring curiosity, and walk away with practical tools: merchant connections, membership options, and Goldbacks you can use today. Expect friendly faces, straight talk about money, and a movement that's as practical as it is principled.

Another Successful Food Drive

For Immediate Release December 28, 2025
Contact: Keith Best kbest@waukeshagop.org

(Pewaukee) – The Republican Party of Waukesha County just concluded a very successful Christmas Food Drive for 2025. The amount of non-perishable items collected was enough to be distributed to six Food Pantry's around the county. Boxes loaded with food were distributed to Oconomowoc, Sussex, Pewaukee, New Berlin, Menomonee Falls and Muskego locations.

"The directors of these Food Pantry's were so appreciative that most offered me a tour of their facilities" said Director of Grass Roots Outreach Keith Best, who made the deliveries.



Republican Party of Waukesha County Executive Director, Kimberly Campbell, sorts food items.



Director of Grass Roots Outreach, Keith Best, delivers food to Menomonee Falls Food Pantry.

Secure Online Accounts

Did you know that traditional banks only maintain 2% to 4% of their reserves as cash?

Alpine Gold vaulted accounts are 100% backed with physical gold and silver AND 100% insured against loss or theft.

Modern Technology, Timeless Value

Purchase Metals
Vault Securely
Exchange Metals
Liquidate to Cash
Withdraw Metals
Manage Everything Online



Alpine Gold Exchange does not provide financial, investment, tax, or legal advice. Any decisions you make regarding precious metals purchases are solely your responsibility. We recommend consulting with a qualified financial advisor or professional before making any investment decisions.

Chris Biga Alpine Gold Authorized Partner of Wisconsin
cbweld@live.com • (715) 252-4449 • alpinegold.com
FREE MEMBER/MERCHANT LINK
UPMA United Precious Metals Association
GOLDBACK
https://member.upma.org/?referral=902892067486347533

Time To End *cont. from page 1*

blocked it from advancing.

Meanwhile, Wisconsin taxpayers have shouldered ridiculous program costs to the tune of $271.4 million through fiscal year 2023-24. Most people don't know there is a 1-cent-per-gallon tax on petroleum products that funds this program. I believe that spending taxpayer dollars should yield a public benefit, and there's no evidence of any public benefit with this program. With less than 1 percent of modern vehicles failing inspection, statistical improvements are negligible, which renders blanket testing essentially unnecessary for maintaining air quality standards. I am frustrated watching this money going down the drain.

Another concern I have is that, sadly, emissions tests are often a tax on lower-income people who own older vehicles and can't afford unnecessary repairs when their car fails the test. People who are struggling to just pay the bills are penalized, all in the name of supposedly protecting air quality, even though we know that vehicles have become far more efficient thanks to advanced emission-reduction technology.

So, after 40 years of having this program, is the juice worth the squeeze? I continue to say no.

On December 2nd, I co-signed a letter to the Wisconsin Congressional Delegation urging them to support federal legislation to repeal Wisconsin's mandatory emissions testing program for vehicles kept in Southeastern Wisconsin, as mandated under the 1984 federal Clean Air Act.

I don't believe that continuing this program will significantly improve air quality or reduce emissions, but I'm positive that continuing this program will continue to tax lower-income Wisconsin residents, saddling them with expensive emissions-related repair bills. Sadly, our hands have been tied, with bills like mine blocked from advancing, so to get the repeal, we are putting our hope on Congress. The letter urges Congress to introduce and support a repeal bill to kill this program. I understand that this will take significant work, but I'll do what I can to encourage them to break this chokehold on taxpayers.

One Nation Under God

Indian court rules woman can abort baby due to 'stress' from 'marital discord'

By Andreas Wailzer

The Delhi High Court has upheld the "right" to abortion in case of a marital dispute.

Last week, the court ruled in favor of a wife who had aborted her baby 14 weeks into her pregnancy. According to the Indian legal news site Verdictum, the married couple had serious marital disputes (marital discord) when the wife decided to abort the child without her husband's knowledge in a hospital after getting approval from a doctor.

The husband sued her, accusing her of cheating him by hiding income from him and emotionally manipulating him into paying for a very costly wedding. He also sued her for illegally causing a miscarriage, which is a crime under certain circumstances under Section 312 of the Indian Penal Code.

A lower court summoned her to face trial, and while the Revisional Court discharged her from most accusations, it upheld the summon regarding the abortion under Section 312 of the Indian Penal Code.

The wife appealed to the Delhi High Court, which discharged her, meaning she would not have to stand trial.

Justice Neena Bansal Krishna said in her ruling, "In the light of aforesaid discussion, when the Apex Court in its aforementioned judgments, has recognized the autonomy of a woman to seek abortion in the situation of a marital discord which can impact her mental health, and also the provision of Section 3 MTP Act and the Rules framed therein, it cannot be said that an offence under Section 312 IPC was committed by the Petitioner."

"The women's [so-called] reproductive rights may include the right to legal and safe abortion, the right to birth control, freedom from coerced sterilization and contraception, the right to access good quality reproductive health care and informed reproductive choice."

"The very fact that the woman was stressed and felt that there was a marital discord, created a situation where such stress was likely to impact her mental health and therefore, she was competent to seek her abortion. The concerned Doctor also mentioned in the OPD Card that in view of the judgments of September, 2022, abortion cannot be denied and she went ahead with the abortion," the court stated.

However, abortion, in addition to killing an innocent unborn baby in the womb, is linked to serious mental health problems for women who undergo the murderous practice.



In the cited decision from September 2022, India's top court ruled that all women, regardless of marital status, would be able to lawfully abort their unborn children up until week 24 of pregnancy.

Florida governor candidate vows to close all abortion centers, protect life from conception

By Patrick Delaney

A self-described "Christ-first, America first patriot" running to be Florida's next governor told LifeSiteNews that he will protect preborn children from the moment of conception, "shut down every single Planned Parenthood abortion center in our state," "erect crisis pregnancy centers" in their place, and protect citizens' rights to criticize any government they deem fit, including Israel.

James Fishback, a 31-year-old CEO of an investment firm, said during a telephone interview that his pro-life commitments are solidified by sacred scripture, particularly Jeremiah 1:5 that reads, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you."

"As an unapologetic Catholic, I believe that life begins at conception, and either abortion is murder or it isn't. Either abortion is a holocaust or it isn't. Either abortion is genocide against Gen Z or it isn't," he reasoned. "And so I'm not going to play this game of negotiating with the left or even the RINOS about when life begins. Life begins at conception, and so I believe that the correct number of abortions in a state in a given year is zero."



On Wednesday, Fishback released a statement on X from outside a local Planned Parenthood pledging to "shut down every single abortion clinic in this state. And in its place, we will erect crisis pregnancy centers that are open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year."

As Florida Governor, I will shut down every abortion clinic in the state. pic.twitter.com/ZjGJMZOg2i --James Fishback (@j_fishback) January 7, 2026.

He explained how women often feel trapped and abandoned while walking into a Planned Parenthood with a natural desire to keep their baby but lacking sufficient support including childcare, diapers, baby food and health care only to be denied these things and told by the nation's largest abortion provider, "No ma'am, all we offer is murder."

"We will shut down every Planned Parenthood to protect women and the preborn across the Sunshine State," he closed.

Florida 'antisemitism' law 'an assault on free speech'

In December, the fourth-generation Floridian shared a new ad on social media touching upon the intense debate over America's support for Israel on the political right but specifically addressing a Florida statute that many argue has created unconstitutional restrictions on free speech when it comes to criticizing Israel, Zionism, AIPAC, or the like, potentially misconstruing speech on these topics as "antisemitism."

"Is Netanyahu a war criminal? Did Israel commit genocide?" Fishback asks in his ad. "If you say either of those statements in public, you could be convicted of antisemitism."

"Criticizing a foreign government or any government is always protected under our Constitution," he affirmed. "Our founding fathers fought and died for that right, and I'll never let anyone steal it from you … America is our birthright, and we can criticize whom we please."

"I think everyone should welcome open debate in our country," the political newcomer told LifeSite. "And so whatever side of the Israel issue you fall on, you should welcome an open debate."

He did go on to criticize Florida "state statute § 1.015 that actually codified the IHRAs definition of anti-Semitism which includes criticism of the Israeli government, the Israeli state. That's extremely problematic. That is an assault on free speech."

"If you want to criticize Qatar, be my guest, Russia, be my guest, Ukraine, be my guest. If you want to criticize Israel, be my guest," he emphasized.

"The precondition for our government, a constitutional republic, is that we have a right to criticize the government, including and especially when that government is sending billions of dollars overseas to a country (Israel) that, by the way, offers free abortion to any and all of its citizens," he admonished.

"And so, I obviously have disagreements with the Israeli government by what has occurred in Gaza," Fishback said. "But I also have disagreements by how they've taken their own tax dollars and used them to fund abortion across their country. Thus, my view is very simple: We should not provide any government aid to any foreign country, especially those that are committing the act of genocide against the pre-born."

'Homes are for families, not for private equity'

The young political hopeful lamented the very low rate of home ownership for his contemporaries, as compared with the previous generation, observing "in 1960, when my dad was growing up, half of 30-year-olds were married and owned their home. Today, less than 15 percent of 30-year-olds are married and own their home."

"If you can't buy a home, can you really get married? If you can't get married, can you really have kids? And if you can't have kids, then what on earth is the point?" he asked. "And so I view home ownership really as the fulfillment of being able to start a God-fearing family."

He thus made a policy proposal to divest from the billions of dollars sent to Israel and instead "launch a $385 million statewide down payment assistance program so young married couples can get $10,000 toward the down payment of their home."

Pledging to do his part in putting an end to large equity firms buying up single-family homes driving up prices and putting home ownership out of reach for many families, Fishback praised President Donald Trump's recent announcement to take steps in this direction as well.

"A home is not merely another asset to be traded between hedge funds or private equity firms with overseas dollars from China. But it's something that is actually foundational" for families and the common good, he said. "The dignity of home ownership must be protected … homes are for families, not for private equity, not for Airbnb and not for foreign nationals."

American conservatives will likely be seeing and hearing much more from Fishback in the coming months as indicated by his announcement below that a recent interview with Tucker Carlson will be "dropping soon."

VOICE OF JERUSALEM

The American Revolution Was Doomed Without Jewish Finance

By Robbi Shmuley Boteach

Jews funded the American Revolution-and why that truth matters now. Reminder that religious freedom in America was not invented in theory. It was earned in battle-and paid for in Jewish coin.

It's really sad that the modern, revolting social media antisemites - Candace Owens, Nick Fuentes, Tucker Carlson, Megyn Kelly, and others - have been so successful at demonizing the American Jewish community and accusing it of dual loyalties that it necessitates a column like this in response.

But we Jews have learned that lies unanswered are lies eventually taken as gospel.

So let's state clearly to these reptilian haters - as well as those on the fence - a clear historical fact: without Jews America would simply not exist. And the closer we get to the 250th birthday of that great nation, the more these facts must be known and spread.

In an age when Jews are told we are guests in other people's lands-tolerated at best, blamed at worst-it is mandatory to state the inconvenient historical truth plainly and unapologetically: American Jewish financiers mostly paid for the War of Independence and American would not exist as a republic without the decisive financial, diplomatic, and moral support of Jews.

This is not exaggeration. It is not nostalgia. It is documented history.

America's War of Independence was not won by muskets alone. It was won by credit, currency, international trust, and an improbable alliance between a tiny Jewish minority and Christian revolutionaries who believed that liberty must belong to all-or it belongs to none.

That alliance changed the world.

The Revolution Was Bankrupt Before It Was Victorious

By 1780, the American Revolution was on the brink of collapse.

The Continental Army was starving. Soldiers were deserting. Congress had no power to tax. Paper currency was worthless. George Washington wrote desperate letters warning that the army might dissolve entirely if it was not paid in hard currency-gold and silver.

Take the best known example, the winter of 1777-1778 at Valley Forge. It was not merely a military setback; it was a slow-motion human catastrophe. Nearly 12,000 American soldiers encamped there without adequate food, clothing, or shelter. Men marched barefoot through snow, leaving trails of blood behind them. Many lacked coats, blankets, or even shirts. Hunger was constant. Rations often consisted of little more than firecake-flour mixed with water and baked over open flames-when flour could be found at all. Disease swept through the camp: typhus, dysentery, pneumonia. More than 2,000 soldiers died that winter, not from British bullets, but from exposure, starvation, and neglect.

Valley Forge revealed a brutal truth: ideals alone do not sustain an army. Courage cannot replace logistics. Patriotism cannot substitute for pay. As Washington wrote in anguish, the army was in danger of "dissolving" entirely. Mutiny was not a moral failure; it was a human response to abandonment.

The Revolution survived that winter only because supplies, organization, and-critically-money began to arrive. Valley Forge stands as the clearest proof that American independence was not inevitable. It was rescued, at the edge of collapse, by those who refused to let the experiment in liberty die-through sacrifice, endurance, and the financing that finally allowed the army to live long enough to fight.

True, France had pledged support, but French loans arrived irregularly and often in unusable forms. The revolutionaries were fighting the greatest empire on earth with empty coffers and IOUs.

And that is where a Jewish immigrant-almost forgotten by history-entered the story.

Haym Solomon: The Man Who Financed Liberty

Haym Solomon was born in Poland, spoke multiple languages, and arrived in America with little more than nerve, intellect, and faith in freedom. By the time the Revolution reached its darkest hour, Salomon had become the single most important private financier of the American cause.

He was not a general. He never commanded troops. He commanded something far more decisive: money when there was none.

All vile Jew-hating enemies love to assail Jewish capital and finance, portraying Jews as greedy bankers. Recently, I was accosted in Times Square by the millionth Jew-hater (they recognize me from my debates on Israel against the world's foremost antisemites) that I'm owned by the Rothschilds. I told him that he's an ignoramus and an idiot. "You're a century behind. The Rothschilds, who I knew in London when I lived there, are pauper compared to today's Jewish tech billionaires. At least say I'm owned by Sergey Bryn of Google, Larry Ellison of Oracle, or Mark Zuckerberg of Meta, you imbecile. At least get your antisemitism current."

Yet for all our of the attacks on Jewish finance, Tucker Carlson would be speaking the King's English if not for Jewish funders who bankrolled the revolution and paid the troops. Contrast that with allegations that Carlson is bankrolled by Qatar which subverts American interests. Forget the King's English. Now that he has a new home in Qatar, Carlson is learning Arabic. And not the Arabic of our friends in the UAE or Bahrain, but of the terrorist Muslim Brotherhood who he now defends.

Working closely with Robert Morris, the Superintendent of Finance, Haym Salomon:

-Converted French loans into usable cash

-Personally underwrote massive government obligations

-Sold war bonds when no one trusted the government

-Loaned money directly to members of Congress

-Paid troops when mutiny loomed

-Most famously, in 1781, when Washington needed immediate funds to move troops south for what would become the decisive Battle of Yorktown, Morris turned to Salomon. Within days, Salomon raised $20,000 in hard currency-the equivalent of tens of millions today.

-That money paid the troops.

-That march happened.

-Yorktown was won.

-The war effectively ended.

Without Jewish financing, Yorktown could never have happened. Without Yorktown, America would never have become a nation.

Solomon did not merely arrange loans. He gave away his own fortune. Conservative estimates place his total contribution at more than $600,000-an astronomical sum in the 18th century.

He never demanded repayment.

He never lived to see recognition.

He died in 1785, impoverished, having sacrificed everything for a country that was not yet secure enough to repay him. He would turn over in his grave to see America today being taken over by slovenly antisemitic grifters like Candace Owens and Nick Fuentes.

James Madison, future President of the United States, wrote candidly that he had survived financially only because he was, in his words, "a pensioner on the favor of Haym Solomon."

That is not metaphor. That is history.

Jewish Money Was Not an Anomaly-It Was a Network

Solomon was not alone.

Though Jews made up less than one-tenth of one percent of the colonial population, Jewish communities disproportionately supported the Patriot cause.

Jewish merchants in Philadelphia, New York, Charleston, Savannah, and Newport extended credit, donated supplies, and absorbed catastrophic losses for independence.

Synagogues raised money for soldiers.

Jewish businessmen smuggled arms.

Jewish traders used international networks Britain could not fully penetrate.

One place above all stands out.

The Caribbean Lifeline: St. Eustatius

The tiny Dutch island of St. Eustatius-nicknamed "the arsenal of the American Revolution"-was home to a heavily Jewish merchant community.

Through this island flowed:

Gunpowder, weapons, uniforms, supplies, credit.

The British knew it.

They attacked the island.

And when they did, they singled out the Jews for punishment-confiscating property and expelling families.

Why?

Because Jewish merchants were central to keeping the American rebellion alive.

When Britain struck back, it didn't punish abstractions. It punished Jews-because it knew who was funding freedom.

And if you haven't noticed, Britain, where six of my nine children were born, kind of hates Jews today, but actually always did.

Jews Did Not Just Pay for the War. They Fought It.

Jewish Americans did not merely sign checks. They shed blood.

Francis Salvador, a Jewish patriot in South Carolina, was the first Jew elected to public office in America-and the first Jew killed in the Revolutionary War.

Mordecai Sheftall, a senior supply officer for the Continental Army, was captured and imprisoned by the British on a hellish prison ship.

Jewish soldiers served as officers-something unheard of in Europe.

One Patriot unit in Charleston was majority Jewish.

These men fought not as outsiders begging acceptance, but as Americans claiming ownership of a new nation.

The Founding Fathers Knew the Debt

America's founders were not blind to Jewish contributions.

They saw who stood with them when defeat was plausible and victory was not.

George Washington's 1790 letter to the Jewish community of Newport remains one of the most radical documents of its age and one of the most celebrated homages to a Jewish community by a non-Jewish leader in all of human history.

"The Government of the United States gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance."

This was not charity.

It was recognition.

Washington, Madison, Jefferson, Adams-all lived in a world where Jews had financed the Revolution, fought in it, and demanded no special treatment in return.

America's rejection of religious tests for office, its embrace of minority rights, and its unprecedented promise of full Jewish citizenship did not emerge in a vacuum.

They emerged from gratitude, alliance, and shared sacrifice.

Religious freedom in America was not invented in theory. It was earned in battle-and paid for in Jewish coin.

Why This History Matters Now

Today, Jews are again told that we are powerful but disloyal.

Influential but suspect.

Welcome-but conditional.

The same tropes that once accused Jews of dual loyalty now accuse us of "colonialism," "financial manipulation," or moral corruption.

And yet the historical record tells a very different story.

Jews did not undermine America.

Jews built America.

We funded its birth.

We fought in its wars.

We defended its Constitution.

We believed in its promise when it was weakest.

Modern Jewish-American patriotism-service in the military, leadership in civil rights, defense of democratic institutions-is not a deviation from history.

It is its continuation.

The Jewish-Christian Alliance That Created the Republic

The American Revolution created something unprecedented:

A nation born not of ethnicity or church, but of shared ideals.

Jews and Christians stood together against empire.

Together against tyranny.

Together for liberty of conscience.

That alliance is not incidental.

It is foundational.

When that alliance weakens, America weakens.

When Jews are erased from the American story, America forgets itself.

America's Moral Debt

America does not owe Jews favors.

It owes us honesty.

Honesty about who financed its independence.

Honesty about who fought for its freedom.

Honesty about who believed in its ideals before they were proven safe.

Haym Salomon died poor so America could live free.

That is not mythology.

That is the moral foundation of the United States.

And it deserves to be remembered-especially now.

Metabolic Syndrome

cont. from page 1

• Abdominal obesity, waist circumference greater than 35in for women or 40 in for men

Checking even a few of these boxes is a sign of metabolic dysfunction and should prompt proactive lifestyle modifications.

A Growing Health Crisis

According to a Nov. 2025 study, **only one in eight Americans is considered metabolically healthy.** That means just 12% of the population meets optimal metabolic health standards, while the remaining 88% face an increasing risk of heart disease, stroke, and Type-2 diabetes.

Years of processed foods, chronic stress, sedentary lifestyles, and poor sleep habits have contributed to this alarming statistic. The good news is that **it is never too late to improve metabolic health.**

Five Foundations for Metabolic Wellness

Whether your goal is prevention or reversal, these core lifestyle pillars dramatically improve metabolic function:

• Achieve a healthy weight appropriate for height with an emphasis on body composition.

• Adopt a nutrient-dense diet that focuses on good protein, fiber, vegetables, fruits, & healthy fats. For an excellent guide, Susan Rohr, BSN, RN, Integrative Practitioner, recommends following the Whole 30 or Mediterranean diet.

• Engage in physical activity daily, such as walking, rebounding, strength training, stretching, and yoga.

• Prioritize sleep, aiming for 7-9 hours ideally beginning before midnight.

• Stress management through breathwork, journaling, connection with others, and setting boundaries.

Alternatives to Traditional Exercise

Not everyone enjoys the gym, and for some, injuries, pain, and chronic illness make gym exercises difficult. Fortunately, wellness clinics now offer innovative alternatives that support metabolic health without extreme impact.

Vibration frequency and light-based therapies have been widely adopted by professional athletes for their performance, recovery, and inflammation. These modalities are gaining traction among individuals seeking weight management, muscle tone and strength, improved circulation, and overall vitality.

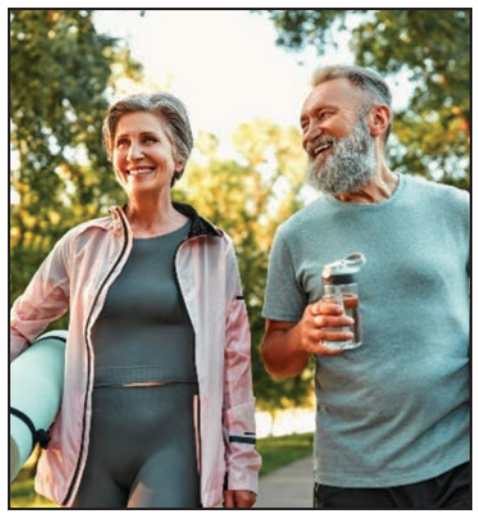
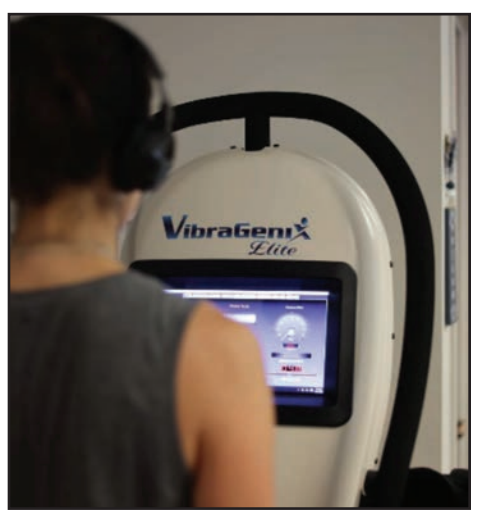
"Frequency and vibration therapies have become my go-to modality for baseline fitness," says Susan Rohr, BSN, RN owner of Brookfield Health and Wellness, "Due to my back issues, traditional exercise wasn't an option, specific frequency sound vibrations stimulate exercise – like stress on the body, encouraging weight loss, muscle fiber growth, bone density, and circulation – without strain."

Technologies such as VibraGenix, PowerPlate, infrared Photon Genius sauna, high-intensity magnetic therapy, ARRC photo biomodulation chamber, and HOCATT ozone sauna are increasingly used in lieu of or to complement traditional exercise. When combined with healthy lifestyle habits, these are powerful for lean body composition and prevent systemic inflammation.

Living well and living long begins with movement, whole foods, restorative sleep, and meaningful relationships. It is possible to grow old with grace and ease when you practice mindful eating, physical movement, and supplement with supportive therapies. Make small changes every day to reduce the risk of metabolic syndrome and prevent chronic disease. There is no greater investment than the one you make in your own health.

*Notes: *University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Global Public Health: Metabolic Syndrome and Related Disorders, Nov. 2025.*



Habsburg *cont. from page 17*

numerous family is the place where you learn to share and care, to look after the weaker members of society.

Incidentally, this is the way everybody thought for millennia. Now we have decided about 60 years ago that one-and-a-half children is the right number for a family, because somehow we are so much wiser and more intelligent than all of our ancestors who were supposedly stupid.

And look where that brought us.

LSN: One of the most challenging burdens for Catholic men is providing for their families. Even those who want to have large families often feel they cannot afford it, especially on a single income. Housing prices have risen sharply in most countries, as have prices for everyday goods. When both parents have to work, there is the danger that children will be raised more by the school system and their peers, in an oftentimes anti-Christian environment. What is your recommendation for this dilemma that many young families face today?

EH: You are putting the finger on the greatest fear of most people when it comes to having lots of children. My most important recommendation is to have this conversation about a large family fairly early in the courtship process. Do we both have the same vision of family? Are we both ready for the sacrifices that a large family will entail? Are we ready to change address, workplace, and even friends to be able to have a large family? I'm of the old-fashioned conviction that, at least while the children are small, one parent, and I believe it is the mother, should remain at home. All of this can put a burden on a young family. But I also believe that "Deus providebit." God won't abandon his courageous families.

LSN: Throughout the book, you often mention examples of historic Habsburg family members who lived these traditional Catholic family values. What are some of the examples, and what can we learn from them? Most of us, including the Habsburgs today, don't have the resources of a ruling dynasty. Can we still really learn from them today?

EH: Over 850 years, our family had its share of good Catholic rulers, one Blessed emperor, one Venerable nun, and quite some middle-of-the-road Habsburgs. And unfortunately, some rather black sheep, thankfully few. I believe most of the Habsburg rulers tried to let their faith color their work and their family life – that's something everyone can do, even if you are not an emperor. I noticed researching this volume that those Habsburgs best known for having led chaste lives before their marriage had the happiest marriages – pay attention. My favorite story is that even a middling Habsburg like Franz Stefan of Lorraine, husband of Empress Maria Theresia and the only freemason in our family, became a shining example to his children because he showed them the importance of confession. Read that story and copy it.

LSN: What are some of the key lessons you have learned from being married to your wife for 30 years and having six children?

EH: Being married and faithful to the same spouse for over 30 years will give you perfect happiness, something that changing partners and relationships will never ever do. Having a large family is totally countercultural but will give your children strength and a fantastic peer group – I see this now when the siblings are an incredible united and tender group of friends helping each other, having each other's backs. Yes, there are sacrifices over the years, also financial ones, but the joys and gifts and ultimately the harvest are so much greater. Trust me.

LSN: Last question: You were the ambassador of Hungary to the Holy See until the end of 2025. What is your new job now, and what are your main tasks, apart from being an author and sharing your thoughts on X?

EH: After ten years of working as a diplomat to the Holy See in Rome, we have now returned to Central Europe. I am working for the Danube Institute, a conservative think tank. I am also Hungary's ambassador-at-large for churches, family, and pro-life. And yes, you can still and always meet me on X! I am just beginning to explore that new life. So ask me again in a year.