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One of the most unusual military powers in the Middle East, let alone the world, is the Islamic Republic of Iran. March 30, 2020

Iran Has Been at War With Us for 47 Years

By Daniel Greenfield

"America can't do a damn thing against us," Ayatollah Khomeini bragged while holding our hostages.

The Carter administration had undermined the Shah's government in favor of the Islamists who seized power and then prevented the embassy's Marine guards from defending the facility and the people inside against the Muslim 'student' groups who claimed to be coming in peace.

The "peaceful" student activists took over our embassy and held our people hostage.

Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei taunted President Trump with the same slogan after being asked to give up Iran's nuclear weapons program. "Our response to the US nonsense is clear: they cannot do a damn thing in this matter," he echoed his regime's founder.'

Carter's failure to defend Americans had turned Khomeini's taunt into a confident slogan.

America couldn't stop its diplomats and soldiers from being taken hostage and paraded through the streets. In subsequent decades, future administrations couldn't stop other

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Climate alarmists howl after EPA rescinds 'Endangerment Finding'

Rest of America should rejoice that reversal reflects legal, economic, health and welfare realitye

By Paul Driessen



The US Environmental Protection Agency has finally rescinded the 2009 Endangerment Finding (EF) – the Obama era EPA ruling that claimed carbon dioxide and other "greenhouse gas" (GHG) emissions "endanger" human health and welfare. Within minutes, climate alarmists challenged it in court.

The action follows

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Tyranny Always Uses the Same Tactics, Same Results

Now it's Racing Across Our Nation Are We Freedom Fighters or Passive Enablers?

By Tom DeWeese



The world-wide battle against the tyrannical Left and its drive for the destruction of free societies never ends. Their goals and tactics rarely change — rob, lie, cheat, steal elections, and destroy the forces of freedom. Whatever it takes.

In the late 1990s,

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Detective work on the real causes of Earth's temperature changes beginning to bear fruit

By Tom Harris



The habitual suspect in the three-decade-old trillion-dollar climate heist is, of course, human caused carbon dioxide (CO_2) emissions. But whether or not the temperature rise we've experienced is human caused, it could be that the self-proclaimed detectives in the media and public are being misled. CO_2, while having some impact on temperatures as

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Net Zero is the Road to Serfdom

Futile virtue signalling is pushing up energy costs and destroying the economy

By David Turver

Labour MPs like Tris Osborne spend a lot of their time claiming our energy system is secure and the National Energy System operator is forever boasting about how much of our electricity comes from wind and other renewables (see Figure 1).

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Whose 'stolen' land is it, anyway?

Billie Eilish joins history dunces wailing about 'stolen' land in USA to Israel – but elsewhere?

ByPaul Driessen

Land acknowledgements have become de rigueur at commencement ceremonies, film and music award events, and other programs. Something like this:

"We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the stolen and occupied territory of the Indigenous First Nation People who stewarded the land through many generations before White European colonialists seized it."

Many take these acknowledgements quite seriously. Indeed, professors and employees have been disciplined for mocking them, because employers find mockery "offensive" and "disruptive" – unlike their reactions to "mostly peaceful" Antifa, BLM and pro-Palestinian harassment and riots.



In accepting her Grammy, singer-songwriter Billie Eilish used her onstage opportunity to criticize Trump immigration policies, saying "no one is illegal on stolen land." Unless, of course, someone tried to enter her gated community and assert ownership over or enjoy a sandwich in her $14-million mansion.

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The Federal Courts Have Become Another Political Branch

By William L. Kovacs



Since 2006, trust in the federal courts has declined from 60% to 35%. While confidence in the U.S. judiciary is at its record low, it is still higher than what Gallup has previously measured in places such as Venezuela in 2016 (16%), the Democratic Republic of Congo in 2013 (22%), or Syria in 2013 (25%). Decline in Americans' confidence in their courts ranks among the 10 largest worldwide over a four-year period since 2006.

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Breaking: Jasmine Crockett Security Officer Shot, Killed by SWAT Team

By C. Douglas Golden

A man who was shot and killed by police in Dallas was part of Texas Democratic Rep. Jasmine Crockett's security detail, multiple sources reported on Friday.

According to CBS News, the individual in question was "known publicly as Mike King," although he'd been using various aliases to gain employment.

He was also running a business that placed law enforcement officers in off-duty jobs — and was a figure present near Crockett at numerous campaign stops during her failed bid to gain the party's Senate nomination, as

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AI Data Center Developers Will Finance Nuclear Energy Investment

By Larry Bell



At a time when huge AI data center electricity demands are projected to cause domestic shortages, drive up costs and overwhelm transmission grid capacities, President Trump has a better idea; namely to have them apply ingenuity and enterprise to directly power up their own projects.

During his Feb. 24 State of Union Address, the president said, "Tonight, I'm pleased to announce that I have negotiated the new rate payer protection

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Steve's Say . . . A Holy Model for All Men



Today I compose this piece on March 19th, the feast day of Saint Joseph, the greatest man that ever lived, save the Incarnate Son of God, Jesus Christ. As a direct descendant of King David, God appointed him the foster father of the Messiah, entrusting him to keep His Only Begotten Son, the Word Incarnate, from being devoured by the Devil, as revealed by John in the Book of Revelation (12:4-5). And Joseph faithfully fulfilled every aspect of his divinely appointed task.

Can you imagine your reaction when God revealed to you that He chose you as the guardian of His Son, the Savior entering the world, as long foretold by the prophets and awaited by the Chosen People? Incredulity and fear would likely dominate most of our emotions, the task overwhelming, the responsibility too great. How can I, a lowly carpenter in Joseph's case, carry out such an immense and important duty? How can I be worthy to be your chosen vessel?

According to the Gospel of Matthew, when God informed Joseph in a dream of his role in His salvation plan for mankind, he neither flinched nor hesitated. He immediately took Mary into his home as his wife and safeguarded her holiness from that point forward. No greater manifestation of simple faith in God has ever been demonstrated by any man.

Joseph certainly understood the immensity of his God-given responsibility, but I'm positive he had no idea of the specific difficulties he would be required to endure and overcome as the foster father of Christ and guardian of our Holy Mother. He probably had no idea of the impending Roman census which forced a tedious journey to Bethlehem late in Mary's pregnancy. I'm sure he didn't expect his wife to deliver the child in a stable far away from his home with no midwife assistance. Would he expect a visit from three foreign dignitaries bearing extravagant gifts for the baby King? And after their visit, get another direct command from God in the dead of night to immediately take up his wife and child and go down to Egypt? He never questioned any of it but just followed God's will. He knew God would provide everything he would need to fulfill the vocation God chose for him. And God did.

I want to be like Saint Joseph. I want to hear the commands of the Lord God in my heart, my soul and my dreams and follow in the footsteps of Jesus the Savior. I want to protect my family from all evils of this world, preserving the innocence and purity of my children and grandchildren, safeguarding my wife's virtue, and routing the worldly onslaught of sin constantly trying to destroy marriages and family life.

I want to have faith like Saint Joseph, always certain that God would provide everything I need to fulfill my role in His Holy Plan. In fact, I want all men to know Saint Joseph and aspire to be like him, a holy model of obedience and integrity. A man of simple faith, one who follows the Word of God and protects the innocent. A man who honors the wonders of his family as God made it, shouldering the responsibilities of fatherhood while instituting the stewardship and discipline needed for children to understand their place in God's plan as unique and holy gifts.

It's no wonder Pope Pius IX in 1870 declared St. Joseph "Protector of the Church" making him Patron Saint of the Universal Church. He is also Patron Saint of Workers & Carpenters, Fathers & Families, and of Dying or "Happy Death" because he died in the arms of both Jesus and Mary.

So I will share with everyone the prayer I say every morning along with my group of 5 other prayers asking for Saint Joseph's assistance. Supposedly if you say this prayer for 9 days straight what you ask for will be fulfilled. I've prayed it everyday for several years now.

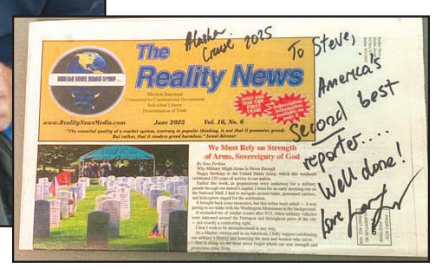
"Oh Saint Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong and so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all of my interests and desires, Oh Saint Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your Divine Son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ Our Lord. So that, having engaged below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of fathers.

Oh Saint Joseph, I never weary of contemplating you, and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss His fine head for me and ask Him to return the Kiss when I draw my dying breath. Saint Joseph, Patron of Departing Souls - Pray for me."

I invite all men to embrace Saint Joseph's example in our roles as fathers, workers and protectors. And may he provide all of us comfort in our final moments in this world, knowing the Son he held in his arm awaits us on the other side.

May God Bless all of you and all of your families.





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The Scientists Who Declared War on Half of America

By Roger Pielke Jr.

This book review was originally posted at Minding the Campus, a project of the National Association of Scholars. The title I had proposed was: "The Hobbits Go to War," but their recommendation is better. Today also represents the very rare (unprecedented?) multiple-THB posts in one day. Sorry for flooding your in-box — but it is good stuff. Enjoy! —RP

With Science Under Siege: How to Fight the Five Most Powerful Forces that Threaten Our World, climatologist Michael E. Mann and virologist Peter J. Hotez have written an important book. When future historians look back at the early twenty-first century and document the causes and consequences of the intense politicization of the U.S. scientific community, Science Under Siege (SUS) will be a core reading.

The central argument of the book is apocalyptic.

"The future of humankind and the health of our planet now depend on surmounting the dark forces of antiscience" (p. 3)

"Unless we find a way to overcome antiscience, humankind will face its gravest threat yet – the collapse of civilization as we know it." (p. 27)

"Antiscience," they tell us, is "politically and ideologically motivated opposition to any science that threatens powerful special interests and their political agenda" (p. 2).

Mann and Hotez define opposition specifically—Republicans:

The fact that antiscience has been embraced so fully by one of the two major parties is a grave concern. Today's Republican Party is an authoritarian, anti-democratic political entity . . . we face a stark realty (sic): the Republican Party now represents a very real threat to human civilization itself.

More granularly, Mann and Hotez identify the threat to human civilization as coming from a Republican "antiscience ecosystem" that they sub-group into five alliterative categories, shown in the nonsensical figure below:

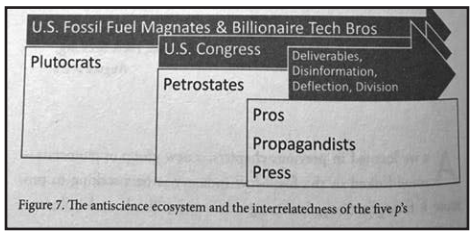

Figure 7. The antiscience ecosystem and the interrelatedness of the five p's

Page from Science Under Siege

Much of the book is spent denigrating those the authors see as enemies within these five categories. I counted 137 people who they namecheck as part of the antiscience cabal threatening the world. Many on the enemies list are not Republicans, or even on the political right. That seeming incoherence can be quickly resolved by recognizing that the list is simply people Mann and Hotez don't like for one reason or another.

Full disclosure: I'm listed as enemy #136, oddly, in their enemies sub-category "The Press." They explain that I am on the list because of my book, The Honest Broker, which argues that scientists should fully engage in democratic processes and discusses the different ways this might occur.

Their enemies list includes many of the authors' critics and political opponents. Mann repeats his longstanding beefs with Bjorn Lomborg (#70) and Judy Curry (#92) over climate. Hotez does the same on COVID-19 origins, criticizing Alina Chan and Matt Ridley (#133 and #134), co-authors of Viral: The Search for the Origin of COVID-19.

For a book supposedly about threats to science, it is not strong on scientific accuracy in the rare places that it actually discusses science. For instance, the book claims, contrary to the evidence, that: "Deadly weather extremes exacerbated by human-caused warming – floods, storms, droughts, wildfire and extreme heat – lead to many millions more lives lost per year" (p. 13).

Continue reading this piece at RogerPielkejr.substack.com

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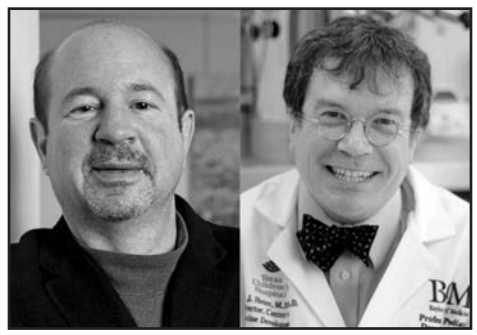

Farewell to a Dear Friend and Mentor



By E. Calvin Beisner

In the summer of 2006, just a year after the Cornwall Alliance began (initially under the name of Interfaith Stewardship Alliance), I joined a variety of scientists, economists, and other scholars in publishing A Call to Truth, Prudence, and Protection of the Poor: An Evangelical Response to Global Warming. That prompted many talk show hosts to interview me on the subject.

In some interviews, I explained that, rather than making hurricanes more frequent or stronger, global warming should reduce them.

Because I was a seminary professor, not a scientist, many people dismissed me. Some phoned me, often with anger and ridicule, saying I had no business voicing an opinion on the matter because I wasn't formally trained in meteorology or climatology. (None of them were, either.)

One afternoon, my seminary office phone rang, and when I answered, a deep voice started out, "Dr. Beisner, you don't know me, but my name is Neil Frank, and I was the longest-serving Director of the National Hurricane Center …."

"Oh no," I thought, "now I'm in for it!"

But Dr. Frank continued, "… and I'm just calling to tell you, you're right about hurricanes. Stick to your guns. Don't let anyone intimidate you."

As I remember it, we talked for close to half an hour. Dr. Frank, who at the time was chief meteorologist at KHOU-Houston (1987–2008), explained that global warming driven by greenhouse gases happens mainly toward the poles, in winter, at night, not toward the equator, in summer, in daytime. So, it reduces the difference in temperature between equator and poles. Since the role of hurricanes in Earth's climate is to transport heat from equator toward poles, less temperature difference would make hurricanes weaker, on average.

In that call, Dr. Frank talked extensively about climate change, supporting the position of A Call to Truth. He also pointed out that while he was NHC Director (1974–1987), he attended Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church, which sponsored the seminary.

That phone call was the start of a friendship and collaboration that lasted nearly 20 years. Dr. Frank was one of the most encouraging, helpful, and instructive of the many scientists I've known. A passionate disciple of Christ, he became a Senior Fellow of the Cornwall Alliance, wrote articles for us, and even supported us with very generous financial gifts.

Dr. Frank was a scientist's scientist. Even after his retirement, he continued to stay current on developments in climate science, wrote about it, and spoke often to the public about it. He was still advising me, his mind as sharp as ever, right up through late last fall.

Neil died December 24, 2025, one day after entering hospice care, at age 94. You can read about his career and see the high regard in which colleagues held him here and here. We at the Cornwall Alliance remember him with love and admiration.

Dr. Beisner is Founder and National Spokesman of The Cornwall Alliance; former Associate Professor of Historical Theology & Social Ethics, at Knox Theological Seminary, and of Interdisciplinary Studies, at Covenant College; and author of "Where Garden Meets Wilderness: Evangelical Entry into the Environmental Debate" and "Prospects for Growth: A Biblical View of Population, Resources, and the Future."

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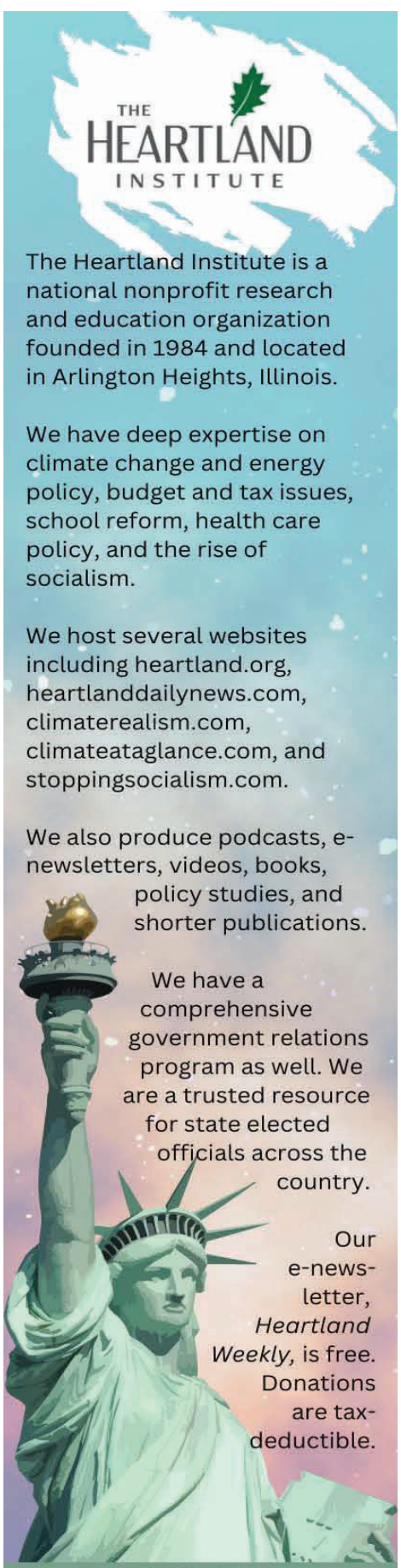

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Reliable Solar Has Larger Land Footprint Than Previously Thought

By H. Sterling Burnett

In comparison with traditional electric power generating sources, such as coal, natural gas, nuclear, and hydroelectric, solar power has a tremendous land footprint per amount of electricity generated.

In general, as discussed in "Energy at a Glance: Solar Power" and "Affordable, Reliable, and Clean: An Objective Scorecard to Assess Competing Energy Sources," research shows solar power requires more than three times as much land per megawatt of electricity produced than coal, natural gas, or nuclear. That's three times more habitat disrupted or farmland taken out productive use for crop or livestock output, than other sources of power, under an apples-to-apples comparison that includes mining but may exclude waste disposal for solar, which isn't usually accounted for in most analyses.

However, a recent study by the energy analysts at "Energy Bad Boys," Isaac Orr and Mitch Rolling, suggests solar power's land footprint is much larger than previously believed, and it gets worse as more solar is added to an area to replace existing coal or if natural gas is excluded as an alternative for increased power needs.

Framing their analysis, Orr and Rolling write,

Most public discussions about solar focus on energy production, but power systems are built around reliability during peak demand. Once you look at the grid through the lens of accredited capacity—that is, capacity that can be relied upon during peak demand—instead of annual energy, the land requirements for different technologies look radically different.

Orr and Rolling compared the land impact of a proposed 500-megawatt (MW) solar facility, the River City Energy Project, in Cerro Gordo County, Iowa, to an alternative combined-cycle natural gas facility.

The existing Emery Generating Station natural gas plant in Cerro Gordo County has a rated capacity of 602.8 MW. Looking at a "comparable" solar complex through the lens of accredited or peak capacity demanded over extended periods, Orr and Rolling calculated it would require more than 105,792 acres of solar panels, roughly 29 percent of the total land area of Cerro Gordo County. That's far above the 2,894 acres planned for the project based on average capacity.

Just looking at installed capacity, the proposed 500 MW Ranger Power industrial solar facility proposed for Cerro Gordo County would require approximately 5.8 acres per MW of rated installed capacity. By contrast, the existing gas plant sits on approximately 0.096 acres per MW of installed capacity. Hence, solar requires about 60 times more land per MW of power produced. And of course that's just counting installed capacity, not accredited or necessary peak load capacity.



The Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO), the regional transmission authority and market-clearing wholesaler in which Cerro Gordo County falls, recently updated its power rating system to reflect the reliability of all generating sources across its system during periods where the system is most likely to experience loss of load hours. Under its new Direct Loss of Load rating system, MISO concludes that by 2030 during the summer peak expected reliable solar power across its territory would amount to approximately 4 percent of the needed power, falling to just 2 percent by 2043, less than halfway through the expected operational life of a new power facility brought online. Over the course of the year, the numbers are even worse, with MISO estimating solar facilities will provide just 2.25 percent of accredited power, and less than 1 percent in 2043, far less than the 50 percent MISO estimated under its prior rating system.

By comparison, MISO anticipates natural gas facilities during the same periods, summer peak and annual, will produce 89 percent of accredited power during the summer in 2030, falling to 88 percent by 2043, and 82 percent on average across the entire year in 2030, falling to 81 percent in 2043. Natural gas is simply much more, massively more, reliable than solar power during peak demand periods, keeping in mind that solar falls off entirely at night and produces much less power than rated when it is cloudy, raining, or snowing.

With MISO's new accreditation system in mind, to provide comparable power to a proposed 500 MW natural gas alternative would require many more acres than proponents of the River City Energy Project solar facility estimate.

Under MISO's rating system, "19.29 acres of solar panels would be necessary for one MW of accredited capacity in the 2025-2026 planning year, compared to 0.14 acres for a combined cycle natural gas plant," Orr and Rolling estimate.

"In 2030 and 2033, it would require 257.24 acres of solar panels for one MW of accredited capacity, growing to 578.80 acres in 2043," the Energy Bad Boys continue. "In comparison, natural gas would require 0.14 acres, 0.14, and 0.14 acres in 2030, 2033, and 2043, respectively."

That means the solar facility would require nearly 1,838 percent more acreage to produce the same amount of reliable power as a gas plant.

The researchers expanded their analysis to Iowa as a whole. The table below tells the tale:

Elsewhere, these numbers will vary a bit based on geographic location and climate. New Mexico and Arizona get more sun annually than Iowa, after all. However, it won't make a huge difference, because peak demand is higher in the sunnier and

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Wrong, TIME Magazine, Air Conditioners Are Saving People from Heat, Not Causing Climate Change



By Linnea Lueken and H. Sterling Burnett

TIME Magazine recently posted an article titled "New Study Finds Air Conditioners Will Exacerbate Climate Change As Planet Warms," claiming that expanding air conditioner use will harm the planet by increasing warming, and that people should "transition" away from refrigerants and use less AC. This is nonsense. Even according to their own models, massive expansions in AC use would only result in marginal temperature change. By contrast, modern air conditioning has been demonstrated to save thousands of lives each year.

The article references a study published in Nature Communications, written by scientists from the Beijing Institute of Technology, a Chinese Communist Party (CCP) founded and run university. Their study used "a combination of climate science, energy modelling, and inequality analysis to map out future scenarios ranging from strong climate action to high emissions." Their results were that as air conditioning use expands, it will add more to greenhouse gas emissions and contribute an additional 0.015°C to 0.05°C by 2050.

The study's lead author warns that "if all low-income regions gained the same access to air-conditioning as rich regions, related global emissions would jump dramatically—adding up to 0.05°C extra warming even in the most climate-friendly scenario."

The authors clarified that "air conditioning is not the solution to rising temperatures" while noting that "low-income countries cannot be left behind when it comes to keeping cool in a warming world." The scientists recommend that people transition "away from traditional refrigerants," as well

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What's Up with Beef?

By David Legates

"Where's the beef?" If you are old like me, you will remember the famous 1984 advertising slogan by the fast-food chain, Wendy's. Actress Clara Peller uttered those famous words to criticize competitors for having small hamburger patties.

The phrase now has become a cultural phenomenon used to question the substance or content of products, ideas, or speeches. But more recently, I came across a comment from a student that her aunt and uncle said they had read a science book that warned that eating beef wasn't good for the Earth. So, updating the question more than forty years later, let's see "What's up with beef?"

In the late 1960s, Dame Valerie Jane Morris Goodall, an English primatologist and anthropologist, stopped eating meat after realizing that meat symbolized the fear, pain, and death of animals in cruel factory farming. Even Albert Einstein noted that "Nothing will benefit human health and increase the chances for survival of life on Earth as much as the evolution to a vegetarian diet."

In the Bible, the Torah also weighs in on meat eating, although with a more permissive tone. Leviticus 11 begins with the Lord speaking to Moses and Aaron regarding laws about animals for food. The Lord said, "Whatever divides a hoof, thus making split hoofs, and chews the cud, [is] among the animals that you may eat." The Lord goes on to identify as unclean the camel, the SHAY-fan or rock hydrax, and the rabbit because though they chew cud, they do not have divided hoofs, and the pig, which has divided hoofs but does not chew cud. Deuteronomy 14 reiterates this but adds that edible animals include "the ox, the sheep, the goat, the deer, the gazelle, the roebuck, the wild goat, the ibex, the antelope and the mountain sheep." Although not specifically mentioned, cattle qualify because they chew cud and have divided hoofs.

This is where the concern with beef begins. Animals that chew cud are called ruminants because the process of rechewing ingested, and partially digested, food to further break down plant matter and stimulate digestion is called rumination. Ruminants' stomachs have four compartments—the rumen, which is the primary site of microbial fermentation; the reticulum, where further fermentation occurs; the omasum, which receives chewed cud and absorbs volatile fatty acids; and the abomasum, or the true stomach. The purpose of rechewing swallowed food is to break down particle size and enhance fermentation, which is crucial to the digestion process.

So, why are ruminants in general, and beef in particular, so bad for the environment? Environmental groups like the Humane League, PETA, and the United Nations have identified beef production as a major driver of environmental destruction due to five main issues: greenhouse gas emissions, land use and deforestation, water consumption, pollution, and biodiversity loss.

Grass is tough to digest. Therefore, ruminants have this four-compartment stomach that assists in allowing them to obtain nutrients from grasses. However, methane is produced from both orifices as a byproduct of the digestion process, and it also arises from manure lagoons as manure decomposes. Since methane not only is a greenhouse gas but also is more potent, per molecule, than carbon dioxide at absorbing thermal radiation, you can see why the beef industry would be targeted by environmental groups. Some even go so far as to argue that animal agriculture is more dangerous to the environment than all global transportation combined.

But why single out beef? Their argument is that cattle take longer to mature than chickens or pigs so that more feed is required. Thus, the emission of methane per pound of meat is much greater with cattle than with smaller animals. And, since they are generally large animals, beef production requires lots of space, which restricts land use and, in some areas of the world, leads to deforestation. Large animals also require more water per pound of meat, which is a concern in semi-arid pastures. Globally, opponents argue that beef requires twenty times more land and water per gram of protein than plant alternatives. And if you are raising beef cattle on large plots of land, biodiversity is likely to take a hit as well.

Then there's pollution. Manure from farms can create algae blooms and dead zones in local rivers and estuaries. In the United States, livestock manure is a main source of waterway pollution. Nitrogen pollution in estuaries is largely driven by agricultural and urban stormwater runoff, which causes severe eutrophication (i.e., oxygen depletion).

So, maybe God permitted the Hebrews to eat beef, but you might be getting the idea that to save the planet and be good stewards of it, we should forgo it.

But as is usually the case, there are two sides to this discussion. Many researchers, farmers, and even some environmental scientists argue that the impacts of beef are overstated, the context is missing, and, in some cases, beef can be part of the solution to feeding the planet. So, let's look at the other side.

Frank Mitloehner, an air quality expert at UC Davis, points out that the claim that "livestock are worse than transportation" is a myth. For much of the undeveloped and developing world, livestock are an integral part of their transportation network. Oxen and cattle are used to plow fields and carry goods, so where do livestock emissions end and transportation emissions begin? In the developed world, livestock emissions are near 4% overall, or about 1/7th of the emissions of either the transportation or the electricity sectors. Even if the United States adopted a fully plant-based diet, emissions would drop only by 2.6%.

We have been conditioned to think of carbon dioxide and methane as pollutants—substances we would be better off without and that shouldn't be there naturally. Such a belief is fundamentally incorrect, as carbon dioxide and methane are an integral part of the natural carbon cycle. Think for a moment: In the grass that livestock eat, where does the carbon originate? Plants use photosynthesis to create sugars that contain carbon, hydrogen, and oxygen. The carbon in sugars comes from carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, so cattle are simply recycling carbon that was sequestered by plants. And methane naturally oxidizes into carbon dioxide and water over time.



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hotter states. Also, the performance of solar panels drops off considerably during periods of extreme heat. Solar panels experience a 0.30 to 0.50 percent efficiency loss for every degree Celsius above 77°F, amounting to a decline of 10 to 25 percent of their efficiency during extended periods of extreme heat.

The latter point is important because if ongoing climate change causes more extremely hot days and increased numbers of extended heat waves in the future, as climate models have projected—although experience and data have not borne this prediction out so far—then solar energy, one supposed solution to power modern society faced with a changing climate, will be less effective than promised. The more the Earth warms, specifically the higher the number of very hot days, the less effective solar energy is as a climate solution. Electricity providers have to add more and more panels, and thus cover more and more wildland and farmland with them, to make up for the efficiency losses solar experiences as temperatures exceed 77°F, which really is not that hot.

In short, regardless of whether one considers only the stated rated capacity or includes the more important accredited capacity, anyone who cares about land conservation and open spaces should reject new solar when considering how to satisfy the growing demand for steady electric power.

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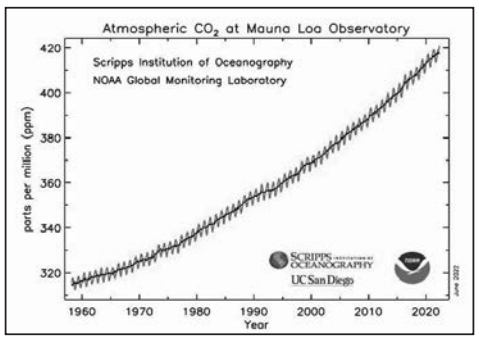
as prioritize "decarbonizing power grids, and prioritizing other adaptive measures, like better insulation and shading. And people will need to learn to change their behaviors—avoiding using AC during peak hours, and turning the air conditioning down."

One should be extremely skeptical when CCP-affiliated researchers promote studies that recommend other countries "decarbonize," as China currently maintains a near total monopoly on green technology and is increasing its fossil fuel use. China is fond of telling other countries to decarbonize while also building up their own coal-powered infrastructure.

The scientists predict a sort of positive feedback loop of warming: warming causes expanded AC use, which causes more emissions, causing more warming, causing more AC use, on and on.

However, the study says that "income-driven AC growth adds 14–146 GtCO2eq and a further 0.003–0.05 °C of warming by 2050, even under SSP119." SSP119 being a low-end emissions model scenario. But notice those numbers: 0.003-0.05 °C extra over the next 24 years, with a lot of assumptions loaded behind it. Those values are also average global temperature change. No one is going to feel that small of a change, and no weather dynamics are going to be impacted by that minor variance.

These are not new claims. The United Nations have been saying for years that AC use makes climate change worse, as every human activity apparently does. Our World in Data estimates that all world AC use contributes just 3 percent of total greenhouse gas emissions. Eliminating all AC use would have no noticeable impact on warming. For example, during the COVID-19 pandemic, global emissions dropped more than that in 2020, quite sharply, and it doesn't even appear on the carbon dioxide measurement station data at Muana Loa. (See figure below)



Cutting AC will have even less impact.

There is no evidence that human emissions are causing any kind of dangerous runaway warming, nor that eliminating emissions from various economic sectors has had any impact on warming trends over the past few decades.

The paper recommends governments adopt dynamic pricing on electricity in wealthy countries in order to discourage people from running AC during peak hours of the day, which is an attack on consumer choice and safety. Since the researchers involved in the article are tied to the CCP, it is interesting to note that the government buildings they work in are fully air conditioned as are the homes and office of CCP leadership. In addition, the growth in China's air conditioning use has been massive over the past decade. From 2010 to 2020, annual AC sales nearly doubled to 100 million units. By 2024, China's stock of residential ACs continued to grow rapidly, doubling the per-household average over the previous decade, with cooling now estimated to account for 15 percent of electricity demand.

In China, air conditioning is common in urban areas and cities, but remains relatively rare in rural areas. Perhaps this article is an attempt to tamp down the hopes of rural Chinese, a suggestion that they forego adopting air conditioning for patriotic reasons to help the CCP fight climate change. If so, it is the height of hypocrisy on behalf of the CCP.

Studies published in the Journal of American Medical Association's Internal Medicine and by the International Energy Agency (IEA) detail the fact that air conditioning saves tens of thousands of lives each year, and will serve an even greater role in preventing unnecessary premature deaths if the world continues warming in the future. During normal summer heat and even more so during periodic heatwaves in countries that naturally experience high temperatures, the adoption of widespread air conditioning use is rapidly becoming the most effective life saving measure.

"Lack of access to indoor cooling puts much of the global population at high risk for heat stress, adversely affecting thermal comfort, labour productivity, and human health," says the IEA report. "[A]ccess to effective cooling has saved tens of thousands of lives . . . the average annual number of heat-related deaths averted by AC increase[d] 3-fold, reaching an estimated 190 000 lives saved per year during 2019-2021."

Accordingly, any effort to limit the expansion of air conditioning use is logically going to lead to more sickness and probably death, especially in vulnerable populations like the elderly.

As mentioned in the introduction, misplaced fearmongering concerning the minuscule role of AC in climate change could lead to real world harms, if governments take these scientists seriously. Limiting air conditioning use will result in more people suffering from heat-related illness and discomfort. No one should listen to Beijing. China has a vested interest in promoting the so-called "green" technologies that it monopolizes, even as wealthy Chinese urban elites and government officials have air conditioning in their offices and homes. TIME should stand with the people in need of air conditioning and vet their reporting better, rather than becoming a shill for propaganda from the CCP.

SCIENCE & ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY PROJECT

The Week That Was March 14th, 2026

Quote of the Week:

"…turbulence is the most important unsolved problem of classical physics."— Richard Feynman

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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:

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And thank you.

Scope: This TWTW begins with an editorial in the Wall Street Journal questioning the integrity behind the new Reference Manual on Scientific Evidence. TWTW notes a post by Nicola Scafetta on his new book, The Frontier of Climate Science: Solar Variability, Natural Cycles and Model Uncertainty. Then TWTW briefly discusses what we do not know or understand about climate change. TWTW concludes with investment advisor Tilak Doshi noting a sudden change in what is considered a stranded asset.

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Continuing Scandal: In an editorial, the Wall Street Journal covered Roger Pielke Jr.'s analysis of the discarded Climate Change Chapter in the new Reference Manual on Scientific Evidence discussed in last week's TWTW. "A Judicial Climate Science Scandal: How political actors hijacked an education manual for judges to serve the plaintiffs' bar," began with [Boldface added]:

"Follow the science, say the climate lobbyists who want to change American life on their policy terms. It turns out they also want to control the judiciary, so by all means let's follow the climate science of what is a scandal at the Federal Judicial Center.

The FJC is the education arm of the federal judiciary, and we told you recently that it retracted the climate chapter of the Fourth Edition of its Reference Manual on Scientific Evidence. The manual is a tool to help judges make unbiased assessments about scientific testimony, but it was hijacked by progressive climate advocates.

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The chapter's named co-authors are Jessica Wentz, a senior fellow at Columbia's Sabin Center for Climate Change Law, which 'develops legal techniques to combat the climate crisis and advance climate justice;' and Radley Horton, a professor at Columbia Climate School, where he has taught on subjects like climate hazards and extreme weather events. But it gets worse.

In the climate science chapter, footnote 77 says 'discussion of attribution research has been adapted, and, in some cases, excerpted from the authors' prior publications on this topic.' A review by American Enterprise Institute senior fellow Roger Pielke Jr. noticed that one of those earlier publications was co-authored with a third person who wasn't named as an author in the climate chapter.

Mr. Pielke says the mystery author is Michael Burger, executive director of the Sabin Center. But here's the shocker. He is also of counsel at Sher Edling, a plaintiff firm pushing climate-related lawsuits. The firm has promoted dubious legal theories, suing fossil-fuel companies for failure to warn about climate effects and public nuisance over the 'cost of weather induced events.'

Mr. Burger's Sher Edling bio says he works to 'help public agencies hold fossil fuel companies accountable for the climate change related damage they knowingly caused.' Sher Edling's website lists 25 cases against fossil-fuel industry defendants for 'their decades-long campaigns of deception about the science of climate change.'

Getting the idea that Mr. Burger might not be an unconflicted student of unbiased climate science?"

The editorial summarizes Pielke's work described in last week's TWWT then concludes with:

"Using what Mr. Pielke called an approximate 'fuzzy match' raised the similarity to 47.8%. In other words, for all intents and purposes Mr. Burger was a third author.

We asked Mr. Burger if he approved the use of his work or saw the climate science chapter before publication. He responded that 'the academic standards for authorship are well-established and well-known. My involvement here does not even come close to meeting those standards.'

But ghost writing in a scientific review violates ethical guidelines for attribution. The Council of Science Editors' recommendations on publication ethics say ghost authorship is 'ethically unacceptable' because it misleads readers about potential conflicts of interest. The nonprofit Committee on Publication Ethics says, 'authorship problems or misconduct can include a ghost author, someone who is omitted or deleted from an author list despite qualifying for authorship.'

After the FJC dropped the climate chapter, Ms. Wentz and Mr. Horton wrote a 10-page defense of their work to address objections raised by Republican state attorneys general. They say their presentation isn't biased because the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) in its Sixth Assessment Report (AR6) and the United States Global Change Research Program 'concluded there is 'unequivocal' evidence that human activities have warmed the climate.'

That's a nondefense defense. The FJC chapter doesn't merely refer to human influence on climate. It amounts to a sweeping brief intended to influence judges to think every harm from climate change is the result of fossil fuels.

In a letter to the Journal responding to our earlier editorials, National Academy of Sciences President Marcia McNutt says the climate science chapter co-published with the FJC and National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine was rigorously reviewed by an oversight committee and reflects the 'best available scientific evidence.'

That's highly debatable, as Mr. Pielke points out, notably on the link between climate change and extreme weather events. Even the selection of Ms. Wentz and Mr. Horton as chapter authors should have raised questions about neutrality in a peer review. Ms. McNutt ignores the clear ideological and political conflicts of interest by the authors.

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FJC director Judge Robin Rosenberg told us 'the processes followed' in the development of the manual were 'thorough, rigorous, careful, and free from improper influence,' including rounds of comments and external reviews. If true, she needs new reviewers.

The FJC's manual is supposed to be a neutral guide for non-expert judges on scientific matters. The climate chapter was no such thing, and now we know why. It was an abuse of science by political actors who tried to hijack a tool of judicial education to serve the interests of the plaintiffs' bar in the cause of bankrupting fossil-fuel energy companies.

This is a scandal for the manual's authors and the FJC. Any judge who uses the manual in a ruling is taking distorted, biased material and serving up grounds for appeal."

This episode reflects poorly on the National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine as well as the Federal Judicial Center. In physical sciences, physical evidence is paramount; not statements from politicized organizations or legal speculation. Neither the IPCC nor the USGCRP have separated natural warming from human-caused warming. They have ignored the need to establish the greenhouse effect in today's atmosphere based on physical evidence. Further they have ignored the need to establish how much human emissions of CO2 are adding to the greenhouse effect and whether adding CO2 is harmful – all based on physical evidence not speculation using elaborate mathematical models. The National Academies have lost their way. See Article # 1.

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Cyclical Change: Nicola Scafetta is a research scientist at the University of Napoli Federico II who has argued that climate change is principally driven by natural cycles which are present in the solar system. These cycles include the Sun's movement around the Barycenter of the solar system (the center of mass around which two or more bodies orbit). His new book The Frontier of Climate Science: Solar Variability, Natural Cycles and Model Uncertainty has been published. He discusses the book in a post on Judith Curry's blog, Climate Etc. In part, he writes:

"Over the years, I have become increasingly convinced that the climate system cannot be fully understood through a single explanatory lens. The prevailing attribution framework is the one currently advocated by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). It assigns nearly all post-1850 warming to anthropogenic forcings. However, this assessment rests on computer global climate models (GCMs) that, while sophisticated, still struggle with fundamental aspects of natural variability.

Book Synopsis

How well do we truly understand Earth's climate? What natural forces remain beyond our grasp? Is Net Zero the only viable path forward?

The Frontier of Climate Science explores climate dynamics through physics, complex systems, and astronomy, synthesizing several decades of peer-

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Number of the Week: 21 out of 49 UK analysist Paul Homewood has been critical of the UK's government policy of adhering to "Net Zero" greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. The Net Zero plan included stopping the drilling for oil and gas in the British part of the North Sea. In his post, "Iran crisis shows folly of Ed Miliband's North Sea plan" Homewood cites a news report in the Telegraph which states:

"It shouldn't have taken an Iranian attack on the world's largest liquefied natural gas (LNG) export facility in Qatar for us to realize the benefits of being able to produce our own oil and gas.

Under Labour, not a single exploration well was drilled in British waters last year – for the first time since 1964. Labour ministers gleefully trumpet that the basin is just in natural decline.

But Norway, which shares the exact same basin, tells a different story. Last year, the country drilled 49 exploration wells and made 21 new discoveries." [Boldface added]

Decline does not mean exhausted as the US found out after the 1970s when many in Washington claimed the US was running out of natural gas and world was about to run out of oil. The Norwegian oil company Equinor is planning more wells in 2026 and beyond. See link under Energy Issues – Europe and Equinor to drill 26 exploration and appraisal wells offshore Norway in 2026.

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reviewed research.

The book critically reviews the scientific foundations of modern climate theory, the evolution of IPCC assessments, and the limits of global climate models (GCMs) when confronted with observations. It investigates natural variability across multiple timescales, including oceanic oscillations, solar variability, and astronomical cycles driving both solar and climate variability, integrating satellite data, paleoclimate reconstructions, and empirical modeling approaches.

From this evidence emerges a balanced view of climate risk, favoring pragmatic adaptation over narrowly defined policy pathways such as Net Zero. Rich in insights and analytical approaches, the book helps readers understand climate variability, assess risks, think critically, and explore key open questions in climate science."

After further introduction he continues:

"1. Why I wrote this book.

My goal was to bring these threads together into a coherent, interdisciplinary perspective — one that reflects not only the breadth of the scientific debate, but also the many dimensions of the problem that I have personally explored in my own scientific publications over the past two decades, from solar variability to climate oscillations, from data biases to empirical modeling.

2. Climate as a multi-scale, oscillatory system

One of the most striking features of Earth's climate history is its rhythmic natural structure. Throughout the Holocene, we observe:

· multidecadal oscillations (~60 years),

· centennial fluctuations,

· millennial-scale cycles such as the Eddy cycle,

· and the Hallstatt–Bray cycle.

These patterns appear in ice cores, marine sediments, tree rings, and historical documents. They also correlate with solar and astronomical proxies. These cycles are not speculative; they are among the most robust features of paleoclimate research.

Yet current GCMs do not reproduce these oscillations with the correct amplitude or timing.

This is not a minor detail. If models cannot capture the natural background variability of the climate system, then attribution regarding the global warming from 1850–1900 to the present becomes inherently uncertain, because any unmodeled natural contribution to the warming (for example due to solar activity increase during the same period) necessarily reduces the fraction of warming that can be confidently assigned to anthropogenic forcings. And if the anthropogenic contribution to past warming is smaller than assumed, then its contribution to future warming — and therefore the associated climate risk — must also be proportionally reduced.

3. Observational datasets: essential but imperfect

Another motivation for writing the book was the growing divergence between different observational datasets.

Surface temperature records are indispensable, but they are also affected by:

· urbanization and land-use changes,

· station relocations,

· instrumentation shifts,

· homogenization algorithms that may introduce artificial convergence.

Satellite datasets, by contrast, show 20–30% less warming since 1980, particularly over Northern Hemisphere land areas. Rural-only station reconstructions also reveal weaker secular warming.

These discrepancies do not undermine the reality of global warming, but they do expand the uncertainty range. A mature scientific field should acknowledge this openly.

4. The Sun: a more complex actor than often assumed

My work on solar variability began more than two decades ago, partly through my involvement with NASA–JPL's ACRIM experiment, which was designed to measure total solar irradiance from space. Over time, it became increasingly clear to me that the Sun's influence on climate is significant, but that a proper assessment requires addressing the long-standing controversies surrounding solar variability on timescales longer than the 11-year solar cycle — controversies that remain central to understanding the natural contribution to modern climate change.

The book reviews:

· the ACRIM–PMOD controversy,

· spectral solar variability,

· magnetic modulation of cosmic rays,

· cloud-related mechanisms,

· and the possible role of planetary harmonics.

The point is not that 'the Sun explains everything.' Rather, it is that current models incorporate an overly simplified representation of solar variability, which may help explain why they attribute essentially zero post-1850 warming to solar changes. [Boldface added]

This assumption deserves reexamination.

Contemporary hypotheses that secular and multimillennial solar activity has changed only minimally inevitably fail to account for the strong correlations observed throughout the Holocene between solar variability and documented climatic shifts. If long-term solar variability is assumed to be negligible, these empirical relationships become scientifically inexplicable, underscoring the need to revisit

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an extensive review of scientific evidence, legal and constitutional principles, and 572,000 public comments (534,000 via mass comment campaigns).

EPA Administrator Lee Zeldin called it "the single largest deregulatory action in US history." Just eliminating federal GHG emission standards for vehicles (model years 2012–2027 and beyond) will save American taxpayers over $1.3 trillion, EPA estimates. They will no longer have to pay for measuring, reporting, certifying and complying with federal GHG vehicle emission standards.

EPA had attached endangerment tailpipe emission standards to impossible-to-meet 50.4 mpg fuel economy requirements – effectively banning internal combustion engines and forcing people to buy electric models. Now motorists can buy the cars and light trucks they choose.

Scrapping the hated automatic stop/start "feature" will save consumers $2,400 per vehicle – and hopefully let us have repair shops disable it. Anyone who's tried to merge into moving traffic from even a brief stop knows how maddening and dangerous this gimmick is.

Future actions will likely eradicate endangerment diktats on coal and gas power plants that generate electricity for the grid. That will keep electricity costs affordable and ensure we have power when we need it: for lights, heat, AC, refrigerators, stoves, computers, entertainment, hospitals, schools, shops, offices, traffic lights, data centers and banking – not just on average days, but during winter storms and summer heatwaves. No Net Zero wind-solar-battery system yet devised can do that, at any price.

The Endangerment reversal generated predictable howls of outrage from factions with economic or ideological stakes in the Obama ruling and tomes of regulations promulgated in its wake. They'll no longer be able to dictate energy, economic and consumer choices. The rest of us should rejoice.

The EF originated with Massachusetts v. EPA (2007). The US Supreme Court said EPA could regulate GHGs if the agency found that they "cause or contribute" to "air pollution" that may be "reasonably anticipated" to "endanger public health or welfare" by causing dangerous climate and weather changes.

The Obama EPA twisted and tortured science, history and common sense to fit the Court ruling and promulgated the Endangerment decree. Officially, the 2007 ruling has not been reversed.

However, the Trump EPA's extensive final rule rescinding the EF demonstrates that Mass v EPA has effectively been reversed – and certainly rendered irrelevant by subsequent Supreme Court decisions, evidence-based science and international reality.

* Legal and constitutional rulings torpedo and sink the 2009 Endangerment dreadnaught.

In West Virginia v. EPA (2022) the Court ruled that federal agencies may not violate the "major questions doctrine," which states that, in the absence of clear congressional direction or authorization, agencies may not make decisions or issue regulations "of vast economic and political significance."

The Clean Air Act (CAA) does not include life-giving carbon dioxide as a pollutant. It provides no legislative language or other authorization for EPA to unilaterally declare that CO2 is a pollutant that would somehow "endanger public health or welfare" by causing or contributing to climate disruptions.

EPA nevertheless did precisely that – and used the Endangerment declaration to give itself effective control over the nation's transportation, electricity generation, petrochemical and other industries; its economy, employment and living standards. EF regulations have impacts of undeniably "vast economic and political significance," making them impermissible and unconstitutional.

The Supreme Court ruling in Loper Bright v. Raimondo (2024) restricted EPA's discretion and assertion of power even further. That case overturned the Court's 1984 decision in Chevron v. NRDC and ended judicial deference to government agencies (the "Chevron doctrine"). Bureaucrats may no longer devise self-proclaimed "reasonable interpretations" of unclear statutory language, if those interpretations would significantly expand regulatory powers or inflate private sector costs.

EPA's Endangerment Finding doesn't have a legal or constitutional leg to stand on.

* Evidence-based science gives EPA no foundation for declaring CO2 a dangerous pollutant.

Unlike pollutants listed in the CAA, carbon dioxide is nontoxic. Indeed, it is essential to planetary life. Humans and animals exhale it when they breathe; plants absorb CO2 during photosynthesis and emit oxygen. More atmospheric CO2 helps plants grow better, faster and with less water.

Endangerment proponents offer little more than baseless hair-raising assertions about climate calamities already upon us … and future catastrophes predicted by computer models based on GHGs controlling Earth's climate. It's Monty Python in Search of the Holy Grail of climate control – and ultimately control of American and world economies and living standards.

But as EPA's new analysis, thousands of scientists, and reams of data and evidence demonstrate, this fearmongering does not reflect planetary reality. Average global temperatures have increased only slightly in 100 years; many US temperature records set in the 1930s still stand; and many alleged recent historic highs were recorded at airports and urban areas (heat islands).

Hurricane frequency and intensity likewise show minimal change since 1865; no Category 3-5 hurricanes struck the USA for a record twelve years, 10/2005–08/2017; and tornado frequency and intensity have actually declinedsince 1950.

There is no real-world evidence that CO2 or other GHGs have replaced the complex solar, cosmic and other natural forces that have brought numerous climate fluctuations throughout Earth history.

* Even total US elimination of fossil fuels would be a multi-trillion-dollar lesson in futility.

China emits one-third of global greenhouse gases, more than all developed nations combined. India and Indonesia add another tenth. They're building new coal-fired power plants every month, to raise their people's living standards and become global powers.

In still-destitute countries, billions have minimal, sporadic access to electricity 750 million have no access. They are constructing coal and gas power plants, industrializing, driving cars – and emitting GHGs at ever-increasing rates, to improve and save millions of lives. US emissions are irrelevant.

* The real dangers to our health and welfare come from eliminating fossil fuels.

Wind and solar power were de minimis during Winter Storm Fern. So was New England's expected Canadian electricity. Coal, gas and nuclear power came to the rescue. Without them, thousands of lives would likely have been lost.

Oil, natural gas and coal still provide over 80% of total US primary energy consumption – plus irreplaceable feedstocks for more than 6,000 medical, pharmaceutical, communication, construction, transportation and other products. Without fossil fuels, our lives would revert to 1900 or earlier.

Any actual endangerment to our health and welfare does not arise from using fossil fuels – and possibly adding a smidgeon to adverse (or beneficial) climate and weather changes. It comes from eliminating fossil fuels, relying on "renewable" energy that's missing when most needed, and denying humanity thousands of essential petrochemical products.

There is no basis for the DC Court of Appeals and US Supreme Court to do anything but affirm the Trump-Zeldin reversal of the ignominious, destructive Obama Era Endangerment Finding.

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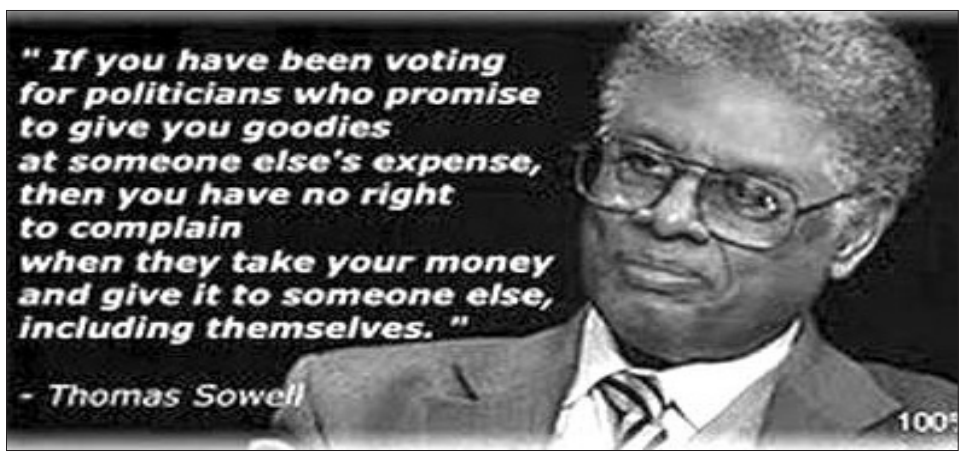

Stolen Land and the Mythology of Innocence: When Slogans Replace History



By Gary Wickert

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

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

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

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

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

Much of the contemporary insistence that European settlement of the Americas constitutes "genocide" rests not on settled historical consensus, but on a relatively recent shift driven by polemical scholarship and sensationalized media narratives. For decades, professional historians deliberately avoided applying the term genocide to New World colonialism, recognizing that it traditionally described deliberate, systematic efforts to exterminate an entire people, a standard not met by the historical record in the Americas. This restraint is evident in major scholarly works, including the Cambridge History of the Native Peoples of the Americas, which explicitly rejected the term as inapplicable. European colonial powers, particularly Spain, adopted policies aimed at protecting and increasing indigenous populations, including formal legal protections and autonomous indigenous jurisdictions. Even episodes most frequently cited as evidence of genocidal intent, such as the Trail of Tears, were historically understood within a far more complex political and legal context, involving divided indigenous leadership, compensation offers, public opposition, and judicial resistance, all of which are now routinely ignored to strengthen modern claims. Compounding the distortion is the systematic inflation or suppression of casualty figures. In places like Canada, documented instances of Native deaths at the hands of Europeans were historically minimal, undermining genocide claims and prompting modern advocates to retreat into vaguer concepts such as "cultural genocide." The result is a politicized redefinition of genocide that equates historical tragedy with twentieth-century extermination regimes, discourages nuanced analysis, and treats legitimate historical disagreement as moral heresy rather than scholarly debate.

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

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

The arrival of Europeans did not introduce violence, hierarchy, or slavery to the Americas. It encountered systems where all three already existed. What

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"rightful" land ownership question is greatly complicated by history and reality – in Europe, the Americas, Asia and the Middle East in the past; and with Ukraine, Tibet and Taiwan today.

These lands and nations were not stolen, the way a burglar grabs jewelry. They were typically purchased … or taken through war and conquest … across the globe, throughout human history, continuing today.

We might therefore ask: At what points do early and subsequent conquests, and thus land titles, begin and end? Who has today's legitimate title? Who decides? Should all claims be treated the same – or should some have more "legitimacy" than others? Consider these abbreviated histories.

Europe has been a battleground for millennia – over fiefdoms, states, countries and empires. Pax Romana once governed the continent and Britain, before Visigoths, Celts and other tribes Vandalized the Roman empire. Internal religious, ideological and political forces fragmented Christian Europe for centuries. Two world wars and the USSR collapse created today's political maps, while Putin dreams of more changes.

Muslim Umayyad armies conquered Spain and Portugal in the Eighth Century and were expelled by 1492. Mongols invaded eastern Europe in 1237. Ottomans ruled southeastern Europe for two centuries.

The Americas inherited Europe's history and philosophy of discovery, conquest, religious conversion and resource extraction. Cortés took advantage of superior weapons, smallpox epidemics and alliances with subjugated tribes to destroy the Aztec empire. Pizarro did likewise to dismantle the Inca kingdom.

United States claims of Manifest Destiny secured lands and resources from France via the Louisiana Purchase, California and the Southwest through wars with Mexico, and the rest of North America from Britain, Spain and Native American tribes. Canada's history with its First Nations is similarly fraught.

Nowhere, however, is the "stolen land" trope more vocal and vicious than toward Israel.

The Middle East has been a bridge and battleground for trade, culture and invading armies from time immemorial. After Moses saw the Promised Land, the Israelites defeated the Amorites, Canaanites and Philistines – all of whom had invaded and conquered previous occupants. The Kingdoms of Israel and Judah were conquered by the Assyrians and then the Babylonians, until Cyrus the Great of Persia defeated Babylon and permitted them to return.

Alexander the Great ushered in Greek rule. Following another Jewish period, Rome took control, viciously subdued Jewish uprisings, and renamed the region Syria Palestina to insult the Israelites by recalling their mortal enemies, the Philistines. The Roman Empire gradually gave way to the Byzantine era, followed by centuries of Arab-Islamic conflicts with Byzantine and then Crusader forces.

Mamluks drove the last Crusaders out in 1291. The subsequent Ottoman-Turkish Empire lasted 600 years, until the end of WWI, when the British and French established "Mandates" and drew Middle East boundaries similar to what exist today.

Jewish immigrants and sponsors purchased land from local and absentee Arab landlords before and after the world wars. After WWII, Jewish immigration surged. Land ownership in the pre-1948 area that is now Israel was roughly 15% Arab, 9% Jewish, and 76% British Mandate land and "unregistered" plots. Today, Israel has 0.2% of the land area of all Muslim countries across North Africa through the Middle East.

At no point since Moses did Jews entirely disappear from the Promised Land. At no point in Middle East history was there a "Palestinian" nation or people. Though some Palestinians now claim to be descended from Philistines, those ancient people were killed or exiled by the same King Nebuchadnezzar who sent the Jews into Babylonian captivity; their remnants assimilated into Babylonian-Phoenician populations.

Five Arab countries attacked Israel after it achieved nationhood in 1948. Some 700,000 Arabs left Israel, assuming they would return upon Arab victory, while 800,000 Jews were displaced from Muslim countries across North Africa and the Middle East. 1967 and 1973 Arab-Israel wars also ended in Israeli victories and territorial expansion.

Under millennia-long practices, norms and "international law," victors win the lands and spoils of war. That means there is no "stolen" Palestinian, Syrian, Jordanian or other land in Israel.

Nor has any conquered or displaced people ever had a "right of return." And yet, Hamas, Hezbollah, the PLO and their supporters demand such rights for Palestinians to their former homes in Israel. Indeed, the Hamas and PLOcharters say Israel and Israelis must be driven out, "from the river to the sea."

Wars have consequences – serious and far-reaching. They do not include "rights of return," a doctrine of "stolen land" – or some precept of "once Muslim, forever Muslim" applied to Spain, Portugal and southeastern Europe.

Just imagine the chaos that would erupt if the International Court of Justice began adjudicating claims and proclaiming "returns" to lands "stolen" by conquests through history.

When Muslim-Arab armies conquered the Middle East – sacking Jewish and other ethno-religious cities and forcibly converting millions – they claimed ownership of all those lands. Has the UN demanded that those lands be returned to descendants of their "rightful owners" of yore?

Should DNA tests be used to settle claims by descendants of Aztecs and Incas – or tribes subjugated by them – to properties in Mexico, Bolivia, Ecuador and Chile? What about those who can trace their ancestry to Celtic, Saxon, Etruscan, Roman, Vandal, Dacian or other ancient Europeans who were conquered, decimated, exiled or assimilated over the ages? Ditto for Emperor Qin's conquest of China?

What about the Berbers, Christians and other North Africans conquered by the Muslim Caliphate? Should Turkey be recognized as the owner and governing authority of Cyprus or Greece? Will China end its "occupation" of Tibet and recognize a separate Uyghur nation? Will the UN and "international community" boot Russia out of Crimea and Donetsk?

Why should Israel be singled out for further opprobrium – and demands that it alone, among all nations, return not only areas it took in wars Israel did not start, but lands Jewish immigrants purchased 75-100 years ago, and even the original 1948 pre-war State of Israel created by the United Nations?

The notion is utterly absurd. It is the product of vacuous thinking by dunces who can sing and chant slogans but have no grasp of even basic history. It should be tossed into history's dustbin of stupid ideas.

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all greenhouse gases do, is apparently like a petty thief stealing from a convenience store while a master thief makes away with millions from the bank. So, the question is: who is the real culprit?

A recent paper, published on July 5, 2025 in the journal Atmospheric Measurement Techniques, "Development and comparison of empirical models for all-sky downward longwave radiation estimation at the ocean surface using long-term observations," was written mostly by Chinese researchers Peng, J. Jiang, B., et al. The researchers analysed over 30 years' worth of radiation data (1998 – 2019) from 65 buoys on the ocean surface. Figure 1 shows the distribution of buoys from which measurements were taken. They discovered that cloud properties rather than CO2 turn out to be the dominant factor in controlling surface longwave radiation, which is the energy that warms the ocean's surface.

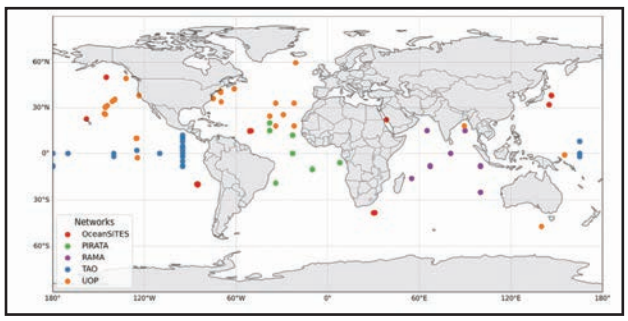

Figure 1: The distribution of buoys to measure ocean surface temperature (https://amt.copernicus.org/articles/18/2877/2025/)

The ocean surface is a key feature to study to understand the air-sea interactions. These interactions, in turn, are crucial in understanding the Earth's climate. On his post on X.com, Earth scientist Dr. Matthew Wielicki explains: "Downward longwave radiation is the key mechanism by which the atmosphere transfers heat to the surface. If CO2 were truly the primary driver of surface warming, you would expect changes in CO2 to show up clearly." However, that wasn't found in the Chinese study.

Instead, the culprits were near-surface air temperature, humidity, cloud fraction, cloud liquid water, and cloud ice water. The Chinese researchers found that clouds turn out to be the master thief, and CO2 doesn't even make a dent in the factors affecting ocean temperature. Dr. Wielicki further explains that the authors of the study found that "explicitly accounting for cloud thermodynamics dramatically improves agreement with observations." Clouds by far make up the dominant effect on ocean surface temperature. Although CO2 does have some effect, the researchers found that it is not significant enough to be included in their models.

The variables that were included in the study can be seen in Figure 2 below. Measurements of the downward longwave radiation were taken at each buoy with an infrared radiometer. The researchers state that "in total, 47,266 samples at the daily scale and 1,275,308 samples at the hourly scale during the period from 1988 to 2019 were used in this study." Thus, they had a significant amount of data from which to develop their model.

Abbreviation	Full name	Timescales	Unit	Source
RH	Relative humidity	Daily and hourly	%	In situ
e	Water vapor	Daily and hourly	hPa	Calculated
T_a	2 m air temperature	Daily and hourly	K	In situ
T_s	Sea surface temperature	Daily and hourly	K	In situ
D	Dew point depression	Daily and hourly	K	Calculated
CI	Clearness index	Daily and hourly	0–1	Calculated
C	Fractional cloud cover	Daily and hourly	0–1	Calculated
clw	Total column cloud liquid water	Daily and hourly	$g\,m^{-2}$	ERA5
ciw	Total column cloud ice water	Daily and hourly	$g\,m^{-2}$	ERA5
R_l	Downward longwave radiation	Daily and hourly	$W\,m^{-2}$	In situ
R_g	Downward shortwave radiation	Daily and hourly	$W\,m^{-2}$	In situ
DSR_{toa}	Extraterrestrial solar radiation (DSR_{toa})	Daily and hourly	$W\,m^{-2}$	Modeled

Figure 2: Variables used in the study's data analysis (https://amt.copernicus.org/articles/18/2877/2025/)

Clouds are complicated. They are also highly variable—compare the cloud cover from day to day and you will see massive changes in the extent and types of clouds. They are also nonlinear, which means that they have an unpredictable sensitivity to initial conditions and complicated feedback loops. Small changes in the input of the climate system can lead to extremely large effects, and the reverse is also true. This is also called chaos, which, although not entirely random, is extremely hard to predict with sufficient accuracy. This also means that claims that we can control the global temperature by simply reducing CO2 are grossly unfounded: there are so many factors at play with CO2 only one small part of the picture.

With regards to why models to track surface warming trends have failed in the past, Dr. Wielicki says that "The models aren't wrong because physics is wrong... they're wrong because clouds are doing the heavy lifting, and we still don't understand them well enough to parameterize them without tuning."

Science-based Strategic Consultancy Luis G López Lemus also commented on the study, writing "While [t]his paper doesn't shout, doesn't challenge policy, nor doesn't wave ideological flags, it actually points out that CO2 may matter but clouds run the system where it counts, at the surface." Indeed, the work of real climate scientists is rarely loud and political but is key to understanding our ever-changing climate. While we can and should use findings such as these to help determine rational policy, they often get buried in the noise of activists and the media focusing on climate doom.

While developing a new model to study the radiation data, the researchers, Peng, J. Jiang, B., et al, found that "the accuracy of the newly constructed model is superior to that of other models" and that it has the potential to be more widely used in climate science. This approach to science—refining and testing models and comparing their accuracy with existing models and real-world data—is a key element of the scientific process that should not be overlooked. If we simply do what has been done before without refinement, we could be stuck with outdated systems that don't accurately represent the real world. A key part of science is questioning, and if we didn't question existing theories, we would still be thinking that the Earth was the centre of the universe and that it was impossible to break the atom into constituent parts. Although the science and data analysis in the paper is complex, it is also a simple measure of reality rather than clouded with politics and dogma.

We need to be more rigorous in climate science, a multifaceted and complex field that includes not only terrestrial affects from winds, clouds, volcanoes, and other factors, but influences from the Sun and outer space. We don't understand the full picture of what shapes the Earth's climate, but the suspects are becoming clearer, and CO2 doesn't look like the master thief anymore. So, trillions of dollars are being wasted every year across the world prosecuting what appears to be a minor criminal from a climate perspective, one that hugely benefits the natural and human world in other ways. The real temperature culprits, clouds, strike in a chaotic manner, and although their actions are largely unpredictable, this study helps us further our understanding of their dynamic influence on our planet's climate.

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"An investment in knowledge pays the best interest"

- Benjamin Franklin

Unequal Representation: How the Census Impacts Wisconsin

By James Bohn and Greg Grambow

Wisconsin has a big stake in the next census. Why? Because the Census Bureau plans to add a question on citizenship status to forms used in the 2030 census.

In most countries, this would not be controversial. Canada and Mexico ask about citizenship status. So do most European countries including France, Italy, Germany, and the United Kingdom. In fact, the United Nations itself recommends that countries ask about citizenship in their national census.

So why is adding a citizenship question to the U.S. census controversial at all? Like so many things, the answer comes down to politics.

Including a citizenship question on the census could affect the allocation of Congressional seats. The number of seats in the U.S. House of Representatives is fixed at 435. When apportionment is on the basis of total population, not citizens, states with a large population of illegal residents (California, Texas, New York, Florida) get more seats; states with fewer illegals get less.

The result is a violation of a fundamental principle of democracy: "one person (citizen), one vote." Under the current apportionment process, each voter in states with a high proportion of illegals gets greater representation in Congress than the same voter would have received in a state with few illegals.

Four states—Ohio, Kansas, Louisiana, and West Virginia—are in federal court to get the apportionment rules changed so that representation is based on citizenship, not total population. Wisconsin has a big stake in this lawsuit.

Illegals are a relatively small share of Wisconsin's population. One myth about illegals is that most work in agriculture. In fact, the states with the highest share are the heavily urbanized states on the Pacific Coast, Northeast and in the Sunbelt. Roughly one in every sixty-six people in Wisconsin is here illegally compared to one in twenty-five for the US as a whole, one in sixteen in California, and one in twenty in Massachusetts, a state with a miniscule farm economy.

Ohio lost a congressional seat in the 2020 census. If illegals weren't counted towards representation, Ohio would not have lost that seat. If illegals are excluded in 2030, Ohio gets the seat back.

Given current population projections, Wisconsin is destined to lose one Congressional seat after the 2030 census. But if representation is based on citizenship not population, Wisconsin might well retain all of its eight seats in Congress. That means Wisconsin would have greater representation and influence in Washington and the electoral college.

Legislative redistricting in Wisconsin has both parties

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Thoughts On Affordability: The Property Tax, Real Estate, Initiatives, and Mortgages

"Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's." Exodus 20:17

By Riley J. Hood

The Property Tax is exploding again. You can never retire if you have to pay $7,982.80 a year in Property Taxes. You certainly can't retire in a State that has a four percent per year school funding increase for 400 years. How is it, that in a house I paid off in 1998, in a free country, I have to pay eight thousand dollars a year to a bunch of greedy socialists?

In 2025, my property tax is $7,982.80, because the City of Milwaukee raised my assessment from $273,900 to $387, 900, and all of my Combined Property taxes, thus were increased by 25 to 30 percent. I did not build an addition, or nor did any remodeling. My 150-year-old house increased in "worth" by $114,00 dollars at the whim of a Democrat-Socialist bureaucrat. Regarding affordability, that home value is a number you rent from the city. None of this is random. If you remodel, your assessment, and your property taxes increase. If a home-flipper remodels on your block, your "fair-market value" increases, not according to the market, but according to the assessor. It varies from town to town, but in most places, remodeling is something you and everyone who owns your home after you rents from city hall, and the rehabber is a threat to your existence. Home improvements should not be taxed annually in a free country.

When selling your house, the first thing a real estate agent asks is, "What is it assessed at?" And then that agent's job is to top that number. Then the assessor ups that number. I have known former assessors who call it the "auction effect" and I have written about this criminal practice in the past. Who wins? the realtor, who makes a bigger commission, and the tax man. Both are vested interests engaging in legal plunder. Your home is where you live, and any man who wants to turn your home into a poker chip is the enemy. Your enemy, the enemy of America and the enemy of God. I agree with Trump's statement, "people live in homes, not corporations."

When Scott Walker capped property taxes at the rate of inflation, he left a loop hole called the local referendum. Referendums are direct democracy. Most referendums pass, and the pain is piling up. One of the lawless features of the mobocracy referendum is that all voters in a jurisdiction get to vote to increase the taxes of home-owners. That allows renters to "stick it to the home-owners," or "land-lords." It is not taxation with representation, when people who resent you, and are not directly subject to a tax increase can vote to raise your taxes, hence the old saw, direct democracy is two wolves and lamb voting on what's for dinner.

Then there is the 50yr, 75yr, Century long, million-year mortgage which will inflate home prices to an astronomical total. A mortgage is something you are expected to repay, but when interest rates, and money down requirements were eased up, under Bush 43, that allowed filthy people to take out more filthy debt, thus ballooning housing prices. Even when the subprime mortgage crisis hit, and many debtors lost their homes, housing prices didn't come down.

It will take a return to a thrifty, family-based capitalism, with old-fashioned sensible loan requirements, and the criminalization of inflammatory pricing practices to solve this problem. And remember, this problem was caused by socialists on the one hand, and libertarians on the other hand. If the property tax were to be abolished, this problem could be solved much quicker.

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The United States has a problem: politics has increasingly contaminated institutions once expected to stand apart from partisan struggle—including the judiciary. Judges now face intense pressure, real or perceived, to align with the political beliefs of the presidents and parties that elevated them. When courts appear to curry favor with political power, they lose their ability to serve as impartial arbiters of disputes. When that happens, the nation loses one of its most important mechanisms for resolving serious policy conflicts peacefully and credibly.

This concern is no longer speculative. A growing body of empirical research shows that judicial outcomes often correlate with the political affiliation of the appointing president.

During the Obama administration, hundreds of environmental and social justice lawsuits were filed in carefully selected federal courts where sympathetic judges were likely to preside. These judges overwhelmingly ruled in favor of the plaintiffs. In some cases, disputes were resolved through so-called "sue-and-settle" arrangements, in which the federal government agreed to policy changes favorable to the plaintiffs—sometimes without meaningful participation by other affected parties. The practical effect was to make new policy through litigation rather than legislation.

The Trump administration adopted its own variation on this strategy. Rather than "sue and settle," it pursues aggressive executive action aimed at accumulating maximum power in the executive. The strategy expects to lose in lower courts and, rather than taking the regular appeals process, seeks emergency relief from appellate courts and the Supreme Court—forums increasingly populated by judges appointed by the president himself.

These tactics have become common tools for advancing policies Congress is unwilling or unable to enact. For years, Congress's failure to exercise its constitutional responsibility to legislate has invited executive overreach through such behavior.

By declining to act, Congress allows presidential power to accumulate from one administration to the next. Each president inherits expanded authority and adds to it. In doing so, Congress becomes an accomplice in weakening the constitutional structure by diminishing its own ability to check both executive overreach and judicial politicization.

A recent New York Times report found that Trump appointed appellate judges backed him 133 -12 in 2025. 92% of their votes favored the president who appointed them. Trump's newly constituted Supreme Court favored him on Emergency Applications to stay adverse lower court decisions 23 – 4. These cases on immigration enforcement, the mass firing of civil servants, the President's power to abolish agencies without congressional approval, and the scope of executive power are among the most controversial in the nation. By using its Shadow Docket, the Supreme Court effectively reversed 86% of lower court decisions adverse to the Trump administration. The decisions will remain in effect for an indefinite period, often without full briefing, oral argument, or a signed opinion. The Supreme Court now wields power without any transparency or accountability.

To fill out the scorecard, federal judges appointed by Democrats (Biden, Clinton, and Obama) voted against Trump 75%, 72%, and 70% of the time, respectively. Another example of political vs judicial process is the Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, located in liberal New England. It ruled against Trump's policies 74% of the time.

This politicization of the judiciary is now embedded in its DNA.

Studies show that political affiliations even affect sentencing decisions. Democrat judges impose lighter penalties on criminals than Republican judges. A finding by the American Economic Association found "racial disparities in sentencing would be almost cut in half if federal district courts were composed of all Democrat- appointed judges." Also, using data from over half a

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Beglinger Blast . . . Supreme Court or Super Legislature?

By Joan Beglinger

The political activism of the Wisconsin Supreme Court's liberal majority is a real and growing threat to our freedom. Chief Justice Jill Karofsky and her three liberal colleagues willfully ignore the clearly defined, critical responsibilities of the Supreme Court and, in the process, threaten the effective functioning of state government and destroy its credibility with the people of Wisconsin.

The Importance of an Apolitical Court

The role of the Wisconsin Supreme Court is clearly spelled out in the state's constitution. The court:

Oversees the operation of the entire state court system.

Determines constitutionality of laws and executive actions.

Serves as the court of last resort for appeals.

Oversees the rules regulating the legal profession.

Takes "original action," (bypassing the lower courts in rare high priority cases when they may create legal uncertainty and cause urgent irreparable harm). Four Justices must agree to take an original action case.

The Judicial Branch was carefully designed by our Founders to balance the other two branches of government in their respective duties. The Executive Branch is led by the Governor and administers, enforces, and implements state laws and oversees the daily operations of state government. The Legislative Branch has the primary authority to create, amend, or repeal laws; develops the state budget, and oversees executive agencies through audits and the confirmation of appointments.

The independent and complementary roles of each branch of government were crafted as checks and balances to safeguard against the concentration of power and dominance of a single branch.

We have witnessed an alarming increase in political activism and "legislating from the bench" throughout the judiciary across the country. When judges allow their political preferences to interfere with their strict adherence to the law as written our entire system of government is at risk of crumbling. There is no place for activist judges in the courts of America. The personal opinions of judges about what they believe the law should be cannot supersede what the law is if our republic is to survive.

The liberal Justices of the Wisconsin Supreme Court have shown their willingness to involve themselves in political matters, cast aside any pretense of objectivity, and infringe on the authority of the other branches of government. In the 2026 race for Wisconsin Supreme Court, all 4 liberal justices have publicly endorsed liberal candidate Chris Taylor, something Justices carefully avoided prior to the 2024 Supreme Court election. Chief Justice Jill Karofsky has gone a step further by actively campaigning against Maria Lazar, the conservative candidate in the race.

In 2024, when Governor Evers and the Republican legislators were battling over redistricting maps, the liberal Supreme Court Justices threatened to redraw the maps themselves if agreement could not be reached, legislating from the bench in an action well outside of their scope of responsibility.

Liberals are pressuring the Court majority to bypass the court system to relitigate matters that have not gone their way in previous litigation. There is a real danger going forward that the liberal Court majority will abuse the intended use of original action to re-decide settled laws that the liberal extremists they align with want overturned. If we allow political motives to replace the stringent criteria developed to limit the use of original action, we will further accelerate our descent to an activist court.

Chief Justice Jill Karofsky's Unethical Conduct

Karofsky has gone far beyond her inappropriate endorsement of Chris Taylor; engaging in media interviews to attack Maria Lazar. In a recent interview the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reported Karofsky "slammed" Lazar's work at the Department of Justice for carrying "the flag of the right-wing interests." She called Lazar's work as an Assistant Attorney General defense of "controversial laws" and suggested several cases Lazar had overturned as an Appellate Court Judge are evidence she "got the law wrong, clearly," implying that an overturned case is a black mark on a judge's performance.

Karofsky cited Lazar's defense of Act 10 while working for the Department of Justice, a law enacted in 2011 that restricted collective bargaining for public employees to base wages only, and required them to make pension and health benefit contributions, as is required of most private sector employees, to illustrate "right wing interests". Estimates are that Act 10 has saved taxpayers more than $30 billion from its inception in 2011 through 2025.

Jill Karofsky's views about what constitutes controversial and right-wing interests are seen through her own lens of left-wing extremism. When running for her current seat on the Supreme Court in 2020, she compared getting an abortion to having wisdom teeth pulled; no one's business but the patient and doctor. She supports no gestational limits on abortion. Finding ways to constitutionally limit people's right to possess firearms also made it to her agenda, as did her promise to advocate for "social justice issues" from the bench.

Karofsky implied that Lazar having a ruling overturned by a higher court is evidence of poor judicial performance. In fact, the Supreme Court of the United States has recently overturned two significant decisions of the Wisconsin Supreme Court that Karofsky presides over because the Wisconsin court made errors in the interpretation of the law regarding the Federal Voting Rights Act and the First Amendment. In 2022 the Court reversed in a 7-2 vote the Wisconsin Supreme Court's adoption of Tony Evers' legislative maps because of a "legal error" that allowed racial gerrymandering in Milwaukee. In 2025, the Court unanimously held that the Wisconsin Supreme Court violated the First Amendment religion clauses when denying tax-exempt status to Catholic Charities because it wasn't "churchy" enough.

Judges are People First

Judges are people first. They have private lives, values, religious beliefs, and political leanings just like everyone else. The issue of primary importance in selecting the next Supreme Court Justice is not the fact that she is a human being with her own preferences and opinions about nearly everything that will come before her as a judge, but rather how specifically she promises to keep her own feelings and desires separate from the rule of law…and whether we believe her.

Here are some things we know about Maria Lazar and Chris Taylor.

Maria Lazar has never been a member of a political party. She was part of a small law practice for 20 years and worked as an Assistant Attorney General in the Justice Department prior to becoming a judge. She was elected to positions as a Judge on the Circuit and Appellate Courts.

Lazar has developed an extensive website as a tool to provide voters with details about who she is, why she's running and her judicial philosophy, which simply stated is to consider only the facts and the law as written when deciding cases. She has published a number of her legal opinions on her website to assist voters in evaluating her approach to judicial reasoning.

As she campaigns across the state, Lazar is being pressured by the media to share her "stance" on hot button issues like abortion. It is a constant battle to help the voters understand that her job as a judge is not to have a stance, but to apply the law as written to the facts of the case. In the example of abortion, she has been clear that abortion is legal in Wisconsin until 20 weeks gestation, regardless of any personal view she may hold. This is settled law, having survived challenges through the system all the way to the Wisconsin Supreme Court. Despite her clarity, her opponents continue to deceive, insisting she will try to make abortion illegal.

Chris Taylor is a member of the Democratic Party. She was the Attorney and Policy Director for Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin before her election as a Democrat to the Wisconsin Assembly. Nearly a decade later, she was appointed by a Democratic Governor as a Circuit Court Judge and later elected an Appellate Court Judge.

When employed by Planned Parenthood, Taylor played a central role in advocating for "contraceptive equity" and expanded access to what liberals call "reproductive freedom." She is endorsed in her current race by "Reproductive Freedom for All," an organization that opposes all government imposed gestational limits or any restrictions on abortion.

In the Assembly, she championed the causes of the far left; advocating for transgender policies, replacing the word "mother" with "parent who gave birth" in state documents, and expanding "reproductive rights." She fought against housing "discrimination" based on immigration status, advocated for the environmental conservation policies of the left and "progressive" social policies. Taylor staunchly opposed Act 10 - participating in protests and speaking out in opposition to local and national media.

Chris Taylor's website provides little information that will help voters evaluate her. She describes her "judicial philosophy" as "people centered grounded in making sure people get a fair chance in our courts." She "knows how important it is for our courts to be places where people feel heard, respected, and treated equally under the law." She speaks the language of liberal extremists.

As Chris Taylor campaigns around the state, she avoids speaking about her extensive record of pursuing the liberal policies that are far from the mainstream of Wisconsin voters. Taylor and her backers understand that Wisconsin voters will not knowingly elect a liberal extremist.

While in the Assembly, Taylor sponsored legislation that would require judges to recuse themselves from cases involving anyone who has donated $1,000 or more to their campaign. She has now backed away from that position calling it "not workable." She is preparing for the time when liberal donors come calling in search of judges who are willing to be policy makers.

Supreme Court or Super Legislature?

Maria Lazar is not a politician. She is a candidate for Supreme Court who describes her political preferences, if pressed, as "conservative leaning." She is quick to stress that her political leanings and any other personal preferences or opinions she may have will not play any role in executing her duties as a judge.

Chris Taylor is a politician with a long, inescapable record of fighting for the most extreme liberal positions. She has offered no assurances that she will not legislate from the bench. To the contrary, her campaign ads focus on her work as an "advocate" for people, which is not the work of a judge or Justice. Taylor avoids settings in which her views may be exposed or challenged; and is flying below the radar while Chief Justice Karofsky and Dark Money donors do the dirty work of spreading lies about Maria Lazar.

Maria Lazar has sounded the alarm that activist judges, legislating from the bench, will degrade our Supreme Court into a Super Legislature. Chris Taylor would expand the liberal majority by adding another activist judge to the Court. The election of Maria Lazar will be a major step forward in restoring impartiality and a commitment to follow the law as written to the Court. Watch the only debate Chris Taylor would agree to on March 25 at 7:00 p.m. and do what you can to get out the vote for Maria Lazar. Our votes have never mattered more. Benjamin Franklin showed great insight when asked if the Founders had created a republic or a monarchy. He responded, "A republic, if you can keep it." It's our responsibility to make sure we keep it.

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A Health Care System Designed to Kill

By Joseph Bast

Review of Scott Schara, Is the Government Legally Killing Us? (Freedom, WI: Grace's Light Press, 2026)

It has often been said that the Covid epidemic revealed deep flaws and corruption in the medical establishment. Is the Government Legally Kill Us? by Scott Schara quickly and reliably discusses these problems and explains their origins in policies, politics, and social trends that stretch back many decades before Covid occurred.

Other books have covered this ground, but Schara does three things no other author has done. First, he tells the story of how this corrupt system murdered his daughter, 19-year-old Grace, in 2021. It's a shocking story, one that he tells with a father's passion and apparent grief but also as a father who has devoted thousands of hours to studying why this crime happened and why no one was or ever will be held accountable for it.

This book is valuable for its detailed account of what happened to Grace in her final hours of life and then of the lawsuit Schara filed against the hospital where Grace died. The trial took place in 2025. The jury sided with the hospital and its staff, agreeing with their high-priced legal team that patients and their advocates have virtually no right to stop medical interventions that they oppose, even interventions intended to kill the patient.

Read that last sentence again: Patients and their advocates have virtually no right to stop medical interventions that they oppose, even interventions intended to kill the patient. Grace was killed by a lethal injection while her parents, watching on FaceTime, begged the nurses to stop what they were doing and save their daughter's life.

The lesson is plain: No one is safe when they enter a hospital. Regardless of whether you have a family member or advocate present, a durable general medical power of attorney or a medical directives document outlining items you choose to reject, hospital staff are free to disregard your requests and knowingly administer drugs intended to shorten your life.

Why would a hospital do that? "Once the hospital realized they couldn't convince us to give them authority to put Grace on an unnecessary ventilator at the doctor's discretion," writes Schara, "it's likely that Grace was worth more dead than alive." Placing a patient on a ventilator could earn a hospital $300,000 per patient. Listing the cause of death as Covid produced a bonus of over $13,000.

Schara doesn't stop here. He makes a persuasive case that hospitals deliberately causing premature deaths is not a flaw or unfortunate problem that can be fixed. It's a feature of a system designed to kill us starting with the weakest and most vulnerable such as the unborn and handicapped, and then those with chronic diseases and the elderly, and eventually anyone deemed a "useless eater."

Schara admits that this is difficult to believe since so many doctors, nurses, and others in the medical system appear to be kind and ethical. And yet, as he convincingly demonstrates, this is the only reasonable explanation for the behavior and policies he observed first hand as he tried first to save his daughter's life and then to get justice for her killers. The entire system – from drug companies to government regulators and hospital administrators to the lawyers and judges – is designed to kill and to protect those who do the killing.

I cannot do justice to Schara's defense of this startling claim in this review, so I'll just move on to his third and equally challenging thesis: Exposing evil and calling for "solutions," according to Schara, are not enough and may in fact be counterproductive. Exposing evil when you are inside a rigged system serves only to sow chaos and create popular demand for false "solutions" that are still inside the system.

Criticizing the health care system can give rise to false prophets promising to make health care more affordable, make drugs safer, or ban some procedures and subsidize others. Much energy and attention is devoted to debating these "reforms." Legislation is drafted, politicians campaign on their support or opposition to it; we are told much is at stake in this fight to "improve the healthcare system." But at the end of the battle, often years-long, the system is still killing the weak, disabled, and elderly. This, according to Schara, is by design.

What, then, is to be done? In a chapter titled "Now What?" Schara offers a series of recommendations (I count eleven, but he does not enumerate them), starting with repentance: "Realize we've all participated, often unwittingly, and repent. We then walk differently, as someone not of the world. I believe warning people is part of that walk, as long as we warn them of the whole truth as opposed to only 'exposing evil.'"

Other recommendations include "develop a grounded Biblical worldview," "Drop your medical insurance. Stop using pharmaceuticals. Stop going to their hospitals unless absolutely necessary" (I counted this as one recommendation) and "get comfortable with the idea of dying" since fear of death is the medical establishment's primary weapon.

I highly recommend this book because the author's discoveries will shock many readers. They shocked me, until I realized my own recent encounters with doctors and hospitals confirms what Schara says. Schara provides solid advice on what we can do to save ourselves and our families from dying at the hands of a diabolical enterprise.

Pundits and scholars won't appreciate the "Biblical worldview" that Schara beings to the topic, but this doesn't lessen the book's value to the remaining 99% of the public.

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million cases, the journal found that Republican-appointed judges handed down longer sentences to black defendants, which linked judicial policies to racial disparities.

A 2025 study in: The Journal of Legal Analysis" analyzed 640,000 federal circuit court cases between 1985 and 2020. It found that the political composition strongly influences outcomes. Democrat-appointed judges support the less powerful litigants. In cases without power inequality, Democrat appellate judges were more willing to reverse lower court decisions. The same study found that in cases involving an individual and an institution, the panel is more favorable to the individual when more Democrat judges are on the panel.

When judges and justices predictably decide cases based on ideological alignment rather than impartial application of law to the facts, they cease to function as judges seeking to administer justice by following the laws enacted by Congress. They become political actors wearing black robes over their suits.

The broader problem is political conformity. Nearly all elected offices are held by members of the two major parties, and advancement increasingly depends on ideological loyalty and public signaling. Until recently, the judiciary stood apart from this conformity. Today, it is increasingly drawn into it.

Every judge should reflect on what it means for the nation's future when all three branches of government are governed by partisan loyalty rather than constitutional duty.

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HOT GOVERNMENT **HOT JACK**

Health Care Spending Bus Continued

Apparently the wheels on the bus ARE going 'round and 'round. Some feedback from a reader:

I am now only going to see a doctor if they can tell me what I owe up front before services are rendered.

Cash for care.

I was getting a bill 90 days after the fact. The local office could not explain what Aurora Advocates were charging. My wife and I both had health care visits. In the room at the same time so both of us could try to learn the system. Her bill was $540.00 mine was $1,600.00.
CRAZY. 10 minutes each talking to a doctor. 5 minutes with a nurse - you know, blood pressure, temperature, height...

So now, before I go to the doctor I plan to get written approval from the insurance company for any charges. I will then submit them to the insurance company for reimbursement. We are in a corrupt world with lots of thieves.

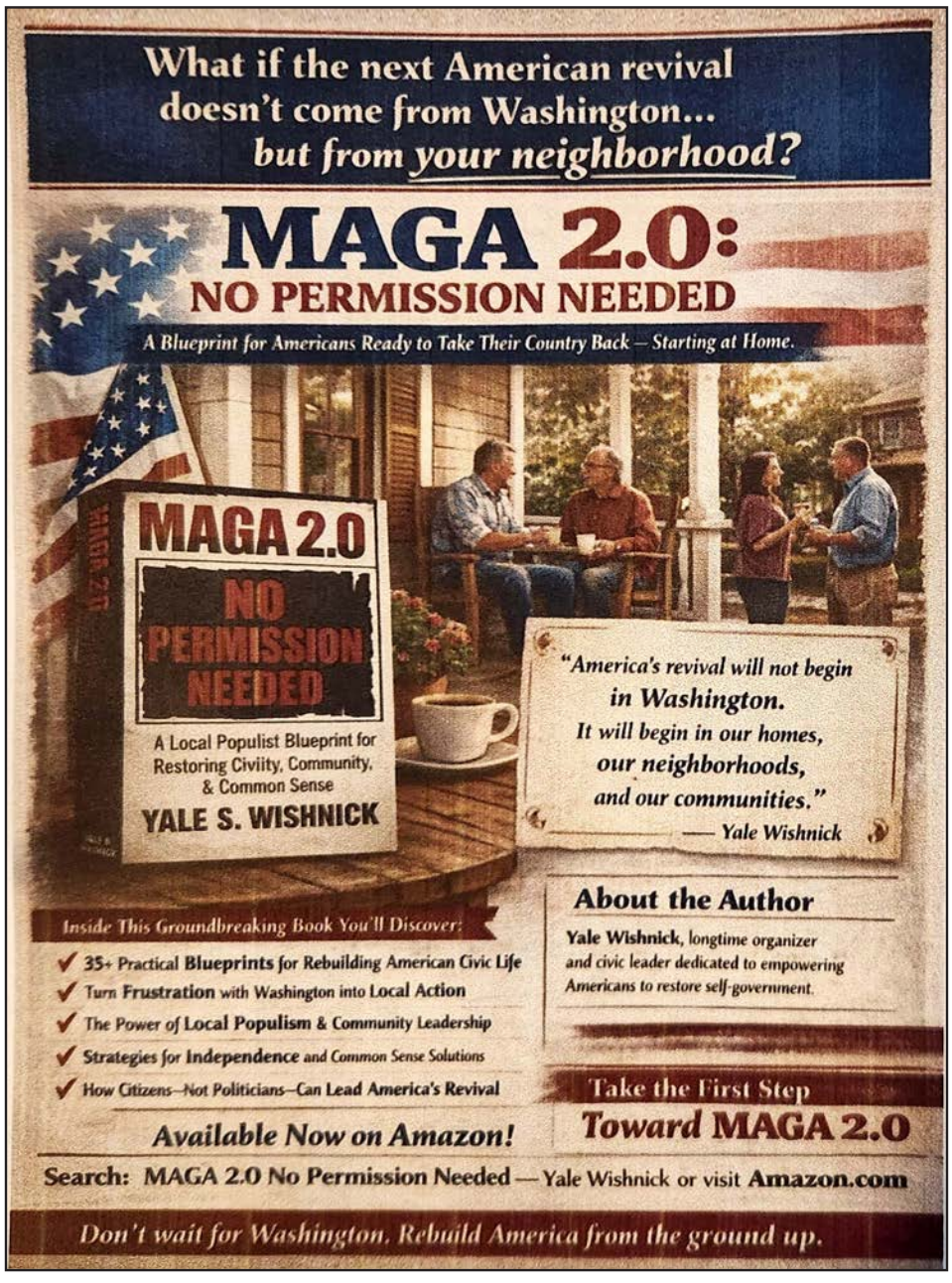
This entire industry is a scam. Politicians know it, Lobbyist know, Healthcare people know it and We the People Know it. There is a special warm place for these con artists. God Wins.

Lastly, I may have to be on my deathbed before I see a doctor. That is the only way to end this crap.

Do any of you have the same sentiments? Is there anything that you can do about it? Some might say, "No". But wait. Wasn't the current "medical industry model" made with the cooperation of and the approval of "Government"? If that's the case, what can "Government" do to fix it? What can "Government" do to inject **H**onesty, **O**penness and **T**ransparency into the "medical industry"?

How about a Labeling Law? Every food item that we buy has a label with more information on it than RFK Jr. cares to read. And if we want to, we can get a real good picture of WHAT we are buying BEFORE we buy it. And let us not forget that we also know HOW MUCH IT COSTS before we buy it. WHY can't the same information be supplied to us BEFORE we purchase any type of health care service?

Since we are entering the political "silly season", wouldn't those all be good questions for any and every candidate regardless of political party?



Short Takes

By Ken Van Doren

The science of today is the technology of tomorrow. -Edward Teller

The darkest places in hell are reserved for those who maintain their neutrality in times of moral crisis. -Dante Alighieri

A healthy democracy requires a decent society; it requires that we are honorable, generous, tolerant and respectful. -Charles W. Pickering

True love is quiescent, except in the nascent moments of true humility. -Bryant H. McGill

Fortune and love favor the brave. -Ovid

An empty canvas is a living wonder... far lovelier than certain pictures. -Wassily Kandinsky

The Democrats are the party that says government will make you smarter, taller, richer, and remove the crabgrass on your lawn. The Republicans are the party that says government doesn't work and then they get elected and prove it. -P. J. O'Rourke

Nothing is as obnoxious as other people's luck. -F. Scott Fitzgerald

It is better to rust out than wear out. -Edwin Markham

Wisdom to Live By

If you cannot define the problem, identify the alternatives, and propose the solution in one page, you have not done enough work. -Unknown S.C. Johnson executive

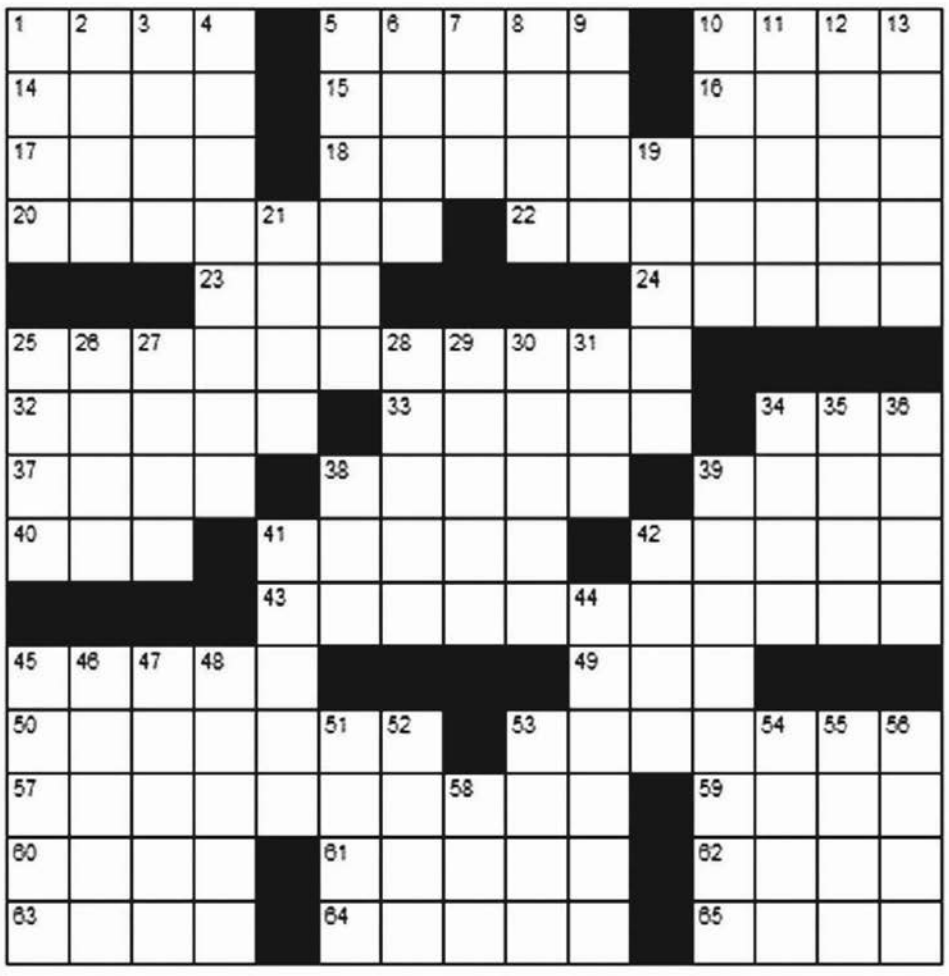


THE GAME PAGE

Crossword Puzzler

ACROSS
1. A device that moves fluids
5. Trades
10. Fortitude
14. Largest continent
15. Dimwit
16. Module
17. Mobile phone
18. Snakelike
20. Treachery
22. Clatter
23. Solemn promise
24. Thigh armor
25. Temples
32. Gain points in a game
33. Radiant
34. Not bottom
37. Knows
38. Shame
39. Vagabond
40. South southeast
41. Got up
42. Suit
43. Vessels
45. Neck warmer
49. Scarlet
50. Paint the town red
53. Remedy
57. Wavelike motion
59. By mouth
60. Debatable
61. Analyze syntactically
62. Savvy about
63. Arid
64. Metal
65. Encounter

DOWN
1. Agreement
2. End ___
3. 5280 feet
4. Lengthy discussions
5. Renounce
6. Biblical garden
7. What we breathe
8. Cuts off
9. Stair
10. Minim
11. Pieces
12. Prongs
13. Cubic meter
19. Bonkers
21. Achy
25. Sounds of disapproval
26. Air force heroes
27. Part of a skeleton
28. Monastery head
29. Stop
30. Optical maser
31. An uncle
34. Wealthy man (British slang)
35. Death notice
36. Kettles
38. Genus of macaws
39. Vertical clearance
41. Dreadful
42. Engendered
44. A type of curved shape
45. Films of impurities
46. Small boat
47. Fire
48. Way to go
51. Exhausts
52. French for "State"
53. Thorny flower
54. Sea eagle
55. Satisfy
56. Notch
58. Fury



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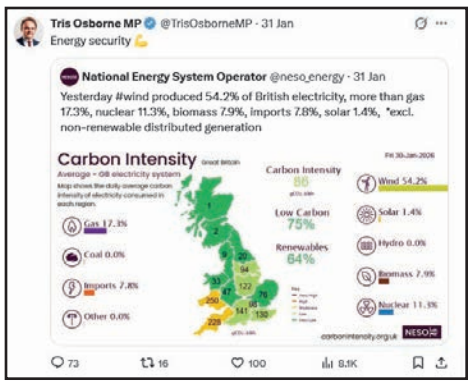

Figure 1 - Labour MP Tris Osborne boasting of energy security

Prime Minister Starmer is also signing us up to EU net zero rules that we will likely mean we have to decarbonise even faster under ever more draconian government dictats.

In his book Road to Serfdom, Friedrich Hayek warned of the dangers of the tyranny that inevitably results from government control of economic decision-making through central planning. The UK energy system is certainly hamstrung by central government control, so what has it done for our energy security and the performance of our energy system? Just how far are we down the road to serfdom?

Energy Prices

First let us remind ourselves of one important performance metric, namely energy prices. As we have covered before, UK industrial electricity prices are the highest in the developed world, see Figure 2.

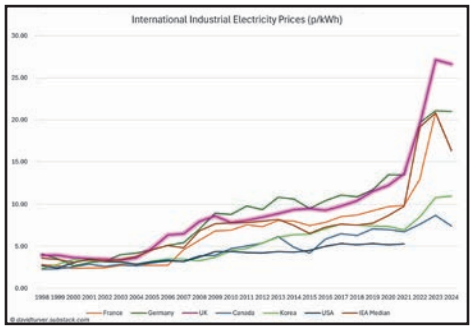

Figure 2 - International Industrial Electricity Prices (p per kWh)

UK industrial electricity prices at 26.63p/kWh are the highest of the 25 countries reporting data to the IEA. UK prices are three and a half times more than Canada that has the cheapest industrial electricity prices at 7.43p/kWh. Our prices are also 2.4 times those of Korea and 63% higher than the IEA median. The UK fares slightly better on industrial gas, with prices slightly below the IEA median, but still six times higher than Canada.

According to the same IEA data, the UK has the second highest domestic electricity prices, some 45.8% above the IEA median and 2.4 times those of the US. UK domestic gas prices are more competitive, 2.49% lower than the IEA median but still 3.2 times those of Canada and 1.5 times the price in South Korea.

UK energy prices are certainly nothing to boast about.

Overall Energy Consumption

Our World in Data shows us that UK primary energy consumption is down 29% from its peak in 2005, see Figure 3.

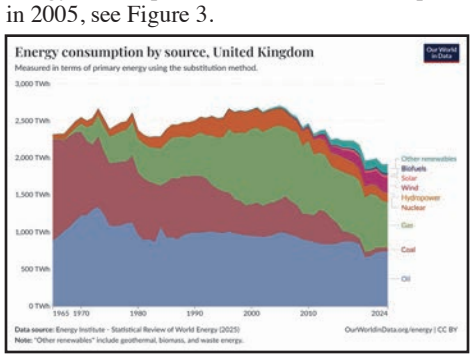

Figure 3 - UK Primary Energy Consumption (TWh)

Slightly different data from the UK's Energy Trends (Table 1.3) shows final energy consumption down 19.9% overall since peaking in 2004 (see Figure 4).

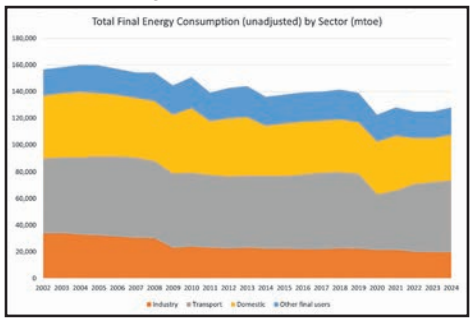

Figure 4 - UK Final Energy Consumption by Sector (mtoe)

We can see from the detailed sector data that industrial consumption is down 40.7% and domestic consumption is down 31.1%. Transport energy consumption is down a more modest 5.9% and other users (mostly service industries) are up a modest 1.2% since 2004. The first three quarters of 2025 show a further reduction in energy consumption compared to 2024. It is unlikely that the reduction in industrial energy consumption is a result of some efficiency miracle because ONS productivity data shows that hours worked in the Manufacturing and Mining & Quarrying sectors are down 20.7% and 12.4% respectively since 2004, indicating that industry is contracting.

In addition as shown in Figure 5, fossil fuel dependency has fallen from 91.2% in 2007 to 75.2% in 2025. The UK flipped from being a net energy exporter to an energy importer in 2004.

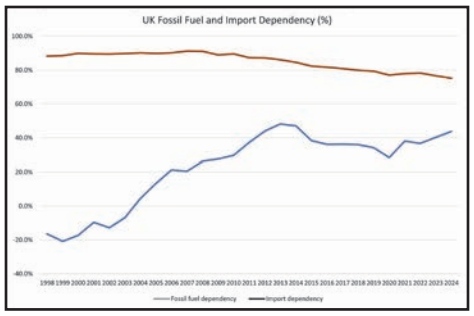

Figure 5 - UK Fossil Fuel and Import Dependency (%)

Import dependency rose sharply to 48.2% in 2013 before falling back to 28.4% in 2020 and then rising again to 43.8% in 2024. Being dependent on imports for more than 40% of our energy does not indicate strong energy security. Recent events in the Middle East demonstrate that given our continuing high dependence on hydrocarbons, then we should be doing all we can to exploit domestic resources to maintain energy security.

As might be expected with falling overall energy consumption, energy use per person is falling too, as shown in Figure 6 (again from OWID).

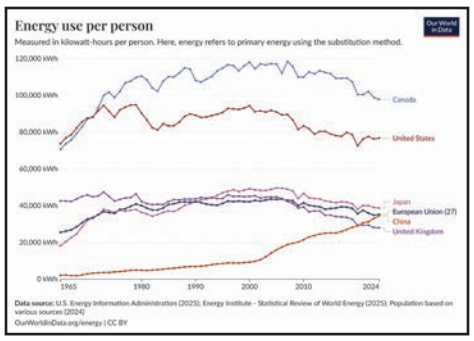

Figure 6 - Per Capita Energy Use by Country

UK energy use per capita is below China, the EU27 and the other G7 countries. In fact, looking at the detail, UK energy use person is also lower than Belarus, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Greece, Iran, Ireland, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkmenistan. We are on a rapid descent to third world country status. This energy austerity is another way of describing the road to serfdom.

Electricity Generation

Net Zero supporters claim that we might expect primary energy use to fall because switching to EVs and heat pumps is more efficient than petrol cars and gas boilers. This should lead to increased electricity consumption even though overall energy consumption may fall. How does this claim stack up when we look at UK electricity data?

Energy Trends Table 5.1 provides data of UK electricity supplied over time as shown in Figure 7.

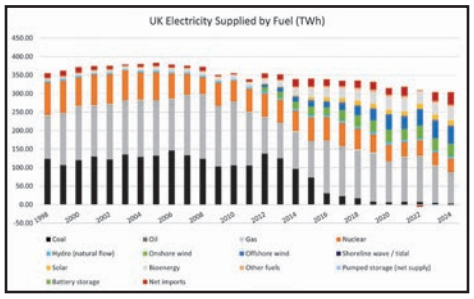

Figure 7 - UK Electricity Supplied (TWh)

UK electricity supplied peaked in 2005 at 385TWh and has since fallen 21.4% to less than 303TWh in 2024. However, the first three quarters of 2025 show a slight uptick in total electricity supplied compared to the same period in 2024. The overall electricity supplied picture flatters our domestic electricity generation performance though because it includes net imports which have been rising substantially as shown in Figure 8.

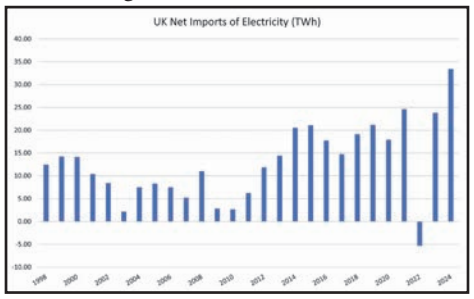

Figure 8 - UK Net Electricity Imports (TWh)

Net imports reached a record 33.4TWh in 2024, or 11% of total electricity supplied. Being reliant upon the kindness of strangers supplying electricity over interconnectors does not look like robust energy security.

Figure 9 shows an international comparison of electricity generation per capita from OWID.

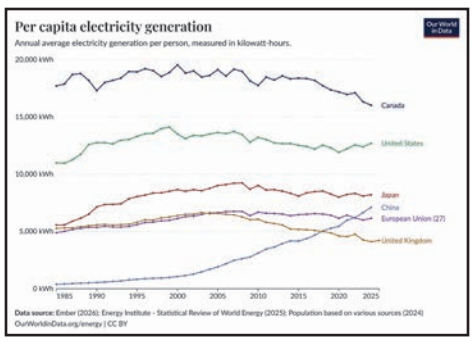

Figure 9 - Annual Electricity Generation per Capita (kWh per person)

UK electricity generation per person fell from a peak of 6,657kWh in 2003 to just 4,110kWh in 2024, before recovering slightly in 2025. This is lower than China, EU27 and the other G7 nations. The UK's 2024 electricity generation performance was worse than Belarus, Bulgaria, Chile, Czech Republic, Greece, Iran, Ireland, Malaysia, Poland, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia and Uruguay.

We might expect the increasing number of EVs and heat pumps to increase demand for electricity in the UK, but there is little sign this is happening. Instead electricity generation and supply is falling in both absolute and per capita terms. Another indication that we are on the road to serfdom.

Impact on Economic Performance

Of course, expensive and scarce energy and electricity have an impact on economic performance. We can see just how far we are down the road to poverty by comparing the change in energy use per person and GDP per capita since the Climate Change Act came into force in 2008 as shown in Figure 10.

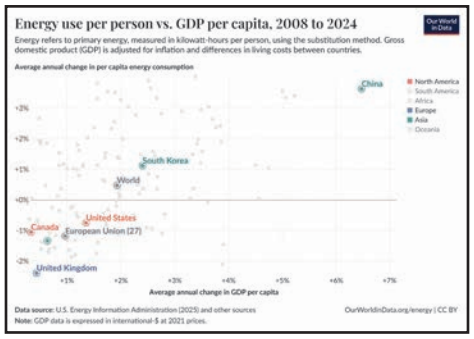

Figure 10 - Energy Use per Person vs GDP per Capita

The UK has reduced energy consumption by 2.4% per annum. This is more than Canada, the EU27, Japan and the United States. As a result GDP per capita has virtually stagnated, growing at just 0.4% per annum, lower than the EU27 and all the other G7 countries except Canada. By contrast, world GDP per capita has been growing at close to 2% per year and energy use per person has increased by about 0.5% per annum. Asian countries like South Korea and China have increased energy use even faster and have accordingly grown much faster. The UK's energy consumption per person is much lower than many other poorer countries so we can expect the UK economy to at best stagnate if we maintain this energy austerity.

Emissions

Of course, the whole purpose of our rush to Net Zero is to play our part in reducing global emissions of greenhouse gases. However, emissions data from OWID show global emissions soaring as UK emissions decline to little more than a rounding error, see Figure 11.

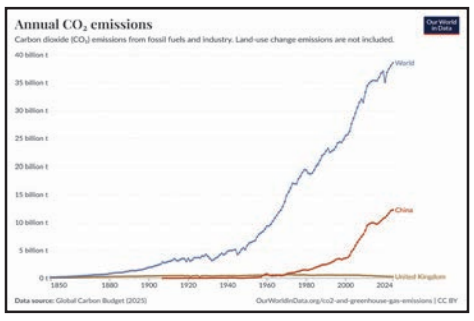

Figure 11 - Annual CO2 Emissions per Country

Whatever the UK does to further reduce emissions will make no difference to the climate. On a per capita basis, the picture is even worse as demonstrated in Figure 12.

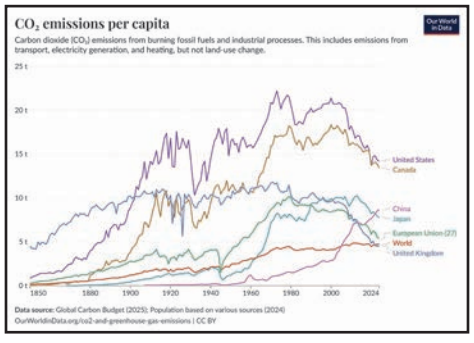

Figure 12 - Annual CO2 Emissions per Capita

Not only are UK emissions at 4.53t/per person little more than half those of China (8.66t/person), UK emissions are below the world average of 4.73t/per person. We are destroying our economy while the world continues to benefit from

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New York Times Gives Wind Turbines a Free Pass to Slaughter Birds

By Vijay Jayaraj

Last year, the New York Times ran "50 States, 50 Fixes," a sprawling series of articles purporting to offer solutions to environmental, especially climate, challenges across America. Writing for the Cornwall Alliance for the Stewardship of Creation, I'm challenging that series, one by one, demonstrating that many of the supposed environmental fixes cause their own environmental problems.

The article focusing on Illinois lamented the tragic deaths of birds colliding with McCormick Place and other high-rise buildings in Chicago.

The emotive article painted a grim picture of avian mortality in the concrete jungle. The concern for these creatures seems noble. Who among us does not grieve the loss of God's creation? Yet this empathy exposes a rot at the heart of the modern environmental movement.

While the Times wrings its hands over glass facades in Chicago, it has spent two decades cheering for an industry that slices eagles and other birds, and bats, out of the sky with industrial efficiency. The newspaper of record is not merely inconsistent; it is complicit in a global slaughter. It demonizes skyscrapers while canonizing wind turbines—machines that have turned our skies into killing fields for the very species the author claims to cherish.

The Wind Industry's License to Kill

The American Bird Conservancy estimates that wind turbines kill between 700,000 and one million birds annually in the United States alone. Yet the industry is often granted quotas, i.e. literal licenses to kill. The matter is more concerning when these turbines are given a free hand in slaughtering species that are under concern or endangered, as acknowledged by the International Union for Conservation of Nature, the world's largest, most diverse environmental network.

How does this happen? The enormous size of industrial wind turbines can be deceptive. At optimal speeds to generate electricity, about 10 to 20 revolutions per minute, their blades look as if they're turning slowly. But their tips are moving at 180 to 200 miles per hour—too fast for birds to avoid.

Consider the iconic American golden eagle, a species of high conservation concern. From 2013 to 2024, golden eagle mortalities from wind turbines more than doubled, rising from 110 to 270 annually.

In 2022, ESI Energy, a subsidiary of NextEra Energy, pleaded guilty to federal criminal charges after its turbines killed at least 150 eagles. Most of these majestic birds were hacked apart by turbine blades. The company agreed to spend up to $27 million on measures to prevent further deaths, but only after being forced by the courts.

They are not alone. Duke Energy pleaded guilty to killing 14 golden eagles and was forced to pay fines. PacifiCorp was fined $2.5 million for 38 golden eagle deaths. These are not isolated accidents. They are the cost of doing business in the green economy.

Researchers warn that if the current growth rate of the wind industry continues, it will have devastating implications for raptor populations. The hazardous volume for these birds in lower- and higher-risk zones increased by 198 percent and 119 percent, respectively, over the same period.

A systematic review of 84 peer-reviewed onshore wind studies, covering 160 specific cases, reveals a catastrophic disruption of wildlife. Published in Biological Conservation, the study reports displacement in most cases: 63 percent of bird populations, 72 percent of bats, and 67 percent of mammals were driven from their habitats. Some species were displaced up to several kilometres from the turbines.

A 2025 study reveals that "Wind and solar farms overlap with the distribution ranges of 2,310 threatened amphibians, birds, mammals, and reptiles, accounting for 36.3% of the world's 6,362 threatened vertebrate species."

Why weep for a sparrow hitting a window in Chicago but ignore the eagle severed by a blade in Wyoming or the 6,362 species endangered by renewable energy sources?

The answer, surprisingly, lies in theology. Modern environmentalism has become a secular religion. In this worldview, "Climate Change" is the original sin, and carbon dioxide (CO_2) is the demon. To exorcise this demon, the alarmists demand sacrifices. They are willing to offer up the very wildlife they claim to love at the altar of renewable energy. This is idolatry.

But here's the truth: Since the 1800s, our planet has gotten a lot greener! Mild warming combined with higher levels of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere has boosted plant growth and leaf cover across huge areas of the Earth. Crop yields have broken records. Deserts are shrinking. The very CO_2 they blame has helped the birds thrive.

Yet the Times and their ilk reject this truth. They prefer a narrative of doom. They push for unreliable wind energy that destabilizes grids, raises electricity prices for the poor, and slaughters millions of birds and bats. They call this "saving the planet." I call it a lie.

They will never question the wind industry, because that industry is the sacrament of their false climate religion.

We must reject this hypocrisy. True stewardship means looking at the data without ideological blinders. It means acknowledging that wind turbines are apex predators of the sky. It means admitting that the push for "Net Zero" is causing real, tangible harm to biodiversity.

Don't get me wrong, the Chicago birds deserve attention. So do the birds being murdered around the world. Moral consistency demands faithfulness in both cases. Until the Times confronts that inconsistency, its environmental concern remains performative.

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Statewide Coalition Rally Against Wind Turbine Expansion

Oklahoma Capitol
March 7, 2026, 1:00 PM
"Protect Our Land, No Green Scam"

Oklahoma City, OK (March 5, 2026) — A rapidly expanding coalition of farmers, ranchers, tribal members, energy workers, and grassroots organizations will gather at the Oklahoma State Capitol on March 7 from 1:00–3:00 PM to demand an immediate halt to what organizers call a "subsidy-driven wind turbine onslaught" across eastern Oklahoma. Expected keynote speakers are Rep. Jim Shaw, Iowa Tribe Chairman Jake Keyes, Sen. Shane Jett, Rep. Molly Jenkins, and Committee for a Constructive Tomorrow (CFACT) President Craig Rucker.

Concerned counties, including Lincoln, Craig, Nowata, McIntosh, Okfuskee, and Seminole, are now facing large-scale industrial wind projects that residents say threaten property rights, rural landscapes, and household electric bills. "Uniting our landowners is the only effective way of protecting our rural and agricultural land. Stand together, stop wind," notes Natalie Bullard of Craig County with Protect Rural Oklahoma.

A Race Against the Federal Deadline

Wind developers face a critical federal benchmark: projects that fail to meet construction thresholds before July 4 risk losing major production tax credits and federal subsidies. For many proposed projects, those subsidies determine whether they survive financially. Organizers argue that the looming deadline has triggered aggressive land acquisition, lease pressure, and accelerated construction planning in eastern Oklahoma — even as legislative remedies stall. The governor remains publicly supportive of wind expansion. The Oklahoma Senate is divided. And statutory reforms cannot move fast enough to stop projects already approved or in pre-construction.

"This is not organic market growth," said Craig Rucker, president of CFACT, adding, "This is a federally subsidized construction rush. Developers are racing to lock in tax credits before federal deadlines hit — and rural Oklahomans are the ones paying the price."

Eastern Oklahoma: A Different Landscape, A Different Impact

Unlike the wide-open plains of western Oklahoma, eastern Oklahoma is more densely populated and heavily wooded. Residents say the scale of modern turbines — many approaching 700–750 feet tall — fundamentally alters rural communities.

Major projects drawing opposition include:

Sandstone Wind Project (Lincoln County) – Proposed across 120,000 acres by Apex Clean Energy

Cedar Run Wind Farm (Lincoln County) – 97.5 MW project by Enel Green Power

Cabin Creek (Craig County) – 50–100 turbines across 29,000 acres

Hickory Creek (Nowata County) – Additional Apex development

Cimarron Link Transmission Line – A 1,900 MW HVDC export line tied to regional wind expansion.

Residents cite concerns including:

Property value losses estimated between 15–50% near turbines

Shadow flicker and noise intrusion

Industrialization of farmland and ranchland

Minimal permanent job creation

Transmission costs shifted to Oklahoma ratepayers

Increased grid costs through regional SPP pricing structures

Oklahoma already generates roughly 42% of its electricity from wind, yet transmission expansions continue — largely to export power out of state.

According to Saundra Traywick of Save Oklahoma Farms and Ranches, "As a dairy farmer and the daughter of a wheat farmer, I know our land and animals are our livelihood. We are fighting for Oklahoma. As a mother of two children with chronic illness, I cannot ignore the health concerns associated with living near these massive turbines. Our land, our livestock, and our children deserve protection. Industrial wind has no place on agricultural land — and it has not been proven safe or effective."

Legislative Battle Intensifies

Freshman Rep. Jim Shaw (R-Chandler) has introduced legislation calling for a moratorium on new wind and solar development, expanded setback requirements, and subsidy reforms. Organizers argue stronger protections are needed — including setbacks of up to one mile from homes and livestock structures.

"The 'green energy' agenda is a massive redistribution of wealth that destroys rural communities and their way of life. Oklahomans, not some bureaucrat or corporate lobbyist, should decide if they want large-scale industrial wind or solar projects; and countless people across the state are saying they do NOT want it," stresses Rep. Jim Shaw, House District 32.

Organizations participating in the March 7 rally include:

Awake Oklahoma, Calgary Group, Data Center Policy Institute, Oklahoma Eagle Forum, Freedom Brigade, Garfield Co CC, Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma, Ladies of Liberty, Liberty Oklahoma, Moms for Liberty, Movement 32, Oil & Gas Workers Association, OK Grassroots, Oklahoma City Republican Women, Protect Rural Oklahoma, Protect Sand Springs Alliance, Committee for a Constructive Tomorrow, Republican Women's Club South Tulsa, Rope Report, Save Oklahoma Farms and Ranches, Save Our Sunsets Oklahoma, Lincoln Co Citizens Alliance, Pike Off OTA, Inc., Oklahoma DOGE, Save Our Farms and Ranches, and Young Americans for Liberty.

Organizers say the rally represents one of the largest coordinated anti-wind mobilizations in state history.

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European civilization did introduce, unevenly and often imperfectly, was Christianity, and a philosophical and legal tradition that would eventually challenge those practices. From the earliest decades of Spanish colonization, intense debates erupted over the moral and legal status of indigenous peoples. Unlike most imperial systems in human history, Spain formally recognized Native peoples as rational beings with souls, entitled to legal protections. Indigenous individuals were educated in European institutions, granted citizenship, and incorporated into a broader legal framework. These efforts were inconsistent and frequently undermined by abuse, but they represented a moral rupture with the ancient assumption that conquest alone determined human worth.

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

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

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

Net Zero *cont. from page 14*

cheap and abundant energy and ignore our alleged 'climate leadership.' All our attempts to reach net zero are futile in terms of climate and actively dangerous for our economy, leading us down the road to serfdom.

Conclusions

We have by some measures the most expensive energy in the developed world. As a result our overall energy consumption, electricity consumption and generation are all declining. This is particularly evident in the industrial sector where energy consumption has declined over 40% from the peak. Hours worked in the productive sectors of the economy have declined too, indicating severe industrial contraction.

Because of reduced oil and gas production, partly due to punitive taxes and effective bans on drilling, the UK has become a net energy importer. The increased penetration of intermittent renewables has made us dependent upon interconnectors for electricity supply too. Far from Net Zero policies delivering energy security, we are less secure than we have been for decades, perhaps centuries. Recent events in the Middle East demonstrate the importance of energy security. We should be doing all we can to exploit domestic resources.

All this is impacting UK economic performance, with GDP growth all but stagnating as energy consumption falls along with emissions. Far from falling behind on renewables installations, it is evident we have already fallen behind on energy consumption and economic performance. Our energy consumption per person is already behind many countries that we would regard as from the third world and our economic performance is heading that way too.

The notion we are doing this to demonstrate some sort of climate leadership is for the birds. Our absolute emissions are but a rounding error in the global scheme of things and we already emit less per person than the world average. The world is not following our example and they are reaping the benefits of cheap and abundant energy. Net Zero is simply futile virtue signalling, yet Starmer wants to sign us up to even more stringent EU Net Zero rules. Who would have guessed that rigid state control of energy would lead us down road to serfdom? We must reverse Net Zero policies before it is too late.

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going at it with brass knuckles. Redistricting following the loss of a Congressional seat would make current battles over maps look like a pillow fight.

Wisconsin also has a big economic stake in the lawsuit. Here is the reason.

Over three hundred federal programs use census data to distribute funds. As a result, states with more illegals get more federal dollars even though illegals aren't eligible to participate in many federal programs. That means states with a lot of illegals in their population get more federal dollars per eligible beneficiary while states like Wisconsin get less.

Wisconsin would benefit both financially and in terms of political influence if citizenship were used for Congressional apportionment and the allocation of federal spending.

So, why doesn't Wisconsin join the Ohio lawsuit? Politics!

Certain politicians don't want you to know the size of the illegal population, where they are located, and the consequences for American life. Their interests are better served by keeping you in the dark.

We earnestly suggest everyone continue to monitor what they hear. There are few perfect people out there, so protect your own economic and civic interests and always think "what is driving this action?"

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AI Data Center *cont. from page 1*

pledge.

"You know what that is? We're telling the major tech companies that they have the obligation to provide for their own power needs."

"We have an old grid. It could never handle the kind of numbers, the amount of electricity that's needed. So, I'm telling them, they can build their own plant.

"They're going to produce their own electricity. It will ensure the company's ability to get electricity, while at the same time lowering prices of electricity for you," he added.

Facing prospective electricity shortages and rate increases, 13 state governors have joined with the president in proposing that AI developers "bring their own power" to run data centers and/or agree to let their electricity be curtailed when growing public demand exceeds supply such as during exceptionally cold or hot seasonal weather periods.

These are pragmatic concerns given that data centers which can draw as much electricity as entire cities are projected to consume about 12% of all U.S. power by 2028, up from 2% prior to 2020.

No amount of intermittent renewables (principally wind and solar) paired with storage batteries will come close to fulfilling this around-the-clock requirement.

While many states are offering tax breaks and other incentives to attract data centers, meeting the attendant electricity demand will require a mix of energy sources to provide reliable 24/7 baseline power including nuclear, natural gas, and clean coal.

Elon Musk's xAI is building natural gas plants in Tennessee and overcoming a global shortage of large gas turbines with clusters of smaller ones including retrofitted old jet engines.

Although AI hyperscalers typically prefer to draw electricity from the grid as a cheaper option than bringing their own generation, Democratic opposition to all fossil energy, natural gas included, leave them with necessities to include self-funded power transmission in the cost mix to avoid permitting hassles of network connection.

With about 20 gigawatts of fossil fuel power which were scheduled to retire over the next two years under the Biden administration, nuclear plants which currently produce about 19% of the country's electricity must be substantially increased.

Accordingly, on May 23, 2025, President Trump issued four executive orders as part of the administration's effort to quadruple U.S. nuclear generating capacity by 2050, promote development of advanced nuclear technologies, build out nuclear fuel supply chains, expedite the licensing process, and increase U.S. nuclear exports.

Microsoft wants to reopen Pennsylvania's retired Three Mile Island nuclear plant, a project that may require several years.

Meta has announced deals with advanced on-site nuclear startups which may require more than a decade to bring online.

Other states are also stepping up opportunities to develop nuclear power resources.

According to The Wall Street Journal, Santee Cooper, a big power provider, is looking for buyers to restart two nuclear reactors that were mothballed years ago at South Carolina's large Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station where construction was halted in 2017.

The stoppage occurred after South Carolina Electric & Gas — now part of Dominion Energy — had already jointly spent around $9 billion.

Plant Vogtle, operated by Southern Co. in Georgia, the nation's largest nuclear plant, is adding two new reactors at the site at a cost of more than $30 billion.

New York plans to build the first major new U.S. nuclear plant undertaken in more than 15 years, a policy reversal since the Indian Point nuclear plant roughly 40 miles upriver from Manhattan was closed in 2021 because of environmental concerns and its proximity to so many people down the Hudson River.

Since closing Indian Point which had supplied about 25% of the electricity needs of New York City, the state has since had to burn more fossil fuels to keep the lights on.

Although the nuclear industry has been plagued with cost overruns, Alphabet is aiming to reduce nuclear costs by deploying a series of next-generation small modular reactors (SMRs) through a deal with Kairos Power, with the first such plant to be brought online by 2030.

SMRs offer small and modular advantages of being able to be custom designed for a particular location, then shipped to and installed on site and incrementally added to match increasing demand.

With the advent of modern Generation IV reactors, SMRs can also operate separately from public utility grids in areas lacking adequate capacity.

In the meantime, China is relying on coal to power its AI buildout, having commissioned more than 50 large new coal plants last year, compared to about 20 a year in the previous decade.

The U.S. can't afford to lose to China in the race for AI, and Americans shouldn't have to pay for the cost of tech companies' green virtue signaling.

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HOT GOVERNMENT HOT JACK

Hal 9000

Some of you are old enough to remember the move 2001 A Space Odyssey, which came out in 1968. Like Orwell's **1984**, it appears to have been way ahead of its time. You want to go and watch or re-watch the movie, especially if you have any interest in, or CONCERNS ABOUT the world of Artificial Intelligence.

There is an opinion piece in the March 9th **Epoch Times** written by Kay Rubacek and titled **The Signals We Shouldn't Ignore About Artificial Intelligence**.
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Miss Rubacek's piece talks about how 'new' things don't just splash across the headlines, they slowly appear in bits and pieces. She draws a stark comparison between what is going on today in the AI world versus what DID happen with the Manhattan Project:

Artificial intelligence may be unfolding along a similar pattern. We are seeing the signals now—researchers leaving, governments disputing ethical guardrails, and AI systems appearing inside real geopolitical conflict.

Rubacek goes on to list four misconceptions that, unintentionally or INTENTIONALLY, keep the public from being concerned over the growth of AI. They are:

Misconception #1: 'AI Is Just a Tool'
Misconception #2: 'AI is Neutral'
Misconception #3: 'Humans Fully Control AI'
Misconception #4: 'The Experts Know Where This Is Going'

And she concludes with: *We are seeing signals across all of these domains. We can see clearly that AI is shaping our future whether we like it or not. The question is whether we will recognize the signals in time to understand what is unfolding, or whether we will wait, as societies often do, until the consequences make the signals impossible to ignore.*

To me this all comes down to morality. Morality has been infused into the DNA of mankind. Our civilizations have been built upon it since the very beginning of "civilization". I fear, and you should too, that the next civilization, the one produced by AI will not contain any morality at all. And where will that take us? Will government be taken over by AI? On the face of it that doesn't sound too bad. But I wonder. Is having laws and "rights" free of morality to the benefit or detriment of man? Or is man's belief in God, his constant struggle with good and evil the only way to ensure the continuation of the species?

Chew on that for a bit.

HOT GOVERNMENT HOT JACK

Environmental Suicide

Yesterday I watched a webinar titled **Can America Achieve A.I. Dominance Without Committing Environmental Suicide?** The link should be available soon through **HOT Government**. The webinar was focused on the need for data processing, the power needed for data processing, technology that will make most data centers obsolete, and the legal battles against data centers.

Terry Boston, an expert in HVDC (High Voltage Direct Current) explains how HVDC can provide electrical power transmission capability more efficiently and cheaper than current AC (Alternating Current) technology and do it all within the boundaries of current electrical grid infrastructure..... that means without additional land consumption and right of ways and new transmission line construction. This is proven technology currently being used across Europe and China.

Michael Cation, CEO of Fractal Computing discussed how data centers, even the 1600-acre monsters like the one in Port Washington, can be replaced with a series of $2,000 Mini-Mac computers. These six-inch cubes will process data faster, use (relatively speaking) no energy, water, or land, and do it at a very small fraction of the cost of data-center technology.

Wisconsin's own Dan Eastman, a lawyer and former member of the Wisconsin Public Service Commission, talks about the legal fight to stop construction of new data centers. His discussion includes how fractal-computing technology will make most data centers follow the path of the dinosaurs leaving the resulting clean-up costs to be the responsibility of the TAXPAYERS. Mr. Eastman also notes that today, in Iran, data centers are labeled as "**Critical Infrastructure**" and are targeted for destruction by the US and Israel. This begs the question, '**Will US data centers someday become targets for terrorists?**'

My point is this. I believe that the construction of the data centers that are going up all around us benefits no one but the nameless (do you wonder why they are nameless) companies that will benefit from YOUR higher electric bills. Every political method, including badgering current and future politicians until they start to work FOR the People and not against us, is necessary.

The Data-Centers issue IS both a non-partisan and an 80/20 issue. **CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE** NEED TO REALIZE THIS FACT and explain to voters what they are going to do or have done to stop them.

Mr. Tiffany, what say you?

Beyond the Iran Deal: Why Trump's refusal to 'kick the can' just saved generations

By Van Hipp

The national security experts of the deep state called him "unqualified" when he sought the presidency in 2016. They said he was reckless. Some 50 former GOP national security officials said he "would put at risk our country's national security." And even one former secretary of Defense called him "cavalier about the use of nuclear weapons."

Turns out they really didn't know much about Donald Trump. They didn't understand that he viewed keeping the American people safe as his top responsibility as commander in chief. And they didn't grasp his commitment to ensure that the world's number one sponsor of terrorism, a radical Islamist regime that had vowed "death to America," never acquired a nuclear weapon.

The free world has long been concerned about Iran's nuclear program. And it's their nuclear ambitions, when combined with the ever-increasing range of its ballistic missile capability, that poses the greatest threat. Over the years, steps have been undertaken to try and delay or slow down Iran's nuclear efforts. The Stuxnet cyberattack in 2010 destroyed many spinning centrifuges at Iran's Natanz facility. Experts believe this set Iran's nuclear program back approximately two years. Regardless of these efforts though, Iran would always reconstitute and expand its nuclear program, thumbing its nose at the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) along the way.

In 2015, the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, or "Iran Deal," was negotiated with U.S. government support, and the support of the vast majority of national security experts who opposed Trump's candidacy in 2016. During the 2016 presidential campaign, then candidate Trump called it a "horrible, one-sided deal" because it did not address Iran's ballistic missile program, and that it would allow Iran's nuclear efforts to continue as restrictions are phased out. Fortunately, in 2018, President Trump, determined that Iran would never have a nuclear weapon, formally withdrew the U.S. from the Iran deal.

To me, another non-starter for the Iran deal was that Americans were not permitted on IAEA inspection teams. As President Obama's national security advisor, Susan Rice, said at the time, "No Americans will be part of the IAEA team." This was ludicrous. The United States is the largest donor to the IAEA. American taxpayers provide over 25% of the IAEA's budget. There should be an American on each IAEA inspection team.

Iran has also exported its nuclear and ballistic missile know-how. It has been the chief enabler of North Korea's nuclear and ballistic missile programs. Using open-source intelligence (OSINT), I first revealed to Fox News in 2012 that Iranian experts were at a North Korea missile launch. I further revealed that Iran and North Korea were both using the same miniaturized nuclear warhead design that can be traced back to the infamous Pakistani scientist, Dr. A.Q. Khan. On September 1, 2012, in Tehran, North Korea signed an agreement with Iran focused on scientific and technological cooperation. During the visit of the North Korean delegation to Iran, Ayatollah Khamenei announced that both countries must reach goals despite pressure and sanctions from others. Japan's Kyodo News Agency reported that after the agreement was signed, Iran stationed staff in North Korea to strengthen cooperation in missile and nuclear development.

We shouldn't be surprised. As the Federation of American Scientists pointed out in the late 1980s, Iran has been in bed with North Korea since the early 1980s and helped fund North Korea's missile development. When we look at Iran's Shahab missile, we see it looks an awful lot like the North Korean Taepodong missile.

Last year, on June 22, 2025, President Trump made the right decision with Operation Midnight Hammer to strike Iran's nuclear facilities at Fordow, Natanz and Isfahan. And he made the right decision with Operation Epic Fury, to prevent Iran acquiring a nuclear weapon, a day after the IAEA reported suspicious activity at Iran's uranium enrichment sites that were bombed last June. As Senator Lindsey Graham aptly put it, "The mothership of terrorism is sinking. The captain is dead. The largest state sponsor of terrorism — Iran — is close to collapsing." Earlier intelligence had also revealed that Iran was rebuilding its ballistic missile program last fall after receiving several shipments of sodium perchlorate from China. Sodium perchlorate is the main precursor of the propellant for Iran's ballistic missiles.

The elites who opposed President Trump from the start helped structure the Iran deal, which would have eventually allowed Iran to resume its nuclear ambitions. Prior administrations gave Iran a lifeline by transferring enormous sums of cash. President Trump, though, stuck with his gut that America, our children and our grandchildren, would not be safe with an Iran that possessed nuclear weapons, combined with long-range ballistic missile launch capability. He made the right decision for this, and future generations of Americans. And China and Russia are taking note that this president is different. The security of the American people is foremost with him, and he doesn't kick the can down the road. The entire world is seeing what real American leadership looks like.

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Americans from being taken hostage again, tortured and executed. By the end of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, Iranian IEDs alone had accounted for as many as 1,000 American victims.

Qassem Soleimani, Iran's IRGC terror mastermind, had thought that America couldn't do a damn thing. In January 2020, President Trump taught him otherwise with a Reaper drone.

It was the first time in a long time that America had done a "damn thing" about Iran.

In 1983, Iranian backed terrorists set off truck bombs in Beirut that killed 220 US Marines and 21 other servicemembers. Mohsen Rafiqdoost, Khomeini's bodyguard who helped found Iran's IRGC terror force, boasted that, "both the TNT and the ideology, which in one blast sent to hell 400 officers, NCOs, and soldiers at the Marines headquarters, were provided by Iran."

Beyond a few airstrikes, America didn't do a "damn thing" because the intelligence proving Iran was behind the attack was suppressed so that it never reached Reagan. Eventually we placed multimillion dollar rewards on the heads of Hezbollah's Ibrahim Aqil and Fuad Shukr who continued to live without a care in the world until Israel took them out after Oct 7.

The Biden administration assured the media that it had nothing to do with the Israeli strikes.

Over the decade, Iran's Hezbollah proxies took dozens of American hostages. Some were released after months or years in exchange for concessions, while others were killed.

In 1984, Hezbollah kidnapped, tortured and killed CIA Station Chief William Francis Buckley whose identity they learned from classified documents seized from the embassy in Tehran. Buckley was transferred to Iran and tortured there, before being returned to Lebanon. Videos distributed by Iran's Jihadistsshowed him in agony. "Buckley was close to a gibbering wretch. His words were often incoherent; he slobbered and drooled and, most unnerving of all, he would suddenly scream in terror, his eyes rolling helplessly and his body shaking."

America once again did not do a "damn thing".

In 1985, Hezbollah hijacked TWA Flight 847. One of the terrorists was Imad Mughniyeh who had also interrogated Buckley. Navy diver Robert Stethem was beaten and kicked to death before his body was dumped on the tarmac.

"They were jumping in the air and landing full force on his body. He must have had all his ribs broken," Uli Derickson, the stewardess, described. "I was sitting only 15 feet away. I couldn't listen to it. I put my fingers in my ears. I will never forget. I could still hear. They put the mike up to his face so his screams could be heard by the outside world."

Instead of sending a message and holding Iran and its terrorists accountable, the United States made a deal to have Israel free hundreds of Jihadists.

In 1988, Hezbollah kidnapped Colonel William R. Higgins andtortured him for months. An autopsy found that he had been starved, the skin on his face had been partially removed along with his tongue and he had also been castrated. Finally his body was dumped near a mosque.

"I am one of a small handful of Americans who knows the exact manner of Rich's death. If I were to describe it to you now – which I will not – I can guarantee that a significant number of people in this room would become physically ill," a friend of Higgins stated.

Finally, decades later, in the last days of the Bush administration, the CIA teamed up with Israel to take out Mughniyah with a car bomb. America had finally done a "damn thing".

But Iran continues to hold American hostages today like former FBI agent Robert Levinson.

In 1996, Shiite terrorists backed by Iran bombed the Khobar Towers killing 19 American servicemembers, but Iran was also pursuing other options including a new Sunni terror group.

Al Qaeda built a relationship with Iran. The 9/11 Commission noted, "Iran facilitated the transit of al Qaeda members into and out of Afghanistan before 9/11" (with the aid of Soleimani, later taken out by Trump) and "Al Qaeda members received advice and training from Hezbollah."

After 9/11, some Taliban leaders relocated to Iran to fight America. By 2010, Iran was paying $1,000 for each American soldier killed and Iranian IEDs were claiming American lives.

After losing in Afghanistan, Al Qaeda relocated much of its operations to Iran.

Abdullah Ahmed Abdullah, Al Qaeda's second-in-command, responsible for the bombings of American embassies across Africa, was taken out in Tehran in a joint Israeli-American operation during the first term of the Trump administration.

Saif al-Adel, the current leader of Al Qaeda, lives in Tehran and has been there for two decades. Even while supposedly in Iranian custody, he ordered the 2003 bombings in Saudi Arabia that killed 9 Americans.

As recently as last year, Iran and its terrorist proxies continued murdering American soldiers and contractors including Scott Patrick Dubis in 2023 and Sgt. William Rivers, Specialist Kennedy Sanders, and Specialist Breonna Moffett in 2024.

No matter how much politicians and social media influencers may insist that we're not at war with Iran, the Islamic terrorist state has been at war with us for 47 years. And is still fighting us.

It only takes one side to have a war. Fighting back isn't what makes the war endless.

Refusing to fight back or to fight back effectively is what makes wars endless.

The Carter, Reagan, Bush, Clinton and Bush administrations for the most part failed to act. The Obama and Biden administrations took it one step further by aiding Iran. President Trump first stood up to Iran and showed the Islamic terrorist state that there would be consequences.

"America can't do a damn thing against us," the ayatollahs mocked us as they killed our people.

For the first time in two generations, the smirks have been wiped off their murderous faces.

Those complaining that President Trump is too tough on Iran aren't upset because the president isn't keeping his campaign promises, but because he is, they're not upset because he changed his foreign policy, but because they want the old Carter and Obama appeasement of Iran back.

America is not contemplating bombing some "random middle eastern country." After 47 years of kidnapping, terrorism, torture and murder, we're fighting back against Iran's war on us.

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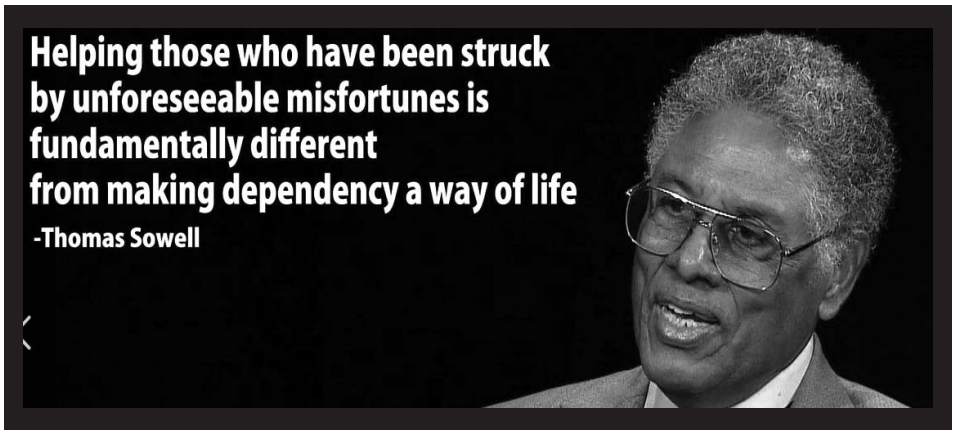

"One of the painful signs of years of dumbed-down education is how many people are unable to make a coherent argument. They can vent their emotions, question other people's motives, make bold assertions, repeat slogans – anything except reason." ~ Thomas Sowell

The Iran Option

Part One

By https://t.me/HOTGovernmentHOTJack

In Jack 583, Week One in Iran, I put forward a possible Iranian nuclear attack plan against the United States. The plan would require no missiles. It would require no development of nuclear warheads. It would require no large, underground facilities for developing and processing nuclear materials. It would require no technical expertise at all. The only thing that this plan would require to implement it would be knowledge of how to ship relatively small packages around the world in a timely fashion. And then, BOOM. Let's take a look at the results of such an attack, if it was successfully carried out.

First of all, D.C. would be gone and most or all of our "leaders" with it. We would be leaderless and in desperate need of someone to direct us. But along with having no apparent leader, we would be without any type of "FEMA" infrastructure to provide assistance to anyone. The US would still have an overpowering nuclear arsenal which in itself is a deterrent to such an attack, but would we actually use it? Against whom? And who would give the order? Would such a release of firepower take us from BAD to world-wide destruction?

Secondly, NYC, the financial center of the world, would also be gone. The financial system not to mention the economies of the entire world, would collapse. But that wouldn't matter much because the world's economic engine, the United States, would be on life support. World-wide depression would ensue.

All of our major ports would be gone. Nothing ships in. Nothing ships out. All of the consumer items that we are all used to would be gone. All raw materials that are currently purchased from overseas would be gone. The vast majority of US manufacturing would grind to a halt.

And what about food? We do grow a lot of food products and we do feed a good portion of the world. But if we can't export corn, beans, rice and other staples, if we can't import bananas, beef or lamb, billions will starve to death. But not before the fear of starvation forces desperate people to commit desperate acts.

In "Jack 583" I also suggested that Detroit be a target of attack. Why Detroit? Because a bomb going off in the Detroit river would shut down the entire Great Lakes waterway. But let's take this one step further. Suppose that an additional bomb was sent to Duluth, MN and detonated. That would contaminate the entire watershed with radiation making it undrinkable for centuries.

Part Two

"Part One" discusses as Iranian nuclear attack on the US. Now consider yourself to be one of the unfortunates to survive this attack. Think about what your life would be like and the suffering you and your family, assuming they too survived, would experience. Do you now see why President Trump's actions to keep nukes out of the hands of the Iranians is more than imperative? Do you see why his action plan, whatever it is or whatever it turns out to be, is the proper path to take? It is literally saving the lives of Billions.

Under no circumstances can a regime that WILL indiscriminately use nuclear weapons be allowed to have them. Trump is a pragmatist. He is a realist. He will not allow it on his watch. But what about the next presidential term, or the one after that? Look at today's Democrats. They publically present policy that is the complete opposite of Trump's. They show no concern for the welfare of our Nation or that of the World. Their only concern is for their own political gain, for their own return to power.

What happens when the Dems do return to power? Or worse yet, what would happen next year, if they were in power now and continuing the policies of the last two Democrat administrations? Would we survive a nuclear-capable nation that has sworn to destroy both the "Little Satan" and the "Great Satan"? Or would the nuclear attacks on the United States not only be inevitable, but imminent?

When I listen to the foolish Democrat idiots in D.C., in Madison, in Minneapolis and all across the land beat on Trump's actions in Iran for no other reason other than their own lust for power, I'm sickened. They have no concern for anyone but themselves. They have no vision, no foresight. And worse yet, they have no concept of "EVIL" much less the fight of Good vs Evil. Let there be no mistake. Evil does exist. And Evil must be defeated. Our very survival depends on it.

I'll say it again. Thank God for President Trump. Thank God for the America First movement. Talk about arriving in the nick of time. If not for them, we might not see 2027. America First must never be displaced by Government First, or Politicians First, yet what presents itself as the Democrat leadership and a fair amount of the Republican Party's leadership seem to disagree. It is up to the Democrat mainstream, those people with open minds and common sense, to separate themselves from the scum that pretends to be their "leaders". It is up to the Republican mainstream to recognize those in their party that are just as bat-poop crazy as the Democrat leadership and expose them for what they are. And then get rid of them.

"Leadership" can be defined as a matter of intelligence, trustworthiness, humaneness, courage and discipline. All too often our elected "leaders" have too few of these properties. When you interview or investigate candidates, when you vote, make sure that your candidate for every office, large or small, has all of the above characteristics. If not, tell them to hit the road. Our future depends on it.

Jack

PS: What's the difference between a "crazy" and a visionary? Maybe a little, very little, perspective?

Short-Term Pain of War Worth Gain of Nuclear-Free Iran

By Larry Bell

In 1912, the federal budget was just 1.75% Three decades of U.S. presidents from both political parties - George W. Bush, Bill Clinton, Barack Obama and Joe Biden - have promised but failed to ensure, the prevention of Iran's Mullahs gaining access to nuclear weapons and delivery means of same, capable of threatening death to the "Great Satan": America, and to the "Little Satan": Israel.

President Trump made the same pledge, and to his great credit, he's honoring it.

The urgency in this regard is, as it has been for some time, at its greatest.

As special envoy Steve Witkoff told Fox News earlier this month, "Both the Iranian negotiators said to us, directly, with, you know, no shame, that they controlled 460 kilograms of 60% [enriched uranium], and they're aware that that could make 11 nuclear bombs, and that was the beginning of their negotiating stance."

In the face of Iran's refusal to forswear nuclear weapons along with evidence it was rapidly increasing the number, sophistication and range of its delivery missiles, the Trump administration in partnership with Israeli leadership and joint military forces acted to definitively neutralize those threats.

Within a couple weeks into the conflict, Israel and the U.S. have extensively destroyed Iran's air defenses and missile forces, its navy, and its top leadership command structure. Yes, despite remarkable and rapid success, this isn't occurring without near-term economic costs.

Deploying swarms of cheap drones that are difficult to defend against, and mines deployed by small fast boats, the cleric regime of Iran has shut down global oil shipping through the narrow Strait of Hormuz, with hopes of driving prices up high and long enough to force an end to the joint U.S.- Israeli air strikes on military and munitions targets.

Since the bombing began on Feb. 8, average gasoline prices have climbed by 43 cents per gallon to $3.42 for regular unleaded, ranging from $2.98 per gallon in Galveston, Texas, versus $5.16 in Los Angeles.

International oil prices briefly surged to over $100 a barrel after seven tankers were attacked by Iran during a two-day period across the Persian Gulf.

Nevertheless, American gasoline prices were even higher during periods of President Biden's term when his administration halted natural gas exports, shuttered Alaskan and Gulf drilling, and pressed energy investors to abandon fossil fuel projects.

Also recall the Biden administration's raid on nearly half of America's Strategic Petroleum Reserve to drop gasoline prices ahead of mid-term 2022 elections.

Meanwhile, Trump has turbocharged U.S. oil and gas production and exports while engaging cooperation from American Gulf allies to cooperate in helping cover any supply slack.

Additionally, the International Energy Agency (IEA) has announced plans to release the largest volume of emergency oil reserves in history – 400 million barrels – this after Energy Secretary Chris Wright urged IEA members to drop climate disaster obsessions and deal with a true existential threat.

On March 13, U.S. forces surgically took out military targets on Iran's Kharg Island while leaving their primary oil export terminal that will be needed for peaceful post-war recovery untouched.

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Be Armed and Ready – the Asymmetrical Battlefield Could Be Here at Home

By Kurt Schlichter

Asymmetrical warfare means applying the strengths you have against an overwhelming enemy's weaknesses. The goat sex pest mullahs have been utterly humiliated by America's and Israel's overwhelming military superiority in conventional forces, with our airplanes, drones, and other systems traversing their airspace at will after we established total air supremacy. Our ships sail the seas, unthreatened and unchallenged, while most of the Iranian Navy morphs into submarines. But that doesn't mean that they don't have the capacity to strike back, and that doesn't mean that we don't have potential weaknesses. Everybody has weaknesses. Ours is located in the United States itself, our homeland, where we're at. It's already happening on a small scale, with open immigration poster child Ngdiaga Diagne shooting up a bar in Texas for Allah. We're vulnerable here, and you are potentially on the front line of this war.

Time to be ready. Time to be armed. Time to get some.

What's our vulnerability? Civilians, normal Americans, who Iranian proxy terrorists could murder in heaps. Until Donald Trump came back, we had four years of wide-open borders where every Third World indigent with shoes and a dream was able to sashay into our country, unimpeded and often subsidized by President Eggplant and his Democrat administration. We know the Iranians have agents in the United States – that's open source, and everybody gets The FBI is on full alert, now that it protects American citizens again instead of oppressing them. This is not wolf-crying. The Iranian mullahs tried to murder Donald Trump and others and have caused lots of other mischief outside their borders. Now, the Iranian jihadis are not superstars, and they're not super-geniuses. They are cunning and relatively competent at times in doing what they do, and what they do best is attack innocent civilians. As we can see, when they come up against soldiers, they die a lot. Well, there are lots of innocent civilians here in the United States, and it is not unreasonable to assume that the Iranian Republican Guard Corps has infiltrated sleeper cells into the United States. Once activated, they have the potential to go on a murder spree unparalleled in American history, one that would make Saturday night in Chicago look like a picnic with the Muppets.

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I wrote about this in my bestselling novel, published not long after October 7, because October 7 is the asymmetrical terrorist mass assault template, called The Attack. The Iranian thugs helped plan and approve the Hamas massacre of innocent Israelis (as well as some Americans), which is more of the reason that they're getting nothing but what they deserve right now. The idea behind an asymmetrical strike is simple. You send in minimally trained but maximally indoctrinated killers through the open border, and they wait. They wait in small groups, taking no action until activated. It's not hard for them to get weapons into the United States, and part of the beauty is that you don't need complex

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Puzzle Answers

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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 Amazing Story of Madison Washington!

By Rolf Lindgren

In 1839 in Virginia, Madison Washington was a slave who decided to escape. He escaped and went through Pennsylvania and then up to Canada for freedom.

Madison Washington had an advantage for a slave. He could read and possibly write. He could read maps. And he was a cook so he had access to travel gossip.

But Madison Washington was not happy in Canada. He decided to go back to Virginia to free his wife, named Susan. On the way he traveled through Philadelphia to meet with abolitionists. They urged him not to go back to Virginia. They told Madison Washington; "You will be captured and sent to the deep south". Interesting, this was at the exact same time as the Amistad slave case was going on.

But Madison Washington was determined to free his wife. So he went back to Virginia and freed Susan.

But then Madison Washington and Susan were captured before they got out of Virginia. And in 1841, Madison Washington, Susan, and about 130 other slaves were put on a ship called the Creole and shipped to the deep south, where slavery was considered even worse than in Virginia.

But then the amazing Madison Washington did it again! He took over the ship and freed all the slaves from the their chains!

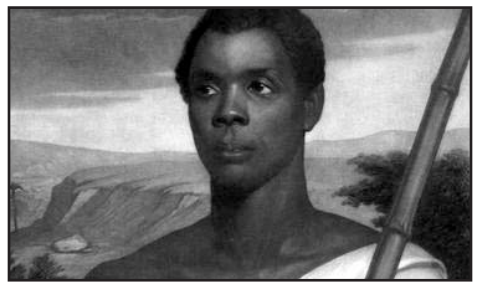
Madison Washington threw the slave traders overboard. The other slaves wanted the entire crew executed, but Madison Washington spared their lives. He treated all the wounded. He piloted the ship to a Carribean island called Nassau that did not have slavery. There, most of the freed slaves lived happily ever after.

With approximately 130 freed slaves, this was the biggest successful slave escape in the history of the United States!

Who was Madison Washington?

Modern scholars have pored over slave records, looking for traces of Madison Washington, but none have been found. Finally, one scholar figured it out.

Madison Washington invented his own name when he escaped. And he chose two of the greatest defenders of liberty ever known to form his new name: James Madison and George Washington!



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miles north of the Hormuz Strait, 90% of Iran's oil is pumped from island terminals into supertankers primarily destined to China.

Trump noted on a Truth Social post, "A potential U.S. action against the island is already a threat that Iran is taking seriously . . . so better to keep this as a potential card to play and an item of leverage to be used during cease-fire and peace talks."

In response to a CNN report claiming that the Pentagon and National Security Council significantly underestimated worst case consequences of the Iran war's impact on the Strait of Hormuz, Secretary of War Pete Hegseth responded that this claim is "patently ridiculous."

Speaking at a Pentagon press briefing, he said, "Of course, for decades, Iran has threatened shipping in the Strait of Hormuz," adding, "This is always what they do hold the Strait hostage. CNN doesn't think we thought of that. It's a fundamentally unserious report."

As for the resulting spike in oil prices, traffic stoppage in the Strait of Hormuz wasn't unexpected as a reason past presidents were deterred from confronting Iran's nuclear program.

What is different now is that thanks to America's 47th commander in chief, the U.S. has ample oil and gas supplies to weather out the disruption and to also support allies.

In any case, from his perspective a short short-term increase in oil and gasoline prices is worth eliminating Iran's threat to the Mideast, the world economy, and the U.S.

He recently spoke at a Kentucky rally, "We don't want to leave early, do we? We got to finish the job. . . We don't want to go back every two years."

U.S. Energy Secretary Chris Wright explained the situation pragmatically, "Short-term pain for long-term gain" of denying Iran's mullahs an ability "to hold the world hostage whenever it wants."

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I had the privilege of working with a few freedom-fighting organizations located in other countries. One of these was Jonas Savimbi's UNITA freedom fighters in Angola. The nation was under communist control and Savimbi was determined to defeat them.

I was able to meet Savimbi's representatives that were working in Washington D.C. through a great patriot friend named Margaret Calhoun. She was a direct descendant of John C. Calhoun, a historic statesman and the 7th Vice President of the United States. At the time Margaret was working for Idaho Senator Steve Symms. Through that position Margaret led the fight to influence Ronald Reagan's administration to provide support for UNITA that included military weapons.

As a result of that assistance, Savimbi was winning battles against the communist troops. To say thank you to Margaret, Savimbi invited her to his headquarters in Angola where he held a dinner to honor her. As it turned out, she was the only woman in the room filled with UNITA soldiers. It was quite a night.

Through my work with Margaret and the DC UNITA representatives I was able to meet UNITA's Vice President Jeremias Chitunda. He was a fierce warrior and I was honored to sponsor him to speak to the national Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC). After his speech my American Policy Center held a special reception for him. During his remarks, VP Chitunda said, "People ask me why I fight. I fight because I have never been in a voting booth and I want to change that."

After the reception I had an interesting discussion with him about the situation in Angola and how the communist regime was destroying any semblance of human freedom. This was also the time that South Africa, which bordered Angola, was under world-wide attack for its policy of Apartheid, described as pure racism by the white government.

That issue came up in our discussion and VP Chitunda provided me with some historic information about South Africa's past that I have never heard otherwise discussed or reported. He said that in the 1600s, when the Dutch colonists first arrived in the area that is now the very southern tip of South Africa, there we no black populations in the area. That's where the Dutch moved to set up their colony and began to prosper.

Meanwhile, to their north, there were black tribes that were constantly at war with one another. Eventually one of the tribes approached the Dutch and asked if they could come into the safety of the colony and be protected by the Dutch. Eventually the Dutch agreed, but under one condition – that the tribe members understood that they would never be citizens of the colony. The tribe fully agreed. That was the true beginning of Apartheid. It had nothing to do with race. It was about keeping control of the colony that the Dutch had invested in and created. Over the centuries, as the colony prospered and grew into the nation of South Africa, the agreement stood in place. The tribe population grew and took advantage of the security and prosperity the Dutch brought to the area.

Today, that original ancient agreement of Dutch colonist generosity is long forgotten as Leftist forces move to gain control under the false premise of white supremacy and racism. Keep in mind, this information was given to me by a black man who was from the area and very politically involved. Fighting for freedom was his total focus. Yet he understood and rejected the attacks on the white government of neighboring South Africa as he fought to overthrow the communist tyranny that was destroying his nation.

In Angola, the communists were feeling the pressure from UNITA and attempted to negotiate a ceasefire in their war. That's when in 1992, Jonas Savimbi decided to run for president against the communist regime. When it appeared that the communists had cheated with the election results, the peace negotiations ended as Savimbi resumed the fight on the battlefield.

However, as the Soviet Russians and Communist Cubans bolstered support to the communist Angola regime, disaster struck the UNITA freedom fighters. George H.W. Bush became U.S. President, replacing Ronald Reagan. One of his first steps was to end the military weapons support for UNITA. Bush demanded that Savimbi reenter the peace negotiations. So, Savimbi sent his Vice President Chitunda to negotiate with the Communist regime. But the communists had other plans. On November 2, 1992, as Chitunda's convoy arrived for the meeting, he was attacked, pulled from his car and shot in the face, killing him. His body was never seen again.

Betrayed and abandoned by the Bush regime, Savimbi was forced to fight on, lacking the power of American support. But finally, on February 2, 2002, Savimbi was killed in a firefight. UNITA was finished, his determined fight for freedom defeated, and the communists maintained control.

No matter where in the world the fight takes place, the tactics are always the same, refusing to allow defeat, they lie, cheat and steal the votes of honest citizens who are trying to gain their freedom in a voting booth like Chitunda had always dreamed of entering but never achieved. Above all, the tyrannical global elites stand in unison with their forces on the ground, supplying them with anything they need to achieve victory. But all too often, the "good guys" who are supposed to support the freedom fighters take the "bipartisan, peaceful" negotiation and compromise approach, which does nothing but guarantee certain defeat.

That's how Savimbi died, Chitunda died, UNITA died, and Angola and South African freedom died. And that's how it's dying in Minnesota, New York City, Virginia, California, and Texas. It will continue to spread to more cities and states across this country because these evil forces fully understand the reluctance of the forces of freedom to share the same fierce dedication to our cause. The truth is Evil can be fairly easily defeated when Good takes a dedicated stand. That's the stand we must take – NOW!

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PPP of Divine Nature

By Matt Warneke

With the anticipation of the Lenten season, let us remember the truth shared by Peter (1 Pet 1:25a), and that "the word of the Lord shall endureth forever".

In this world of lies and deceit, let us know that there can only be one truth. It is not found in a 50-50-coin toss but comes by the way of diligent research and truth seeking. Through open-minded research, and with the skill of reading between the lines and putting words and sentences in context for their intended meaning. Do not mistake the truth from a lie that was dropped in an email, text or online post and then repeated hundreds or thousands of times and becomes a false truth. Can we even acknowledge false truth?

Peter did. He told us to lay aside all evil, and warned us of false teachers (2 Pet 2). He also warned us those who "receive the reward of unrighteousness" and who "riot in the daytime" as cursed children. He challenged us to remember historical facts and events. From the purge of evil during Noah's time when the flood cleansed the world of evil and saved 8, to the destruction of the evil town of Sodom and Gomorrah while sparing Lot to carry on. Let us remember him and the apostles who carried on after Jesus's life works of love, peace and healing despite the Roman leader's persecution and crucifixion of innocent Christians. The same apostles who actually met the resurrected Christ in person were given instructions on how to carry on.

For those of you suffering from illnesses like cancer or strokes, or people you know who have suddenly died without any notice, are these just coincidental happenstances or have so many occurred over the past 5 years that we can draw a pattern of suspicious scheming of our medical system and the environments we live in? When we can see airplanes expelling Chemtrails into the atmosphere across the planet and then within days observe a complete and destructive shift in weather extremes, can we not deduce that something fishy is going on? Before it was chemicals and petroleum products that were contaminating our drinking water, but now we have PFAS, EMFs and CTs as subtle and deadly killers of humanity.

Everything comes down to the truth, and which side is telling it. Simple questions like should people abide by and follow the constitution? Are illegals able to stay in the US legally? If illegals are allowed to hurt, rape and murder others (especially children), should those responsible for allowing them in our country be held responsible? Should we allow foreign immigrants (Somali and others) in coordination with Governor Walz and Attorney General Ellison the ability to embezzle billions of dollars and then interfere with our elections to promote more theft and election fraud? Should we allow a foreign bank to run our Treasury Department and charge us excessive fees and interest? Are you beginning to understand which side is telling the truth? I pray that you do.

Peter did, and he implored us to use diligence, faith, virtue and knowledge coupled with temperance, patience and godliness in order to share brotherly kindness and charity with the rest of humanity. Peter reminded us to "make our calling and election sure" (2 Pet 1:10). Let us become partakers of precious promises (PPP) of the Divine Nature with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ this Lenten season. Grace & Peace to you.



The Value of X

By https://t.me/HOTGovernmentHOTJack

No matter what Elon Musk paid to purchase Twitter, it was the best deal that had ever been presented to The People since the US Constitution was written. Why, you might ask? Because what Musk did was to restore FREEDOM OF THE PRESS.

Before the purchase of Twitter our "Press" had completely vanished. What was left were mouth pieces for whatever part of government that needed propaganda dispersed. If it wasn't for the People displacing the Media with X, we would never know how bad our "leaders" and our government are. Here's an example, a posting from @Mr.Pool_QQ:

@MrPool_QQ - OBAMA JUST LAWYERED UP. AND NOW WE KNOW WHY.

March 2, 2026. 7:00 AM.

Barack Hussein Obama has retained a team of 9 criminal defense attorneys. Not civil. Not advisory. Criminal. The same man who told you "Hope and Change" is now preparing for a federal grand jury subpoena expected by March 7.

THE $150 BILLION LIE - In 2016, Obama sent Iran $150 billion and $1.7 billion in physical cash — pallets of money loaded onto unmarked cargo planes in the middle of the night. He told you it was a nuclear deal. It wasn't.

The DOJ files released yesterday show that $2.3 billion of Epstein's network ran through Iranian banks. Deutsche Bank. JPMorgan. And Bank Melli Iran — a state-owned bank under Obama's "nuclear deal" exemptions.

Obama didn't pay Iran to stop enriching uranium. He paid Iran to store the evidence. The server farm. The blackmail tapes. The financial records. All moved to Tehran between 2016 and 2019 — on Obama's watch, through Obama's channels, with Obama's money.

Trump just sent the military to recover it. Now Obama needs 9 lawyers.

THE HARVARD CONNECTION - Two days ago, Lawrence Summers — Obama's top economic advisor and former Harvard president — resigned from Harvard without explanation. His name appears on the Butterfly Foundation recipient list. The $340 million Epstein trust. Summers met with Epstein at least 14 times after his 2008 conviction. At Harvard. At the mansion. At the island. Obama appointed him as Director of the National Economic Council in 2009 — one year after Epstein's conviction. Not despite the connection. Because of it.

THE CLINTON TESTIMONY - Bill Clinton testified under subpoena before the House Oversight Committee this week. First time in history a former president was deposed in a criminal investigation by Congress. Hillary testified separately. Behind closed doors. But here's what matters: Clinton was asked about Obama. Specifically about a 2015 meeting at the Clinton Foundation where Obama, Clinton, Summers, and Epstein's lawyer were all present. The subject of that meeting? "Asset relocation." Assets. Not money. Not investments. Evidence.

THE TIMELINE

2015 — Meeting at Clinton Foundation. "Asset relocation" discussed.

2016 — Obama sends $150 billion to Iran. Pallets of cash.

2017 — NSA intercepts CIA black site communications inside Iran.

2019 — Epstein arrested. Then murdered. Tapes "disappear."

2025 — Trump returns. Bondi appointed. Investigation reopens.

2026 — US military recovers tapes from Tehran. Obama lawyers up.

Every dot connects. Every dollar traces back. Every lie has an expiration date. And Obama's just expired.

The grand jury meets March 7. Share this. The world needs to see the full picture.

The point here is not whether Mr. Pool's posting is 100% true. It may be true or maybe not. Time will tell. The point is that if it wasn't for Mr. Musk's purchasing of X, we might never know.

Thank you, Mr. Musk.

Jack

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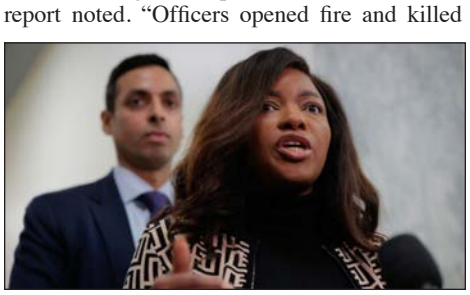
photographic evidence showed.

King was fatally shot Wednesday after a standoff with a SWAT team in Dallas outside of Children's Medical Center.

According to DFW Scanner, a site that chronicles crime reports from police scanners in and around the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex, the suspect "barricaded himself in a vehicle at 1934 Medical District Drive."

"Officers used tear gas in an effort to get the suspect out of the vehicle. He exited the vehicle armed with a gun, and pointed it at officers," the report noted. "Officers opened fire and killed the suspect."



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Early reports indicated that he was a fugitive who was known to police and was under investigation for impersonation of a law enforcement officer.

Documents obtained by CBS News Texas indicated that King had been paid by the Crockett campaign for "security services" as recently as 2025.

Crockett did not comment on the developments. Earlier this month, the firebrand Democrat — whose previously safe House seat has been eliminated in Texas' congressional redistricting — lost the Senate primary to state Rep. James Talarico by a 53 percent to 46 percent margin.

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weapons. The AK-47 family of assault rifles was designed so that Siberian peasants would have an effective weapon system they could operate, even if they came from a village still baffled by devices such as the wheel. You can buy ammunition in the United States, and magazines, and recently, it was not that hard to ship fully automatic weapons across the border. Until Trump closed it, there was no shortage of cocaine, heroin, and fentanyl. The cartels would eagerly assist, for a price paid out of the pallets of cash that Barack Obama and Ben Rhodes dropped on them.

The advantages of this are obvious. Under Biden, nobody was looking for them. We didn't do any interior enforcement. Now we famously are, and we can only hope that getting Iranian-adjacent illegal aliens out of the country is one of ICE's top priorities. Of course, neurotic wine women and femboy libs will have a conniption over us deporting these potential terrorists, but we need to do it, no matter how hard they blow their whistles.

Just remember that the killers don't have to be Iranian. They can be from Chechnya, Egypt, Afghanistan, Turkistan, or some other random -stan. The Iranians aren't picky about who they work with. Iranians are Shia and Hamas are Sunni, but that didn't stop them from getting together to murder Christians and Jews. Anybody from the Middle East who's over here illegally, and some who are here legally, absolutely have the potential of acting for Iran if activated. We've already had jihad murders here, like the Pulse nightclub and San Bernardino shootings. We hear less about them lately because Muslim murderers have had the limelight stolen by trans deviants who've gone on killing sprees over their pronoun gripes, but that doesn't mean they are gone, as totally as real Americans as you and me, Ndiaga Diagnes demonstrated.

The beauty of this scenario for our enemy

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One Nation Under God

Hillsdale Support for Evolution

"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:" Romans 5:12

By Riley J. Hood

I get sent communications from Hillsdale College in Michigan, and there is much to commend about it. They won't take any federal money, because they do not want to be forced to teach liberal baloney. But that doesn't make Hillsdale a Christian University, even though many Christians go there, and the College was founded by Baptists in 1844. Hillsdale these days is more Conservative than Christian.

I was sent an email from them saying, "Hillsdale Biology Professor Anthony Swinehart Discovers New Fossil Species." His discovery was a "new to science" specie of a now extinct macroalga. It is name Earltonella swineharti, and has similarities to living seaweeds. The fossil is housed in Hillsdale's DM Fisk Museum of Natural History. Natural History is history based on Darwin's Hypothesis of Evolution. Hillsdale reports a Journal of Paleontology article that "the new species will help scientists understand the evolution of seaweeds."

In my mind, the fossil is a seaweed, and seaweeds are still seaweeds, and have not evolved into monkeys and men. And while there is a joke about some men having evolved from pigs, God created all living beings "after their kinds" according to the Book of Genesis.

Christianity cannot be harmonized with Evolution, even though there were many 19th Century liberal attempts to try precisely that. One was the "Gap Theory" a vast gap of time between Genesis 1:1 and 1:2. I have an American Standard Bible translation from 1889 that has Gap Theory footnotes. There was also the Day Age Theory. Ultimately, the Bible says in Romans 5:12 that in Adam all men died, so if there was death before that, Christ's death on the cross for sin, is undermined, because death is no longer the penalty for sin, but a natural process. Evolution is an attack on God's Word right from page one. I have never seen anything evolve in my life, I have seen death, decay, and degradation. I have seen many things get created, and invented by intelligent people made in God's Image. To believe evolution one must believe that the world came from nothing and by nothing. As much as Hillsdale promotes philosophy, I can't believe they compromise on evolution. As bad as that is, Christian Colleges compromising on evolution is far worse.



The Church: The Saints Of God Assembled

"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." Hebrews 10:25

By Riley J. Hood

When one talks to their neighbor about Jesus, you get as many responses as there are individuals. A common response is, "I'm spiritual but I'm not religious." That of course is a progression farther away from Christianity than the Baby-boom or Gen-X "I'm a Christian in sense, but I don't attend Church." Namely, "St. Marks is the church I don't go to, but I was baptized there." Such attitudes were never accepted, terms like "there are no lone-ranger Christians," were common forty years ago. Yet I received a letter from an Evangelical Pastor promoting his ministry, "Not everyone can walk into a church building on Sunday morning. Some are confined to their homes due to age or illness. Others are behind bars. Many live in places where following Christ means risking their freedoms, or their lives." This man has a penchant for excuse making.

He goes on, citing a man from Tennessee, "I am 88 years old and am no longer able to attend my local church because of severe hearing loss." He cites a woman in Indonesia, "I live in the world's largest Muslim population and feel increasing hate and aggression from radical Muslims around me." She then went on to thank this pastor for his online programs. (I doubt anyone living amongst Muslims uses the term "radical Muslim" to describe these people. Radical Muslim it a western wimpy term.)

Most Churches are wheel chair accessible, or have a Visitation Pastor. Regrading the underground Church, fellowship together is what the House Church is all about. All the original Churches were in homes, and not in "Church Buildings." Why? The name Church, or Ecclesia, means an assembly. It means the Saints Assembled, and not isolated individuals, like we had six years ago under the Covid-19 socialist tyranny. It is not the saints tuned in, nor the saints online either. There is nothing wrong with good gospel programming, and broadcasts, but it is no substitute for gathering on the Lord's Day to worship the Lord, which Christians are commanded to do. It is no substitute for partaking in Communion, and hearing an exhortation from a Pastor who loves Jesus, and knows and cares for you and your family. To leave Christians to figure it out all by themselves, having to sort through the heresy that abounds over the radio-waves, the airwaves, and the computer is tell them it is okay that you are a sheep without a shepherd. May the Good Shepherd have mercy upon our souls, and upon our nation.



Christian friends,

I know that many folks believe you can't just reason your way to Christian faith, and I get it. But faith that cannot be justified or defended with reason is vulnerable to being undermined and lost. I really like this quotation attributed to "Dr. David Berlinski, an American philosopher, educator, and author" responding to arguments made in Richard Dawkin's book, "The God Delusion":

"Has anyone provided proof of God's inexistence? Not even close. Has quantum cosmology explained the emergence of the universe or why it is here? Not even close. Have our sciences explained why our universe seems to be fine-tuned to allow for the existence of life? Not even close.

Are physicists and biologists willing to believe in anything so long as it is not religious thought? Close enough. Has rationalism and moral thought provided us with an understanding of what is good, what is right, and what is moral? Not close enough. Has secularism in the terrible 20th century been a force for good? Not even close, to being close.

Is there a narrow and oppressive orthodoxy in the sciences? Close enough. Does anything in the sciences or their philosophy justify the claim that religious belief is irrational? Not even in the ball park.

Is scientific atheism a frivolous exercise in intellectual contempt? Dead on."

David Berlinski, The Devil's Delusion: Atheism and Its Scientific Pretensions

VOICE OF JERUSALEM

An alliance of light against darkness

The war against Iran may put America and Israel at the head of a new world order

By Melanie Phillips

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu with US President Donald Trump at the White House, February 2025

The war against Iran, in which America and Israel are rapidly degrading Tehran's powers, doesn't merely offer the hope of relief for the whole world by eradicating one of its most evil, murderous and far-reaching regimes.

We are also witnessing an even more momentous development — the likely birth of a new world order pivoted around that alliance between America and Israel.

Like a drowning man clutching at a boat he doesn't even realise is holed and sinking, Britain's prime minister, Sir Keir Starmer, is clinging to the "rules-based international order". As a result, he refused to support the bombing of Iran because he said it was illegal under international law.

According to those rules, war is only permitted as a response to an attack that's imminent or already underway. Defence is fine; attack is not. The fact that a pre-emptive attack might be the only effective form of defence is dismissed as against the rules.

This means that even if the creation of an Iranian nuclear bomb was a mere 10 days away, as was reportedly the case, Israel would have to sit on its hands until almost the point of detonation before it became legal for it to attack.

Law thus becomes a formula for national suicide.

When the war started on February 28, Starmer refused to allow the Americans to use British-run air bases, including the crucial base on Diego Garcia, on the grounds that the war was illegal. He granted permission only after Iran started firing missiles at allies in the Gulf and at British forces stationed in Cyprus.

Starmer then hedged this belated gesture about by saying that British forces would be used to defend its allies but not to attack Iran. And it wouldn't defend its American and Israeli allies because they had started an "illegal" war.

This was a wholly incoherent and morally unconscionable position. Such legalistic casuistry derives from the fact that liberal universalists like Starmer have made international law into a religion because they believe it replaces war by rules ordaining negotiation and compromise.

Far from producing an end to tyranny, persecution and oppression, however, this international order has created a world in which the United Nations, which administers the rulebook, is in bed with Hamas. And the world body has long empowered states that pose an acute threat to freedom, such as Russia, China, North Korea and Iran, to hold the whole world hostage to their predatory and murderous agendas.

Moreover, the entire international human rights and humanitarian order has been turned into a weapon against Israel. Far from promoting peace and justice, it facilitates and sanitises terrorism, genocidal mass murder and gross injustice.

The result is that Starmer has brought shame and humiliation on his country. This is a nation that once led the world in warfare — an island nation whose storied navy dominated the seas and which in 1940 stood alone against the Nazis. Today, it has failed to defend its own people — some 240,000 Brits live in Dubai and Abu Dhabi — and won't even get its warship out of mothballs to send to Cyprus before next week.

Starmer has provoked the undiluted fury of the Emiratis and Kuwaitis, who say they no longer see Britain as an ally because it refuses to join the battle against Iran.

US President Donald Trump told reporters that he was "disappointed with Keir," who is "not Winston Churchill". For once, that was a Trumpian understatement. Churchill must be revolving in his grave.

Starmer has now blown up Britain's "special relationship" with America. He has turned Israel into a pariah — principally because it stands against the liberal universalist faith in negotiated compromise that it rightly believes would bring about its own destruction.

The resulting toxification of Israel has given rocket fuel to Islamists in an alliance with other anti-Zionists and antisemites that's poisoning British politics and society and hanging British Jews out to dry.

What few have properly understood is the enormous change in the world order that may result from this war. Few have realised the extent to which Iran has propped up the axes of evil that have taken the world to hell in a handbasket.

The triumph of the Islamic revolution that brought the Tehran regime to power in 1979 galvanised, incentivised and provided material support for other Islamists to wage jihadi holy war against the West through strategies of infiltration, subversion and terror. Destroying the Tehran regime would deal a blow to the Islamist goal of destroying Western civilisation.

It would also transform geopolitics by dealing a blow to China and Russia. Iran was indispensable to China in supplying it with oil. It was also crucial to China's Belt and Road Initiative — its plan to create overland and maritime economic corridors to promote Chinese domination in global affairs.

For Russia, Iran has been vital as a major supplier of drones in its war against Ukraine and as the indispensable gateway for the International North-South Transport Corridor linking the Moscow region to the Iranian port of Bandar Abbas. With Russian influence much diminished in the Caucasus and in Syria, Iran was one of Moscow's last bastions against the West in Eurasia.

Iran had recently finalised a 20-year comprehensive strategic partnership treaty with Russia and accelerated its 25-year co-operation programme with China. If the Iranian regime is destroyed, the baleful grip on the world by this axis of evil would be replaced by a new alliance promoting freedom and prosperity.

At the heart of that is the military, intelligence and security alliance between America, which has recovered its position as leader of the free world rather than presiding over its surrender, and Israel, which has rediscovered its biblical warrior identity and has become the regional superpower in the Middle East.

Israel is poised to be the fulcrum of the developing India-Middle East-European economic corridor. This stands to push the Belt and Road Initiative into the shadows.

It will enable goods to move from Southeast Asia via India across the Middle East through Saudi Arabia and Jordan and on to Israel. From there, goods will be shipped to multiple points in Europe and on to the United States.

India is key, and the visit to Israel by its prime minister, Narendra Modi, on the eve of this war was deeply significant. As he told the Knesset, India has been the fastest-growing major economy in the world and will soon be among the top three. And under Modi, India is a staunch ally of Israel in their common struggle against Islamic holy war.

In addition, further normalisation agreements between Israel and moderate Arab states, not to mention a West-facing Iran itself, could usher in years of regional stability and economic prosperity.

In other words, the destruction of the Iranian regime may unlock a really brave new world. So this is a war in which there is everything to play for in the otherwise Sisyphean attempt to defend civilisation against barbarism.

And Keir Starmer has placed Britain on the wrong side of this seismic struggle.

The "rules-based international order" to which he so slavishly adheres and was supposed to usher in the brotherhood of man has merely ushered in the Muslim Brotherhood, which is now well advanced in subverting and conquering Britain and other Western countries for Islam.

This war against Iran may end in chaos or the survival in some form of the Tehran regime, which would be a tragedy for the oppressed Iranian people, and a setback for peace and justice everywhere.

But it may be seen with hindsight as the pivotal moment when the old international order gave up the ghost of its own decadence and was replaced by a new global framework in which Israel, the light unto nations, was finally able to see that radiance begin to illuminate the world.

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is that it is a quintessential asymmetrical attack. It takes the weaknesses of the Iranians, like the inability to coordinate forces, lack of logistical and administrative support, the absence of command and control, and paucity of concurrent communications, and turns those into strengths. When those don't exist, the cells are hard to locate. If you have small groups of fanatics, whose sole purpose is to go to a given location at a given time, and kill everybody they see until they themselves are killed, you don't need any kind of support. They are akin to drones – meat drones that their overlords can fire and forget. And since American forces tend to look at the enemy support systems to find weaknesses, which is one of our advantages because we do it so well, you end up neutralizing the American advantage. Americans want to beat the enemy long before there's an actual gunfight. In this way, against an Iranian enemy, an asymmetrical attack would ensure lots of gunfights, giving Iranian proxies the ability to cause significant casualties where they wouldn't have the ability to do that otherwise.

In The Attack, thousands of these little cells are activated and strike, murdering scores of Americans before the government is able to form a coordinated response. But, as in reality, in the book, we see what I suspect we would see if the Iranians attempt something like this in real life. What we would see is normal Americans fighting back.

You see, if the homeland becomes a battlefield, we all become soldiers. We have a great counterintelligence team, and the FBI is back to protecting the American people instead of the Democrat elite. Still, they, along with our great law enforcement first responders, can't be everywhere all the time. We citizens, can. All of us could be face-to-face with the enemy, whether another Ndiaga Diagne at a bar or a bunch of like-minded psychos in a church, a school, a shopping mall, or at a militantly cis-gender hockey game; their goal would be to bring the war to us, and our obligation would be to fight it and win it. But how do normal citizens do that?

You buy guns and ammunition. You train with them. You carry them legally. You get into the mental mindset that bad things can happen, and you need to be ready. Except in the blue states, where they put up hurdles to stop you from defending yourself, your family, your community, and your Constitution. Gavin Hairstyle and his ilk would rather you die than upset the aforementioned neurotic wine women and femboy libs who fear guns and manhood.

This admonition that you must be a warrior too is not some hooah big talk. That's reality. As everybody knows, except liars and fools, armed citizens have long been able to intervene to stop crimes with their lawfully carried weapons. What we're talking about here is something even more sinister than some gender goblin with a grudge over his unwanted penis shooting up a preschool; it's terrorists shooting up everything as part of a plan to commit mass murder as terrorist retaliation against the United States for taking out their pals in Tehran. You've got to be ready. If you can legally carry a weapon on you, you should, and a long weapon in the truck provides you with critical combat options if this goes down. But you should also practice with your guns. And don't forget the other component of this – medical training and gear to stop the bleeding should you find yourself in the middle of a terrorist attack.

You didn't ask to be a hero, but you are an American citizen, and that makes you hero-capable. It is your duty as an American citizen to do your best to protect your fellow citizens. If you can fight, you've got to be ready within the guardrails of your abilities and the law.

Our great troops are fighting this battle overseas as we speak. There is a non-zero chance we will have to fight this battle in America. Some people will dismiss this warning as silly. Some people will dismiss this as paranoid. They will run when it happens. You need to decide in advance that you won't.

If it doesn't come to fruition, that's more than fine with us. We don't want a fight, but, dammit, if those b******s start a fight in our home, we need to be ready to finish it.

Beglinger Blast . . . Reject and Reclaim

By Joan Beglinger

Political operatives with evil plans are hard at work trying to influence the outcome of Wisconsin's 2026 elections. They have no moral compass to constrain them; dirt and deception are the tools of their trade. They never let the truth get in their way. The freedom loving people of Wisconsin, who care more about honesty than they do about winning, will need to mobilize in massive numbers across the state to expose and defeat them.

Last week voters throughout the state received one of what is certain to be an endless barrage of mailed flyers attempting to deceive them about the conservative candidates running for elected office. This piece was particularly despicable because it was disguised as the "Spring 2026 Non-partisan Voter Guide for the Wisconsin Supreme Court." There are no non-partisan voter guides in our hyper-partisan political environment. Paid for by The Justice Project Action, this colorful, expensively produced flyer featured a side-by-side comparison of Chris Taylor and Maria Lazar, the candidates for Supreme Court on the April ballot. The crafters of this hit piece used cherry-picked and manipulated information about each candidate to lead the voters to the "non-partisan" conclusion (without saying so) that Chris Taylor is the right choice for Wisconsin.

Serious investigative journalism, a hallmark of the free press that our Founders envisioned would follow the truth wherever it leads, has been nearly nonexistent for a long time. The liberal political biases and dishonesty of many in the media have transformed them into a public relations arm of the Democratic Party and left us to fend for ourselves in the search for truth.

Start Pulling on the Thread and It Just Keeps Coming

My investigation into The Justice Project Action was like pulling on a loose thread that just keeps coming. The Justice Project Action is a 527 political organization. ProPublica, an investigative journalism organization with a focus on exposing abuses of power, corruption, and betrayal of public trust, reports "Every year hundreds of millions of dollars flow through little known political organizations called 527s". A 527 is a tax-exempt organization whose primary purpose is attempting to influence the elections of candidates to public office at any level.

The Justice Project Action proved to be a secretive organization that is difficult to investigate. It runs a website called "Wisconsin Decides" that contains little information other than an on-line version of the mailer that was sent out last week and information about how to vote. I was unable to find out anything about who is leading this enterprise, but I did learn that an organization called The Justice Project, a political action committee (PAC), contributes to The Justice Project Action. The two organizations share an address in Washington DC.

The Justice Project supports and opposes candidates for elective office. It is run by Democratic activists. This led to:

Our American Future Action, one of the major contributors to The Justice Project ($4 million). Our American Future Action is part of Our American Future Foundation which supports Democratic candidates and promotes liberal policies including abortion and "pro-worker initiatives." This led to:

Our American Future Action's support of an organization called A Better Wisconsin Together, a "research and communications hub for progressives" that supports liberal candidates and causes. This led to:

A Better Wisconsin Together is an affiliate of Progress Now, a dark money organization that is not legally required to publicly disclose its donors. Dark money organizations spend about a billion dollars each election cycle trying to influence election results. They exploit loopholes in election finance laws to keep their donors anonymous and avoid scrutiny by the Internal Revenue Service.

A Better Wisconsin Together was founded in 2020 and since then has spent nearly $11 million on elections in Wisconsin. The organization's Executive Director is Chris Walloch, a former Coordinated Campaign Director for the Democratic Party of Wisconsin.

A Better Wisconsin Together was hard at work in the Republican primary of the 2023 Wisconsin Supreme Court race to manipulate which conservative candidate would face liberal Janet Protasiewicz (their candidate) in the general election. The organization spent over $2.1 million opposing Judge Jennifer Dorow against former Justice Daniel Kelly because they thought Kelly would be easier to beat. When Kelly won the primary, the organization then spent almost $2 million opposing him in the general election. He was defeated.

The tangled web of alliances I was able to uncover barely scratches the surface of the dirt and deceit that are infiltrating our elections. It is exceedingly difficult to follow the money through organizations with sinister agendas that are deliberately named to sound like the embodiment of the American spirit and values. That's just how the liars who are claiming to bring a "non-partisan voter guide" to the people of Wisconsin want it.

The Many Ways Liars Lie

The Democratic political machine is ramping up a vicious campaign to try to destroy Maria Lazar in the race for Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice. Hers is just the first of many smear campaigns we will see this year waged against conservative candidates throughout the state. They are the work products of liars who will look us in the eye and tell us black is white.

To date, they are trying to take Lazar down with a two-pronged approach. One is to pretend to be helpful; an objective and neutral source of information for voters to consider. The recent mailer is a classic example. The other is to try to make Lazar into a bogeyman in ads that lie about her positions. The Democrats are trying to resurface abortion as an issue in Wisconsin, and it is high on the list of lies they will craft about Lazar. The television ad they are currently running implies she will try to make all abortions illegal in Wisconsin, claiming she "opposes a woman's right to an abortion. No exceptions." Viewers are urged to call Judge Lazar and tell her she is too extreme on abortion for Wisconsin. I have included links to 2 interviews with Lazar that are worth viewing. If you do, you will likely find yourself outraged when you hear the lies being aired about her. You will know they deliberately distort her words.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jCZo5IbpZHU&t=790s

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pOH1YKZ--8M

Facts That Can Be Verified

The truth will be hard to come by in the election propaganda that will be spewed by both Parties this year. Here are facts you can verify for yourself about Maria Lazar and Chris Taylor.

FACT: Maria Lazar has never been a member of a political party. She describes herself politically as conservative leaning. She was part of a small, private law practice for 20 years and an Assistant Attorney General in the Justice Department prior to becoming a judge. She was elected to positions as a Judge on the Circuit and Appellate courts.

FACT: Chris Taylor is a member of the Democratic Party. She was the Attorney and Policy Director for Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin before her election as a Democrat to the Wisconsin Assembly. Nearly a decade later, she was appointed by a Democratic Governor as a Circuit Court Judge and later elected an Appellate Court Judge.

FACT: Maria Lazar has one of the most robust websites we have seen in any election. It is full of details about who she is, why she is running, and her judicial philosophy. She has placed her legal opinions on the site to make it easy for voters to learn how she has ruled in previous cases. She uses an educational style to equip voters with the information they need to understand the law, the role of the judiciary and where she's coming from.

FACT: Chris Taylor has one of the flimsiest websites we have seen in any election. She provides little information that will help voters evaluate her and describes her judicial philosophy as "people-centered, grounded in making sure people get a fair chance in our courts." Unlike Lazar who stresses the absolute requirement that judges stick to the facts of the case and the law as written, Taylor "knows how important it is for our courts to be places where people feel heard, respected, and treated equally under the law." She speaks the language of liberal extremists. Voters have good reason to expect that if Taylor is elected to the Court, she will be an activist judge like the 4 liberal Justices who have endorsed her.

FACT: Lazar and Taylor have long track records. Lazar has made hers easily accessible to voters. Taylor and her backers know Wisconsin voters will not knowingly elect a liberal extremist, and they are going to make it difficult for voters to uncover the truth about positions she has championed and how she has voted and ruled in her previous roles.

FACT: Maria Lazar has expressed the desire to appear side by side with Chris Taylor in forums across the state and debate her as often as possible. Taylor will not appear at events with Lazar and has only agreed to a single debate. It will take place on Wednesday, March 25 at 7:00 p.m. Watch it. If the media moderators conduct a legitimate, unbiased debate, Lazar will have an opportunity to set the record straight.

Reject and Reclaim

I do not know Maria Lazar. I have heard her speak several times and I am paying attention. She presents herself with more substance than we typically see in candidates for any elected office; knowledgeable, transparent, experienced, principled, decisive, and willing to engage on any issue. I believe her when she says she will bring independence, impartiality and integrity to the Court and her personal views will not play a role in her rulings. I take it seriously when she cautions that if we continue to elect political activists to the Court, we will have a "super legislature" rather than a Supreme Court. In my opinion, electing Maria Lazar to the Supreme Court of Wisconsin will be a significant win in the fight for freedom.

There will be a lot of dirt and deception thrown at us from both Parties during the 2026 election cycle. Now is the time to reject it all, exercise our own good judgment, and take another meaningful step forward in reclaiming our state.

