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Citizenship Proof for Voting Should Be Law of the Land

By Larry Bell

Wouldn't you imagine that with tens of millions attempting to crash our border, legal citizens would regard voting privileges as very precious opportunities demanding safeguards?

Although federal law already requires that voters in national elections be U.S. citizens, there's no requirement to provide documentary proof.

Whereas according to the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL), of 36 states with laws requesting or requiring voters to show some form of identification at the polls, only nine of them insist on "strict" photo IDs such as a driver's license, state-issued identification card, military ID or tribal ID, with nine others accepting non-photo identification such as a bank statement with name and address or another official document.

The remaining 14 states plus Washington, D.C. allow casting of ballots on Election Day with various "non-documentary" ID requirements such as simply signing an affidavit or poll book.

And after-all why should this be a partisan issue that it apparently is?

Earlier this month Senate Democrats unanimously and successfully vetoed strongly Republican-backed House

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Fine Them, Jail Crooked Bosses, Revoke Their Nonprofit Status

Many crooked, politicized, "educational" nonprofits need to be investigated and punished

By Paul Driessen

What the Southern Poverty Law Center has done to America's racial and cultural cohesion is just the tip of the spear. Environmental groups and their enablers have inflicted equivalent damage.

"Progressive" politicians, activists and journalists have long extolled the SPLC as the epitome of virtue and justice, "a vigilant voice in civil society against radical white nationalist violence and extremism, neo-Nazism, and other forces."



They've joined the SPLC in falsely accusing President Trump of seeking to "undermine civil society organizations" and "reduce our ability to defend ourselves against the virus of racial violence." They've smeared other people and organizations with equally baseless and inflammatory

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AFFH: The Swamp Alligator That Must Be Removed!

By Tom DeWeese

For decades the federal department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has been a major player in the implementation and enforcement of Sustainable Development Smart Growth policy that is changing local community development into little more than social engineering.

In 2009, Barack Obama formed the Partnership for Sustainable Communities which resulted in the merging of the power, overreach, and money of HUD, the Department of Transportation (DOT), and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The purpose was to strengthen the power of the federal government to push federal planning initiatives on local communities. Specifically, Obama wanted to force individual communities to adopt the government's "Livability Principles." If they refused, they would face loss of grant money from these agencies.



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Dems Continue to Welcome Socialist Candidates Out From Under Their Rock - This Time in Wisconsin

By Becky Noble

Back in 2018, America was shocked when a self-proclaimed Democratic Socialist named Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez was elected to Congress from New York's 14th district. Of course, we had heard plenty of goofy left-wing ideas from Democrats before then, but AOC was not shy about her Democratic Socialist bona fides. Since then, America has been treated to still more Democratic Socialists like Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib (MI-12), New York City Mayor Zohran Mamdani, Seattle Mayor Katie Wilson, and the trail of Democratic Socialists shows no sign of slowing down.

The latest rising Democratic Socialist star is Wisconsin Assemblywoman Francesca Hong. Recent polls show her with a slight lead over the other Democratic frontrunner in the primary race, former Wisconsin Lt. Gov. Mandela Barnes. Hong has also been endorsed by Democrat Rep.

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Direct Election of U.S. Senators: Reform or Mistake?

By William L. Kovacs

Several Supreme Court decisions expanding federal authority, together with the direct election of U.S. Senators, have contributed to significant growth in the federal government. However, the role of the Seventeenth Amendment in this transformation is not often discussed.



The constitutional change that transferred the selection of Senators from state legislatures to the electorate fundamentally shifted power from the states to the

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Atheist Scientist Embraces Faith, Receives Powerful Message From God

By Billy Hallowell

A scientist whose past atheism held him back from seeing God's design is now on a mission to share his faith.

Former Harvard physicist Dr. Michael Guillén has long shared his journey to Christianity, but his new project, a groundbreaking 80-minute documentary titled

"The Invisible Everywhere: Believing Is Seeing," uses artificial intelligence to craft a powerful faith narrative.

Guillén told CBN News he used consumer-grade AI tools and his home computer to put the film together — a powerful quest to explore the existence and reality

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Cooling Doomsday Rhetoric Affords Rational View of Climate

By Larry Bell

With no guarantees, forecasters tend to be optimistic that the new hurricane season which began on June 1 and theoretically ends on Nov. 30 will again – like last year – be relatively inactive.



The 2025 season ended with no Atlantic hurricanes making landfall in the continental U.S., the first time this has occurred since 2015.

Although last year's season produced five hurricanes, all were steered away from the U.S. coastline by naturally

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Steve's Say . . .

Leaving Serfdom Behind

The barrage of contemporary world events continues to collide with the untold, altered or false versions of our past, similar to the particle collisions initiated in the CERN Large Hadron Collider (LHC), scheduled for shutdown at the end of June. While the Cern unit will undergo a 4 year upgrade to the High-Luminosity Collider (HLC), our contemporary understanding of our past history also needs upgrading.

The daunting challenge of identifying, collecting and contextualizing the fragments from the fallout of these collisions of current world events and past history is the Great Awakening.

So today, June 18th, 2026, I attempt to find some common thread between three seemingly unrelated events and how they interact with the past we've been told:

1) The Iran agreement signed yesterday by President Trump - 2 days before his announced timeline he gave the fake news media, and in France of all places, in Macron's face

2) The widespread announcement that the U.K. now arrests 30 people per day for speech infractions on social media (12000 per year), by far more than any other nation on Earth. They assign prison sentences significantly longer for "offensive" social media posts than to child molesters. And they don't even bother to arrest the rape gang perpetrators terrorizing "white" girls across their nation.

3) The elimination of Tren de Aragua leader Nino Guerrero by the US military, one of the most brutal cartel/terrorist organizations on the planet.

The first item I believe clearly signals that Trump completed his power consolidation over the world oil market, declaring victory in writing against the Globalist Deep State stranglehold over the most important commodity on Earth. If the ideology underpinning the MAGA movement holds true, Trump will remove the old barriers of free energy trade, evening the field for all parties, both suppliers and consumers. This will not only reduce but stabilize the oil market pricing, which will translate into business growth everywhere.

The British Empire has been the largest slave plantation in the world for a long time. All Brits are but serfs of the King. That has always been the case. Hence the need for the Declaration of Independence in America. The parliaments implemented in the 1200s in England and Scotland served to appease the nobles and masses as some check on the King's power, but analysis of the historical record since shows little heed being paid by monarchs to these "legislative" bodies. In fact, monarchs found convenient political cover through them. This same evaluation demonstrates that the interests of most of the members of parliament intertwined with those of the monarch, such that the parliament became another avenue for the monarch to institute his tyranny. I believe the brutal clamp down of social media speech and the lack of concern for the widespread criminality engulfing the U.K. and its imperialistic proteges like Canada, New Zealand and Australia demonstrate this truth perfectly.

The taking out of cartel bigwig Nino Guerrero became the latest of many well-established criminals and terrorists Trump removed from the world stage. These take-outs quantify the ratio of power between Trump and his White Hat allies to the waning power structure long established by the globalist elites. Trump's exposure of the long-running world-wide money laundering system connected the London Banksters, the Federal Reserve, the labyrinth of NGOs, their installed politicians, their cartel allies and terrorist armies as one giant criminal enterprise. With each elimination of major players from this criminal syndicate, Trump continues to strengthen his ability to utterly defeat them all.

Trump made what many might consider a rouge comment, stating that Russian President Putin should've been at the Economic Summit in France. Make no mistake, Russia is not the enemy of the USA. Nor is China. Both felt the destructive power of the British imperialists in their recent pasts, Russia being constantly characterized as the boogeyman of the planet while the "communist" takeover of China simply represented a new version of the Opium Wars. So the bad-guy Russians need to be excluded from economic interaction while the new China became the modern version of the British child labor sweatshops of the 1800s.

The power of the British always rested in their Navy, their ability to project seapower across the planet since 1588 until the 20th century. By then the London Banksters ensnared the rest of the world in its central banking spiderweb with the creation in America of the Federal Reserve. But Britain had little power to influence the happenings of continental Europe. The Russian empire stretched east to the Pacific and possessed the most powerful army in the world at the end of the Napoleonic wars. After the Unification of the German States in 1848 and the policies implemented by Bismarck, the new-found economic power of Germany began to dwarf the paltry manufacturing output of the British Isles. Besides, the British Industrial Revolution depended largely on child slave labor as told in "Oliver Twist" and exploitation of the huge underclass. Many of the naval crew members came from these people being pressed into service. And of course Australia became their dumping grounds for all the "undesirables" and criminals.



It's about time Brits free themselves from the tyranny of their oppressors. It's time for the power of the British monarchy to be completely and totally obliterated. It's time for all subjects of the British Crown, whether in England, Scotland, Canada or New Zealand, to leave their serfdom behind and become real citizens of a real country. And acknowledge that their rights as free people come from only one source - God. And the rest of Europe must do the same.

Every morning as part of my prayer before breakfast I include this: "the subjugation of all governments to the Kingship of your Son, acknowledging His sovereignty and proclaiming their stewardship, fealty and servitude to His teachings, His holy ways, Your Holy Word and Holy Law." Only when a people submit themselves to the rule of the One True King, Jesus Christ, will they truly be free. And if all people in all nations did the same, we would truly have a lasting peace on Earth.

We know that peace will only happen when Christ returns. But let's try to get as close as we can to it now.

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Everyone Wants Affordable Energy Nobody Wants to Cut the Ribbon

By Gordon Tomb

Northeastern states are scrambling to address rising energy costs. New York, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and others are even considering abandoning some of their most restrictive Green New Deal-style emissions policies to increase the supply of affordable sources.

Such new energy projects are among the most difficult endeavors to bring to fruition. Requiring massive investments and at least a modicum of public support, they have no chance of becoming reality without people of influence standing for their success.

Take the proposed Constitution Pipeline for instance. The benefits of this 125-mile-long pipeline, which would deliver Pennsylvania natural gas to energy-starved New York and New England, are so numerous that one might wonder why it hasn't already been built. Except that the project is among many such enterprises that have languished in a regulatory morass fueled by anti-development activists and nurtured by incompetent political leadership.

Yet, new life is stirring for this much-needed supply line. Having first proposed the project in 2013, Williams Companies, a Tulsa-based firm, received federal approvals more than a decade ago. In 2016, the company sidelined the project after New York regulators denied a water-quality permit.

Earlier this year, Williams resubmitted applications to regulators, projecting the pipeline to be in service by early 2028. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) has received more than 600 comments since January as part of its review.

"The need for this project is well documented," said Jim Welty, president of the Marcellus Shale Coalition, in comments to FERC. "Customers throughout New York and New England have experienced significant supply disruptions in recent years due to inadequate natural gas supply and constrained access to the market."

New England has "resorted to importing natural gas from foreign nations, located thousands of miles *continued on page 7*



ASEAN Nations Return to Fossil Fuels, Back Away from Net Zero Plans

By Vijay Jayaraj

For years, ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) governments faced pressure from international lenders and climate forums to announce fossil fuel phase-outs, moratoriums on new plants, and heavy bets on wind and solar.

Indonesia and Vietnam secured decarbonization-inspired funding from the Just Energy Transition Partnership. Leaders spoke of achieving net-zero goals by 2050 and exiting coal by 2040 or earlier. Natural gas was regarded as the transition fuel, a necessary evil to get to "renewable" nirvana when wind and solar would be "scaled up." Then the confident rhetoric met reality.

A sudden oil and natural gas crunch, triggered by the expanding conflict in the Middle East, has laid bare fatal flaws of net zero. Gas markets tightened almost overnight. Shipping routes through the Strait of Hormuz got risky. LNG (liquefied natural gas) prices surged. Supply chains stumbled.

Now, ASEAN governments are quietly tearing up climate pledges and returning to oil, coal, and natural gas – the only affordable energy sources that guarantee uninterrupted power for their growing economies. Fossil fuels are back in style. Since mid-April, reports have described a clear pattern across Asia: LNG disruption, higher spot prices, and a scramble for dispatchable power that coal can still provide more cheaply and immediately than many alternatives. ASEAN does not run on slogans, and factories, ports, malls, and homes don't operate on wishful thinking. When gas prices jump and supplies tighten, utilities reach for coal because it is available and familiar.



Take Indonesia. On May 2, Energy Minister Bahlil Lahadalia made it plain: "I decided, let coal continue for now. This is about survival mode and efficiency. We must not sacrifice our people with high electricity prices."

Indonesia has approved higher quotas for coal production and delayed earlier phase-out schedules for coal plants like Cirebon-1. Plans to eliminate coal use sit on the shelf. Affordable power for 280 million people comes first.

In Vietnam, coal-fired generation jumped 44% month-over-month in March, reaching 16 terawatt-hours. That accounted for 56% of the country's total power output—the highest recent share. Utilities negotiated extra coal imports to fill gaps left by expensive and scarce liquefied natural gas. Thailand took direct action. Authorities restarted two decommissioned units at the Mae Moh coal-fired power plant and ordered existing coal stations to maximum capacity. The added 600 megawatts helped stabilize electricity costs after gas prices soared.

The Philippines declared a national energy emergency in late March after gasoline prices more than doubled. Coal already supplies about 60% of electricity. The government ramped up output from coal plants and considered easing restrictions on new capacity. Energy Secretary Raphael Lotilla signaled that temporary reliance on coal would prevent shortages.

In Myanmar, long queues at petrol stations complement black-market prices more than double official rates that have slowed rice harvesting and hiked food prices. While the immediate crisis hits diesel and gasoline, power utilities lean harder on domestic coal reserves to avoid broader blackouts. Malaysia and others eye similar steps to protect industrial output and rural economies.

The speed at which ASEAN nations abandoned their net-zero pledges should tell you everything you need to know about the viability of the climate agenda. The moment a real threat emerged, the green energy transition was exposed as a luxury belief held by those who have never had to worry about where their next kilowatt is coming from.

Developing economies are rejecting the climate dogma that demands their perpetual impoverishment. They are actively expanding coal mining operations to ensure a steady supply of domestic fuel. This protects their economies from the wild price swings of imported LNG.

The irony is obvious. Governments that spent years promising rapid decarbonization are now leaning on coal to keep lights on and electricity prices tolerable. The middle class applauds because the alternative is higher bills, fuel rationing, and lost jobs. For ordinary households, energy security is not a subject for a debate club. It is the difference between affordable electricity and unnecessary, even dangerous, interruptions of modern living.

This commentary was first published at The Hill May 19.

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Trump's Energy Agenda Is Being Undermined By His Own Justice Department

By Steve Milloy

It is the kind of blunder that makes you wonder how it ever got this far. Trump's own Justice Department is undercutting the administration's effort to rein in federal climate overreach.

In February, Trump's Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) scrapped the Obama-era endangerment finding, the legal foundation for the whole federal climate regime — the basis for a sprawling federal campaign that Congress never clearly approved. That 2009 finding gave Washington, D.C. the excuse to regulate greenhouse gases and use the Clean Air Act as a blunt instrument against cars, trucks, power plants, and the energy economy itself.

Remove that finding, and the whole regulatory scheme starts to fall apart, leaving the EPA's climate authority without a real legal footing.

Yet the Justice Department's position in Suncor Energy v. Boulder County is a mess. While the Trump EPA is trying to unwind the federal climate regime, the DOJ appears to be leaving the door open to the same broad Clean Air Act theory that made the regime possible in the first place. Climate activists will happily exploit that contradiction.

This case is bigger than one bad brief. The Supreme Court is deciding whether Boulder can use state courts as a backdoor to impose a climate policy that Congress never passed. If the Court lets that theory stand, it will encourage copycat suits, drag energy companies into years of litigation, and invite state-by-state climate lawmaking by lawsuit.

This dispute is important because the fight over the endangerment finding is not some isolated legal squabble. It is part of a much larger battle over whether the Trump administration can actually dismantle the federal climate bureaucracy. If the rescission gets knocked out in separate litigation, Trump's reform effort can be reversed, and every climate rule he is trying to unwind gets fresh legal cover.

Boulder and its allies are using local lawsuits to do an end-run around Congress and rewrite national energy policy in court. That is lawfare, plain and simple.

The Department of Justice's position gives the game away because it signals that the administration is still hedging on the basic question of the EPA's authority, and that hesitation is exactly what climate litigants will exploit. Once the government starts speaking in two voices, the other side gets to turn its own words against it.

That is not just a bad look. It is a legal problem. Judges notice when the government is inconsistent. They notice when one branch of the administration says one thing and another branch says something else. Credibility counts in court, especially when the issue is whether the EPA has the power to regulate a major part of the economy under a law Congress never squarely wrote that way.

The administration ought to be fighting with one voice. Congress makes the law, not green activists, trial lawyers, or unelected bureaucrats. Instead, the Trump administration appears to be talking out of both sides of its mouth.

The Left does not need a perfect opening. It only needs inconsistency. It will seize on any stray sentence, quote the government back to itself, and argue that even Trump's own lawyers admit the EPA has broad authority over greenhouse gases. That is how opponents turn a single bad briefing position into a long-term legal weapon.

That contradiction needs to be fixed now, before it hardens into bad law and leaves Trump's energy agenda paying the price. The White House and the Justice Department need to speak with one voice, or climate litigants will keep using the administration's own words against it.

If the government keeps stumbling over its own arguments, the result will not just be bad law. It will be a setback for American energy, American industry, and the entire Trump reform agenda. The Left will not hesitate to exploit it. The only question is whether Trump's own Justice Department will stop undercutting the Trump agenda in court.

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The Heartland Institute's Viral Voter Fraud Poll Resurfaces in National SAVE Act Debate

By Donald Kendal, Justin Haskins

As Congress continues debating the Safeguard American Voter Eligibility Act, also known as the SAVE Act, The Heartland Institute is reminding lawmakers, members of the media, and the American people about the extensive work Heartland has done in recent years documenting serious vulnerabilities in America's voting systems, especially those related to mail-in ballots and election integrity.

In late 2023, The Heartland Institute and Rasmussen Reports released a groundbreaking poll showing that one-in-five mail-in voters admitted to committing at least one kind of voter fraud during the 2020 election. The poll quickly went viral and helped spark a national conversation about the security of mail-in voting.

President Donald Trump highlighted the poll's findings at the time, saying "THIS IS THE BIGGEST STORY OF THE YEAR." More recently, the White House cited the Heartland/Rasmussen findings in a press release urging passage of the SAVE Act, noting that "a 2023 Heartland Institute/Rasmussen poll found that 21% of mail-in-voters admitted to at least one form of voter fraud in the 2020 election."

Following the release of that poll, The Heartland Institute published a major policy study titled Who Really Won the 2020 Election?, which applied the Heartland/Rasmussen findings to the 2020 presidential election results. The report concluded that, even if only a fraction of the self-reported illegal voting activity occurred, the potential fraud identified by the poll was large enough to have changed the outcome of the 2020 presidential election in several key battleground states.

Heartland also commissioned a follow-up poll in 2024 with Rasmussen Reports that revealed nearly three in 10 voters said they would engage in at least one kind of illegal voting activity in the 2024 presidential election if doing so would help their preferred candidate win.

Together, these findings demonstrate that election integrity concerns are not merely theoretical. They are urgent, measurable, and directly relevant to the debate now taking place in Congress over the SAVE Act and other election reform proposals.

The Glenn C. Haskins Emerging Issues Center at The Heartland Institute serves as the "tip of the spear" in identifying and confronting the underreported challenges that threaten American sovereignty, individual liberty, and free-market capitalism. The EIC brings these emerging threats to the forefront of public and political awareness, empowering citizens and policymakers alike to act in defense of freedom and a thriving free-market society.

The following quotes, provided by Heartland Institute experts, can be used for attribution:

"For years, The Heartland Institute has been warning that America's election systems contain serious vulnerabilities, especially when it comes to mass mail-in voting. Our groundbreaking poll from late 2023 was one of the most important election integrity surveys ever conducted, because it revealed that a shocking number of voters openly admitted to engaging in illegal voting behavior during the 2020 election.

"Congress should take this seriously. Lawmakers have a responsibility to protect the integrity of American elections before the next crisis occurs. Election integrity is the foundation of self-government. If Americans cannot trust that only lawful votes are being cast and counted, then public confidence in every election outcome will continue to collapse."

"The SAVE Act is one of the most important election integrity proposals in U.S. history. American elections should be decided by American citizens, and only American citizens. That principle ought to be so obvious that it should unite the entire country. Yet under our current system, states

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The Beglinger Blast . . . Ballot counting during the June 2 primary election in LA County

By Joan Beglinger

California is violating the rights of the citizens of the other states in the union with its approach to Federal elections and it is not alone. It is the responsibility of the Federal Government to correct the problem. Those who are old enough to have attended elementary school when Civics was still a part of the curriculum learned that our rights end where another's begin. This is a fundamental principle of our civil liberties.

The United States operates in a system of Cooperative Federalism in which the Federal Government establishes national goals and minimum baselines in areas that matter to everyone, and states determine the specific manner of implementation. There are many examples of Cooperative Federalism that we live with every day such as environmental protection with national air quality standards, public education standards, and labor standards that define a national minimum wage and overtime rules.

There is rarely, if ever, universal agreement about the right balance between Federal and State Governments in these matters. On the contrary, spirited debates about the role of the Federal Government and the autonomy of the States are at the heart of our free society.

The Constitution of the United States sets out broad principles for electing a national Government and leaves the details to the States. State lawmakers and election officials determine how ballots are cast, how they are counted and kept secure. All of these decisions determine how confident voters are that the results produced reflect the will of the people. We currently have a crisis of confidence for good reasons.

The California Way

The California system for conducting elections has been on full display since June 2, which was primary election "day" for elected offices, most notably Governor and Mayor of Los Angeles (LA). California uses a "jungle primary" which lists all candidates for a position together, regardless of party, and the top two vote getters face off in the general election. It took California nearly a week to make an initial declaration of who the presumed general election candidates will be in November for Governor and Mayor of LA, though hundreds of thousands of ballots remained uncounted. Many would agree California has latitude to do what it wants in its local elections, but the potential to delay results reporting is just one of the ways California is violating the rights of the rest of us when it comes to Federal elections.

California requires voters to be residents of California. Voters must be a U.S. citizen, but proof of citizenship is not required. Individuals must simply declare they are a citizen when registering to vote under penalty of perjury.

In September 2021, Governor Gavin Newsom signed a law providing universal automatic mail in voting, which means mail in ballots are automatically delivered to everyone on the Registered Voters List. The ballots can be returned by mail or in person. If they are returned in person they must be in by 8:00 p.m. on election day. If they are mailed in, they must be postmarked by election day but can be received and counted up to 7 days after the election.

A case currently being decided by the United States Supreme Court is expected to impact the practice of accepting ballots after election day. The case involves a Mississippi law that allows ballots to arrive up to 5 days after election day as long as they are postmarked by election day. Federal law sets "election day" and the Supreme Court will decide whether ballots must be received on election day or merely postmarked by that date. The ruling is expected to come in late June.

California requires the use of drop boxes throughout the state. The number required is based on the district population. California does not require voters to present an ID before casting a ballot. In fact, on September 29, 2024, Governor Newsom signed a law prohibiting any jurisdiction in the state from adopting a local law that requires ID before voting.

Secure, Verifiable Elections; Not Relitigating

The presidency of Joe Biden came and went. He was the President of the United States for four years, an indisputable fact. His election was shocking. Americans witnessed a feeble, old man with little to say, who campaigned almost exclusively from his basement. When he did venture out, he was taken to pathetic "car rallies" that consisted of a handful of cars honking their horns. We were asked to believe that Joe Biden received 15.4 million more votes than Barack Obama, the most wildly popular President among liberals in memory. It was the unbelievability of Biden's election that led people to question how this could possibly have happened and it blew the lid right off of a deeply flawed election system. Was Joe Biden legitimately elected? We do not know. Our election results cannot be verified.

2020 was a turning point for American voters who previously just assumed elections worked as they should. As the realization that we cannot verify our elections by tying every vote cast to an eligible voter spread, so did the expectation among American voters the barriers to verifiability would become immediate priorities for correction. It was an unexpected jolt to learn that the media has no interest in investigating and exposing the flaws in our system and pushing for reforms, and most elected officials on both sides of the aisle seem content with the system just the way it is.

With an estimated 25 million noncitizens residing in the United States, we cannot verify any elections without proof of citizenship. We cannot verify elections without photo ID to confirm who is voting. We cannot maintain chain of custody when millions of unsolicited ballots are flooded into a state. We cannot maintain chain of custody with "ballot harvesting" (collecting batches of completed ballots and delivering them in a bunch to the designated location).

With an estimated one million attempted cyberattacks throughout the world every day, Wisconsin cannot verify its elections as long as the Registered Voter List includes the names of more than four million ineligible voters, a rich potential source of fraudulent ballots. In Wisconsin, with 258,000 driver's licenses identical to those of citizens, issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to noncitizens living in the state legally between 2019 and 2024, we cannot verify that every person who used a driver's license to register or to cast a vote was eligible. These examples just scratch the surface of the barriers to verifiable elections.

Why would members of the media shun their obligation to pursue the truth about something as critical as the integrity of our elections? Thinking people can only conclude that political bias and corruption have snuffed out commitment to professional integrity.

Why wouldn't political leaders on both sides of the aisle make the verifiability of our elections their highest priority? Thinking people must draw their own conclusions. Democrats are increasingly unable to win elections without cheating. A significant majority of the American people will never accept the radical liberal ideology and people who are rapidly becoming the face of the Party. Republicans prefer the Democratic boogeymen to raise money against over the accountability to govern that would accompany legislative and executive dominance. These are the conclusions my own good judgment leads me to. Whatever the truth, one thing is certain. We are going to have to sweep a lot of new people into office before election integrity will receive the proper attention from those who should be safeguarding it.

There is One Exception

The Administration of President Donald Trump is doggedly in pursuit of verifiable elections, and they are in for the fight of their lives. Members of the media and other enemies of Trump would like us to believe that Trump is trying to relitigate the 2020

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are often forced to rely on weak verification procedures that leave voter rolls vulnerable to error, abuse, and political manipulation.

"Even worse, many states' mail-in voting systems have few, if any, strong safeguards to ensure that the person filling out a ballot is truly who he or she claims to be, calling into question the accuracy of countless close elections across the country in every election cycle.

"The SAVE Act would help fix these serious problems by requiring real proof of citizenship before someone can register to vote in federal elections and by significantly strengthening verification requirements for mail-in balloting. These are common-sense, fair, and necessary reforms. Every member of Congress who claims to care about the integrity of our republic should support them."

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federal Safeguard American Voter Eligibility (SAVE) Act legislation which would have required registering voters either to provide strict ID evidence of citizenship or sign an attestation under penalty of perjury that the applicant is a U.S. citizen.

The SAVE legislation would also have required states to share their voter information with the Department of Homeland Security to validate citizenship of registrants on voter rolls.

Four Republicans — Sens. Susan Collins, Mitch McConnell, Lisa Murkowski, and Thom Tillis — voted against the measure which attached to but voted on separately from a larger nearly $70 billion Immigration and Customs Enforcement and Border Patrol funding package which was finally signed into law on Wednesday.

Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., the SAVE Act amendment sponsor, responded, stating: "There's no other reason to say you don't have to have an ID. It just makes cheating easier . . .

"Who wants a noncitizen voting in our election if you're against that, that makes me wonder."

There should also be no wonder why Democrats want illegal immigrants included in census counts determining how many U.S. House congressional seats are apportioned to each state.

According to a 2024 Center for Immigration Studies report, districts with higher illegal immigrant populations tend to vote blue.

Of 24 districts where one in five adults is not an American citizen, 20 were won by a Democrat in 2022 in contrast to just five of the 54 districts where 98% of adults are citizens.

States registering large numbers of illegal immigrants and other non-citizens therefore obviously gain additional representation in Congress at the expense of those with fewer since the overall total number was fixed by law following the 1910 census at 435 members.

Electoral votes are also allocated among the states based on the census, with each allocated according to the number of Senators and Representatives in its U.S. congressional delegation.

Additonally, census counts also influence the proportional amount of federal funding various states receive from we taxpayers for foreign residents, i.e., emergency medicacare, incarceration, and English language learning with mostly Democrat-voting states like California and Minnesota and cities like Chicago and Manhattan monopolizing bailouts.

Nor is there reason to wonder why Democrats passionately seek to eliminate a 60-vote Senate filibuster majority requirement freeing them to add Washington, D.C. and Puerto Rico as reliably liberally voting states plus pack the Supreme Court with far-left justices.

The top U.S. court recently declined to intervene after Virginia's Supreme Court rejected a new and heavily gerrymandered Virginia map that with 31% of Republican voters would have gifted the state's Democrats a 10-to-1 advantage in Virginia's 11-seat House delegation.

This ruling came on the heels of eight other states redrawing their congressional districts in the past 12 months: California (for a possible net gain of five districts for Democrats), Texas (four for Republicans), Florida (four for Republicans), Missouri (one for Republicans), North Carolina (one for Republicans), Tennessee (one for Republicans), Ohio (two for Republicans), and Utah (one for Democrats).

Democrats in many blue states now face another redistricting migration problem of their own making as voters and corporate taxpayers flee for red states in moving vans.

California lost about 1.5 million residents between 2020 and 2024; New York bled about a million; and Illinois shed approximately 400,000, while Texas gained about 750,000 and Florida added 875,000.

According to the Pew Research Center, 83% of Americans -including wide majorities of Democrats, independents, Whites, Blacks, and Latinos - favor voter ID requirements.

That's closely in line with Gallup which reports that 84% support voter ID, with 98% of Republicans, 84% of independents, and even 67% of Democrats on board — while an equally robust 83% back proof of citizenship for voter registration.

Rasmussen Reports show 75% overall support for voter ID which has been increasing over the past decade, with Heritage Action finding strong majority support for the SAVE Act across five battleground states.

President Trump who has said that the SAVE act should be his congressional allies' top priority, has a near-perfect record of endorsing winning Republican mid-term candidates.

We can hope that voters along with some current and candidate congressional Democrats will finally join them in taking that common-sense country-saving message very seriously.

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Quote of the Week:

"In scientific debate, it is neither power nor authority that should carry decisive weight, but only scientific truth itself" — Ferenc Deák, 1803–1876, Hungarian Stateman [H/t István János Kovács]

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This Week:

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

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

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

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

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:

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And thank you.

SCIENCE & ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY PROJECT

The Week That Was June 13th, 2026

Scope: This TWTW begins with part of an essay by William Happer. TWTW discusses additions and corrections of the last TWTW. TWTW then discussed the problem of estimating sea level rise from using satellite measurements alone. TWTW discusses a major omission noted by Carbon Brief in the Global Energy Review by Ember. TWTW discusses the concept of Climate Justice and then concludes with the problem of getting rid of unneeded water in oil and gas drilling.

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Canary in a Climate World: The Daily Sceptic had an unusual essay by AMO physicist William Happer. The introduction stated:

"Our guest post today is an excerpt from Canary in a Climate World: Climate Realism vs. the Net Zero Myth, a newly released book bringing together 38 Climate Canaries from across science, climatology, geology, engineering, economics, medicine, law, journalism, public policy and independent research. The chapter below, by Princeton physicist Professor William Happer, is one of many thought-provoking contributions examining climate science, energy policy, Net Zero and the wider climate debate. Filled with fascinating essays, scientific discussion, investigative analysis and thought-provoking perspectives, Canary in a Climate World is now available on Amazon."

Key parts of Harper's essay include:

"Many people with inadequate scientific knowledge are convinced that Planet Earth is in mortal danger from global warming due to humans. If Planet Earth were really in great danger from humans, any means to protect it would be justified. Some extremists propose reducing Earth's eight billion population of people to no more than one billion. How this is to be done has always been a bit vague. Genghis Khan made a good start by slaughtering some 40 million people in the 13th century. In our day, Prince Philip, father of King Charles III of the United Kingdom, opined that: 'If I were reincarnated, I would wish to be returned to earth as a killer virus to lower human population levels.'

The climate alarmism of our time is a malignant alliance of ignorant fanaticism, like that mentioned above, and opportunism: the lust for power, fame and wealth. Like all fanatical movements, climate alarmism is doing great collateral damage, most notably to the reputation of my own profession of science. Generous research grants from governments and private foundations have created a new discipline of 'climate science'. Traditional, rigorous disciplines like atmospheric physics, atmospheric chemistry, meteorology or paleontology were quick to cash in by renaming themselves with some variant of 'Centre for Saving the Planet'. They were generously rewarded with research grants, new laboratories, professorships, elections to learned societies, prizes and other tokens of gratitude.

This largess came with strings. If your research did not show that the planet needed to be saved, you would be expelled from the elect. Many credible scientists made no public mention of doubts they had about the party line. But a few refused to accept this new 'science by consensus' and remained faithful to the traditional criterion: the validity of a scientific theory is how well its predictions agree with all available observations, and how successfully it predicts previously unobserved phenomena. In the laconically accurate words of Karl Popper: 'One can sum up all this by saying that the criterion of the scientific status of a theory is its falsifiability, or refutability, or testability.' By this criterion, climate alarmism is not a scientific theory, since it has made many alarming predictions and none have turned out to be true. Rather climate alarmism is more like astrology or the cargo-cult science described so graphically by Richard Feynman. [Boldface was italics in original]

Climate alarmism is centered on the dogma is that 'carbon dioxide is the control knob of Earth's climate'. This dogma is false, but because of frenzied propaganda for over half a century…

Many of the songsters of this collection, especially those from academia, will recall being the targets of fanatical hatred, similar to that experienced by Bruno and Galileo, for suggesting that carbon dioxide is not the control knob of climate.

The dogma that CO2 is the control knob of Earth's climate has the ring of plausibility. Similarly, an immobile Earth, with celestial speres rotating around it seemed obvious to Ptolemaic astronomers. CO2 is a greenhouse gas, that is, a gas that is nearly transparent to shortwave, visible and near-visible sunlight, but partially opaque to the longwave infrared radiation that dumps excess heat from the Earth into the cold darkness of outer space. Greenhouse gases do little to hinder the heating of the Earth by sunlight, but they readily absorb and re-emit thermal infrared radiation, making it harder for Earth to release thermal radiation directly from its surface to space, and requiring higher temperatures to get rid of the heat than would otherwise be needed if there were no greenhouse gases in the atmosphere.

But the most important greenhouse gas is water vapor, H2O, not CO2. When the effects of clouds are included, water in all of its phases, vapor, liquid and solid, has a much bigger influence on radiative transfer of heat than CO2. And radiative transfer is only part of what controls Earth's climate. Huge amounts of heat are transported by air and ocean currents from the tropics, where maximum sunlight is absorbed, to polar regions, where much more thermal radiation is released to space than is absorbed from the Sun. [Boldface added]

In fact, the climate of the Earth has no single control knob, and all theoretical and empirical evidence points to CO2 being a relatively unimportant factor. The most important influences on Earth's climate are the Sun and cloud cover. Neither the Sun nor clouds are understood as well as they should be. What understanding we have has been set back at least 50 years by the manic focus on greenhouse gases.

A particular irony of the demonization of CO2 is that increasing atmospheric concentrations of CO2 are benefitting life on Earth. Satellite measurements show a clear greening of Earth, especially of arid areas, due to the modest increases in CO2 that have already occurred. CO2 really is plant food, one of the three key ingredients of photosynthesis: sunlight, water molecules, H2O, and CO2 molecules. More CO2 has contributed to the agricultural abundance that has characterized the past 50 years."

TWTW comment: It is critical that we understand that water in all its phases is a vital determinant in stabilizing Earth's temperatures. We simply do not understand these complex relationships sufficiently well to be able to model them, particularly the role of clouds. The repeated claim that carbon dioxide is the control knob of Earth's climate is totally false. When the claim that carbon dioxide was the control knob of Earth's climate was repeated by members of NASA-GISS, the government funded organization destroyed its own credibility. See link under Challenging the Orthodoxy.

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Additions and Corrections: Reader Clyde Spencer pointed out that in the discussion of the amount of water vapor the atmosphere absorbs with a 1 °C increase in temperature, the correct estimate is for maximum potential water vapor absorbed, not what is actually absorbed. (This relationship is described by the Clausius-Clapeyron equation, which illustrates how the saturation vapor pressure rises with temperature and it is about 7%). If there is no water available, such as in the hot dry Saharah and cold dry Gobi deserts as well as Antarctica, an increase in temperature of 1 °C will not result in an increase in water vapor of 7%. This illustrates a further failing in the calculations of the global climate modelers. Potential is not actual. In any case, if a 1ºC surface temperature rise actually caused a 7% increase in H2O vapor, the radiative forcing would only be about 0.8 W/m2, not even enough to warm the surface by 0.2ºC.

In questioning why does TWTW express that greenhouses gases delay (block) the cooling of Earth rather than cause warming, several other readers asked if there is a scientific difference between warming and delaying cooling? According to the second law of thermodynamics thermal energy (heat) flows only in one direction, from hot to cold. Put simply, Greenhouse gases do not heat Earth or trap warming, they retain part of the flow of energy from the heated Earth's surface to cold space. For example, if a house is cold and has a furnace, adding insulation will delay nighttime cooling so the furnace will not need to go on as frequently to keep the house warm. Adding insulation to a cold house without a furnace does little.

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"The Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) is a cooperative effort among the states of Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, and Vermont to cap and reduce power sector CO2 emissions.

RGGI is composed of individual CO2 Budget Trading Programs in each participating state. Through independent regulations, based on the RGGI Model Rule, each state's CO2 Budget Trading Program limits emissions of CO2 from electric power plants, issues CO2 allowances and establishes participation in regional CO2 allowance auctions."

https://www.rggi.org/program-overview-and-design/elements

The program is cap and trade. It caps the allowable carbon dioxide emissions and sells the allowances at a quarterly auction. The total proceeds for the June 8, 2026, auction were $642,239,465.00 which go to renewable energy and other projects to "combat climate change." Consumers who pay for these proceeds through higher energy bills receive nothing.

https://www.rggi.org/auctions/auction-results/prices-volumes

Caught Red-Handed

By Craig Rucker

They just admitted it.

The United Nations – the same body that's been screaming "climate emergency" for decades – quietly walked back the extreme prediction model that underpinned virtually their entire agenda.

No press conference. No apology. No accountability for the trillions of dollars already spent. Just a behind-the-scenes retreat, hoping nobody would notice.

We noticed.

This is the Representative Concentration Pathway 8.5 (RCP) scenario – their flagship "worst case" model. The one that produced every terrifying headline about mass extinction, coastal flooding, and civilization-ending catastrophe.

The one that justified emergency declarations, trillion-dollar spending packages, and regulatory assaults on your gas stove, your car, and your refrigerator.

A peer-reviewed paper from Europe – published this year ahead of the IPCC's upcoming 7th Assessment Report – finally put it in writing: RCP 8.5 is "implausible."

It was built on assumptions about burning more coal than physically exists in known geological reserves.

Climate researcher Roger Pielke Jr., who has documented the misuse of this scenario for years, called it "the most significant development in climate research in decades."

Please. They didn't discover a crisis. They manufactured one.

And Donald Trump – who they mocked, derided, and called an anti-science neanderthal for years – is taking a very well-earned victory lap right now.

So are we. And you should be too.

Our colleague Marc Morano went on Real America's Voice and laid the whole thing out – who built this model, who funded it, and why the UN thought they could just quietly make it disappear. It's worth every minute of your time.

This RCP 8.5 model was the engine behind the climate scaremongering. It influenced the main scientific documents (AR 5 and AR 6), which drove the "need to act."

These included:

The "climate emergency" declarations.

The pressure to adopt the Paris Agreement.

The urgency to achieve "net zero."

At least $16 trillion already poured into the climate gravy train – chasing a scenario that never had any basis in reality.

The scientists who built it knew the problems.

A 2020 paper in Nature called it "increasingly implausible with every passing year." Critics raised flags for over a decade.

But when you've got billionaire funders, the UN bureaucracy, and a global media apparatus all riding the same apocalypse narrative – well, the inconvenient truth tends to get buried.

Until it can't be anymore.

Meanwhile, new academic studies citing RCP 8.5 were still appearing at a rate of 25 per day as recently as 2024.

It was used to secretly train over 2,000 judges through the Environmental Law Institute's so-called "Climate Judiciary Project" – a plaintiff-funded influence operation dressed up as neutral judicial education.

And it's the scaffolding behind tens of billions of dollars in climate damage lawsuits currently winding through American courts – including Multnomah County's $51 billion claim against U.S. energy producers.

That case rests on "science" the UN just officially retired.

They thought they could just quietly abandon it. Issue a technical paper. Swap out the model. And hope everyone was distracted by something shiny.

After all, who reads climate methodology papers?

Turns out, we do.

Now the people who spent 25 years calling us "science deniers" have to explain why their signature model was based on burning coal that doesn't exist.

(I'll give you a minute to savor that.)

CFACT has held official NGO observer status at the United Nations for decades. I've personally been in the room at over 30 major UN climate conferences.

We didn't go there to nod along. We went there to push back – and to document everything, so that when moments like this one arrive, the record is clear.

This is what "DO tank" means. Not just cranking out press releases. Not just publishing white papers. Showing up, staying in the room, and making sure the exit is loud.

President Trump has withdrawn from the 1992 UN Climate Treaty – something CFACT championed for years.

His administration is rolling back the 2009 EPA endangerment finding, another CFACT priority.

Offshore wind projects are being canceled or contested in court.

And Net Zero fantasies are losing ground fast.

The UN tried their best. They got exposed. And they know it.

But they are regrouping.

Climate Crisis Inc. doesn't fold because one model got embarrassed.

They've got too much money, too much institutional infrastructure, and too many true believers who've made this their entire identity.

A peer-reviewed journal won't convince Harrison Ford to sell his private jet. They'll rebrand, remodel, and be back at the next conference with a new set of scary numbers and a fresh crisis narrative.

They're already planning it.

The question is whether CFACT is in the room when they try.

We don't take government money. No federal grants, no taxpayer contracts – which means we answer to you, not to the people we're holding accountable.

If you can chip in $35, $50, or $100 today, it goes directly toward keeping CFACT on the front lines: at the next UN conference, in the next hearing room, in front of the next camera where the truth needs to be told.

You were right about the climate scam. The UN just admitted it – quietly, and hoping nobody was watching.

Help us make sure somebody always is.

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[However, to be more correct, Earth's surface radiates about 400 W/m2, but only about 240 W/m2 goes to space. If it were a simple matter of delay, eventually about 400 would go into space. A balance occurs when the heat radiated to space equals the heat absorbed from the sun. The atmosphere reduces the heat emitted by the surface to the heat emitted to space. So, the atmosphere retains (or what better word?) heat in the amount of approximately 160 W/m2, due to the GHGs and clouds.

Now, imagine increasing that heat retention to 165 W/m2, and with no change in the albedo. Less heat would flow to space, and the surface would start to warm up. With increased temperature, the surface would radiate more, and more heat would go to space. The eventual situation would be 405 radiated from the surface, 165 would be retained, and 240 would go to space. Notice the sequence: greenhouse gases (GHGs) up, then gradual warming, then balance again.]

[Woking on a different principle than greenhouse gases, refrigerators, air conditioners, etc. work the principle of phase change that absorbs or releases energy. In a refrigeration system, the low-pressure side of a compressor draws in vapor of refrigerant from the cooling chamber, and the high-pressure side compresses the gas to a high-pressure, hot vapor, running it through a radiator to send the heat to the environment as it cools down to a liquid state. That liquid is forced through a small orifice into the low-pressure cooling chamber, where it cools things down as it evaporates.]

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Changing Seas: For centuries sea level rise has been measured by tidal gauges. These gauges often reflect local conditions. In the Gulf of Bothnia (between Sweden and Finland) sea levels are falling because the land is rebounding from being depressed from the weight of ice during the Ice Age. Along the coastal US and Gulf of Mexico, sea levels are rising dramatically due to land subsidence, primarily from extracting groundwater.

Even geologically stable areas can show dramatic changes in sea levels. The Newlyn Tidal Observatory, Cornwall England, was built over 100 years ago as a reference benchmark because it is geologically stable. Yet due to changing prevailing winds, periods of increasing and decreasing sea level rise have been recorded. The effects of shifts in the prevailing winds applies to other areas as well, particularly in the western Pacific such as in the South China Sea where winds from the East can have a reach of thousands of miles piling up water. Thus, long-term observations are needed to draw any conclusions of accelerating or slowing sea level change.

Unfortunately, alarmist publications have used certain satellite measurements as a demonstration of increasing sea level rise. Writing in Climate Realism, Anthony Watts

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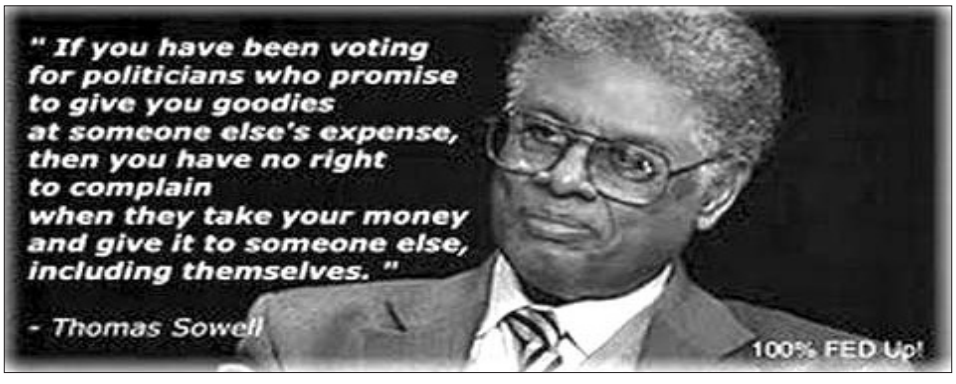

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away, because a more efficient … manner to connect to domestically produced natural gas currently does not exist," noted Welty.

Connecticut State Sen. Ryan Fazio, a Republican, said the Constitution would mitigate New England's high gas prices, saving customers up to $8.5 billion over the project's life.

"Historically, peak winter gas prices in the region have averaged at least 2.5 times the national benchmark, and daily price fluctuations can reach up to 30 times the average annual levels due to (pipeline) capacity limitations," he said.

The 30-inch-diameter pipeline would run from gas fields in northeast Pennsylvania's Susquehanna County to upstate New York. Connecting with the Iroquois and Tennessee interstate systems, Constitution would deliver enough gas for 3 million homes, or about three percent of Pennsylvania's current production.

Williams estimates that construction will create 2,500 jobs, generating nearly $300 million in direct labor income and almost $1 billion in total economic output.

Producers of natural gas have long struggled with a lack of pipelines to match production capacity and market needs. The Marcellus region "is by far the most prolific natural gas production area in the U.S., accounting for about one-third of the nation's daily output," notes Housley Carr, an energy writer and analyst for RBN Energy.

"The shale play experienced phenomenal growth in the 2010s, its gas production rising [by a factor of 16]," writes Carr. "But the pace of growth has slowed dramatically in recent years, mostly due to takeaway constraints."

Refusing the construction of the Constitution Pipeline is "absolute insanity," says Mike Sommers, CEO of the American Petroleum Institute.

In the Texas Permian Basin, where natural gas is a byproduct of oil-well drilling, the price of gas sometimes is driven so low by the pipeline shortage that producers must pay to have it taken away.

Electricity prices in New England are 55 percent higher than those in Pennsylvania, thanks to limited access to natural gas. However, affordability issues are softening northeast governors who have long opposed pipelines.

This April, Bloomberg Law reported that Williams CEO Chad Zamarin had received support for the Constitution in meetings with all New England governors. In neighboring New York, Gov. Kathy Hochul moderated positions on energy projects last year as her election campaign got underway.

Following his pattern of avoiding controversial issues, Pennsylvania Gov. Josh Shapiro has said nothing publicly about the Constitution Pipeline, even though natural gas represents arguably the Keystone State's most promising industry.

In fact, of the hundreds who submitted comments to FERC, those identifying as state politicians were only the Connecticut state senator and 13 Republican members of the New York State Legislature, whose joint statement supported the pipeline. Bloomberg's report of New England gubernatorial support notwithstanding, a search of public statements favoring Constitution turned up just one—from New Hampshire Gov. Kelly Ayotte.

Leadership matters in developing energy projects. Following the 2025 inauguration of President Donald Trump, five pipeline projects, including Constitution, were revived in the Northeast, after years of being stalled by political hostility, according to an S&P Global analysis. Outside the region, 10 projects received federal or state approvals.

With due acknowledgment to those openly backing the Constitution Pipeline, surely a project benefiting most of the Northeast deserves stronger support. Frankly, small-town America displays more enthusiasm for the ribbon cuttings of ice cream shops than leaders of states do for the bounty of affordable energy and a thriving gas industry.

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Trump's New World Order Is Long Overdue



By Gary Wickert

For more than seventy years, the United States sat atop and sustained what came to be known as the "rules-based international order," a system of alliances, multilateral institutions, and global economic integration that promised stability, prosperity, and the gradual spread of individual liberties and human rights. For a time, it worked. It secured American primacy, expanded global trade, and helped bring about the end of the Cold War. Yet systems that succeed in one era often calcify into liabilities in another. What began as a framework to extend American influence, left in the hands of successive feckless U.S. presidents, evolved into a structure that increasingly constrained it, redistributed its advantages, and empowered rivals who did not share its values. President Donald Trump continues to be considered a reckless, blunt instrument by the cynical and fatalistic left; but his efforts are having profound positive effects in all corners of the globe.

The current moment represents not chaos, but real course correction. The shift underway in global geopolitics with President Donald Trump at the helm is not the destruction of order so much as the replacement of an outdated paradigm. The postwar consensus assumed that economic integration would produce political convergence, that adversaries could be moderated through participation, and that allies would shoulder responsibilities commensurate with the benefits they received. Each of these assumptions has proven, at best, incomplete and, at worst, dangerously naïve.

China's rise provides the clearest example. For decades, policymakers embraced engagement, convinced that access to global markets and institutions would liberalize Beijing's economic and political behavior. Instead, the opposite occurred. China leveraged that access to build industrial dominance, acquire technology, and entrench a state-directed economic model fundamentally at odds with free-market principles. The result was not convergence, but competition on terms increasingly dictated by Beijing.

Against this backdrop, the foreign policy approach of President Donald Trump represents a decisive break with inherited assumptions. His second term has accelerated a transition already underway from his first term, replacing multilateralism with a more transactional, sovereignty-centered framework. The emphasis is no longer on maintaining institutions for their own sake, but on producing measurable outcomes aligned with national interests.

Critics characterize this as disruptive, even destabilizing. In a narrow sense, that is true. Longstanding arrangements are being challenged, alliances recalibrated, and economic relationships restructured. Modern liberal progressivism has recoiled at this global development, and has developed an instinctive discomfort with American leadership itself, rooted in a view of the nation as fundamentally flawed, even irredeemable, rather than as a force capable of advancing stability and order. That perspective often produces a paradoxical posture in which the assertion of American strength on the world stage is met with more skepticism and resistance than the evil ambitions of terrorist regimes is, reflecting an ideological recoil from national confidence rather than a clear-eyed assessment of global realities.

One of the most consequential aspects of this shift is the rebalancing of economic relationships. The use of tariffs and export controls, once viewed as blunt instruments, has become a central component of strategic competition. Rather than treating trade as an end in itself, it is now deployed as leverage to correct imbalances, protect critical industries, and reduce dependence on adversarial supply chains. This approach reflects a recognition that economic interdependence, when asymmetrical, can become a vulnerability rather than a strength.

Similarly, the pressure placed on NATO allies to pay their fair share and increase defense spending reflects a return to first principles. Collective security arrangements are sustainable only when burdens are shared equitably. For decades, the United States carried a disproportionate share of that burden while European partners underinvested in their own defense. The current recalibration, while uncomfortable, has already prompted increased commitments and a renewed focus on military readiness among allied nations.

The same logic extends to broader geopolitical engagement. In regions such as Latin America and the Middle East, a more assertive posture toward regimes engaged in narcotics trafficking, state-sponsored terrorism, or systemic corruption reflects a willingness to confront, rather than accommodate, destabilizing actors. Whether in addressing the Venezuelan regime's nexus with the drug trade, blowing up drug running boats, or confronting Iran's regional ambitions to blow certain countries off the map, the underlying principle is consistent: deterrence requires credibility, and credibility requires action.

Equally significant is the renewed emphasis on borders and sovereignty. Immigration policy. The failure to control borders not only undermines the rule of law but also incentivizes transnational criminal networks and weakens national cohesion. A more disciplined approach in line with how other countries handle illegal immigration signals to both allies and adversaries that sovereignty is not negotiable. Developed and developing nations alike enforce immigration laws with a degree of rigor that leaves little ambiguity, including severe criminal penalties for illegal entry, prolonged detention, and swift deportation regimes designed to deter future violations. Countries such as Hungary impose prison sentences of up to eight years for unlawful entry, while others, including Malaysia, have historically used corporal punishment and strict detention practices as tools of immigration control. Across Europe and Asia, even minor violations such as overstaying a visa can trigger immediate detention, fines, and long-term bans on reentry, reflecting a zero-tolerance posture toward unauthorized presence within national borders. More broadly, many nations adopt immigration policies explicitly designed to preserve cultural cohesion and national identity, employing strict visa controls, physical barriers, and aggressive enforcement mechanisms to regulate who enters and remains within their territory. America is now joining their ranks; and it is about time.

None of this is occurring in a vacuum. The global response has been mixed, as would be expected in any period of structural transition. Allies accustomed to a more submissive United States have expressed surprise and concern, while adversaries have tested the limits of the new approach. Yet beneath the surface, a quieter adjustment is underway. Nations are diversifying supply chains, increasing defense expenditures, and reassessing dependencies that once seemed permanent. The illusory and evanescent "change" that had chills running down the legs of liberal sycophants during the Barack Obama performances is finally here; without fanfare or change slogans.

This dynamic reflects a broader truth about paradigm shifts. They are rarely embraced in real time. Entrenched interests resist change, not because the existing system is functioning optimally, but because it is familiar. The inertia of institutions, investments, and ideology creates a lag between recognition and adaptation. What appears as disorder is often the visible manifestation of that lag.

Take Iran as an example. The progressive left has consistently opposed President Trump's hardline posture toward Iran, notwithstanding near-universal agreement that preventing a nuclear-armed Iran is a critical objective of U.S. foreign policy. Critics initially framed his approach as a reckless step toward another "forever war," warning of prolonged military entanglement and regional destabilization reminiscent of prior Middle East conflicts. When actions taken proved more targeted and limited in duration, those same voices often shifted their criticism, arguing instead that the strategy lacked long-term coherence, diplomatic depth, or sufficient multilateral support. This pattern reflects a broader tendency toward outcome-driven critique rather than principle-based analysis, where

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Is the UN about to seize 400,000 acres of American soil?

By Craig Rucker

On July 19, a committee of 21 foreign governments gavels into session in Busan, South Korea – and somewhere in the days that follow, they'll decide whether a 400,000-acre stretch of Georgia answers to them.

Not to Georgia. Not to America.

To them – the United Nations.

And don't kid yourself that it stops at one swamp. Hand the UN 400,000 acres of Georgia and you've handed them the precedent – the next piece of America comes easier, and the one after that easier still.

Two weeks before that vote, you and I will be lighting fireworks for America's 250th birthday – a quarter of a millennium since a handful of farmers and shopkeepers told the most powerful empire on earth to take its crown and its tax collectors and pound sand.

And now, before the smoke clears, the UN's culture bureaucrats want to plant their flag in the Okefenokee Swamp.

They don't call it a flag, of course. They call it a "World Heritage Site" – a designation of "outstanding universal value." (Translation: it's not really yours anymore.)

The UN swears it would "only monitor" this swath of American land. (Right – the way a fox "only monitors" the henhouse.) Ask the folks in Charlton, Ware, and Clinch counties in Georgia what "monitor" means.

They're the ones who'd wake up to find their hunting land, their timber, their own backyards redrawn as a "buffer zone" to "protect" a swamp that's been doing just fine on its own since before there was a United Nations to mismanage it.

No hunting. No logging. No pulling weeds. No say. That's the "universal value" on offer.

This one's simple – and we're weeks, not years, from the vote.

Will you please add your name to CFACT's Declaration of Independence from the UN to tell President Trump and Interior Secretary Doug Burgum to pull this nomination off the table before the July 19 deadline?

Add My Name to the Declaration >>

So how did we get here? A midnight gift in January 2025.

The Okefenokee sat on a UN "tentative list" for some 40 years, going nowhere – until the Biden administration, just before clearing out its desks, rammed through the nomination without so much as a phone call to the people who actually live there.

A parting gift to the UN – from the same crew that spent four years handing out pieces of American

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Billions have been wasted on UN's climate change lies

By Jonathan Lesser

The United Nations-backed International Panel on Climate Change is responsible for the "climate catastrophe" and "the world is burning" scenarios that environmentalists, academics and many politicians have promoted to force high-cost, coercive energy policies on Americans.

Yet last month, the IPCC quietly determined that those extreme scenarios are "implausible" — by which they mean impossible.

The most notorious of them — Representative Concentration Pathway 8.5, or "RCP 8.5" — posited a hellish world of 12 billion people in the year 2100.

The projection assumed the world would be burning more coal than exists, without such likely technological improvements as emissions-free nuclear plants.

RCP 8.5 was meant to represent a worst-case scenario for climate change.

But disaster sells, so environmentalists and politicians embraced it to make all manner of crazy claims.

They relied on academics whose careers depended on using RCP 8.5 and several other worst-case scenarios to predict everything from the demise of French wines and the end of pasta to aliens destroying the earth. (No, really.)

The claims were ludicrous, but the money that flowed to green groups and politicians to promote them and their preferred "solutions" was only too real.

Not for nothing did environmental groups like the Sierra Club and the Natural Resources Defense Council collect hundreds of millions of dollars to institute bans on natural gas for heating and cooking.

And the economic and, ironically, environmental damages from the policies we've adopted to "save us" from climate change have been disastrous.

It's safe to say that many hundreds of billions, if not trillions, of dollars have been wasted on them worldwide.

In New York, these policies have included former Gov. Andrew Cuomo's ban on fracking, which would bring lower natural gas prices to all New Yorkers and an upstate economic boom, creating thousands of high-paying jobs.

It also included shutting down all fossil-fuel electric generators in the state and promoting a fantasy electric system of wind, solar and batteries, together with "dispatchable emissions-free generators" fueled by "green" hydrogen.

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Worry about climate fearmongering – not climate change

By Paul Driessen

America's teenagers and young adults are experiencing a "troubling rise" in anxiety, depression, emergency room visits, suicidal thoughts and suicide, the Centers for Disease Control, psychological and psychiatric organizations, schools and other observers are reporting … yet again.

CDC's 2023 Youth Risk Behavior Survey found that 40% of American students experienced persistent feelings of hopelessness, 28% experienced poor mental health, 20% seriously considered attempting suicide, and 10% had attempted suicide.

The researchers attribute this in part to isolation during the Covid pandemic and from using computer, cell phone, social media and AI as substitutes for personal interactions; to bullying, educational pressures, family discord and socio-economic disadvantages; and to declining faith, spirituality and moral values.

These are undoubtedly major factors – and serious challenges for family, medical, educational, religious and societal institutions – and for all who strive to be strong, social, resilient individuals and families.

However, we should add to these causes the near-constant negativity presented by liberal/leftist teachers, journalists and social media influencers about our nation's and western civilization's "horrible" history, culture and values. Especially when they ignore other nations' dogmas and histories of rape, murder, slavery and forced conversion of "subhuman" and "infidel" or otherwise "deficient" or "uncooperative" people across Asia and the Maghreb, deep into Africa, and by Lenin, Stalin, Mao and Pol Pot.

We should also attribute this "troubling rise" to similarly constant academic, online and media fearmongering about endless "environmental perils" – and even more so to doom-and-gloom brainwashing alleging that "our planet's health and all forms of life on it are imperiled" by climate change caused by fossil fuels, agriculture and other human activities.

Our planet is dying. We've got 30, 20, 10 years until it's so poisoned that it won't support plant, animal or human life. Life on Earth has never been worse – not even in the Dark Ages or World War II. Young people have every right to be despondent, to have little hope for the future, to see little reason to get married or have children. We hear it over and over.

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occurring atmospheric conditions driven by a strong El Niño pattern.

The opposite is true in the Pacific which may likely have a relatively active season.

El Niño is an entirely natural ocean cycle that causes warm surface temperatures in the tropical Pacific Ocean which stimulates hurricane formations through its influence on vertical wind shear – the difference between wind speed or direction at different layers of the atmosphere.

Atlantic Hurricanes thrive when there's low wind shear that allows storms to build a cohesive rotation and to circulate heat and moisture toward the center, whereas the opposite pattern occurs in the Pacific.

Forecasters at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) estimate that this year will experience between three to six Atlantic hurricanes.

NOAA's forecast aligns with many other experts' analyses, which say that El Niño conditions will again likely dampen hurricane activity in the Atlantic.

The Barcelona Supercomputing Center, which tracks predictions from 23 hurricane forecasting centers, projects an average of five.

In May, following decades of fearmongering, the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) quietly discarded dire rising temperature scenarios promoted in their past two reports.

As IPCC's most recent report admits, "For the 21st century, this range will be smaller than as assessed before," noting that their worst forecasts "have become implausible."

Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates who has dedicated billions of dollars, fomenting climate change alarm is finally also pushing back against what he now calls a "doomsday outlook" regarding a warming planet.

In October of 2025 he posted an article on his website stating: "Fortunately for all of us, this view is wrong. Although climate change will have serious consequences - particularly for people in the poorest countries - it will not lead to humanity's demise."

Gates added, "Unfortunately, the doomsday outlook is causing much of the climate community to focus too much on near-term emissions goals, and it's diverting resources from the most effective things we should be doing to improve life in a warming world."

But what about claims by eminent authorities that hurricanes and other extreme weather events are becoming ever more frequent and severe because of global warming we humans are causing?

Those of us who have questioned this dogma have been mocked and labeled as "climate deniers" and worse.

Over decades, climate realists including Steve Koonin, Michael Shellenberger, Roger Pielke Jr., and others have agreed with much of what IPCC and Bill Gates are now saying: that while the Earth's climate is changing just as it always has – now in a warming phase – humans can and must adapt.

No one should dispute that hurricanes and other severe weather can be enormously devastating. However, the tag line connecting them with "climate change," suggesting this to be a recent phenomenon defies undisputed records.

Let's recognize that global temperatures were as warm or warmer 2,000 years ago during the Roman Warm Period, 1,000 years ago during the Medieval Warm Period, and even a smidgen warmer in the comparatively recent 1930s.

That was followed by three decades of cooling which began in the mid-1940s despite World War II weapons industries having released massive amounts of CO2 into the atmosphere and had leading scientific and news organizations predicting the onset of the next Ice Age by the late 1970s.

As for hurricanes, the deadliest to hit the continental U.S. was the Galveston, Texas event of Aug. 29, 1900, which may have killed up to 12,000 people.

With no intent to make light of the foreboding trauma hurricanes bring to those in their paths — let's nevertheless recognize that from a larger historical perspective, North Atlantic tropical storm and hurricane patterns fail to reveal any worsening trend over more than a century.

In any case, since we can't change the weather, it's truly in our best interests to anticipate those bad-case circumstances and prepare our communities and households to mitigate against the outcomes.

Whether or not any severe weather event gets hyped on the media as the "biggest ever," "strongest ever," "deadliest ever," or "costliest ever," it of course may qualify as the worst ever for you.

Consider this grim reality well in advance of every storm season, when there is still time to plan and take prudent preemptive actions.

Unfortunately, it's all too easy to forget to do this on nice sunny days.

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What is Inflation and What Drives Inflation?

By James Bohn and Greg Grambow

Inflation is the largest tax you pay. Yet, you have no input on how much the tax will be. In simple terms, if there is a 10% inflation rate and a dollar earned in 2026 will only have a $.90 value to buy goods in 2027. How costly is it? If you saved a dollar in 2001 you would only be able to buy $.53 of goods in 2026. We don't know anyone who would consider this a good deal. Yet, it is one our government continues to create for us.

Between the early 1990's and the late 1990's, the U.S. economy witnessed a decline in inflation. This decline can be attributed to several factors, the most salient of which was the impact of globalization and the technology revolution. In addition, adding new oil drilling techniques increased the supply of American Energy, and, a decline in the real wages of many American workers, and the disruption of the Great Recession contributed.

The general downward drift in inflation in the post-Cold War era began to be reversed in the later years of the Obama Administration lead by the impact of the flawed Health Care Act renovations as well as the poor investment return spawned by the "green" energy initiatives. Both of these initiatives reduced the e^iciency and productivity of the American economy and paved the way for the reemergence of inflation in the Biden administration.

The connection between the Obama's era administration decisions, and the inflation decisions of the Biden years is overlooked because it was mitigated by actions taken during the First Trump Administration. During that time, an emphasis of undoing the "green energy plan" and a renewed focus on domestic energy production, regulatory reform, and tax cuts all mitigated inflationary factors. The Covid pandemic, with its vast economic disruptions, surged government spending, and a loose monetary policy completely broke the trend of declining or stable inflation. It immediately sent inflation surging upward..

With the return of Trump to the White House a return to declining inflation rates is likely in store for the American economy. Economically, the Iran war is a short-term blip. A second dragging point is the Supreme Court's decision to overturn some of the tari^ initiatives.

So very likely, going forward, inflation reductions will be generated by four, and probably more, factors that have not received su^icient attention.

First, is the process of returning to the policy of renewed domestic energy production. This is disinflationary.

Second, tari^s are being readjusted to mitigate the Supreme Court rulings and by legally preventing similar intervention. The fact is, tari^s encourage increased investment and productive capacity in the American economy and are, in the long run, deflationary for the US. Tari^s are here to stay and because they are, declining inflation can be anticipated.

Third, reforms in drug pricing is deflationary. As medical costs moderate, we will see less inflation from that sector.

Finally, with the swearing in of Kevin Warsh as Chair of the Federal Reserve Board we should soon see more adept policy emanating from it. A Better Fed policy equals less inflation.

The only thing clouding the inflation horizon is the Iran war and the specter of a Socialist resurgence in Congress. But, if the war in Iran ends on a timely basis, Socialists will find it di^icult to fight the e^ective policies of a resurging economy Thus, inflation, will be for the short/ medium term, contained. Cheer up, America. Better, less inflationary times are ahead.

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HOT JACK

The Next Robbin' Vos

I'd like to thank Jessica McBride for pointing out our next version of Assembly Speaker Robbin' Vos. His name is Tyler August, our next-in-line, big-spending Republican SWAMPER. In this week's addition of WRN Miss Jessica had the foresight to warn us by publishing Mr. August's article titled "Compromise Shouldn't Be a Dirty Word in Politics". But as we know, in politics "COMPROMISE" IS DEFINED AS:

"If you vote for MY STUPID IDEA, I'll vote for YOUR STUPID IDEA."

August's article is an attempt to blow smoke up your butts by trying to convince you that MORE SPENDING IS A GOOD IDEA, that the latest Evers/Vos spending bill is a good idea. From the article:

The bill negotiated between Governor Evers and Republican legislative leadership focused on issues that matter to families across our state: returning surplus funds via an income tax rebate of $300 per individual and $600 per couple, providing more than $300 million in property tax relief (which would have amounted to a 5% reduction on a statewide basis), supporting schools by investing over $300 million into special education, and helping hardworking Wisconsinites deal with rising costs by eliminating taxes on tips and overtime.

In the above paragraph August tells you that he's the exact same big spender as Vos, but also shows that he's not nearly as cleaver at hiding it. He dangles a ONE-TIME "rebate" of $600 per couple in front of you, while admitting that there will be a PERPETUAL (that means WILL LAST FOREVER like Evers's 400-year tax) $300Million SPENDING INCREASE. He gives you ONE but takes back 400 from your pocket. Is that COMPROMISE, or is that a LOSER?

How often does President Trump "compromise"? Does he give in to the Dems or does he fight them and WIN?

The people of Wisconsin voted twice for Trump meaning that they want a winner, not a loser, to work FOR their interests and not against them. August doesn't get that and neither does any fool, who is out there whining about NOT SPENDING MORE of your money.

"Tax relief" is a lie. If you get your $600 dollar check, will your 2026 property tax bill go down? Hell no. It will go up to pay for the $300Million in additional spending PLUS anything else that the politicians can throw on top of it. You need to tell your candidates: "IT'S A SPENDING PROBLEM STUPID". And follow that with "Don't

YOU be a loser too."

Maybe the Packers should take August's advice and compromise with the Bears every fall. There's no need to fight it out on the gridiron. Just keep paying those higher ticket prices every year for a known outcome. You can afford it. Can't you?

PS: Thanks again Jess. Keep on exposing those fools.

HOT JACK

I'm So Angry. . .

In his recent newsletter Wisconsin State Senator Van Wanggaard was "So Angry" with some of his Republican colleagues for not supporting Democrats and killing the Evers/Vos spending bill. Apparently for Van, a 15% increase in the state budget wasn't enough. (Is it ever ENOUGH?) Well Senator, now you know how I felt every time that you voted.

Wanggaard is just like Vos, Evers, a whole bunch of big-government Republicans, and every Democrat out there. He never saw a dollar that he couldn't spend. And a lot of these clowns praise themselves for being the bastions of Conservativism. Unless you are drunk, when has increasing spending ever been considered to be a part of Conservativism? When has increasing the size, scope and power of government ever been considered to be a part of Conservativism? When has rolling over for Robbin' Vos ever been a part of Conservatism.

Does anybody know what Wanggaard has done during his time in office? Did he vote for EVERY increase in the State budget? Did he vote to establish and support the Wisconsin Election Commission? The one thing that Wanggaard DID DO is he fell in line every time he was told to do so. That's a good boy.

The Wisconsin 2009-2011 (the one just prior to Wanggaard's election) budget (2009 Wisconsin Act 28) listed the biannual budget at just a shade under $62Billion. The state budget just passed by Waanggaard and friends was $115Billion. That's an 85% increase. And what have we heard from Van and the other big spenders? 'Well, duh, the Democrats would have spent more.' Doesn't that make you feel better?

Wanggaard, Vos and a bunch of others have been in government since dirt was young. And while dirt gets better with age, politicians just become dirty. Thank God that Wanggaard is "retiring" (whatever that means). Wisconsin can't afford any more of HIS "Conservatism," nor that of his buddies.

For those of you running to replace the rats leaving the Republican ship: IT'S A SPENDING PROBLEM.

HOT JACK

More Evidence of Stupid Broadcasting

On May 26th the Maciver Institute, the bastion of credibility within the Conservative "community", (I hate that word) released a research paper "How the Surplus Deal Would Have Revealed the Budget Crisis." You can look up the details for yourself, but the title says it all.

The point isn't that this Vos/Evers deal was extremely bad for Wisconsin. The point is that the FOOLS that run the Republican Legislature and the BIGGER FOOLS at WISN radio, who either blindly or stupidly (or both) not only supported the deal but did it with an excessive amount of venom for those who correctly saw the deal for what it was; a typical socialist money grab. The only thing that saved us was a few REAL CONSERVATIVES like Senator Kapenga and the entire Democrat Legislature, (how's that for irony) who voted against the deal because it didn't spend enough!

We can expect this behavior from Evers and the Democrats. We can expect the same from Robbin'Vos and his brain-dead bots in BOTH legislative houses. Neither group has EVER met a tax dollar that they couldn't spend. And it just kills them to see a pile of money sitting there not being spent no matter how big or small that pile is.

You'd think that "our" supposedly conservative media would supply us with the information and context needed for us to see the truth. But they either failed us or simply LIED to us both before and after the bill was defeated. The only show host that I heard stand up for THE PEOPLE was Vicki McKenna. The rest as usual spewed out the Vos line as directed and bashed Kapenga and those who effectively killed the legislation. Tell me guys, who looks stupid now?

The real question here is "Why?" WHY does the laughably conservative media always seem to support the standard line of B.S. as directed by the Republican Party LEADERSHIP? Are they just plain stupid? Did their expensive law degrees suck every bit of common sense out of them? Are they on the take? Or is there something more evil at play here? I guess time will tell. You can't hide the truth forever.

I'm really tempted to bash those of you, who are the main reason for WISN's NUMBER ONE RATINGS. But I'll hold back for a while. Maybe it's not your fault. Maybe you were sucked in and gas lighted by the proverbial cloud of smoke being blown up your butt. But now you have been warned. So, see the light. Turn the radio dial to something more honest and straight forward……..like NPR.

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opposition adapts to circumstances rather than remains anchored to a consistent framework. As a result, prior warnings of endless conflict are rarely revisited or reconciled with subsequent developments, and the evolving nature of the criticism tends to obscure rather than clarify the underlying policy debate. The inevitable conclusion here politically will be the sudden silence by the left at the massive successes that nobody else could have achieved. As they say, success has many fathers, but failure is an orphan.

It is also important to recognize that the current geopolitical trajectory did not originate with any single administration. For more than a decade, policymakers across administrations have acknowledged the need to confront strategic competitors, reduce economic vulnerabilities, fix trade imbalance, and bring fairness back to alliances. What distinguishes the present moment is not the diagnosis, but the willingness to act decisively on these objectives.

By challenging assumptions that had long gone unexamined, Donald Trump is forcing a reconsideration of how power is exercised and how interests are defined. The result is a world that is more fragmented, but also more grounded in reality.

Whether one views this transformation with optimism or concern depends largely on perspective. There are risks inherent in any major realignment, including the potential for miscalculation and unintended consequences. Yet there is greater risk in maintaining a system that no longer reflects underlying conditions. Left to its own devices, Iran would have eventually obliterated Israel with a nuclear weapon, resulting in a counter-strike, and the onset of World War III. Stability built on flawed assumptions is, ultimately, an illusion.

The emerging order is not one of perfect harmony or universal cooperation. It is, instead, a return to a more traditional understanding of international relations, in which sovereign states pursue their interests within a framework shaped by power, negotiation, and accountability. That may be less comforting than the abstractions of the past, but it is arguably more sustainable.

History tends to judge such periods not by their disruptions, but by their outcomes. If the current trajectory results in more balanced alliances, more resilient economies, and a clearer alignment between commitments and capabilities, it will be seen not as a departure from order, but as its necessary evolution.

In that light, the present moment can be understood not as a breakdown, but as a recalibration. The structures that once defined global engagement are being tested against contemporary realities. Where they fail, they are being replaced. Where they endure, they are being strengthened. That process is neither neat nor universally welcomed, but it is, in many respects, long overdue.

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election because he is a sore loser in pursuit of vengeance. Nothing could be further from the truth.

The Justice Department's Civil Rights Division is putting election integrity at the top of its priority list. Civil Rights Assistant Attorney General Harmeet Dhillon has requested voter lists from every state to assess compliance with Federal voter list maintenance requirements. Describing their findings thus far, Dhillon said, "We found hundreds of thousands of duplicate registrations. Hundreds of thousands of dead people on the voter rolls. Tens of thousands of noncitizens on the voter rolls" in red and blue states. Wisconsin is among the 23 states that have refused to cooperate. The four million ineligible voters on the Wisconsin's Registered Voter List would never survive the scrutiny of the Justice Department. Many members of the media have become spokespeople for those who oppose the Trump Administration's efforts by promoting the narrative that the Government is trying to access the private data of citizens for devious purposes.

President Trump signed an executive order this spring that lays out the conditions that must be met to send ballots through the mail including providing the lists of voters to receive mail ballots and barcodes on the ballots to allow the chain of custody to be tracked. Expect intense opposition from those who are invested in the status quo. Molly Beck, who exemplifies failed journalism in Wisconsin with her politically biased and inaccurate reporting for the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, has never seriously investigated and reported on the flaws in Wisconsin's election system. She wasted no time enlisting two members of the Wisconsin Elections Commission (the body responsible for the insecure election system) in last Friday's reporting to claim the new rules will delay ballot delivery and to continue to create voter concern over the Federal Government accessing their personal information – information they already have access to and, in some cases, issue.

The FBI is reviewing specific allegations of misconduct in multiple states related to the 2020 election. Though the statute of limitations has passed for prosecutions of many of these allegations if true, the FBI is most certainly interested in learning what kind of fraudulent activities are possible given how elections are being run. The media resists understanding and reporting the flaws in the system. Last week, in a typical approach, Alexander Shur and Dion Nissenbaum, reporting for Votebeat and Wisconsin Watch, characterized the FBI interest in Wisconsin this way: FBI agents were in Milwaukee as part of an expanding national effort by the Trump Administration "to investigate long-debunked claims of fraud in the 2020 election". Shur and Nissenbaum continued, "Some experts believe the Trump Administration's wide-ranging probe is actually designed to create more doubt among Americans about future elections…"

The Safeguard American Voter Eligibility (SAVE) Act is an essential response to the extreme laxity of some states in the execution of Federal elections. It will restore election verifiability and the proper cooperative balance between the Federal Government and the States by setting the national minimum baseline as proof of citizenship to register to vote and photo ID to cast ballots in Federal elections. Many Americans believe we should also require rigorous voter roll maintenance, ban universal mail in ballots, and require election day results reporting, but it's a start. Opposition is universal from the Democrats in the Senate and John Thune, Republican Leader of the Senate, does not have the vote of every Senate Republican. The narrative from the Democrats and the media is the Trump Administration is trying to gain Federal control over elections. Nothing could be further from the truth.

The American people must stand strong with Trump on demanding verifiable elections. Our free society is built on the peaceful transfer of power when it is the will of the people. This requires us to accept election results we do not like, perhaps even detest. This will only happen if we can verify that the election results do, in fact, reflect the will of the people.

Many states have cast aside essential election safeguards under the guise of protecting the right to vote. American voters will no longer passively accept being told that everything is OK unless we can prove it isn't. Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes artfully described the limits to our freedom to do whatever we want with "Your right to swing your fist ends where the other man's nose begins." When it comes to Federal elections, California, and other states like it, have been landing their fists on our noses for a long time. It's time to put a stop to it.

HOT GOVERNMENT HOT JACK

The Election Illusion

When you vote, does your vote actually count? Does it count for the person for whom you intended it? Even if it does, is YOUR vote cancelled out by other, illegitimate ballots? Or, even overwhelmed by THOUSANDS OR MILLIONS of illegitimate ballots?

If you really think that what is implied in the paragraph above is just some whacko conspiracy theory, how do you explain what is going on in California today? How do you explain the results of the 2020 Presidential election? How do you explain countless Senatorial and Congressional elections over the last 50 years? And, oh yeah, let's not forget certain Wisconsin Assembly elections. Do the political machines in power in key areas "Keep counting ballots until we have enough"? Some people think so and have the data to back it up.

A just-released video interview of Wisconsin's Dan Eastman https://omega4america.substack.com/p/the-government-does-not-want-accurate?utm_source=podcast-email&publication_id=1743537&post_id=201046960&utm_campaign=email-play-on-substack&utm_content=watch_now_button&r=4k63je&triedRedirect=true&utm_medium=email made exactly THAT case. It made the case that our elections are consistently stolen by the political machines and that any thought of American Elections being free and fair is AN ILLUSION. And it begs the question: Do we live in a Democracy, a Representative Republic or a Banana Republic? I fear that the last answer to that question is the real answer; that our Republic is and has been lost for decades.

Don't get depressed just yet because the war is not over. The video gives pathways to reclaim our elections and our Nation. But these paths must be taken in a PRO-ACTIVE manner. During recent state-wide elections for Senator and Governor, Republican candidates spent many $MILLIONS of their own dollars trying to win an election that they were pre-determined to lose. The fix was in. When they did lose, they realized what had happened and they were understandably quite pissed off. But they couldn't do anything about it after the fact. They could only congratulate the "winner" and slink away in embarrassment.

Mr. Tiffany, don't put yourself in a position to "slink away". Be PRO-ACTIVE.

HOT GOVERNMENT HOT JACK

Racine County Sheriff Election De-Coded

H.O.T. Government just released the findings of a deep investigation into the Racine County Sheriff Office and what it may mean to the upcoming election FOR Racine County Sheriff. For the full 12-page report go to: www.racineaccountability.com

For those of you who are like me, the long report can be overwhelming. Even the shortened version can be hard to follow. So, the following is a brief synopsis taken from HOT's report that might help make sense of it all.

Cary Madrigal is a Republican candidate for Racine County Sheriff. She is endorsed by the key Racine County Republican Establishment including current Sheriff Chris Schmaling, District Attorney Patricia Hanson, County Executive Ralph Malicki, Assembly candidate Steve Wicklund and, of course, Assembly Speaker Robin Vos, who in addition to endorsing Madrigal presented her with The Racine County Sheriff's Office 2025 First Responder of the Year award.

Preston Kite is…..a former deputy with the Racine County Sheriff's Office, was sentenced (May of 2025) to 65 years in prison for 21 felonies, most of which involved sex crimes against children…..according to the Journal Times.

The first reports of Kite's "activities" reported to the Sheriff's office and Captain Madrigal took place in 2022. NO disciplinary action was taken nor were charges issued by the RCSO. The whole mess allegedly was swept under the rug until Kite WAS arrested by the Kenosha County Sheriff's Office in February of 2024.

Based on the extreme amount of documentation found by H.O.T., it is very unlikely that the goings on of Kite was a big secret. And having a feel for the connectedness of Racine County Republican politics it is my opinion that everyone who endorsed Madrigal for Sheriff could have, would have or should have known all of the relevant facts including the details of, or participation in an alleged cover up.

So what happens next? Think along the lines of a Federal Investigation and what it might uncover.

But the bottom line is this. Madrigal should withdraw from the Sheriff's race and resign her current position. Those who have endorsed her should at the very least be greatly embarrassed at their lack of judgement and should on their own resign from any current elected position or withdraw from any current race.

Thank you H.O.T. Government. No one else has the balls to do what needs to be done to clean out corrupt government.

An excellent, long, and thoughtful piece on Pope Leo's encyclical on AI. ~Joseph Bast

-------- Original Message --------

On Wednesday, 06/03/26 at 08:13 John Dunn <jddmdjd@web-access.net> wrote:

I have always respected and admired the insightful Briggs in matters of modeling, probability, chance, predictabillity, statistical questons. He always displays more, of course in his man efforts to discuss epistemology and knowledge.

However, I never even suspected he read encyclicals front to back and could expound on not only epistomology but moral philosophy and not only make sense but display a fundamental ability to capture the important stuff.

If you take the time to read this longer than usual essay from Briggs, you will know a bunch more, and have a lot better handle on the current hot topic--the future of artificial intelligence.

Briggs' essay below is outstanding. Not one formula--just plain talk about important stuff.

He an always remind me that he is a great statistician, but today I found out what I suspected from things he has written before, he is strong on epistemology and moral philosophy/anthropology. What a jolt, changed my morning.

No Model Will Save Us *Pope Leo, the Miserostat, and AI's Woke Coders*

By William Briggs

I don't know who wrote Magnifica Humanitas, the Vatican's new encyclical on "safeguarding the human person in the time of artificial intelligence", but he (or it?) appears to not have had much time in which to do so. If he had, he would have written something shorter. Some autist at Less Wrong (the "rationalists") wrote more words than anybody would care to read to claim that AI "wrote" the document. Those pesky em dashes, you see. Which, regular readers will attest, I enjoy and have been using for years—decades, even.

Pope Leo signed off on it as Official Author, so to him goes the credit. Whoever or whatever produced the document, the words and arguments stand and must be judged as they are (this is what I take such great pains to teach in the Thursday Class about any model, even human models).

There is a lot of fluff in Magnifica, common these days, passive language about "dialogue" and "dignity" and "equality" and "synodality". That last is a neologism from synod, a meeting (of bishops). In practice, it's a word without boundaries, meaning whatever its user wants it to mean, mostly finding ways to excuse sin and overthrow tradition.

There's even, Lord help us all, "journeying." Everything is now a "journey". No one can do the simplest task without it being a "journey". Women "journey" for every damned thing they do. I looked up a bread recipe and it featured the words "your sourdough journey." I had a paper accepted and the publisher said here is the paperwork to complete your "publishing journey."

On our spiritual journey to review this document, and not that some of these subjects aren't important, but we must turn a blind eye to all of it lest we miss our point. Which is our relation to technology.

Ratcheting Up

Now technology means tools, a far less scary word, which Leo understands: "Technology should not be considered, in itself, as a force antagonistic to humanity." And "In the abstract, technology in and of itself is not a solution to humanity's problems, just as it is not inherently evil." Tools become antagonistic, or sympathetic, by the hands that wield them.

The problem is, as it ever is, not tools, but people. There's a some good, and a lot wrong, with people. Including forever forgetting, in the rush for "progress", the undefeated Doctrine of Unexpected Consequences: "New technologies open up a horizon extending in directions that are imaginable but not yet fully predictable."

On that unpredictability, here's David Stove in the opening to "Why You Should Be A Conservative":

A primitive society is being devastated by a disease, so you bring modern medicine to bear, and wipe out the disease, only to find that by doing so you have brought on a population explosion. You introduce contraception to control population, and find that you have dismantled a whole culture. At home you legislate to relieve the distress of unmarried mothers, and find you have given a cash incentive to the production of illegitimate children. You guarantee a minimum wage, and find that you have extinguished, not only specific industries, but industry itself as a personal trait. You enable everyone to travel, and one result is, that there is nowhere left worth travelling to. And so on.

This is the oldest and the best argument for conservatism: the argument from the fact that our actions almost always have unforeseen and unwelcome consequences. It is an argument from so great and so mournful a fund of experience, that nothing can rationally outweigh it. Yet somehow, at any rate in societies like ours, this argument never is given its due weight.

The good old DUC has already hit AI, which was promised to "revolutionize"—does nobody ever remember revolutions are to be eschewed?—how companies work, bringing vast savings (notice the em dashes!). Predictions of our bright AI future were many. But it was recently revealed (of many similar stories, like rampant cheating in universities):

A company spent $500,000,000 on Claude in one month because nobody set usage limits… Uber burned their entire 2026 budget by April. Their COO said he can't connect any of it to consumer features…Microsoft canceled most



Claude Code licenses because the token bill spiraled…Companies are now laying people off to pay the AI bill. Not because AI replaced the work. Because the bill replaced the headcount.

Science Is Amoral

Pope Leo starts (para 12) with a truth almost completely forgotten, or if not forgotten then actively denied:

[B]uilding for the common good means accepting the limits and weakness of humanity without considering them an error to be corrected. Today, the human desire for fullness of life is at risk of being misled by deceitful goals, such as the prospect of a technology that promises to free us from all weakness, and models of wellbeing that leave behind entire populations.

There will be no eliminating the human condition. No technology will ever fix us. Every tool eases efforts in one dimension and creates difficulties or differences in others, and our flawed nature remains. In his same essay, Stove notes man is equipped "with a 'miserostat,' which always keeps his discontent up, not indeed to a constant level, but at least to a certain minimum level, and a high one at that." No tool can set that miserostat to zero more than temporarily.

Leo does not take an anti-tools position. Nor is Leo anti-science, except in the sense that we realize science is not the answer to any moral question. This is what Leo meant when he said (para 27) "science [sometimes] oversteps the limits of its competence." As we saw most ingloriously in the covid panic.

Yet sometimes even the Church doesn't realize this, as when Leo (para 43) says "In Laudato Si', Francis provided the first significant systematic treatment of the environmental crisis…" And later (para 81) "A litmus test for social justice today is…climate change and environmental disasters."

There is no environmental crisis (see our Clintel essay on this Francis's encyclical). But it is believed there is one, the belief implanted by scientists who didn't so much overstep moral bounds, though they often did that, but guaranteed far more certainty than is warranted. The climate is never constant and environmental disasters have always been with us, and always will. They are not coming with greater frequency now, and many of the tools we made deal with them handily. Which shows that miserostat can be set to HIGH even in the holy.

AI Itself

At last we come to computer models, a rose that smells sweeter with its glorified name of AI. Here Leo, and Francis, are right (para 92):

In his Encyclical Laudato Si', Pope Francis denounced the growing dominance of a technocratic paradigm [119] in our globalized world: the tendency to let the logic of efficiency, control and profit alone shape personal, social and economic decisions. This makes it clear that technology is not simply a tool. When it becomes the standard by which everything is judged, it begins to dictate what matters and what can be discarded, reducing creation to an object of exploitation and human beings to mere cogs in a system driven toward ever greater efficiency.

This damns both scientism and utilitarianism, both children of the Enlightenment. And (para 94):

The danger of humanity becoming a victim of its own achievements was already clearly recognized by Saint Paul VI, who warned that "the most extraordinary scientific progress, the most astounding technical feats and the most amazing economic growth, unless accompanied by authentic moral and social progress, will in the long run go against man." [121] For this reason, technological progress — valuable in itself — requires careful discernment of the anthropological vision that guides it and the ends it pursues.

Leo is also right when he names, without naming the name, of the oligarchy, reminding us that our newest tools are not controlled by States "but with major economic and technological actors." Such power "tends to become opaque and evade public oversight". How many times has Big Tech been caught listening to conversations or peeking into emails when they said they weren't?

His knowledge of computer models is not great, however, saying "those who design them, possess only a limited understanding of their actual functioning." That's only so in a limited sense where any model output with myriad inputs can't usually be known exactly, though the task of the model can be, and indeed always is, known. For (and you have this one by heart) all models only say what they are told to say, and AI is a model.

On the other hand, my heart soared like a hawk to see (para 99) Leo recognizes computer models "merely imitate certain functions of human intelligence" and that any seeming intelligence is "a form of statistical adaptation based on data and feedback, which can be very effective, but does not imply inner growth." There is nothing inside a model that can grow.

Leo also sees computer-model hype fosters "encourage excessive reliance and the search for ready-made answers, and weaken personal creativity and judgment" and that many "overlook the fact that they reflect the cultural assumptions of those who designed and trained them" (all models etc. etc.). He incorrectly frets about their "climate" effects and says "it is essential to develop more sustainable technological solutions". There is an AI bubble now, as there always is with new tools, and a filtering and efficiencies will come as they always do.

Using AI

The problem is people. Hypers and overly aggressive promoters, and the genuinely wrong about the capabilities of computer models, are one side, and a great mass of those who buy into are on the other. Leo: "we cannot consider AI to be morally neutral." Of course computer models are not morally neutral. They are just as moral as your screwdriver or your blender. Which is to say, there is no morality about them at all. Whatever biases—a neutral word itself—they have are put there by their coders. Claude refuses to say good things about white people, while excessively praising all other races, because that's what its coders decided. As long as you don't let yourself descend to sloppy thinking about "artificial" "intelligence" becoming alive, model—coder—bias can easily be coped with.

Leo expects (para 107 and on) "AI to respect human dignity and truly serve the common good". You might expect the same of the New York Times, but you're not going to get it. It's not the tool. It's the people. We ought not want a model to respect dignity, because models can't respect anything. We want rulers and elites and coders to respect dignity. Leo says "Those who control AI will impose their own moral vision, which will become the invisible infrastructure of

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Short Takes

By Ken Van Doren

French is the language that turns dirt into romance. -Stephen King

Progress lies not in enhancing what is, but in advancing toward what will be. -Khalil Gibran

All change is not growth, as all movement is not forward. -Ellen Glasgow

I used to jog but the ice cubes kept falling out of my glass. -David Lee Roth

Aman is already halfway in love with any woman who listens to him. -Brendan Behan

A hen is only an egg's way of making another egg. -Samuel Butler

The mouth obeys poorly when the heart murmurs. -Voltaire

"The Devil tempts us to destroy our faith, but God tests us to develop our faith, because a faith that can't be tested can't be trusted." - Pastor Warren Wiersbe

I want to do with you what spring does with cherry trees. -Pablo Neruda

Necessity dispenseth with decorum. -Thomas Carlyle

Love begins by taking care of the closest ones - the ones at home. -Mother Teresa

The violets in the mountains have broken the rocks. -Tennessee Williams

The best way to keep one's word is not to give it. -Napoleon Bonaparte

If evolution really works, how come mothers only have two hands? -Milton Berle

Wisdom to Live By

"What I see around me would drive me insane, if I did not know that no matter what happens, God will have the last word" ~ St. Paisios



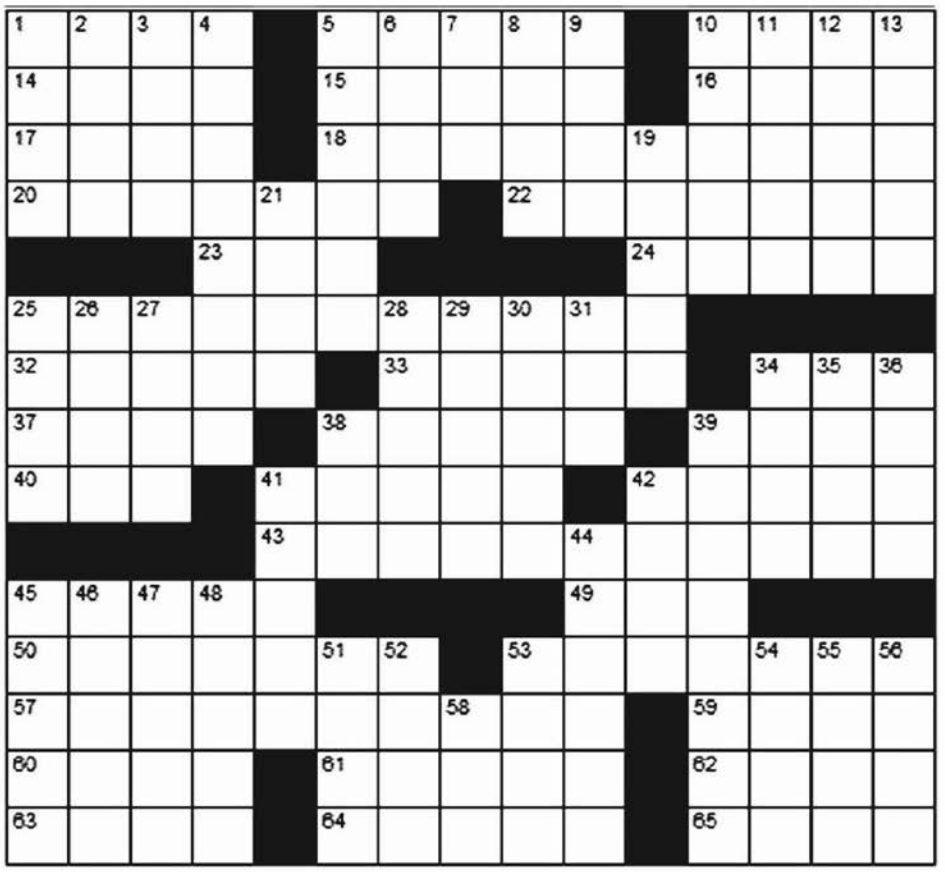
Good news. They found the infected rat from the cruise ship.

THE GAME PAGE

Crossword Puzzler

ACROSS
1. Whip
5. Cereal grass
10. Bit of gossip
14. Teller of untruths
15. Throw with effort
16. Killer whale
17. Pot
18. Aggravation
20. Tartarus
22. Rout
23. Buff
24. Requested
25. They keep dozing off
32. Ill-gotten gains
33. Seaweed
34. Female sheep
37. Circle fragments
38. Donated
39. Stigma
40. Tiny
41. Keepsake
42. Courtyards
43. Deckhands
45. Mystic
49. Mug
50. Remedy
53. Devilfish
57. Militant
59. Electrical unit
60. Stink
61. French for "After"
62. Sea eagle
63. Makes a mistake
64. Utilizers
65. Harvest

DOWN
1. Banner
2. Connects two points
3. Pledge
4. Welcomers
5. Neigh
6. Sister and wife of Zeus
7. Hearing organ
8. Keen
9. French for "Head"
10. Smidgens
11. Deception
12. French school
13. Anagram of "Amend"
19. Demean
21. Back of the neck
25. Shredded cabbage
26. Attraction
27. Behold, in old Rome
28. Japanese verse
29. Santa's helpers
30. Emissary
31. One of the tribes of Israel
34. Beige
35. Pause
36. Historical periods
38. Slime
39. Layover
41. A very short time
42. Adjoin
44. Admission
45. Surplus
46. Bet
47. Gall
48. Performance scores
51. Brother of Jacob
52. Vipers
53. Not under
54. Minute opening
55. Forearm bone
56. Stair
58. Fury



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They're turning Wyoming into a wind factory – and killing eagles to do it.

By Craig Rucker

Last Thursday, I stood at the Wyoming State Capitol with about 150 ranchers, farmers, conservation advocates, and plain fed-up citizens – and it was one of the best crowds I've been in front of in a long time.

Our "Save the Eagles, Stop Wind" rally exposed the so-called Wyoming Wind Wall – a 200-mile industrial corridor of wind turbines being rubber-stamped, across the heart of some of the most iconic landscape in America.

Nobody in Cheyenne or Washington, D.C. is looking at the cumulative picture. Project after project sails through permitting while the combined footprint – on migration routes, breeding grounds, golden eagle populations – goes completely unexamined.



CFacts' Craig Rucker at the Wyoming Rally

Environmentalism? Please. It's recklessness dressed up in green rhetoric.

Wyoming is home to the largest breeding population of golden eagles in the lower 48 states. A full quarter of the western U.S. breeding population lives and nests there.

But Golden eagle numbers in Wyoming have already dropped nearly a third over the past 20 years – and wind development is a major reason why.

Kim Monson, Host of The Kim Monson Show, put it perfectly from the podium: these turbines have become "a Cuisinart for golden eagles, birds, and bats."

These are the same people who weaponized the Endangered Species Act (ESA) for decades – shutting down farms, blocking pipelines, strangling timber harvests – all in the name of "protecting wildlife."

They turned the spotted owl into a four-decade cudgel against the logging industry. They've used the ESA to litigate practically every infrastructure project in the western United States.

But golden eagles? Suddenly the greens can't be bothered.

And why would they? When there's no pipeline to kill, no farm to shut down, no development they actually oppose on the other end of the complaint?

The Endangered Species Act was never really about the animals. It was about controlling land, blocking projects, and handing lawyers and activists a veto over anything they didn't like.

When wind turbines started shredding raptors by the thousands, the silence was deafening – because this time, the developers writing the checks are theirdevelopers. The subsidies flow to their allies. The sweetheart permitting deals line their pockets.

The eagles were always expendable. They just didn't advertise that part.

CFACT was there because this is exactly what we do. We don't just write white papers about it.

We show up – at the Wyoming Capitol, at the UN climate conferences, at the EPA, at the shareholder meetings of the banks funding this mess – and we make noise until someone has to answer for it.

We're demanding a full Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement before another blade starts turning in Wyoming.

A real review. An honest one.

The kind the subsidy-chasing wind developers have been hoping nobody would ever ask for.

The fight isn't just in Wyoming. The green lobby is pushing this same playbook in states across the country – quietly, project by project, hoping nobody adds it all up.

We are. And we're not done.



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allegations.

The Center's shiny veneer has now been scraped off, revealing a wealthy, vicious, politicized, corrupt institution whose stock-in-trade is defamation and race-baiting. In 2019, it fired co-founder Morris Dees for his alleged complicity in racial discrimination, sexual harassment and a toxic workplace environment.

Now a Department of Justice investigation and 11-count grand jury indictment alleges that the SPLC has been engaging in fraud, conspiracy to commit money laundering, and other high crimes, misdemeanors and hateful actions.

It appears the Montgomery, Alabama-based Center was funding the very hatred it repeatedly denounced. According to the indictment and Acting US Attorney General Todd Blanche, the SPLC "secretly funneled more than $3 million in funds to white supremacist and extremist groups." It even gave money to a former Grand Wizard of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, the DOJ says.

It created bank accounts in the names of "at least five completely fictitious organizations that had no bona fide employees or legitimate business purpose." The money was passed from SPLC "to one sham account, to a second sham account, and then loaded onto prepaid cards to give to members of extremist groups," including people who planned the infamous 2017 "Unite the Right" event in Charlottesville, VA.

In effect, the SPLC lit the racial fires, fanned the flames, and then arrived like a white knight to extinguish the inferno and Save the Republic. It then used the widely publicized incidents to persuade corporations, foundations and other donors to fund its "vital civil rights" work: Apple, JPMorgan Chase, George and Amal Clooney, $1 million each; Google, $250,000; little guys, $25-500 … right after Charlottesville.

Left-leaning investigative journalist Ken Silverstein revealed 25 years ago that "the SPLC's treasury bulges with $120 million, and it spends twice as much on fund-raising – $5.76 million last year – as it does on legal services for victims of civil rights abuses."

Donors cannot say they weren't forewarned about SPLC's activities or the likely consequences.

A white supremacist used his car to kill a young woman in Charlottesville. After the SPLC labeled the Family Research Council a "hate group," an actual hater tried to gun down FRC employees at its headquarters. A year after it added Turning Point, USA to its "hate group" list, next to the KKK and neo-Nazis, a "transgender activist" murdered Charlie Kirk at Utah Valley University.

Just as troubling, the defamatory accusations, destroyed reputations, sleazy fundraising, and endless media and political campaigns against perceived enemies are not limited to racial matters. The tactics and incidents are just as common in the climate and environmental arena.

Collude and plan with like-minded organizations and funders. Inflame impressionable students and adults with junk science, dodgy models, fearmongering and outright disinformation and lies. Accuse companies and fossil fuels of climate change, species extinction, toxic pollution and planetary ecocide. Advance laws, regulations and verdicts that delay and bankrupt essential projects. Encourage and excuse disruptive and violent action against them. Raise billions of dollars. Avoid any accountability.

Retain tax-exempt status as an "educational" or "public interest" organization. Enjoy lavish media, political and Hollywood praise. Raise more money.

As of 2022, more than 77,000 U.S. environmental groups were registered with the Internal Revenue Service, according to the Urban Institute's National Center for Charitable Statistics. Their cumulative assets were well north of $200 billion.

A vanishingly small amount of this came from membership dues and individual contributions. The financing comes largely from corporations, government agencies, lawsuit settlements and foreign governments, natural resources policy expert Greg Walcher reports.

But the vast bulk of the money comes from private foundations with familiar names: Pew Charitable Trusts, Rockefeller Brothers Fund, Hewlett Foundation, Packard Foundation, Walton Family Foundation – all of which, like the recipients, profit mightily from America's generous tax code and tax dodges.

And ironically, Greg observes, much of that funding originated with successful industrialists and corporations – whose descendants now support organizations dedicated to destroying the very industries and free-market economic system that created their wealth.

The Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation (Intel computer chip money) gave $100 million to block Alaska's Pebble Mine, which would have developed a worldclass deposit of six billion tons of copper, gold, molybdenum, silver, rhenium, palladium and other critical minerals essential for computer, defense, aviation, medical, communication and other technologies.

Environmental groups claimed development would have harmed local waters and fisheries. Of course, they oppose nearly every US mining project, but don't care about child labor in African mines.

They are perpetually silent about the local, national and global impacts that their "renewable" energy "solution" to the climate "crisis" inflicts on lands, wildlife and people: from covering millions of acres with solar panels, bird-butchering wind turbines and transmission lines; from the mining, quarrying, processing and manufacturing needed to build those installations; from having to build backup power plants and grid-scale, fire-prone battery installations for windless, sunless periods; from heart and other human health problems due to infrasound from wind turbines; and countless other issues.

They ignore the often deadly consequences that result from their Net Zero policies and obsession with climate change, mostly as an excuse for near-criminal malfeasance and mismanagement: mostly elderly people dying because they can't heat their homes properly in wintertime or cool them sufficiently during heat waves; families burned to death because they couldn't escape raging infernos in overgrown forests; millions dying from poverty, malnutrition and disease in countries that still don't have electricity.

The foundations, trial lawyers and foreign entities also fund climate lawfare and third-party litigation –hundreds of lawsuits against US energy companies, over climate change, pipelines and other specious issues, with the result, if not the goal, of destroying businesses, jobs, affordability and living standards.

About the only accountability we've seen thus far is Greenpeace being held liable for defamation and malicious destruction of property over the Dakota Access Pipeline – and ordered to pay Energy Partners $345 million in damages.

Congress, the Justice Department, and state legislatures and attorneys general should investigate these organizations, examine their financial dealings, and remove their phony science and civil rights materials from schools. Where appropriate, prosecute them under RICO and other laws. Above all, jail the crooked actors and enablers and revoke their organizations' nonprofit, tax-exempt status.

Injured parties should sue for defamation and damages. In some cases, you might be able to sue bad actors personally. Be creative. A lot of juries are fed up with these unlawful, destructive antics.

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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.

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It was supposed to save bald eagles. Guess what actually happened…

By Craig Rucker

The Endangered Species Act has been "protecting" animals for 50 years.

Take a guess at how many success stories government bureaucrats have racked up in five decades.

Out of 1,667 species currently listed as threatened or endangered – only 62 have come off the list!

That's less than 4%!

And when researchers actually looked at those "recoveries," 36 of them turned out to be junk – species that were never in danger to begin with, wrongly listed and then quietly delisted when nobody was watching.

That's what $1.1 billion in taxpayer dollars buys you and me every year.

But the Green Left isn't embarrassed by this. They don't want a shorter list.

A shorter list means less power – less power to sue developers, block farms, kill pipelines, and pocket federal grant money to do it all over again next year.

That's why they're insisting on MORE – more power and more of your hard-earned tax dollars.

That's not conservation. That's a shakedown wearing a bald eagle costume.

Will you help me stop this madness by urging Congress to reform the Endangered Species Act (ESA) right away?

Sign the petition – demand Congress fix the ESA.

Rep. Harriet Hageman (R-WY) has introduced H.R. 4850 – the Endangered Species Recovery Act of 2025 – to redirect this law toward what it was always supposed to do: actually recover species.

Your name on this petition will help CFACT ramp up pressure on Congress to cut the wasteful spending and truly conserve endangered species.

Here's the reality of what Americans are facing today.

A Florida family owns five acres. They want to build a house. But the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) hits them with a whopping $139,440 "incidental take fee" – before they've broken a single egg or disturbed a single nest. The fee is so high it makes building impossible.

That's not protecting wildlife. That's using wildlife as an excuse to control land.

Federal regulators have stretched the word "harm" – which the law intended to mean killing or capturing an animal – to cover anything that touches a species' habitat.

Cut down a tree an endangered bat might someday use as a roost? That's "harm."

Mow your lawn during the wrong season? Harm.

Drain a ditch on your own property that a snake theoretically prefers? Harm.

USFWS spent 33 pages in a single biological opinion speculating about a residential development that might disturb Indiana bats.

Here's the kicker – the bats weren't documented anywhere near the site!

Their conclusion: clearing trees could stress bats that might be there . . . which might affect their fat reserves . . . which might affect their young . . . who mightnot survive the winter.

"Might." "Could." "Theoretically."

Meanwhile, those same regulators authorized a wind energy project to "harass and harm" nearly 60,000 marine mammals with zero environmental review. (You can't make this up.)

The radical Left has turned the Endangered Species Act into a national land-use veto. American farmers, ranchers, and homeowners have been paying the price for decades.

Sign the petition – demand Congress fix the ESA.

Our senior fellows Bonner Cohen and Rob Gordon filed formal comments with NOAA and the Fish and Wildlife Service demanding they rescind the "harm" definition – the legal loophole that turned a wildlife protection law into a weapon against property owners.

They laid out the evidence, case by case, in detail. The agencies are now moving to rescind it.

The next step is passage of Rep. Hageman's Endangered Species Recovery Act of 2025 (H.R. 4850). If passed, this bill would:

Require agencies to set measurable recovery goals and timelines– right now, the Fish and Wildlife Service can list a species indefinitely with no plan, no benchmarks, and no accountability. H.R. 4850 would require concrete recovery criteria before listing and a roadmap to get there. The goal would be getting species off the list – not warehousing them on it forever.

Restore the original, narrow definition of "harm" – stripping away the regulatory creep that turned "harm" from "killing or capturing an animal" into "anything that might theoretically affect a species that might theoretically use your property." Landowners couldn't be punished for lawful activity on their own land based on speculation and computer models.

Require compensation when the government restricts private land use for species protection – if the feds designate your property as "critical habitat" and you can't farm it, build on it, or use it, you're owed fair compensation. The cost of conservation should be borne by the public – not dumped on the one family that happens to own the land.

CFACT is working with Congress to get it done – exposing the fraud and waste, making the case for landowners, and keeping the pressure on.

Now the Green lobby is pulling every string they have to stop it.

Because reform this law even slightly – even sensibly – and the entire machinery cracks. The grants dry up. The lawsuit pipeline slows down.

The regulatory blockades that let them veto development projects, farming operations, and energy projects across the country start to fall apart. All of it depends on keeping that species list long and the "harm" definition as elastic as possible.

They will spend whatever it takes to kill H.R. 4850 in committee.

The EPA's secret kill switch

By Craig Rucker

The EPA has a kill switch.

Most Americans have never heard of it. That's exactly how the Left likes it.

It's buried in Section 404(c) of the Clean Water Act – a little-known provision that gives EPA bureaucrats the power to veto a dredge-and-fill permit issued by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Not before the permit is issued. Not during review.

After. Years after. After the permits are approved. After the financing is secured. After shovels are in the ground.

All it takes is for one leftist EPA appointee to decide your mine, your pipeline, your infrastructure project offends their green sensibilities – and with the stroke of a pen, billions in investment and thousands of jobs go up in smoke.

They used it to kill the Pebble Mine in Alaska. Twice. The second time, they issued the veto before a permit had even been submitted. (Yes, really – they pre-emptively killed a project that hadn't formally applied yet.)

That's not regulation. That's a weapon.

It's high time to rein in the EPA. If you agree, I'm counting on your immediate action.

Will you please click here to demand President Trump END THE EPA VETO right away?

CFACT has joined the Fix the EPA Veto Coalition – a broad alliance pressing the Trump Administration to issue a strong executive order reining in the Environmental Protection Agency's ability to retroactively sabotage major energy, mining, and infrastructure projects.

President Trump has been a great ally. But he also has a lot on his plate.

Your signature – along with tens of thousands of other CFACT supporters – will help ramp up the pressure and ensure Trump's administration takes action.

The Army Corps of Engineers – the agency that actually issues these permits – has approved projects after years of rigorous environmental review.

Section 404(c) lets the EPA override that entire process, retroactively, indefinitely, with no meaningful check on their authority. The Corps can approve; EPA can always un-approve.

It's a bureaucratic veto with no expiration date.

The mining projects were killed or stalled. The pipelines strangled mid-construction. The port expansions were shelved. The energy infrastructure left unbuilt while China races ahead – permitted, funded, and operational in the time it takes an EPA lawyer to file a veto notice.

All of it perfectly legal under a provision most

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No more EPA veto over the economy!

By Craig Rucker

EPA has long been stacked with leftist advocates who eagerly sabotage clean, smart, vital development projects.

EPA regulators have been using the Clean Water Act as a major tool to crush our free markets under the heavy hand of government.

CFACT has joined a coalition of organizations organized to demand reform.

CFACT's Melanie Collette reports:

CFACT has officially joined the newly formed Fix the EPA Veto Coalition, a broad alliance pressing the Trump administration to issue a strong executive order reining in the Environmental Protection Agency's ability to retroactively sabotage major energy, mining, and infrastructure projects.

At the heart of the issue is Section 404(c) of the Clean Water Act — a little-known provision that gives the EPA power to veto dredge-and-fill permits issued by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, even years after projects have been approved, funded, and built. While used sparingly in the past, this authority has become a potent political weapon capable of destroying billions in investment and thousands of jobs with the stroke of a pen.

Melanie sums it up:

The coalition is calling on the Trump administration to act decisively and deliver the regulatory certainty American industry needs to build, produce, and lead.

America cannot allow our economy to be hamstrung by Socialist ideologues as we face an increasingly dangerous world.

We demand reform!

They told these kids to panic. Our kids said no.

By Craig Rucker

The Left has virtually had your kids and grandkids' campuses to itself for sixty years.

Sixty years of "the planet is dying," "you've got twelve years until the world ends," and "don't have children – save the earth."

And for most of those years, nobody showed up to fight them for it.

That's changing. And it's CFACT's Collegians program doing the changing.

This spring, while the professors were assigning carbon-guilt term papers, a CFACT Collegian named Joshua E. set up a table in the busiest building at Florida International University (a school with more than 55,000 students enrolled) with a sign that read "Nuclear is the Future" – and dared anyone walking by to argue.

Most of them couldn't.

These aren't kids writing strongly worded essays. These are kids standing alone – often the only student on their entire campus willing to say out loud that capitalism has the best environmental record in human history.

That takes guts. And right now, that guts is winning converts.

Will you chip in $35 or more to send a CFACT Collegian to a campus event today?

Let me show you what your tax-deductible contribution of $35, $50, or $100 today actually buys – because it isn't a white paper.

Just this spring:

At San Diego State University, Collegians Caleb R. and Jack K. led eleven classmates up Cowles Mountain – Pacific in full view – and taught them, out on the trail, how those "clean" offshore wind farms shred endangered whales. The kind of lesson you don't get in environmental science class taught by some purple-haired TA.

At Liberty University, reps Silas P. and Colton S. ran a beanbag toss called "Power the Grid" alongside a nuclear soda giveaway – and explained more about energy reality in ten minutes than four years of tuition ever will.

And our students don't stop at the campus walkway. This spring CFACT Collegians filed formal public comments at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, urging regulators not to strangle fusion energy in red tape. College students. In the federal rulemaking process. While their classmates doom-scrolled TikTok about the end of the world.

This is what CFACT Collegians do. Not just networking at Beltway conferences. Not drafting think-tank memos. Real students, on real campuses, having real conversations changing real minds – one table, one event, and one stubborn kid at a time.

That's the difference between a think tank and a DO tank.

We hand the next generation the facts, the training, and the courage – then we turn them loose on the very campuses that have been lying to them for decades.

We've been doing it for years. And we don't take a single dime of taxpayer money to do it – which means no bureaucrat and no university administrator gets a vote in what our students say.

Now they're going bigger.

This July, our Collegians head to Washington, D.C. to stand alongside thousands of conservative student leaders at the Turning Point USA Chapter Leadership Summit – the largest gathering of its kind in the country.

Our students won't be in the back row.

They'll be there as the ones who already know how to win the energy argument – ready to recruit the next wave of Climate Realists from coast to coast.

But here's the part that should keep you up at night.

The Left isn't conceding an inch of campus. They've got the faculty. The orientation programs. The "sustainability offices." And a bottomless budget to keep manufacturing climate panic in your grandkids.

Every student we don't reach, they keep.

This fight is won one campus at a time – and we are outnumbered everywhere we go.

So I'll ask you plainly. Will you fund a Collegian today?

$35 sends a student to a campus event with the facts in hand.

$100 helps send our students to the TPUSA Summit to recruit the next class of fighters.

$250 equips an entire campus chapter for a semester.

Every dollar goes to the front lines – not Beltway consultants, not pushing white papers policy makers ignore. Real students. Real campuses. Real fights.

These kids are doing the hardest job in the movement, in the most hostile territory we've got – and they're doing it without flinching.

The least we can do is make sure they never have to stand at that table alone.

Together, we're winning.

P.S. The same universities charging your family $60,000 a year are using that money to teach your grandkids that the air conditioning keeping grandma alive is killing the planet. Our students are the antidote – but only if we keep them in the fight.

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Ilhan Omar (MN-05).

Francesca Hong checks off all the boxes on the Democratic Socialist wish list: free child care, a $20 minimum wage, government grocery stores, taxing the rich, sex changes, and banning the construction of data centers. Under the "Public Groceries" section of her campaign website, she has clearly mastered all the socialist talking points, saying, "Communities across the state are suffering as America's largest grocery corporations close stores that serve low-income and rural populations." Then, she proceeded to toot her own horn and added, "Fran wrote a bill to create publicly-owned grocery stores to serve Wisconsinites with universal access to healthy, affordable food."

Not to be outdone by her comrades, Mamdani and Wilson, in an interview with the local Milwaukee CBS affiliate, Hong stated, of course, that Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) should be abolished, and also dropped this gem: that her "perfect world would be a world without prisons." But Francesca Hong is a true believer, not just in socialism but in the fact that she believes that the Democrat Party's message just isn't getting out. In a recent interview with Politico's Playbook, she stated, "I think they're underestimating voters. I think that has always been a problem for the Democratic Party — that we are not listening to how they are feeling."

Oh, they hear you, Francesca. They told Democrats very clearly in 2024 that they wanted nothing to do with your hairbrained ideas.

Tom Tiffany is the leading Republican in the race. In a memo from April, he rightly stated:

We Need To Take Francesca Hong Seriously... Ignoring her strengths would be a strategic error. We have the tools to defeat her, but only if we respect the Mamdani-like threat she poses today.

Republicans can giggle at her and her fellow socialists' ridiculous ideas all day long, but Tiffany is spot on, not just with Hong but any others of her ilk that come along in 2026 and 2028. We ignore them at our own peril. New Yorkers and residents of Seattle may have scoffed at the campaign promises of Mamdani and Wilson. Now they are finding out that when someone tells you who they are, believe them.

Wisconsin might be blue, but is it New York and Washington state blue? That question will be answered when the Wisconsin primary is held on August 11.

"I think that my perfect world would be a world without prisons, right, because we all see the humanity in one another and then we know nobody's disposable." Francesca Hong told the crowd, according to audio obtained by the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel.

When asked about the comments, a spokeswoman for Hong said, "A world where needs are met and there's no need for prisons sounds like a goal worth working towards.

#WisconsinGovernor

Editor's Note: The Democrat Party has never been less popular as voters reject its globalist agenda.

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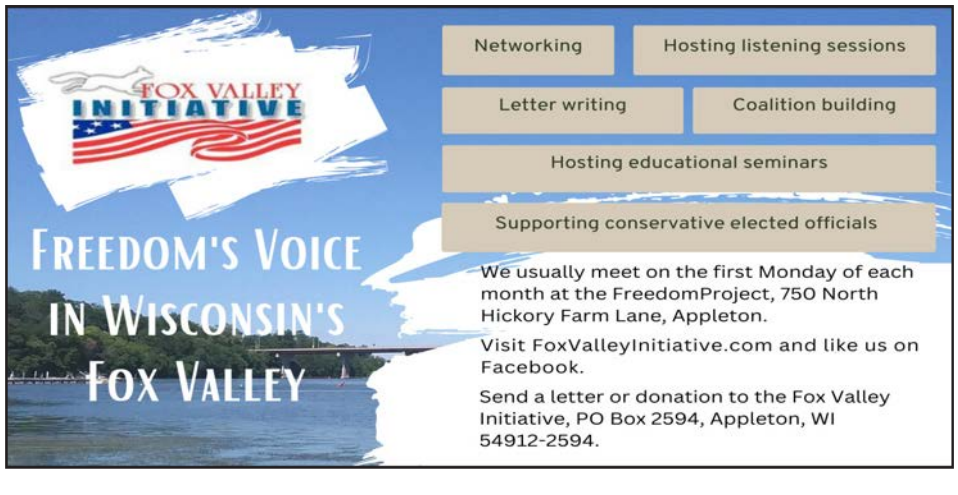

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How the Constitution was changed in 1913

By Rolf Lindgren

In 1912, the federal budget was just 1.75% of Gross Domestic Product (GDP). This is a tiny central government. With a current GDP of about $30 trillion, that would be like having a federal budget today of just $525 billion, instead of the actual $7 trillion.

In other words, our Founding Fathers created a central government that wasn't any bigger (in ratio to the size of the economy) in 1912 than it was 135 years earlier under the Articles of Confederation during the Revolutionary War.

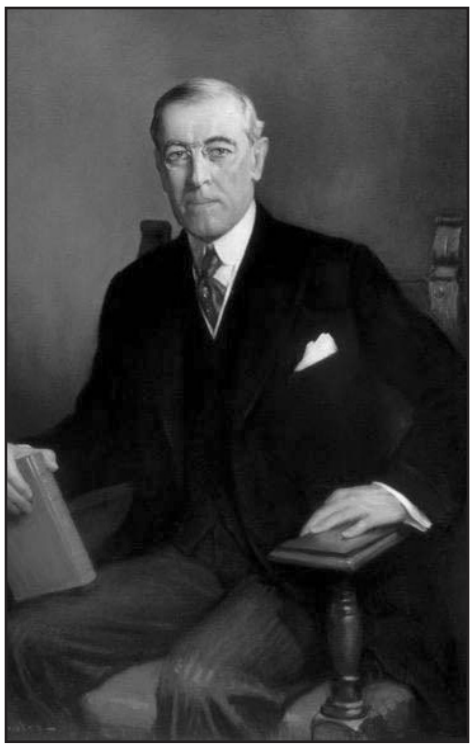
But then came 1913, when President Woodrow Wilson took office. Under his watch, the 16th Amendment legalized the income tax and the 17th consolidated the central government by removing the state's power to select US Senators.

The income tax permitted a massive increase in government taxes, and gave the federal government the power to track the income of every person and entity. If I had been alive in 1913 and told about the income tax, I would have wondered "How the heck would they know how much money I make?"

The direct election of Senators (Amendment 17) was even worse than the income tax. It took the state governments completely out of the federal power structure. Henceforth, US Senators were not loyal to state legislators and started voting for things not authorized by the Constitution. Even worse, the Senate started to confirm US Supreme Court justices not loyal to state constitutional perogatives. The biggest item here was the obliviation of the interstate commerce clause which by the 1930s meant Congress could pass any law and then claim they were "regulating".

To say it another way, prior to 1913, the federal government did not regulate retail sales, manufacturing, education, agriculture, insurance, or almost anything.

The Federalist Papers were correct, the original Constitution kept our central government small.



The Evolution of the Commerce Clause and Big Government

By Rolf Lindgren

In Article 1, section 8, clause 3 of our US Constitution it says Congess has the power:

"To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes"

From 1788 until the 1930s, this basically meant the federal government regulated rivers that flowed between states, and the oceans, and the states regulated almost everything else.

Here are the Supreme Court cases which defined this power:

Gibbons vs. Ogden (1824)

Congress can regulate commerce on rivers that flow between states.

Willson vs. Black-Bird Creek Marsh Company (1829)

Rivers or parts of rivers contained wholly within a single state are regulated by the states.

Cooley vs. Board of Wardens of the Port of Philadelphia (1852)

Piloting a ship into port is considered local commerce and is regulated by the states.

Paul vs. VIrginia (1869)

Insurance is not commerce.

United States vs. Dewitt (1870)

Retails sales are not interstate commerce and can't be regulated by the federal government.

Kidd vs. Pearson (1888)

Manufacturing is not commerce.

United States vs. E. C. Knight Sugar Company (1895)

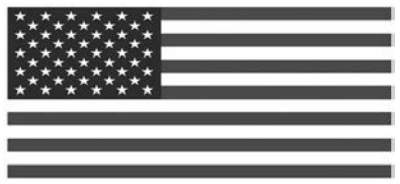
Manufacturing can't be regulated federally even if the act of manufacturing is an element of a federal conspiracy crime. This case arose from the Sherman Anti-Trust Act (1990).

These case results are obvious when considering the plain language of the Constitutional text and the intent of our Founders. Large industry groups like agriculture and education were also not federally regulated under these same principles. Only railroads and telephones were added to the list of federally regulated industries in the late 1800s because they actually did involve interstate commerce.

So these cases delineate a small federal government that during the 1800s functioned on about 2% of GDP during peacetime and about 4% of GDP during wartime. The only exception was the Civil War when the federal government ballooned to about 10%-15% of GDP (still half the size of today's budget).

So what happened?

In 1913, the 17th Amendment was ratified and changed the Constitution dramatically. It pulled the state governments out of the federal power structure. Then the Great Depression hit and FDR started to try to federally regulate almost everything. Between 1935 and 1937 this task was largely completed. The commerce clause is no longer much of a check on federal power. This needs to change if President Trump wants to create a new golden age for America.



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federal government. While the change occurred with limited debate and under intense political pressure, its impact was significant: it made it easier for powerful economic and political interests to influence 96 Senators rather than contend with 48 independent state legislatures. This shift—not democratic idealism—drove much of the support for direct election. Large corporations and labor unions supported an expansive federal government precisely because it weakened the states' influence.

The constitutional debate itself is straightforward. Article I, Section 3 of the original Constitution vested the selection of Senators in state legislatures, giving states control over federal legislative power. The Seventeenth Amendment changed this structure by assigning this role to the electorate, thus reducing state governments' influence in national affairs. While the change was intended as a democratic reform, it altered the balance of power established by the Framers.

The context behind this transformation offers needed perspective.

According to the National Center for Constitutional Studies:

No issue was more important to the Framers of the U.S. Constitution than the balance of power between the states and the new federal government. This issue sparked the most heated debates throughout the convention, and if it hadn't been for a compromise initiated by Roger Sherman, the convention would most likely have failed.

Our Founders were guided by fear of the potentially tyrannical, harmful powers of a democratic majority.

The original structure worked for over one hundred years until the Progressive movement roused several Western states to seek direct election of Senators.

According to many sources, the pivotal movement occurred when the unholy alliance of national unions, large corporations, and political parties supported the publishing giant Hearst, who commissioned novelist David Graham Phillips to write articles titled The Treason of the Senate. The articles are characterized by the U.S. Senate as unsympathetic (and largely fictionalized) accounts of senators as pawns of industrialists and financiers. The articles galvanized public support for reform.

In 1911, Senator Bristow of Kansas introduced a constitutional amendment to provide for the direct election of Senators. By 1912, 29 states were directly electing Senators. The Constitutional amendment was quickly ratified. Between May 22, 1912, and April 8, 2013, thirty-six states ratified the Amendment. It was certified on May 31, 1913, as part of the Constitution.

The impact on federalism.

Yale Law Professor David Schleicher has posed the critical question: Why were state legislatures willing to surrender their power to select Senators—and why was federalism barely discussed during the debates on the Amendment?

His answer points to the rise of national political parties and the nationalization of state elections. As state races increasingly revolved around federal issues, state legislators sought insulation from national political battles. Ironically, by abandoning their constitutional role, states accelerated the very federal dominance they hoped to avoid.

Political parties did not prioritize federalism, leading to a shift where state politics became more nationalized and state interests diminished.

Who now guards state interests?

The resulting effects are evident.

• **Federal Supremacy**: The federal government now asserts authority over nearly every aspect of state governance, including areas traditionally reserved to state police powers.

• **Exploding National Debt:** In 1914, federal debt stood at $2.9 billion (about $72 billion in today's dollars). Today it exceeds $38 trillion—roughly $925,000 per taxpayer.

• **Fiscal Dependency:** In 1914, federal aid to states was minimal. Today, Washington transfers approximately $1.2 trillion annually to state and local governments through thousands of grant and assistance programs.

These funds represent revenues collected from state residents that are returned only when states meet federal requirements. This relationship involves dependency rather than autonomy for the states.

Corruption was the alleged reason for the Seventeenth Amendment.

Corruption of Senators was the issue that resonated with the public. Yet, from 1787 to 1914 (127 years), only four Senators were indicted. From 1915 to 2026, eight senators were indicted (111 years). While in almost the same number of years, the number of indictments doubled, the remarkable fact is that the Senate has had little corruption.

The fact that individuals spent money in their quest for a Senate seat by lobbying the state legislature to elect them is, by today's standards, insubstantial. The primary incident of offering bribes to become a Senator involves William A. Clark from Montana. He gave $100,000 to the legislature to choose him. In today's dollars, that would be $3.9 million. Compared to the cost of seeking a Senate seat today, that amount is small.

In 2024, the average spending in a Senate race is $28.5 million. Many races, however, are much more expensive. The total spent by Brown and Moreno in Ohio was $405 million. Outside groups spent $213 million. In Pennsylvania (Casey vs McCormick), the race cost $289 million. Outside groups spent $214 million. Montana, the home of Hearst's villain, Senator Clark, cost $261 million, with outside groups spending $156 million.

What Was Gained—and What Was Lost.

Direct election offers symbolic satisfaction but little real influence for average citizens. As the American Legislative Exchange Council observes, individual voters have virtually no ability to meaningfully engage with or influence their Senators.

This reality is confirmed by the landmark study by Martin Gilens and Benjamin Page, which analyzed 1,779 policy outcomes. Their conclusion is blunt: economic elites and organized interests dominate policymaking, while average citizens exert near-zero influence—even when large majorities favor change.

Reversing Course.

In return for giving up state sovereignty and some ability to limit federal power, the citizens of the respective states get to elect individuals to the Senate who greet themselves in the mirror every morning and say, Good morning, Mr. President.

Bad political decisions do not doom a republic. Persisting in them does.

By surrendering their constitutional role in the Senate through the Seventeenth Amendment, states lost their key mechanism to check federal power. This change shifted control to the electorate but provided citizens with limited real influence, resulting in states losing meaningful influence over federal legislation.

It is time to reconsider that trade. Repealing the Seventeenth Amendment would restore the original mechanism through which states exercised a check on federal authority, helping to recover the constitutional balance of power that the Founders intended.

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"Can We?" Or "Should We?": Why Science Is Deadly Without Christ

By Daniel O'Malley

There's a line in Jurassic Park that has always stuck with me. In the movie, scientists bring back all sorts of dinosaurs, and not just nice ones like triceratops or ankylosaurus, but also the apparently really violent ones like the T. Rex and velociraptor. When one of the characters finds this out, he says, "Your scientists were so preoccupied with whether or not they could that they didn't stop to think if they should." Now why do I bring this up? Well first because I have been asked by certain unnamed people to try to clone dinosaurs just like Jurassic Park, which really makes me wonder if they saw the end of the movie. But I also bring it up because this highlights an important area where the Christian faith is needed to be a check on science in deciding what should be done, not just what can be done. Let's start by briefly discussing what science is.

Point 1: Science researches problems seeking understanding, knowledge, and possibilities

The word "science" means "knowledge" and that's exactly what the scientific process strives for. Science is a method of investigation that looks at the questions it is given and tries to find the answers. It looks at creation and asks: Why does this work the way it does? Why does the sun always rise in the east and set in the west? Why do hydrogen (a flammable gas) and oxygen (the gas that makes fire possible) when combined make water (a substance that is used to put fires out)? In this way, the natural sciences are an outflow of curiosity.

In seeking to apply this knowledge, scientists ask "Can we?" questions, essentially "What is it possible for us to do?" Several years ago, I participated in a research project through the Army to try to figure out if we could find a measurable biological marker for PTSD. Currently it is diagnosed using fairly subjective criteria, so finding an objective blood test would make the diagnosis much more reliable. Interestingly, when I tell people about this research, I've never had someone simply respond something like, "Well that certainly is an intriguing question. The answer would be quite intellectually stimulating, a nice piece of information to add to the encyclopedia." No, rather, people enthusiastically respond by telling me how great that research is, how important it is to help our veterans, some even sharing stories of how PTSD has a affected those close to them. Curiously, I never get the same strong feedback when I tell people about my experiments on the rate law of the reaction of THMs with nicotinamide at varying hydrogen ion concentrations. Partly, because no one has any idea what the heck I just said, but also because we all understand that some information is more impactful than others (in case you were wondering, these experiments were about how changing the acidity of water affects the speed at which a particular class of contaminants—called trihalomethanes or THMs for short—reacts with a form of vitamin B3 called nicotinamide). Which leads me to my 2nd point:



Point 2: Faith is needed to prioritize some research and prohibit other research

While science asks the question, "Can we?", faith comes in and asks the question, "Should we?" Values are needed to know what questions are valuable to ask. People say there's no such thing as a dumb question, but there are certainly some questions that are less important. For instance, I think most of us would agree that figuring out if Japanese quail are more promiscuous on cocaine is relatively low priority, right? Wrong! At least, according to the National Science Foundation, that question is worth spending $875,000 of US taxpayer money to answer. This project did increase our knowledge and therefore technically was "science," but clearly some worldview outside of science is needed to determine true worth. (The answer, by the way, in case you were wondering, is yes, cocaine does make the quail more promiscuous. That'll be $875,000. You can Venmo me later.)

A worldview is not only needed to tell us scientists what to research, but how to research it. Is any technique that gets us the answer fair game? Would it make any difference if I told you that in the PTSD research, we intentionally gave people PTSD by blowing up stuff to injure them? A lot of you would suddenly have a more negative view of the project. Even though we all agreed that researching PTSD is worthwhile, the way we research it matters. (Don't worry, we did not blow up anyone or anything.) Or consider the question: "Ought we to use fetal embryo tissue for STEM cell treatments?" The National Institutes of Health decided this year that it would no longer fund research that uses aborted human parts for STEM cells. This is a value question, one way or the other. Either it is ok or it isn't. But science only tells you whether fetal cells can be used in research, not whether they should be.

So science is completely lost without any way of making value decisions. When I first started studying chemistry, imagine if my professors had said, "All right, Daniel, now go do some chemistry!" and then set me loose in the lab. I would have had no idea what to do. I can't possibly research everything related to chemistry, certainly not all at once. I have to start somewhere. Thankfully, my professors put me on a specific project to produce cleaner drinking water. Why research this? Because we think people should have safe water. But you see, that's a moral statement, not a scientific statement! We are saying that it's for people to get sick and die from polluted water, that human life has value. Where did we find that out? Not from science! Nothing in the structure of the carbon atom or the process of photosynthesis or even (believe it or not) the fact that the mitochondria is the powerhouse of the cell tells us inherently that human beings are worth protecting. Only a worldview can tell us this, which brings us to my last point:

Point 3: Since science cannot research everything, it will be directed by some value system

Every scientist will have to choose some method of weighing what is more or less valuable. And right now, in the modern natural sciences, the main alternative to Christianity is the Green, anti-human-impact, social-justice, climate-alarmist movement. So why not choose Christianity? Christianity is the worldview that birthed modern science. All the early scientists, like Newton, Kepler, and Boyle, were staunch professing Christians. Let's have scientists with strong Christian values direct research towards godly ends like alleviating suffering, extending dominion and stewardship over creation, and increasing people's productivity.

Many scientific processes can be used for both productive and destructive ends, depending on who is guiding it. For instance, the Haber-Bosch process which makes fertilizer, enabling farmers to feed the world's rapidly growing population in the 20th century, is the same process that can be used to manufacture bombs, as when it supplied Germany with munitions in both World Wars I and II. An anti-Christian environmentalist scientist concerned merely about human impact on nature wants to make neither the fertilizer nor the bombs. An aimless scientist without any guidance says, "Why not make both?" Only the scientist who is guided by Christianity can distinguish between the good and the evil uses. Certain governments are right now rejecting the lifegiving invention of fertilizer, which feeds their own citizens, but, accepting the life-destroying invention of euthanasia drugs to kill their own citizens by the thousands. From a strictly naturalist perspective, what's the difference? Without Christian values directing it, science degrades into a merely technical question of "can it be done?" whether that 'it' is dinosaurs or dino-nuggets, a microwave or Mifepristone, designer jeans that make your pants long lasting or designer genes that make your baby long lasting. There's no moral difference between any of these questions without God's law directing us.

And try as we might, we cannot stay on the sidelines. As we learned during COVID-19, you may not care about "The Science," but, oh boy, does "The Science" care about what you do.

Conclusion: So what do we do? How should we respond to this?

For those who are currently working or studying in scientific fields, don't let people convince you to leave your Christianity at the door because science and religion "don't mix." Actually, science and religion must mix. There's no way around it. Let the Bible guide you in prioritizing what research should be done. Refuse to go against Christian morals. Scientific endeavors do not create some alterative system of ethics, so rather than feigning some supposedly neutral moral system, talk about issues in an explicitly Christian frame.

For those who are not from a science background, you are needed to direct the research that is done through your tax dollars and public policy. You absolutely have a say in how that money is used and in laws regulating scientific research. When in conversation, don't let someone silence you by saying, "The science says …." Science doesn't say anything on ethical matters. It is completely paralyzed without Christians like you to guide it.

Above all, we must remember that if Christians abdicate science, it doesn't stay neutral, as if there were some middle ground between pleasing God and not pleasing God. Rather, the scientific endeavor will fall into the anti-human abyss of the modern secularist, environmentalist religion and be guided by its pagan priests into the discarding of vast amounts of "undesirable" human life, young, old, and everyone in-between. In other words, we have to choose whom Science will serve, whether the God of our Fathers, or the gods of Mother Earth and environmentalism in whose land it dwells. So choose you this day! As for me and my lab, we will serve the Lord.

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these systems". That's only true, again, to the same extent people think the NYT is politically neutral. Many already know most computer models are woke. And if they don't now know, they soon enough will.

Here's where he's right, in a way: "To disarm [AI] means discrediting the assumption that technical power automatically confers the right to govern." To disarm arms does the same. Yet what then gives the right to govern? Surely it is not the "will" of the people, or some such democracy nonsense. Rejecting God, the only thing modern rulers have is might. They are not going to give up that might, in whatever form.

No More Than We Are

In our culture, intelligence is automatically taken as a measure of morality: the more intelligent, the better the person is. Not in, say, ability to calculate obscure measures, but better tout court. The paradox is that we must also claim all are equally intelligent, that no person, and certainly no group of people, can be less intelligent than another. We are all above average. The only evil is to reject Equality. Maybe this is why we are happy to award and rate intelligence in computer models, that act being taboo for peoples.

Leo: "intelligence, when absolutized, overshadows other essential dimensions of life, such as affection, the will, commitment and relationships." The risk is to narrowly define of create of fetish of intelligence and create some dreary mandarinate.

Which brings us to transhumanism. One of its ploys is to promise greater intelligence with implants, even aided by computer models. Well, I can jump in a Mustang and tear off down the road a lot faster than I can run. If I have an implant, I may have it recall a forgetton formula faster than I can look iy up in a book. But in the end, I have not changed my nature. No one can. Transhumanism is a false promise in that sense. (And I can get out of the car and walk, but removing the implant would not be so easy.)

Radical transhumanists, Leo says (para 116), are "anticipating a threshold where humanity surpasses itself in a new evolutionary stage." These tend to be the same people arguing computer models are alive. The threat in both instances is entirely imaginary. That people believe in it is the real problem.

And that, at last, brings us to the line many quote (para 117): "If the human being is treated as something to be perfected or surpassed, it becomes easier to accept that some lives are less useful, less desirable or less worthy."

If you are looking for a linebacker, I am less worthy than many men. If you are looking for a wife, then I am not desirable at all. Nor am I useful in either of these things. But I fancy I can perfect myself in the subject of probability, and I have hopes my students (you, dear reader) will surpass me. And that is before thinking of new and better things for my sons.

One can be less worthy or less desirable in many, even most, things. One must seek perfection, in oneself and in others, up to a point. And only a point. All of this is conditional. It's difficult to speak unconditionally, except narrowly.

The Golden Investment

"No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon."
- Matthew 6:24

By Riley J. Hood

Worry and economy goes hand in hand. The rich worry about how to shelter their fortune from the tax man, whom the socialist uses to destroy those he hates. Even though socialists are often wealthy people, who become even richer through their governmental positions.

For most of us, the working-class people, worry goes hand in hand with not making ends meet, and bill collectors, which are caused by debt. One of the best things you can do for your family is to apply Proverbs 22:7, "The rich ruleth over the poor and the borrower is the servant of the lender." Things like paying off, and cancelling your credit cards. Things like not falling for the "savings thru bundling," fallacy which raises your monthly bills. Look at the bottom line, of what is coming out of your pocket. In this era of a lack of affordability, don't listen to the Democrats, the authors of misery, or the Socialists, the equalizers of misery.

Jesus talked about money and the Kingdom of God in the sermon on the Mount, saying, "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Your attitude about money reflects your attitude about God.

God gives several commands in the Bible about handling money. God gives the power to gain wealth, Deuteronomy 8:18. God expects men to provide for their families, "But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel." I Timothy 5:8. That means, get off the sofa, and out of mommy's basement and find a job. Your first jobs will usually be low paying, but raises come with hard work and experience. The longer you stall, the worse your situation becomes.

Wise men don't spend everything they have. Proverbs 6 talks about ants being big on savings, preparedness and work ethic. "Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise: Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler, Provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest. How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? when wilt thou arise out of thy sleep? Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep: So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth, and thy want as an armed man." Proverbs 6:6-11 The Bible warns against flim-flam schemes and money for nothing, Proverbs 23:4-5 reads, "Wilt thou set thine eyes upon that which is not? for riches certainly make themselves wings; they fly away as an eagle toward heaven."

The Bible also teaches tithing and offering to support God's Kingdom. Genesis 14:18-20, reads, "And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God. And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth: And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all." Genesis 14:18-20 Malachi 3:8-10 reads, "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.

Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

Not one dollar invested in God's work has ever been lost. When you support God's work, you are supporting an eternal kingdom, made up of souls that have eternal life. As more people come to know Christ as a result from your support, you reward is everlasting. You can lose it all down here, and be on skid row, but if you are in Christ, thank God, they can't throw you out of heaven, and the enemies of God can never steal your reward.

The Libertarian Infiltrator

"Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities. Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee. But these speak evil of those things which they know not: but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves." Jude 8-10

By Riley J. Hood

In the Mid-March Mid-April 2026 Wisconsin Christian News there was a poem on page 27. It read, "You have two cows… Capitalism: You sell one cow and buy a bull. Socialism: You keep one cow and give the other to your neighbor. Communism: The government takes both cows and gives you some milk. Fascism: The government takes both cows and sells you some milk. Nazism: The government takes both cows and shoots you. Bureaucracy: The government takes both cows. Shoots one, milks the other and throws the milk away. Democracy: Your neighbors decide who gets the milk. Libertarianism: You keep both cows, nobody bothers you, and you sell the milk voluntarily. Now who ever this anonymous libertarian was, he is a colossal liar.

The fact is Libertarianism is a farce. Even Ayn Rand, an atheist favorite among Libertarians called it the Libertarian Fallacy, and referred to them as "hippies on the right." It promotes individualism verses collectivism, but it does so insufficiently. Libertarianism and Socialism are both enemies of Christianity, and are two sides of the same atheistic coin. Libertarianism is a runaway antinomianism, where everyone has the right to do they want, as opposed to the right to serve the Lord freely. It is a lack of civilization. It leads to tyranny, like the French Revolution led to Napoleon. Unrestricted libertarianism leads to license for the worst actors, and the Libertarian Party promotes drugs, sodomy, incest, prostitution, the striking down of age of consent laws, and abortion, among other things. Unrestricted libertarianism is unrestricted immorality, and after living through that, people tend to give up their liberty because they are tired of crime and destruction.

Most libertarians promote restricted libertarianism. You are free to do want, except when you harm someone else or impugn their liberty. Based on what authority? It is always based on their own reason, and never the Bible. Of course, the way they run their mouths they harm others, and the way they justify their business practices, they applaud shutting down Mom and Pop's business, calling it competition: but they harmed Mom and Pop. When the libertarian talks about harm, he usually means not caving his head in, after he has done all in his power to anger you. The lack of self-restraint that is libertarianism, is fundamentally anti-Christian. Many a Satanist is a libertarian with their "Do what thou wilt is the whole of the law," mantra.

So back to the untalented analogy, it should read Libertarianism: Where you can pimp your cows to perverts, or where you get those cows hooked on drugs: you are free to start doing drugs, you just aren't free to quit. Cows maybe your property. But Fascism, socialism, and other forms of government are not about cows alone but people. Fact is your property rights come from Exodus 20:17, and your property rights are subject to God's rule in every area of life, and that is incompatible with Libertarianism. Individual liberty must be subordinated to God's sovereignty, or freedom will be lost. Regarding capitalism, the Ten Commandments were given before Capitalism: to wit the first coins were minted by King Croesus. Without self-control, capitalism can be ruined. When it is, the Commies leave the University, or the coffee house: and assert power. When Capitalism is ruined, which libertarianism does: Katie Wilson happens and Zohran Mamdani happens, Lenin and Stalin happen with disastrous results.

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of God.

"I got a PhD in physics, math, and astronomy from Cornell," he said. "I taught physics at Harvard. So … I'm your quintessential pinhead."

These credentials led Guillén to embrace an atheist worldview before coming to Christianity. He wrote about this in his 2021 book "Believing Is Seeing."

Since that time, people have been coming to Guillén to ask him to make a movie so that his journey from atheism to Christianity can be further illuminated.

Rather than go the typical Hollywood route, he eventually decided to script the story and dive deep into it using AI. But that wasn't Guillén's original plan.

"It was last February — February 25th," he said. "I'll never forget it. It was 4 in the morning. At that point, I thought I was just going to make the film in a traditional kind of way. I'd already done another movie called 'Little Red Wagon;' it's distributed by Lionsgate. It's on Amazon Prime now. But we went through the theaters."

While he was fully preparing for the traditional route, Guillén said God suddenly delivered a powerful message.

"Just out of nowhere, the Lord just spoke to me and He said, 'I need you to just make this movie in an unconventional way,'" he said. "And I was so shocked."

But Guillén chose to listen to the Lord, relying on AI tools — and not Hollywood studios — to make the movie himself.

"A year later, here I am with a full-length motion picture," he said, noting it might be the first time a person has used a desktop computer and consumer-level AI tools to make a full-length movie like his.

Ultimately, Guillén said the film is "meant to glorify the Lord" and to bring attention to eternal subject matter.

"It basically tells the story of my journey from atheism to believing in God," he said.

Guillén explained that, before his conversion, he was a "scientific monk" while studying at Cornell University.

"I lived, ate, and breathed science," he said. "Science was my god. So I spent about 20 hours a day in my lab in the basement at Cornell — didn't know if it was day or night, had no social life, didn't want a social life."

Now, though, the scientist is sharing truth with the masses and living a very different, faith-filled experience. He even shared how his own prayer journey before making the movie, he believes, made it all possible.

Before turning to AI to complete the project, Guillén reached out to faith leaders and others to seek prayer for the project. He now believes their obedience in loving on him through invoking God was essential to the project's success.

"I don't think I could have been sustained without their prayers," Guillén said. "And, in fact, I say this is a movie funded by prayer, meant for the glory of God."

One of the big takeaways in "The Invisible Everywhere: Believing Is Seeing" is how science pointed Guillén toward God and not away from Him.

"The Bible commands us to be able to explain our faith to others," he said. "And what this movie will do for you, if you're already a hardcore believer, is it will give you enormous ammunition to respond to an atheist who comes up to you and says, 'How do you believe in an invisible God? You have to be weak-minded. Science has disproven God.'"

Guillén believes his movie does just the opposite, providing corroborative evidence that the God is the Bible is real, active, and a powerful reality.

"You can't just say, 'Well, I believe because I believe,'" he said. "That's not going to convert anybody."



Puzzle Answers

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Ted Turner Had Many Passions, Especially Population Control

By Aidan Grogan

Judging by the headlines, Ted Turner, who died earlier this month at age 87, will be remembered as an adventurer and visionary: creator of CNN, and with it the 24-hour news cycle, the inventor of the satellite-supported national TV superstation, a distinguished sailor, a loyal conservationist, and a reputed playboy. He adored women so much that he produced five children with them, incidentally breaking faith with one of his core values: population control.

When Turner was born on the eve of the Second World War, just over two billion people inhabited the earth. That number increased three-fold by 2000. For Turner, who had internalized the cataclysmic "overpopulation" fears of the Cold War, such growth in living, breathing souls was not a success, but a looming catastrophe. His goal was to first "stabilize the population" and then ideally reduce it to around two billion.

Toward his vision of a world with fewer children, Turner was a generous donor to the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), Planned Parenthood, and the Guttmacher Institute. In 2004, the Planned Parenthood Federation of America presented him with the Margaret Sanger Award, which recognizes "leadership, excellence, and outstanding contributions to the reproductive health and rights movement."

Turner wasn't the only billionaire philanthropist pouring money into population control. In 2009, he met privately in New York City with Bill Gates, David Rockefeller, George Soros, Warren Buffett, and others to discuss how they could use their wealth to curb overpopulation and fight climate change. They were known as the "Good Club," The Guardian reported, and they wanted to "save the world."

Despite their anxieties about other people's fecundity, the neo-Malthusian billionaires in attendance had, like Turner, been quite fruitful in their own reproductive behavior: Rockefeller had six children; Soros had five; and Gates and Buffett each had three. While sources described Gates as the "most impressive" speaker, Turner was the most outspoken and attempted to "dominate" the meeting.

His outspoken rhetoric certainly wasn't limited to elite secret gatherings. At a climate luncheon in 2010, he urged world leaders to adopt China's one-child policy, insisting that, "If we're going to be here [as a species] 5,000 years from now, we're not going to do it with seven billion people."

While lauded as an optimist, Turner believed humans were headed for a nightmare future unless they took drastic action against alleged overpopulation and climate change. He predicted a doomsday scenario of civilizational collapse, with famine, death, cannibalism, and very few survivors living in a "failed state like Somalia or Sudan." The earth's temperature is rising, he claimed, because "too many people are using too much stuff."

Meanwhile, as an adventurer, he afforded himself a lavish and abundant lifestyle, flying his Bombardier Challenger 300 private jet a distance of nearly 80,000 miles in 2022 alone. His aircraft that year surpassed the combined emissions of 34 average Americans.

Turner's hypocritical and apocalyptic mindset reflected the zero-sum ideology of twentieth-century neo-Malthusians such as Stanford biologist Paul Ehrlich, co-author of the 1968 bestseller The Population Bomb, which boldly asserted that hundreds of millions of people would starve to death in the 1970s due to overpopulation. Turner admired Ehrlich and derived his two-billion world population ideal from Ehrlich's estimation of Earth's "carrying capacity."

This outlook received bipartisan support in Washington throughout the 1960s and 1970s among "Rockefeller Republicans" like Gerald Ford and Henry Kissinger as well as environmentalist Democrats like Jimmy Carter. Neo-Malthusian ideas were institutionalized within the State Department and USAID, operating under the misguided assumption that rapid population growth inhibited economic development and constituted a threat to US national security and economic interests. Food aid was even conditioned on developing countries' willingness to implement population control policies.

The neo-Malthusian consensus wasn't shattered until the Reagan administration declared rapid population growth a "neutral phenomenon" rather than a barrier to development at the UN's 1984 World Population Conference in Mexico City. Economist Julian Simon, who argued that "the ultimate resource is people," was instrumental in shaping the Reagan administration's renewed approach to population policy.

In 1990, Simon triumphed over Paul Ehrlich in a ten-year wager on the prices of five metals. Ehrlich, betting that population pressures would diminish resources and spike commodity prices, lost to Simon's more optimistic view that human knowledge, innovation, and resource substitution would produce greater abundance and lower prices over time.

Simon is no less correct today than he was in 1980 when his wager against Ehrlich began. The "time prices" of basic commodities — denoting the amount of time someone must work to earn enough money to purchase a given item — have continued to shrink, owing much to population growth and the

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Principles are the guidelines for communities to destroy existing neighborhoods through Smart Growth, thereby forcing families to live in the dense populations of the stack-em and pack-em high-rise condos. The grants accepted by the communities are the enforcement tools. Take the grant, then prepare a comprehensive plan to match those rules.

HUD's 2010 "Sustainable Communities Regional Development Grant Program" specifically ordered communities to meet "mandatory outcomes from the creation of the regional plan for sustainable development." Failure to do so creates a violation of the grant and opens the community to lawsuits for being out of compliance.

In 2015, HUD issued a new 377-page ruling called Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH). The purpose is further enforcement of Smart Growth through social justice standards instead of the rule of law. Affordable Housing has become the new battle cry to oppose free enterprise, property rights, and individual wants and needs in favor of the collective. Property ownership is now called "racism" and "white privilege" as "community property" replaces private property through Sustainable Development.

AFFH is the tool of choice for that fight. To achieve its goals, AFFH requires local government agencies that apply for HUD grants to provide a massive profile of the community, including detailed income levels of residents, the breakdown of various religions affiliations and populations, color and national origin of the population, all broken down by neighborhood. Then, using the Livability Principles, HUD determines any "imbalances" in the makeup of the neighborhoods. If necessary, HUD then forces a major shift of the "proper" people into certain neighborhoods to assure the desired "balance." Every five years communities must supply HUD with updates on the progress to achieve balance to ensure progress. This is top-down dictatorship by the national government and is nothing less than social engineering!

The next step for communities that fail to comply to AFFH rules is to bring lawsuits. And HUD filed a bunch of them. There is one major problem in dealing with AFFH lawsuits — there is no set definition as to what AFFH compliance is. Instead it's whatever HUD claims it is. All they need to start legal action is a complaint against the community.

To ensure there are plenty of complaints, HUD expects each city to invite participation in their planning programs by civil rights groups, affordable housing developers, community development organizations and any interested members of the public to assist in identifying potential areas of discrimination. Does anyone notice a problem with this situation? The very groups that benefit from these program, NGOs, agitators, and multiple special interests assure that problems will be found and lawsuits will be filed. Ironic in this day of constant accusations of racism for nearly every act,

Under AFFH rules, Americans simply have no choice in the kind of neighborhood in which they wish to live. Using the excuse of equality (meaning all neighborhoods are the same) HUD's dictated quotas are being enforced. As a result, property values will plummet. Equity in home values will be lost as resale prices fall. Poverty will grow – not diminish — by these tyrannical rules to reorganize our society.

The danger of AFFH goes beyond the destruction of American neighborhoods. It is, in fact, a direct threat to locally elected home rule in communities across the nation. The danger lies in the taking of federal grants. If a community has taken such grants to fund local development, create low-income housing programs, and more, then that community has essentially sacrificed its independence to HUD.

In dealing with such tyrannical government policy concerned Americans logically ask a simple question: "Can anything be done to stop it?" The answer lays directly on the shoulders of the citizens. If given an opportunity for action to stop it, will you take it? Because the tools for action have been prepared. Here are some details leading up to this new action.

In 2017, the American Policy Center (APC) led a fight to stop AFFH under the first Trump administration. President Trump agreed and issued an Executive Order to stop AFFH. To be honest, I thought we had won that fight. But I was wrong. Because the AFFH rule was reinstated in 2021 under the Biden Administration. That's what happens with Executive Orders! It's not a law. The next Administration can just throw it out. That's just what Biden did!

However, President Trump, in his new Administration, has again taken action to stop AFFH and issued an executive order to his new HUD Secretary Scott Turner to again terminate it. In taking that action, Secretary Turner said, "Local and state governments understand the needs of their communities much better than bureaucrats in Washington, DC. Terminating this rule restores trust in local communities and property owners, while protecting America's suburbs and neighborhood integrity." He's absolutely right! This is exactly the direction our entire federal government needs to take to secure our Republic.

Of course that is good news, but as we have learned it's once again only temporary with no guarantee that it will last. Executive Orders are not law and the next administration can restore it just as Biden did the first. Congress must pass legislation to permanently kill AFFH!

Now here is the really important news! Arizona Congressman Paul Gozar has introduced legislation to permanently kill AFFH! The Bill is H.R 1769 and he calls it the "Local Zoning Decisions Protection Act." The Bill:

Nullifies AFFH rules.

Prohibits Funds for HUD database tracking community racial disparities.

Requires HUD to consult with state, local, and public housing agencies – putting local representation back in control.

Rep. Gosar's bill will permanently kill AFFH! Said Rep. Gosar, "Overreaching housing regulations first imposed by Barack Obama and re-upped by Joe Biden have extorted communities into giving up control of local zoning decisions while driving up the cost of affordable housing. By rejecting this intrusive Washington, D.C. mandate, my legislation codifies into law the recent decision by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to repeal the onerous Obama-Biden rules that have punished neighborhoods for refusing to fall in line with big government's takeover of our communities. Housing decisions are best made at the local level, not by some woke bureaucrat in Washington, D.C. that couldn't find Lake Havasu City, Arizona on a map if they tried."

H.R. 1769 has been approved for passage by the House Judiciary Committee. This means the Bill will now come before the full House of Representatives for passage. However, this is where that citizen action is desperately needed. Congress must feel the pressure from local citizens and from established organizations dedicated to reestablishing our freedom. Ending AFFH is a major step in that direction.

I was just contacted by a member of Congressman Gosar's staff! The Congressman is aware of APC's fight to stop AFFH and the staffer called to ask for my help in building support for his Bill. He asked me to help build public support and to also contact leaders of other freedom organizations to come on board and help me build the support of Members of Congress to pass the Bill.

Stated Congressman Gossar, "I am grateful for the American Policy Center's tireless efforts to educate the public about the dangers of this policy and help bring an end to it," This is a huge honor for APC, and I intend to build the team to lead this fight. Most importantly this is our chance to build a new coalition of freedom groups to protect property rights from all out-of-control federal agencies that think they have the right and the power to control your property!

An opportunity like this doesn't come often! The chance to work directly with a Congressional office to take action to stop the tyranny that has been thrown at us by federal agencies like HUD must be done! So, to get started, I'm asking for two things:

First, to every individual reading this, please call your Member of Congress and ask them to support H.R. 1769, and please share this with your friends and family to ask them to do the same thing.

Second, if you are a member of an organized group, no matter how large or small, please join this fight to pass H.R. 1769. Contact me and let's join forces. We must go all out to help Rep. Gozar win this fight and remove this alligator from the swamp.

Stopping HUD's AFFH tyranny would be a perfect answer for our nation's historic 250th birthday! Now is our chance to stand in the footprints of freedom established by Jefferson, Washington and Adams!

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The Origin of Freedom of Speech and the Press

By Rolf Lindgren, Pints & Politics Director, Republican Party of Dane County

In 1638, poet John Milton sailed from England to Italy, to visit Galileo, who was held under house arrest for writing a book not approved by the government.

Inspired by Galileo, Milton returned to England and in 1644 he published a book called "Areopagitica", the first book ever published on the topic of freedom of speech and the press.

In his book, Milton wrote:

"There it was that I found and visited the famous Galileo, grown old, a prisoner to the Inquisition, for thinking in astronomy otherwise than the Franciscan and Dominican licensers thought."

No book ever written by the ancient Greeks or Romans, or by anyone else prior had ever been dedicated to freedom of speech and the press.

John Milton later published his famous poem "Paradise Lost" in 1667, which also glorifies Galileo in a few passages.

From Galileo, to John Milton, and then directly to our Founding Fathers and the First Amendment, we today have one of the most powerful liberating tools ever discovered by mankind: Freedom of speech and the press!

Who in the hell is Abraham Lincoln?

A true story by Rolf Lindgren

Prologue

Many people don't know this, but Abraham Lincoln was not very well known until just before he was elected president. Lincoln became well know when he was nominated as an underdog candidate for president at the summer 1860 Republican National Convention in Chicago.

A true story

In 1859, a Captain who operated a large steamship left New York harbor for a long voyage to the far east. The Captain visited China, Japan, and other locations, loading and unloading cargo. By the time the Captain got back to the US in late 1860, the presidential election was already over.

As the Captain entered New York harbor, he blasted his horn to hail an outgoing ship. The other ship returned the call.

Then the Captain yelled out; "Who is the President of the United States"?

The reply was; "Abraham Lincoln".

The Captain retorted; "Who in the hell is Abraham Lincoln"???

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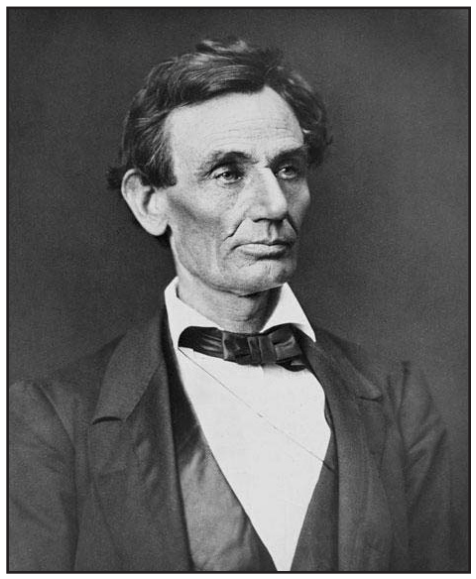



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parents and society at large need to stop living, thinking and talking in information bubbles. They must begin asking how plausible the alleged perils are, demanding solid, reproducible evidence to support the assertions, and insisting that alternate viewpoints also be discussed.

Few page-one ecological calamities reflect real-world dangers. They're based on scary scenarios and simulationsconjured up by computer models, fevered imaginations and agenda-driven propaganda … and repeated endlessly by journalists, teachers, scientists and politicians who have ideological, financial or partisan stakes in advancing the evidence-free assertions. Literally trillions of dollars are at stake.

Few examples receive more attention than rising sea levels inundating coastal communities. In reality, Earth's oceans have risen some 400 feet since the last of five Ice Ages ended and Pleistocene glaciers began melting 12,000 years ago. As the world continues warming since the Little Ice Age (1350-1850), seas are now rising at a mere 8-9 inches per century, though it can seem higher because of concurrent land subsidence due to oil, gas and water extraction, urban construction and isostatic rebound.

That's a far cry from Al Gore's ludicrous prediction of 20 feet or more "in the near future." But at least there are a few shreds of history and evidence behind the spookery.

Other frenzied fables from climate crisis banshees are too far-fetched even for annual liars contests. But they nonetheless cause fear and trembling in many minds and souls. Ponder this compendium gleaned primarily from just one website over just the past four weeks.

Arctic ice stability is nearing a tipping point, and melting sea ice could cause dangerous loss of phytoplankton vital to marine life – as well as disastrously rising sea levels.

Rapidly melting Antarctic ice shelves may cause global sea levels to rise even faster than expected – "leaving millions at risk of being plunged underwater" and drowned. Ice shelves and the water they contain are already in the ocean; they can't make it rise any further.

Earth's oceans are becoming "more acidic" and could dissolve corals, shellfish and other organisms. Seawater has never been acidic; it's slightly alkaline and cannot become more acidic. Atmospheric and oceanic carbon dioxide levels were far higher in prehistoric times and never caused such devastation.

Climate change is causing an "unprecedented" slowing of Earth's rotation [by 1.33 milliseconds per century] – or it might actually be accelerating Earth's rotation [by 1.59 milliseconds per century]. Either way, it's potentially affecting human and animal circadian rhythms.

Emissions from flying illegal immigrants out of the United States are making the climate crisis even worse. Equally disturbing, the climate crisis is bringing more migrants to Europe, forcing it to burn more coal and grow or import more food.

Climate change could bring deadly and unprecedented summer heat waves that add to urban heat island effects – especially if anti-fossil-fuel edicts make air conditioning unavailable or too expensive.

Climate change could worsen and intensify hailstorms that could destroy millions of solar panels -- with damage calculations dependent on which random assumptions and computer scenarios are used.

Earth's changing climate is causing more tornadoes in Michigan, making it one of America's "worst hit" states. The number of violent US tornadoes has decreased by 50% since the 1950s and weaker tornado counts are due to better reporting.

The climate crisis is now an "international public health emergency," like Covid-19 and Hantavirus. It will also cause more heat-related deaths and other infectious diseases – especially if dependence on unreliable wind and solar power reduces available air conditioning, clean water, modern hospitals, bacteria-killing medicines or other vital technologies.

The risk of snakebites is increasing, as reptiles adapt to a changing world driven by climate change. [More lions and tigers and bears, too. Oh my.]

The rapidly approaching "super" El Niño could kill 50 million people, because of climate change – making it as deadly as the 1887 El Niño [despite modern agricultural technologies and record harvests].

Even more frightening, the climate crisis is only going to get worse, because of methane from livestock. [Who knew a gas representing just 0.0002% of the atmosphere could be so deadly?] And more carbon dioxide in the air won't help plants grow faster and with less water, but will actually make our food less healthy. Thankfully, though, banning hamburger ads could prevent the worst climate crisis problems.

You knew this one was coming. Rich white men are really "bad for the planet," because of their jobs, diets and hobbies, and because they are less concerned than even rich white women about climate change.

Returning to our original topic, we now learn that loneliness caused by climate change is killing people.

On and on it goes, without letup or interruption. But lest you think this steady stream of absurd climate fearmongering is something new, let me remind you of the Warmlist of things allegedly caused by global warming, compiled by Professor John Brignell many years ago – and even turned into a fun-packed video of dangers … from more allergies and bad beer to more women cheating on vacation.

Can't we all just Get a Grip? And help our children Get a Grip?

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One Nation Under God

What is an Abortion Pill Survivor?

"If men strive, and hurt a woman with child, so that her fruit depart from her, and yet no mischief follow: he shall be surely punished, according as the woman's husband will lay upon him; and he shall pay as the judges determine. And if any mischief follow, then thou shalt give life for life, Eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, Burning for burning, wound for wound, stripe for stripe." Exodus 21:22-25

By Riley J. Hood

On St. Patrick's Day, 2026 I was sent an email from the intrepid Virginia Allen, "You Guys Need to Close Down: Abortion Pill Survivor Has a Message for Planned Parenthood." The article was about Shanyce Thomas who found out the hard way that abortion isn't always neat and easy. Allen wrote, "She never imagined her trip to Planned Parenthood would lead to multiple surgeries and a medically induced coma."

In 2020 Thomas was in college. Her "boyfriend," got her pregnant. She was afraid to tell her mother, and the boy in her life talked her into going to Planned Parenthood, because growing up was fate worse than death for him. PP, which was never closed during the Covid-19 panic like churches were; told her she was 10 weeks pregnant. PP handed Thomas a mifepristone pill and a misoprostol pill, and an info-packet for her own two-step do it yourself chemical abortion.

Thomas said she was, "unaware of what the consequences might be." She returned to Planned Parenthood in horrible pain, and "they told me everything was fine and sent me back home." They sent her away to die. As she was circling the drain, her father rushed her to the hospital. She had a uterine infection, that almost killed her. She was placed in an induced coma for a month, and doctors performed a partial hysterectomy. That means she lost her ability to carry children ever again. It took her five months to recover what was left of her health. She says now she is "more connected to God," and is sharing her story as warning to other women, hoping it could, "prevent another girl from going through the same thing." She also said, "I think it's time for me to advocate on this, advocate for myself, and advocate for other women."

On March 11th, she had the courage to speak at a press conference held by Senator Josh Hawley announcing the Safeguarding Women from Chemical Abortion Act. The bill would remove the Food and Drug Administrations current approval of mifepristone. This bill would also allow women to sue the pill manufacturers. The bill faces an uphill battle, and in the Senate, it would require 60 votes, even though pro-abortion measures like Obama-care never seem to require 60 votes.

While I have a certain amount of sympathy for Shanyce Thomas, and I don't know her personally, I can tell you what's missing. I haven't heard her say she is sorry for murdering her child. She isn't telling women, "If you are pregnant, You Have a Child." Maybe she has, and that is being edited out, because that doesn't square with GOP's regulated abortion agenda. Even Hawley's "Safeguarding Women" Act, doesn't outlaw much, like outlawing the poison-pill makers, or punishing Planned Parenthood for mass murder.

Shanyce wanted to end an inconvenient pregnancy and she got more than she bargained for: but her baby died. Now I have met two abortion survivors here in Milwaukee in 1992, one of whom was Gianna Jessen, whose story was told in the movie October Baby. These were both survivors of later term abortions. Babies who survive an attempt on their lives are abortion survivors. I don't know of any baby who survived a completed chemical abortion, seeing as we don't have the technology to keep



a seven to ten week old baby alive outside their mother's womb. There are a few babies who survived step one, after the women changed her mind. Shanyce is not a survivor of the "procedure," and while she suffered, neither is she the victim here. Her baby was. Her baby was murdered, by herself, with help from Planned

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Is "The Plastic Detox" Pro-Life?

By Liza Claire

Few documentaries have captured the internet's attention quite like The Plastic Detox. But what makes it so compelling is not just its subject matter. It is the moral confusion at its core. In trying to diagnose a crisis of human fertility, the film inadvertently exposes something deeper: a culture that increasingly treats children as objects of adult entitlement rather than persons with claims of their own.

The documentary resonates because it taps into several real and converging anxieties. It reflects the rise of MAHA-style health concerns, growing alarm about declining birth rates, and deep distrust of large corporations and the chemical byproducts of modern industry. It gives voice to a widely shared sense that something in the contemporary world is not quite right.

And in some respects, it is right to do so. A growing body of research has raised legitimate concerns about microplastics in the human body, with studies identifying their presence in cadaver brains, placentas, and even breast milk. Other research has focused on endocrine-disrupting chemicals such as BPA and phthalates, which can interfere with hormone signaling. Shanna Swan, the lead researcher featured in the film, has spent years examining how these compounds may affect fertility.

While most of these findings are still emerging and the exact health risks remain uncertain, the fact that microplastics are now routinely found in these critical tissues warrants precaution and further research.

The documentary follows six couples struggling with unexplained infertility as they attempt a three-month "plastic detox," reducing exposure to common chemicals while tracking changes in fertility-related markers, and the findings were published alongside the film.

Up to this point, The Plastic Detox is operating on recognizable ground. But beneath the lifestyle debates it has sparked lies a deeper, largely unexamined contradiction.

The couples' stories are presented with empathy and urgency, as infertility, subfertility, and infant loss should be.

But early in the film, the lead researcher makes a striking claim. She states that individuals have a "basic human right to have children if you choose to." Not a right to pursue having children without unjust intervention—or an obligation to protect life at conception—but a right to possess them. Full stop.

The claim is presented as self-evident, a moral axiom requiring no defense. But later moments hint at the realities this assumption entails, even as the film leaves the tension unexplored.

The project operates within a scientific world more fraught than it lets on. In contemporary fertility research, human embryos can be created in a lab, grown, and experimented on, just not past 14 days. And even that supposedly reassuring line is no longer fixed.

In 2021, guidelines from the International Society for Stem Cell Research removed the strict prohibition, allowing research beyond that point to be considered case by case where permitted by law. In practice, this means embryos may be created, studied, and ultimately destroyed, ironically, in pursuit of healthy pregnancies.

That context matters. When children are framed as objects of a "right," they are subtly recast as commodities. The language shifts the moral center of gravity away from the inherent dignity of the child and toward the desires of the adult. Children become something to be obtained and possessed rather than someone to whom obligations are owed.

This is not simply a tension within the film. It reflects a broader moral framework that has become increasingly common in the fertility industry and the culture at large. Have children if you want, discard them if they're inconvenient, and destroy some in the process if necessary. So long as you get your "rights."

The irony is difficult to miss. A film animated by a desire to protect human flourishing against industry implicitly accepts the industries that turn humans into commodities.

A film driven by concern for those who cannot have children, and by the science meant to address this grief, overlooks the children who are used or discarded in that same scientific process.

None of this is to dismiss the legitimate concerns the documentary raises about environmental exposure or corporate responsibility. Those questions deserve serious attention. But they cannot be separated from the moral assumptions that shape how we think about life, reproduction, and the status of the human person.

The Plastic Detox does not acknowledge this tension. But it reveals it all the same.

VOICE OF JERUSALEM

How the Democratic Party Abandoned the Jews

By Gregory Lyakhov

For nearly a century, American Jews stood as a vital pillar of the Democratic Party, drawn to its unwavering commitment to civil rights, religious freedom, and the protection of minorities. Their allegiance was not just political—it was rooted in shared values and a vision of justice that the party once championed without hesitation.

That commitment was evident in 1948 when President Harry Truman became the first world leader to recognize Israel, a bold move that signaled America's support for Jewish self-determination. It continued in 1964, as Jewish activists linked arms with Martin Luther King Jr., marching together for civil rights and racial equality.

By 1993, when Bill Clinton hosted the signing of the Oslo Accords at the White House, the party's dedication to Middle East peace further solidified its bond with the Jewish community.

But over the past decade, that stance has shifted dramatically. Jews—once seen as victims of discrimination—are now often labeled as part of the problem. The same party that once fought antisemitism now tolerates and even amplifies it.

In 2019, Rep. Ilhan Omar (D-MN) claimed that support for Israel was "all about the Benjamins," suggesting Jewish money controls U.S. politics.

When criticized, she brushed it off as speaking the truth. The Democratic leadership condemned her remarks but took no real action. A resolution meant to censure Omar was watered down into a vague statement against hate, never even mentioning her by name.

That same year, Rep. Rashida Tlaib (D-MI) claimed Palestinians provided a "safe haven" for Jews after the Holocaust, ignoring the historical record of Palestinian leaders collaborating with the Nazis and violently opposing Jewish refugees.

The rise of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) programs has fueled this trend. While designed to protect marginalized groups, these initiatives often label Jews as privileged and powerful.

A 2023 report by the Heritage Foundation found that DEI programs at 25 major universities routinely ignored antisemitism while promoting other forms of racial and ethnic identity politics.

Jewish students reported feeling unwelcome in progressive spaces, accused of being complicit in Israeli policies simply because of their heritage. Then came October 7, 2023.

Hamas launched the deadliest attack on Israel since its founding. Over 1,200 Israelis were murdered—women, children, the elderly. Entire families were executed; women were raped and killed, while terrorists broadcasted their crimes live on social media. The world was horrified.

But within days, progressive activists in the U.S. took a different stance.

In New York City, the Democratic Socialists of America (DSA)—whose members include Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY) and Rep. Jamaal Bowman (D-NY)—organized a rally blaming Israel for the attack. Protesters chanted, "Resistance is justified," and waved signs calling for the destruction of the Jewish state.

In Washington, D.C., the group IfNotNow refused to condemn Hamas, instead accusing Israel of war crimes. At Harvard, more than 30 student organizations signed a statement holding Israel "entirely responsible" for the massacre.

The Democratic response was divided. President Joe Biden initially expressed strong support for Israel, calling the attack "pure evil." But as protests grew and progressive lawmakers felt pressure from their party, the administration wavered.

Within months, the White House began calling for a ceasefire—even as Israel was still rescuing hostages from Gaza. Progressive lawmakers, including Rep. Cori Bush (D-MO) and Rep. Ayanna Pressley (D-MA), refused to condemn Hamas and instead focused their criticism on Israel's military response.

Rep. Pramila Jayapal (D-WA) claimed Israel was engaging in "collective punishment," referring to the Jewish state's response to the October 7 attack.

Vice President Kamala Harris's position on Israel was also questionable. During Netanyahu's address to Congress, nearly half of the Democratic members, including Harris, boycotted the event. As vice president and president of the Senate, Harris made a decision not to attend, which underscored concerns about her commitment to Israel.

"Vice President Harris herself praised antisemitic campus protesters, while her husband appeared to pander inauthentically," said Alan Dershowitz, a prominent advocate for Israel and civil liberties lawyer. "Many Jewish voters feel the Democratic Party has abandoned them, and I agree—I no longer feel at home in my former party."

While Democrats hesitated, Republicans made their position clear. President Donald Trump, who previously moved the U.S. embassy to Jerusalem in 2018 and brokered the Abraham Accords, immediately condemned Hamas and called for full U.S. support of Israel.

Florida Governor Ron DeSantis took swift action, directing state universities to shut down Students for Justice in Palestine chapters, citing their ties to Hamas. Speaker of the House Mike Johnson pushed for a $14 billion aid package to Israel, even as Democrats sought to tie it to unrelated spending.

Jewish voters who once saw antisemitism as a problem of the far right are now witnessing it thrive on the left. The Anti-Defamation League (ADL) reported a 388% spike in antisemitic incidents in the U.S. in the weeks after October 7, with most occurring in progressive cities like New York, Los Angeles, and Chicago.

Jews were assaulted while walking through pro-Palestinian rallies, synagogues were vandalized, and social media flooded with anti-Israel propaganda. Still, many Democratic leaders remained silent.

The reality is clear: the Democratic Party's base is shifting. Younger Democrats overwhelmingly view Israel as an oppressor. A 2023 Pew Research poll found that 56% of Democrats under 30 sympathize more with Palestinians than Israelis—a complete reversal from just a decade ago.

As these younger activists gain power, the party will only move further in this direction.

Trump assumed office just one month ago, yet he has already launched a DOJ coalition program targeting antisemitism—a direct response to a House committee report ignored by the Biden administration.

Trump has also signed an antisemitism executive order, suspending the student visas of international students involved in antisemitic acts and threatening to pull over $100 billion in federal funding from private universities that refuse to comply with his zero-tolerance antisemitism policy. The contrast is undeniable.

For decades, Jewish Americans were among the Democratic Party's most loyal voters. But loyalty should not be blind. The party has changed. It now excuses antisemitism, questions Israel's right to defend itself, and replaces Jewish voices with activists who see Israel as the enemy.

Jewish voters must decide whether to stay with a party that increasingly rejects them or seek new political allies. The Democratic Party has made its choice. Now, Jewish Americans must make theirs.

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sovereignty to anyone who asked.

And the outfit advising the UN on whether to bless it?

The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) – the global green bureaucracy whose own network brags about cramming climate "education" into the Paris accord that Trump already tore up.

This was never about alligators and peat moss. It's about handing a chunk of America to the climate agenda's permanent government – the one nobody elected and nobody can fire.

President Trump already walked America out of UNESCO – one of 66 international outfits he's shown the door to, including the UN's climate convention itself. Good.

But walking out of UNESCO alone doesn't stop this.

The nomination rides a separate track, and the United States is still bound to the "World Heritage Convention."

Which means unless Secretary Burgum formally rescinds it, those 21 foreign governments get the final word on American soil – whether we're members of their little club or not.

One signature stands between the UN and the Okefenokee – Secretary Burgum's, on an order pulling this nomination off the table. That's the whole fight, in a single stroke of a pen.

Steven, this is exactly the fight CFACT was built for.

Our team went to Folkston, Georgia – cameras rolling – and sat down with the county commissioners the UN never bothered to consult, and put their warnings on the record while the national press looked the other way.

We're also one of the only conservative outfits holding official NGO observer status at the United Nations – which means when they convene, we have the standing to be in the room and fight them to their faces.

That's the difference between a think tank and a DO tank. And because we don't take one dime of taxpayer money, there isn't a globalist on this earth who can buy us off or shut us up.

The good news? This fight is winnable, and the momentum is ours.

Three counties have already passed ordinances against it. When the UN's own advisors held their little meeting down in Folkston, it did not go the way they planned.

America has walked away from UNESCO before – under Reagan, and again under Trump. The pattern is hard to miss: when Americans actually show up, the globalists lose.

So let's show up. Add your name to the Declaration today – and if you're able, chip in $25 or $50 to keep CFACT's boots on the ground for the next land grab, because there is always a next one.

Two hundred and fifty years ago, we declared our independence from a faraway power that thought it owned us.

It's time to do it again.

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Except such generators don't even exist.

Cuomo's green push forced the closure of the Indian Point nuclear plant, which provided one-quarter of New York City's electricity, and making electric customers pay billions of dollars for expensive, unreliable offshore wind turbines that will devastate some of the most productive fisheries along the East Coast.

New York adopted California's Advanced Clean Car II standards, which would have required more than 40% of the state's new car sales in New York to be electric vehicles starting this fall, and 100% by 2035. (An executive order from President Donald Trump put a stop to that horror.)

The batteries those EVs use require huge quantities of minerals, with devastating environmental impacts.

The RCP 8.5 panic has mandated all New Yorkers to pay a carbon tax through the state's membership in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, which levies a tax on all fossil fuels based on their carbon content.

And had it not been for Gov. Kathy Hochul's re-election campaign, which recognized the political liability, it would already include another carbon tax as part of the state's disastrous 2019 Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act.

In New York City, the toll of RCP 8.5 includes Local Law 97, a high-cost mandate to remove gas- and oil-fired boilers in local apartment buildings, and install electric heat pumps in their place.

The result will be even higher rents as landlords struggle to meet the requirements.

None of these mandates would have the slightest impact on the world's climate.

New York's annual contribution to carbon emissions is tiny, around 200 million metric tons in 2023 — equivalent to just two days of global emissions.

So much for New York saving the planet.

Now the IPCC has dropped its most extreme scenarios — but expect environmentalists and many left-wing politicians to continue citing them, to boost their favored policies.

As the saying goes, "follow the money."

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Ted Turner *cont. from page 20*

expansion of the rule of law, property rights, and economic freedom.

Contrary to the assumptions of Turner and the neo-Malthusians, population growth hasn't exacerbated famine, poverty, and disease. Nor has it necessarily hastened global warming. As economists Dean Spears and Michael Geruso documented in their 2025 book After the Spike: Population, Progress, and the Case for People, no theoretical or historical relationship exists between population size and particulate air pollution. Whether the human population stabilizes or declines, global warming is forecast to proceed. "Billions of lives lived would make a small difference to this big problem," they said.

Addressing and overcoming challenges like climate change requires sustained technological progress, which is enabled by more free minds, not fewer. Turner wanted to limit both human numbers and human freedom, but his Malthusian views embodied a discredited consensus that applied a yeast-in-a-petri-dish model to the study of human population.

This dismal perspective, which assumes people will breed themselves into oblivion, doesn't take into account the better angels of our nature: our rationality, ingenuity, and adaptability unparalleled by any other species. But it reveals a lot about how Malthusians think about their fellow humans — not as sovereign individuals possessing inherent rights and dignity, but rather as an infestation requiring systemic control. As Julian Simon pointed out, this worldview isn't predicated on scientific facts but on "value judgments about the worth of human life."

Simon's intellectual archnemesis, Paul Ehrlich, preceded Turner in death by less than two months. These two Malthusian giants departed our resourceful earth at a time when roughly two-thirds of people live in countries with sub-replacement fertility rates, meaning the average woman is having fewer than 2.1 children. The depopulation they so fervently sought — and funded — has at last become a reality.

But it comes at a price. Countries are not only facing spiraling debt and deficits spurred by population aging and worker shortages, but also a dearth of love, care, and support for the elderly. In countries like Japan, those who fulfilled Turner's wish and had only one child — or perhaps none — are increasingly dying alone and undiscovered for days, weeks, or even months. It's a sad and overlooked outcome of depopulation, but luckily for Turner, who suffered from Lewy body dementia, he had five children, along with billions of dollars, to support him in his final years of decline and dependency.

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Americans didn't know existed.

Our own Melanie Collette helped bring us into this fight, and we are pushing hard for the kind of decisive action that gives American industry the regulatory certainty it needs to build, produce, and compete.

But here's the thing about leftist bureaucrats – they don't surrender a weapon just because the political winds shift.

The green lobby is already working back channels. Environmental law firms that have used Section 404(c) as a cudgel for decades are watching this coalition carefully, and they will fight any executive order with everything they've got.

The only thing that changes that calculus is pressure. Public pressure, sustained and loud.

That's where you come in.

CFACT doesn't take a single dime of government money – no federal grants, no taxpayer contracts. That means we answer to you, not to the people we're holding accountable. And right now, we need your name on record.

Add your name to the official demand, and I'll make sure it lands where it needs to go.

After you sign your name, please amplify your action by making a tax-deductible contribution to CFACT right away.

P.S. The EPA pre-emptively vetoed the Pebble Mine before a permit was even submitted. Think about that for a second.

They didn't wait for a project to apply. They just . . . killed it anyway.

That's the power we're fighting to take away.

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Parenthood.

I have heard many stories from many women who have suffered something from the choice they made. Some women have repented, and became model Christians, yet many have wanted to claim victim status for themselves, and this plays into the hands of the GOP controlled regulated abortion movement that sees woman's safety as its only concern. The GOP pro-life movement never wants to outlaw abortion as murder.

Shanyce would have been more aware of what she was doing if there wasn't silence or heresy from the pulpit. She could have looked up the recent histories of thousands of women, who committed the same sins as she did, and suffered similar results. Would that have deterred her? It obviously did not, and Shanyce isn't alone. What would deter these women? Civil Government outlawing Abortion as First-Degree Intentional Murder, and punishing the woman for murder, and the medical serial killer as mass murderers, including execution. God demands swift justice regarding murder, and swift justice gets people's attention. But that is probably too much truth for today's neo-evangelicals, who will probably start crying if this article ever gets printed.

HOT GOVERNMENT HOT JACK

Harry Wait

For some unknown reason I've not commented directly on my friend Harry's situation in his "Lawfare" PERSECUTION by Josh Kaul and the Wisconsin DOJ. But that all changed suddenly today, when I came across this article from of all places AOL:

https://www.aol.com/articles/trump-settles-10-billion-lawsuit-143408059.html

The article is about the $1.7Billion settlement of the Trump/IRS lawsuit. The victors in the suit, President Trump, two of his sons and the Trump organization, will not claim the money themselves, but instead use it to set up a fund to FUND THE DEFENSE OF LAWFARE VICTIMS. Oh, oh. Now who do we know that is a LAWFARE VICTIM? Why, none other than Harry Wait.

Considering the growing national interest in Mr. Wait's case AND the growing activity of the Trump Administration's DOJ and FBI on VOTER FRAUD IN WISCONSIN, it's a logical conclusion that sooner, rather than later, Harry will be backed up by a large amount of CASH from the Trump lawfare fund. If those accountable for Harry's persecution were considering bleeding him dry with legal fees, that strategy just might have burst into flames.

And just WHO might be accountable for the lawfare prosecution of Harry? Let me speculate. IMHO the source of the vile against Harry is the Madison Mafia, Robbin' Vos, Tony Evers, and Josh Kaul. It's public knowledge that Vos hates Harry. He has been overheard saying "F-U, Harry." And that isn't nice. But Vos couldn't pull this off all by himself. He needed "legal" help. Enter Mr. Kaul. But how do Robbin' and Josh get together on this matter? Enter Vos's best buddy and money-spending cohort, Tony Evers. And what might this TRIAD have in common? Perhaps protecting voter fraud and election cheating?

No one knows for sure what might be coming down the road. But one possibility is a big, fat lawsuit by Mr. Wait against the Madison Mafia. They personally cannot be bled of $1.7Billion because they probably don't have that much in assets. But between them it certainly runs into the TENS if not HUNDREDS of MILLIONS. "And criminal charges?" you might ask? Well, I'll leave that one to Harmeet and her friends at the Federal DOJ.

Question: Does anybody know how much of YOUR tax dollars Kaul has wasted on the persecution of Mr. Wait? Wouldn't that make a fun FOIA request? Asking for a friend.

HOT GOVERNMENT HOT JACK

The Rash – Part II

My, how things can become interesting in a hurry. It is the Monday morning after the Republican Party of Wisconsin convention and 10 days after I wrote "The Rash". Of course, the theme of THIS convention was "Unity." Isn't it funny that the theme of LAST YEAR'S convention was also "Unity"? See Jack #435 written 5/22/2025.

This year the point of some of the speeches was 'you bad republicans need to stop picking on poor Brian Schimming.' 'Sit down and shut up…….and, oh yeah, don't forget to vote and send us money.' Hmmm. Why does that sound familiar? But somehow today feels different than it did in 2025. The feel is not different in terms of the "conventional" party leadership. (They are still the same blowhards.) This new feeling is like a cool, clean breeze has blown in from the North; like there is a new sheriff in town.

In the past 10 days Tom Tiffany has made some interesting moves signaling that a tie may be forming between the "party" and the Grass Roots. Among other things, he spoke out against the Evers/Vos spending bill. Some say that he killed it. Has Mr. Tiffany been moving in the direction of the Grass Roots or has he been there all along. Either way, it is a path not taken since Ron Johnson won. And after the convention speeches, isn't that a bit ironic.

Let me be clear that this "tie" is not one of steel cable or even a good stout rope. It is made of string and has a certain amount of fragility. But it's a start and I'm pretty confident that it will grow stronger over the next 5 months or so. For whatever reason Mr. Tiffany has a grasp of the value of the Grass Roots. They ARE the mainstream of the party. They do the work. And they consistently vote. No Republican can win in Wisconsin without them. It makes no sense to drive them away.

Yo, Tom. Keep it up. Keep bonding with the Grass Roots. Follow the path of President Trump.

Take control over the RPW. You have the vision. They don't. Give them the advice that they so like to give to us: Sit Down. Shut Up. And enjoy the ride.

See you in Madison.

