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Blame Anti-Fossil Fuel Crusade, Not War in Iran for Gas Prices

By Larry Bell

Actions by the United States, directed at Iran, have resulted in the temporary closure of the Strait of Hormuz in the Mideast.

The Strait is a chokepoint controlling about 20% of global oil.

The result appears to be, comparatively speaking, a very brief spike in gas prices in exchange for permanently curtailing a radical regime's ability to weaponize vital international shipping channels, or develop nuclear weapons to advance its "Death to America, the Great Satan!" commitment.

Nevertheless, former Vice President Kamala Harris would like you to believe that a recent surge in gas prices to over $4.00 (a level not seen since the Biden administration while she was in office when they topped $5) are to be blamed on President Trump and his "war of choice" on Iran.

Recall that Biden raided the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to reduce price pain ahead of 2022 midterm elections . . . oil subsequently replaced by the Trump administration last year.

Appearing on a video while standing in front of a sign showing fuel rates at a Charlotte, North Carolina gas

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What about Earth's threatened and endangered PEOPLE?

We just had our 57th Earth Day, and our planet's poorest people were ignored yet again



By Paul Driessen

Another Earth Day has come and gone – number 57, like Heinz steak sauce. Once again, the media, activists and international agencies fed us pablum, exaggeration and alarmism.

Our public lands, the Endangered Species Act, biodiversity and environmental

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It's Time to Bring the Southern Poverty Law Center to Justice

By Tom DeWeese

I wrote the following article in January 2018, after the Souhtern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) had written four separate reports on me, listing me and the American Policy Center on their hate list and calling me a liar for exposing Agenda 21 as a global agenda for the "reorganization of Human society," Finally the SPLC is under federal investigation for their lies and crimes. This article reveals that their tactics and influences go much further than just paying the KKK to



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Breaking free from woke drag queens in children's media

By Tom Harris

When children's entertainment turns to indoctrination, we should be seriously concerned about the health of our society. Yet that is exactly what has been happening in recent decades as entertainment companies have begun pushing politically correct narratives, injecting them into children's movies, TV shows, and books.



Disney has been a staple in children's entertainment for over a century, yet in more recent

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The Pentagon Just Released Its UFO Files. Here's What a New Testament Scholar Sees

By Dr. Jeremiah J. Johnston

The Pentagon dropped 162 files today on what the government now calls "Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena." Grainy infrared clips. Black-and-white specks moving across a screen. A composite sketch of a "bronze metallic ellipsoid." And a single line buried in the coverage that the headlines mostly skipped: the Defense Department itself concedes the documents show no evidence the United States has ever made contact with extraterrestrial life.

Let me say plainly what I've been telling pastors who have called me all week: I am not impressed by the imagery. If aliens are real — and I find no compelling reason to believe they are — these blurry frames are not the proof. As former President Obama himself conceded, if the government were sitting on alien bodies, "some guy guarding the installation

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The Absurdity of Michael Mann and Peter Hotez

By Joseph Bast

Sometimes a book is so absurd that writing a review is difficult. So it is with Science Under Siege written by Michael Mann and Peter Hotez and published in 2025.

Readers who follow the climate science debate know Mann as one of its loudest voices. He earned his entry into the ranks of climate alarmists while still a graduate student by inventing the "hockey stick" graph purporting to show the surface temperature of Earth skyrocketing after the start of human greenhouse gas emissions.



Mann's mistakes as a scientist are so egregious that a book about him, featuring

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We are back to accepting Paypal payments

Trump Admits Devolution of Federal Power to States Is Needed

By William L. Kovacs

A few weeks ago, President Trump admitted, "It's not possible for us [federal government] to take care of daycare, Medicaid, Medicare," since we are fighting wars. He then notes that the states will have to raise their taxes to pay for childcare, and the federal government can lower its taxes. This federal-state trade-off is termed "Devolution of Power."



Welcome, President Trump, to the idea of devolving federal power to the states.

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Looking For Fraud In All The Wrong Places

By Joan Beglinger

I am a big believer in states' rights. There are vast differences in how the citizens choose to live and govern themselves from state to state and the last thing many of us want is federal interference in our way of life. Our Founders established a clear balance between federal and states' rights by specifying in the Constitution which powers belong to the Federal Government and designating everything else as belonging to the States.



This separation

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Media Hostility Against Trump Personal, Threatens National Security

By Larry Bell

We might hope the latest of three assassination attempts against President Trump, which saw attendees at the 2026 White House Correspondent's Dinner fearfully crouching under tables, will have aroused broader awareness of real dangers, the president, and those close to him, face.



Those dangers take the shape of routine characterizations, such as a "dictator," and "threat to democracy," and "king," by a more than hostile

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Steve's Say . . .

Something Abnormal Requires Inquiry

On April 30th I had the immense privilege of attending the Republican Women of Waukesha County luncheon featuring Lara Logan as their keynote speaker. I consider Lara not only iconic but THE PINNACLE of journalistic integrity and THE EXAMPLE of what real journalism is, something that mainstream media sources abandoned long ago.

As shown in the accompanying article written by Rolf Lindgren, Lara also addressed the Dane County Republicans a few days later out in Madison. He covers important episodes in her journalistic journey which you can find in that piece. My focus of this Steve's Say will be the message she delivered to us in Waukesha.

After providing a bit about her personal life and elements of her journalistic journey, Lara asked this seemly obvious question, "What is the opposite of normal?"

"Abnormal!" the crowd responded.

"Correct," Lara replied. She continued, "Which requires investigation, things that are normal or things that are abnormal?"

"Abnormal!" the crowd responded again.

"Right again!" Lara then gave her first example of something abnormal, the fact that Marco Rubio received a 99-0 Senate confirmation vote.

"Dose that seem normal or abnormal? A 99-0 vote seems abnormal for anyone these days much less someone nominated by Donald Trump," Lara stated. "I'm not saying that Marco Rubio is a bad guy or that there is anything wrong with him. But that 99-0 Senate confirmation vote should alert us to dig deeper into how and why that abnormal result occurred."



Lara cited a myriad of other obvious abnormalities whitewashed or ignored by the corporate media, from the JFK and MLK assassinations to the attempts on President Trump's life to Dr. Mengele Fauci and the US funded bio-labs in Ukraine and around the world. All of these abnormalities scream for investigation to uncover the truth of what really occurred, who was involved and responsible, why and how these things came into being and what it means to all of us inhabiting this Earth.

That's what real journalists do. And all of us need to do the same thing if we want to get to the truth of anything abnormal, have full transparency and expose any criminal activity. These fruits of our inquiry will direct our future actions in restoring America to greatness once again.

Lara also stated, "Be proud of your Christian beliefs. Wear them on your sleeve. For the only way to ever bring real peace to the world is through Christ and his message."

Lara's final message: We all must get involved. As her very good friend General Michael Flynn continually reiterates, all of us must contribute to our communities, state and country in any way we can, from voting to working in elections to running for political office. The political process is the people's process. It's been stolen and we must fight to get it back.



As someone publishing journalistic media, meeting Lara in person constituted such an incredible honor. Having been to South Africa and researched the truth about that nations past, and it's not anything like what you've been told, her journey from birth to international correspondent to Patriot Leader astounds me. Her radiance of fearlessness and self-assurance exudes hope and courage, compelling you to follow her to the ends of the Earth.

Lara Logan is the real deal. Hopefully the MAGA Patriots in America and around the world recognize the immense treasure Lara Logan brings to the Great Awakening.

May God Bless Everyone in their Personal Journeys.

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Lara Logan Speaks from the Heart

By Rolf Lindgren

On Saturday, May 2, conservative superstar Lara Logan spoke at the Republican Party of Dane County Lincoln Day Dinner in Madison, Wisconsin. Lara delivered a terrific address.

It was 2011 and Egyptian dictator Hosni Mubarak was under siege. Lara went Egypt to cover the Arab Spring uprisings for CBS News.

Lara was accused of being an Israeli spy! She fought back.

Lara is really a Christian born in South Africa who by then resided in the United States.

At the time there was a feeling that Mubarak would fall. He had been dictator for 30 years.

Lara saw a heavily cloaked woman with eye slits. Her sign said "Freedom for Egypt is freedom for Egyptian woman."

Then her translator yelled: "We have to run!!!"

Lara and her translator were overwhelmed by a mob.

At first we thought the young Egyptian men would help us. But women were raped, sodomized, and beaten.

Lara was so scared she thought "stay on your feet or you're gonna die."

She was fighting for breath. The mob sucked all the oxygen out of the air.

"I felt fear."

"I know something about fear," Lara confided to us.

"I accepted my own death."

"I hoped I would live."

"The terror was indescribable!"

Lara cried.

Then the Egyptian military fought through the mob.

"They wouldn't touch me because I was naked."

Finally they covered me.

"Why am I telling you this?"

"Don't fight for things that don't exist anymore."

Islamists are protected and funded by the left.

"Evil is on the march."

"God and truth are the most powerful weapons of all."

Lara Logan spoke to us not as a victim but as a fighter. She wants us to know she will fight against evil, even when it puts herself in peril.

"I never give up," Lara says.

"I believe good is stronger than evil."



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Why Undoing the EPA's Greenhouse Gas Rule Matters for Americans

By Thomas Savidge

The recent rescission of the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Greenhouse Gas Endangerment Finding and Motor Vehicle Greenhouse Gas Emission Standards Under the Clean Air Act marks one of the largest deregulation efforts in a generation. Among the 571,672 comments the EPA received on this issue last September, my colleagues at AIER Drs. Julia Cartwight, Paul Mueller, Ryan Yonk, and I joined the State Financial Officers Foundation (SFOF) and thirteen state financial officers in submitting a public comment in support of the rescission.

The Endangerment Finding was rescinded in February 2026 by President Trump and EPA Administrator Lee Zeldin. This action stands to help make life more affordable, reduce regulatory uncertainty, and rein in an expansive administrative state.

What Was the EPA's Endangerment Finding?

In 2007, the Supreme Court case Massachusetts v. EPA (2007) ruled that the EPA was allowed to regulate greenhouse gases because they qualify as air pollutants under the Clean Air Act. From this ruling and a failed attempt at getting a climate bill through Congress, President Obama leaned on executive rulemaking.

From his exercise of executive authority came the EPA's Endangerment Finding. The finding declared six greenhouse gases broadly endangered public health and welfare, thus requiring regulation. The Endangerment Finding was the basis for vehicle emission regulation, but soon spread beyond that, resulting in costly burdens for Americans.

One hurdle, however, was that the Clean Air Act was designed to regulate industry, not the specific gases themselves. As Judge Glock of Manhattan Institute notes, "The act required federal permits for any source that emitted more than 100 tons per year of an air pollutant. By this measure, some families would need permits."

Despite some Supreme Court rulings limiting the EPA, the Endangerment Finding led to regulations that made life less affordable for the average American. Regulations under the Biden Administration EPA alone cost an estimated $1 trillion. Additionally, as we discuss in our comment, these regulations encourage a "ratchet effect," where the government (in this case, the executive branch and the EPA in particular) expands in size and/or scope of authority due to perceived crises and rarely fully recedes. This, ultimately, decreases accountability.

In the end, the Endangerment Finding enabled the creation of stringent rules but failed to clearly demonstrate the social benefits of individual policies proportional to their economic costs. The regulations stemming from the finding made life less affordable, but the benefits of said regulations were much more difficult to prove.

The Benefits of Rescission

Our comment focused on three key areas: the economic benefits of rescission, the dangers of an expansive administrative state, and the effects of the potential rescission on federalism.

The economic benefits of the rescission stem from the rollback of the burdensome regulations discussed in the previous section. Repealing these

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CFS CEO Pooh-Poohs Claim Fusion Is Not Worth the Money

By Duggan Flanakin

Just as Commonwealth Fusion Systems, a company spun off from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 2018, was announcing that its mission to build a compact fusion power plant (the SPARC) based on the ARC tokamak design was nearing completion, a team of engineers from ETH Zurich (the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology) were throwing cold water on the idea that fusion power plants (FPPs) can be cost-competitive in future net-zero energy systems.

Tobias Schmidt, founding director of the Albert Einstein School of Public Policy at ETH Zurich, lead author Lingzi Tang, and two others published their findings in Nature Energy on March 23. They concluded that the large unit size, extraordinary complexity, and intermediate need for customization of FPPs are empirically linked to experience rates (cost reductions for additional units) of 2% to 8% rather than the industry's estimates of 8% to 20% – and that, paired with expected high initial capital costs, spells financial doom for the fledgling industry.

Schmidt told Techxplore.com that, after hearing promises from "some actors in the fusion space" of extremely low levelized costs for FPPs, his team applied to fusion an ETH framework that analyzes why some technologies learn with higher experience rates than others. The team compared magnetic fusion (which prompts fusion by confining hot plasma using powerful magnetic fiels) and inertial fusion (which works by compressing fuel using lasers).

Casey Crownheart, writing for MIT Technology Review, said the ETH team asked fusion experts to evaluate FPPs on size, complexity, and customization to predict an experience rate. Tang told Crownheart that "there was almost unanimous agreement that fusion is incredibly complex," and that reaching the experience rate of 23% for solar modules, 20% for lithium-ion batteries, or even 12% for onshore wind power was highly unlikely.

Tang believes it would take a lot of deployment and quite a long time for the price of building an FPP to drop significantly – and thus that "questions should be raised about current investment levels in fusion," especially investments by the federal government. "If you're talking about decarbonization of the energy system," said Tang, "is this really the best use of public money?"

Not coincidentally, CFS is building its prototype FPP – the SPARC (smallest possible affordable, robust, compact) tokamak – in collaboration with MIT at its Devers, Massachusetts, facility, with completion now scheduled for 2027. CFS CEO Bob Mumgaard says it will be the world's first commercially relevant fusion energy machine to produce more energy from fusion than it needs to power the process – or net energy generation (Q>1).

Mumgaard went on the record with Reuters' Tim Gardner just days after the ETH Zurich report was published and spoke extensively about the progress his company is making toward its goal of building a larger FPP in Virginia starting in this decade. Mumgaard noted that the ETH Zurich authors are unaffiliated with fusion (Schmidt even said they would not be doing further studies on fusion costs). These academics did not contact him or anyone who is building "anything."

"When you actually look at … the speed at which we're able to build our things, the ability that we've actually shown to decrease the cost of every component that goes into it, those are following well-known industrial trends that are not from the 1950s or 1960s but are from today. And so we remain very bullish that power bills in Virginia in the 2030s will include fusion."

Mumgaard says the scaling of costs for FPPs depends not on "the right geographies" or "the right contracts" or even the various flows of big systems but rather on how quickly you can manufacture plants and install them. France switched to nuclear energy in just two decades, and it is even possible that fusion can go significantly faster – possibly as rapidly as what we are seeing in the digital world.

A CFS spokesperson added that, while "we appreciate that researchers are looking into the economics of fusion power plants, the [ETH Zurich study] makes some assumptions that we believe are flawed – notably examining learning rates from the top down instead of at the component level and overestimating customization costs. We track our economics very carefully … and we fully expect to be competitive with other energy sources."

Mumgaard, who was just appointed as the first representative of the fusion

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Heartland Institute Takes Austria by Storm, Installing Fear in the Climate Alarmism Movement!

By James Taylor

Hello, friends of The Heartland Institute! Fresh off attending a very successful meeting of global conservative leaders in Budapest last week, I traveled to Vienna to meet with grassroots conservative leaders in Austria. It was an amazingly successful trip!

On May 8 at 10:00 am, I met at Vienna City Hall with Dominik Nepp, the leader of the Freedom Party in Vienna. The grassroots conservative Freedom Party is the most popular political party in Austria, holding a plurality of seats in the Austrian National Assembly. Nepp gave me a tour of Vienna City Hall, then we met in his office, along with three of his top policy advisors, to discuss energy policy.

Specifically, Nepp and his advisors had read a copy of Heartland's Affordable, Reliable, and Clean (ARC) Energy Scorecard and wanted to discuss how the ARC Scorecard might apply in Austria. I felt awed that ARC had gained the Freedom Party's attention all the way in Austria!

Energy policy is a high-profile topic in Austria. Austrian electricity prices, driven up by wind and solar, are among the highest in the world. Nepp's Spokesman for Environment and Energy, Michael Stumpf, presented me with a 30-page summary of Austrian energy policy, along with 80 pages of references and supporting documents. He asked me to review the summary upon my return to America with the hope that I can use the information to create an ARC Austria Energy Scorecard and then craft model energy policy for Austria.

Although the Freedom Party has a plurality in the Austrian National Assembly, a coalition of center-left parties has been able to form the current government with a center-left prime minister. Nepp is confident that in the next round of elections, Freedom Party will attain an outright majority or a sufficiently stronger plurality such that Freedom Party will form the next government with a Freedom Party prime minister. Nepp's hope is that The Heartland Institute will craft an energy policy that Freedom Party can implement immediately upon attaining control of the national government.

At 11:30 am, our group left Nepp's office to have lunch in the Vienna city center. Joining us were Member of the European Parliament Harald Vilimsky and Freedom Party of Vienna Treasurer Ulrike Nittmann. We ended up staying at the restaurant until 10:00 pm, discussing a wide variety of public policy topics and ways that Heartland can help shape policy in a future Freedom Party Austrian national government.

I was absolutely amazed at how Heartland's reputation had preceded this meeting. Vilimsky, who has worked with Heartland in the past (including arranging for me to speak in the European Union Parliament in 2025), told me he flew in from Brussels on the day of our Vienna meeting specifically to meet with me.

At the conclusion of our meeting, Freedom Party leaders Lukas Brucker, Alexander Schindler, and Michael Stumpf accepted my invitation to travel to Warsaw this week to attend a Wednesday evening launch party for Heartland Central Europe.

From left to right, are Lukas Brucker, Ulrike Nittmann, Alexander Schindler, me, Harald Vilimsky, Dominik Nepp, and Michael Stumpf

Brucker – while expressing happiness that Heartland is launching a Heartland Central Europe office in Warsaw – asked if Heartland could set up a Heartland office in Austria, also. I told him I would look into the logistics for such an office. In the meantime, Heartland Central Europe will assist policymakers championing freedom in Poland, Hungary, Austria, Czechia, and other Central Europe nations.

Austrian policymakers seeking an Austria-specific ARC energy model join requests we have from policymakers in the UK and Poland to craft an ARC energy model specific to their nations.

Working with Heartland UK Director Lois Perry and Heartland Central Europe Director Mariusz Zagorski, Heartland has plenty of work on our plate to craft ARC model legislation in the UK, Poland, and Austria. Nevertheless, and to the Left's chagrin, we are up for the challenge!

It is thanks to your support that Heartland is taking the lead regarding Climate Realism and prosperity-building energy policy in America and throughout the world. No longer is America standing alone combatting foolish, expensive, and environment-destroying wind and solar policy!

U.S. Senator Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI), who frequently attacks The Heartland Institute by name, complained in a recent European visit, "What you are seeing here in Europe is that the climate denial operation … built in the United States has now metastasized over here to Europe…."

Whitehouse is scared because Europe is the driving force behind the global climate alarmism movement. Defeating climate alarmism in America AND in Europe will be the death knell of climate alarmism everywhere.

Heartland is leading this global Climate Realism offensive thanks to your support.

Freedom is rising!



From left to right, are Lukas Brucker, Ulrike Nittmann, Alexander Schindler, me, Harald Vilimsky, Dominik Nepp, and Michael Stumpf

U.S. Economy Is 'Bad' or 'Terrible,' Under-30s Say

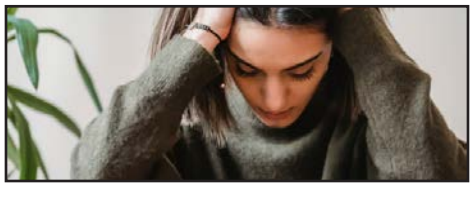
By S.T. Karnick

Young adults across the United States overwhelmingly say that the U.S. economy is currently "bad" or "terrible," and "we're seeing the consequences all over America."

So reported ZeroHedge one day after The Heartland Institute published my new paper on Housing Affordability: America's Short-Term Crisis and Long-Term Problem, where I note that the affordability crisis of the past three or four years has been particularly difficult for Americans under the age of 40: the Millennials and Zoomers. The ZeroHedge item is a reprint of an article that ran at The Economic Collapse two days earlier, by economics and social trends reporter Michael Snyder.

The well-documented rise in housing unaffordability, which I have covered regularly in this newsletter and examine the causes of which in my Heartland paper, has been a boon to older homeowners while concentrating its worst effects on those under the age of 40. Snyder writes,

Our young adults are being hit particularly hard. If you purchased a home 20 or 30 years ago, you are insulated from what is really going on out there. Housing costs are more unaffordable than ever, and many young people have completely given up on the dream of homeownership. Meanwhile, the employment market has gotten very tight, and this is especially true for entry-level jobs.



Do you know anyone under the age of 40 that is doing really well in this economy?

Yes, there are some exceptions, but in general our young adults are really struggling.

Young American adults are rebelling against those they hold responsible for their disappointment, Snyder writes:

It is undeniable that most of our young adults hate this economy.

In fact, a new survey that was just released found that a whopping 84 percent of Americans between the ages of 18 and 24 believe that economic conditions in the U.S. are either "bad" or "terrible"…

A recent survey by Generation Lab found that more than 8 in 10 young adults rate economic conditions in the U.S. as either bad or terrible.

The survey, conducted April 26-29, found that 55 percent of 546 respondents ages 18-24 said they view the economy as bad, while 29 percent said it was terrible.

The same survey discovered that 81 percent of Americans between the ages of 25 and 29 believe that economic conditions in the U.S. are either "bad" or "terrible"…

As for those in the 25-29 age range, 52 percent of 266 such respondents said the economy was bad. About 3 in 10 respondents said it was terrible, for a combined percentage of 81 percent that view the economy negatively.

Like all sensible people, Americans prize financial security and see it correctly as the foundation for independence and self-reliance. That is the American Way, and we recognize that it is the means to achieve the American Dream. Today's young people believe that they are less financially secure than their predecessors, and hence being denied the Dream. Their elders agree with that assessment, Snyder writes,

A different survey that polled American adults of all ages found that 78 percent of us do not feel financially secure at this stage…

A new Intuit Credit Karma/Harris Poll study found that 78% of Americans don't feel financially secure, even if they've been saving and playing by the rules.

Moreover, nearly 3 in 4 Americans (72%) shared that their current financial standing makes them feel like they will never have enough money to achieve the American dream.

When looking at the economic statistics, however, it is difficult to justify a characterization of the economy as "bad" or "terrible" overall. The jobs market has *continued on page 5*

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been up and down, though generally up, and widely publicized reports of mass layoffs by big corporations are more than balanced by expansion among other companies, especially smaller ones.

On Friday, for example, The Epoch Times reported that the jobs market heated up significantly in April, at almost double the rate that economists had expected, and that employment rose much more rapidly in March than the federal government had originally stated:

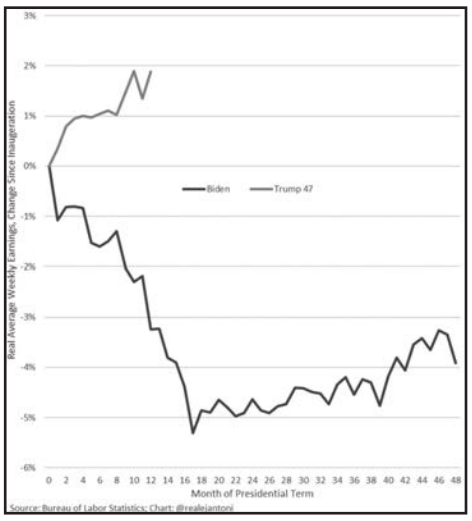
April payrolls rose by 115,000, from the previous month's upwardly revised 185,000, according to new Bureau of Labor Statistics data released on May 8.

The consensus forecast indicated a gain of 62,000 jobs.

The unemployment rate was unchanged at 4.3 percent, in line with market estimates.

For the past year, employment conditions have been typically described as "low-fire, low-hire." New data could suggest that while the economy is witnessing a low number of layoffs, hiring could be gaining momentum.

That is certainly very good news. In addition, wages have been rising faster than inflation has been eating away at people's salaries since January of last year, reversing the dismal performance of the prior four years:



Rising employment will ultimately drive wages even higher, as demand for workers pushes companies to compete with higher compensation and better working conditions. Additionally improving the employment picture is the fact that the new jobs are overwhelmingly in the private sector and with all the net increase in employment going to legal U.S. residents, as I wrote in Life, Liberty, Property in March of last year and other times here and elsewhere since then.

The job gains continue to arise entirely in the private sector, the Epoch Times story reports:

Federal government payrolls continued their downward trend, erasing 9,000 jobs.

"Since reaching a peak in October 2024, federal government employment is down by 348,000, or 11.5 percent," the bureau said in the May 8 report.

"Federal employees on furlough during the partial government shutdown were counted as employed in the establishment survey because they worked or received (or will receive) pay for the pay period that included the 12th of the month."

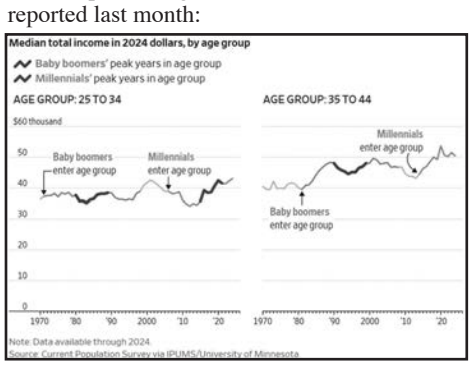
The employment situation is complicated and varies over time. Wages did not rise as much as economists had expected last month, the Epoch Times story notes:

Wages fell short of economists' projections.

Average hourly earnings rose 0.2 percent monthly and edged up 3.6 percent year over year. Markets had forecast a 0.3 percent jump and a 3.8 percent reading, respectively.

The trends are positive overall, however, with after-tax real wages rising. That will greatly benefit younger workers, who are more vulnerable to changes in the job market.

In addition, the data suggest that the claims that Millennials and Zoomers have been doing worse economically than their Baby Boomer and Gen X predecessors are inaccurate and misleading. Millennials, those born in the years 1981 through 1996, have a significantly higher real (inflation-adjusted) median income than the Boomers, born between 1946 and 1964, had at their present ages, The Wall Street Journal reported last month:



Let's start with income. The oldest millennials are now 45, and these charts show the median individual income for them and for boomers in their early decades of adulthood, adjusted for inflation.

Millennials' median incomes at these ages were roughly on par with Boomers', and gains over the past decade put millennials in a better position than many recognize.

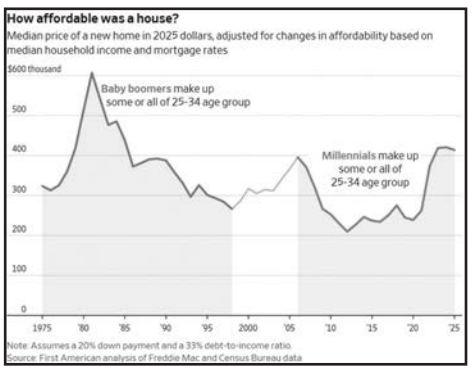
"I think that that bump up in the last 10 years still hasn't been properly assimilated into the public conversation," said Nathan Wilmers, a professor at MIT's Sloan School of Management.

I'll say it hasn't.

Wilmers says the millennials may expect "that as our country gets richer, your income should be going up" just as fast, the MIT economist told the Journal. "Millennials rightly perceive that that has not been the case, at least in the early part of their career."

The general impression among Millennials and Zoomers appears to be that housing and other essentials are much more expensive today than when the previous generations were growing up, placing a much greater burden on today's younger households. That is incorrect as regards housing, the Journal story notes:

One major source of tension is buying a house, an area where boomers and millennials both have a point.



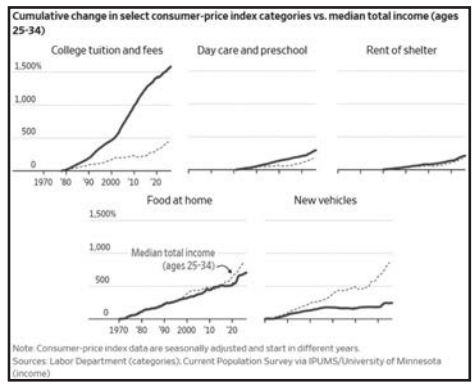
Millennials looking to buy a home in the mid-2020s after a steep run-up in prices have had a tough time. But so did the boomers shopping for a house in the early 1980s, when mortgage rates peaked above 18%.

"It was indeed more expensive in today's dollars to buy a home during that period, and pretty substantially so," said Odeta Kushi, deputy chief economist at First American, a provider of title and settlement services.

Other important items have varied in the changes in their affordability over time, the story reports:

As with housing, the costs of other individual goods and services change at different rates than overall inflation. Millennials' incomes go further than boomers' did on some of households' biggest expenses, but not on others.

One item stands out in that chart: the cost of higher education has more than doubled since the Boomers attended college. Millennials have paid radically more for their college educations, and if they were anticipating a proportionate boost in income—more than two-and-a-half times what the Boomers received in median wage when they graduated from college—the Millennials' reward has fallen far short of expectations.



In fact, younger workers with college degrees are now in greater danger of unemployment than their peers who left college after getting low-cost, two-year, associates degrees, The Wall Street Journal reports:

Among white-collar workers in tech and elsewhere, the angst is spreading. Many college-educated workers are finding it increasingly difficult to find new work after losing a job. Over the past 12 months, unemployment among college-educated workers 34 and under has converged—and now surpassed—the 4.1% rate for people with two-year associate degrees, according to an analysis of Labor Department data by the economist Gad Levanon.

The "job-security premium of a bachelor's degree has—at least for now—disappeared," he noted.

That is the fault of the higher education system and the federal government, not the private sector. Far from representing a market failure, the absurdly exorbitant cost and declining economic value of postsecondary education in the United States are an enormous government-installed drain on young Americans' financial security. The *continued on page 15*

Anti-Fossil Fuel *cont. from page 1*

station, she states, "We've got a president who is paying more attention to what he thinks is in his best political interests and personal interests, as opposed to what is in the best interest of working people in America."

The former U.S. vice president added, "It's 15 more dollars every time you fill up a tank of gas."

Fellow Californian and potential competing 2028 presidential candidate, Gov. Gavin Newsom, D-Calif., is pursuing the same blame-Trump-for-the-war narrative for gasoline price hikes while at the same time opposing offshore drilling and pipelines that would reduce his state's reliance on foreign oil and lower those costs.

Newsom and other Golden State officials have blocked reopening of a Sable Offshore Corp. oil and gas project in federal waters off its coast along with a restored pipeline that carries crude to offshore distribution networks, which hasn't operated since a 2015 spill.

After Energy Secretary Chris Wright invoked the Defense Production Act requiring Sable to reopen operations to address supply disruption risks to some 50 military installations in western states, Gov. Newsom branded the order a "political attempt to point the finger at California to divide and distract the American people from his wartime failures."

Sable reports it has about 540,000 barrels of processed crude oil in storage and plans to begin selling 50,000 barrels a day of oil this month.

California's anti-fossil policies, including its cap-and-tax program, low-carbon fuel standard drilling limitations, and a lack of interstate pipelines, are indeed putting both economic and national security at greater risks.

While U.S. crude production has increased by about 50% over the last decade, California's output has fallen by half.

Rather than produce or use abundant U.S. oil, the state imports about 60% of its crude from overseas, about a third of which comes from the Mideast, with Iran war-disrupted shipping costs contributing about 15 cents per gallon more cost in California than nationally.

California's gasoline prices have spiked to $5.52 a gallon versus an average of $3.72 a gallon nationally.

This scenario has been influenced by about 15% of the state's refined fuels also being imported, much of which again depends on rising costs of Mideast crude.

National record California gas prices aren't a recent phenomenon.

The state has lost roughly half its refining capacity since the 1980s and a quarter since 2019, with no thanks to costly regulations which have made operating and maintaining the facilities uneconomic, causing supply shortfalls and consumer price hikes.

Valero plans to shut down its Bay Area refinery next month at a time when demand for gasoline in Northern California will exceed production by 135,000 barrels a day – equal to about 36% of regional demand.

Editors at The Wall Street Journal have noted the Valero shutdown is a particular cause for national security alarm because a single refinery outage in northern California could create a "fuel emergency in which Coast Guard readiness and Air Force Pacific operations are called into question."

Travis Air Force Base relies on jet fuel from Chevron's refinery, and the Coast Guard Island in San Francisco's Bay area houses Pacific Area Command, the headquarters directing all Coast Guard operations across the Pacific basin.

No, the war in Iran will not have any lasting negative influence on U.S. gasoline consumers. Unlike our European allies, the U.S. doesn't depend on the Mideast for oil, whereas America's fossil dominance has substantially weakened abilities of governments in Iran and Russia to wage war against them.

As for current gasoline prices, Americans paid more than $3.50 a gallon between 2011 and 2014 amid market disruptions caused by Arab Spring protests during the Obama administration, a period when U.S. oil production was less than half of today's.

Regarding U.S. energy, a more economically impactful war is being waged by the left's climate agenda which for decades has enriched and emboldened a hostile regime threatening to weaponize their oil resources while attacking ours.

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SCIENCE & ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY PROJECT

The Week That Was May 9th, 2026

Quote of the Week:

"Physics is essentially an intuitive and concrete science. Mathematics is only a means for expressing the laws that govern phenomena."
— Albert Einstein

Number of the Week:

About 7.7 inches or 0.196 meters per century.

This Week:

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

Scope: This TWTW begins by discussing key points in the "How Science Works" chapter of Reference Manual on Scientific Evidence, Third Edition, and compares it with the "How Science Works" chapter of Fourth Edition and with IPCC science in which the author of the chapter in Fourth Edition is heavily involved. TWTW gives a historical side note on findings on optical dust by John Tyndall who discovered that water vapor is the primary gas that protects the land masses of Earth from entering a deep freeze every night, killing growing vegetation. TWTW then discusses two reports by Roger Pielke Jr.: one, on the lack of media response to the reduction of future carbon dioxide emissions; and two, on the UN IPCC Science Advisory that creates the assumptions that go into global climate models. TWTW closes with an explanation by energy economist Lars Schernikau that electricity serving the public is a system, not a product that can be tinkered with.

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Competition of Ideas: In their open letter to US Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts objecting to the "How Science Works" chapter of the Reference Manual on Scientific Evidence, Fourth Edition, physics professors Richard Lindzen, William Happer, and Seven Koonin compared the new chapiter with the "How Science Works" in the third edition of the manual. Among the objections to the new chapter they stated:

· New Chapter Adopts an Advocacy Framework, Not a Scientific One

The Gold Standard of Science Is Prediction Tested Against Reality

Consensus Is Not the Foundation of Science

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

For a basis of comparison, it is useful to review key parts of the "How Science Works" Chapter of Reference Manual on Scientific Evidence, Third Edition (2011) written by David Goodstein, who was a professor of physics and applied physics, Emertius, California Institute of Technology.

Goodstein discussed various theories of science: Francis Bacon's Scientific Method; Karl Popper's Falsification Theory; and Thomas Kuhn's Paradigm Shifts. Goodstein found issues with each and then described An Evolved Theory of Science. He wrote: [footnotes in text but not presented here and boldface added]

"If neither Bacon nor Popper nor Kuhn gives us a perfect description of what science is or how it works, all three of them help us to gain a much deeper understanding of it.

Scientists are not Baconian observers of nature, but all scientists become Baconians when it comes to describing their observations. With very few exceptions, scientists are rigorously, even passionately, honest about reporting scientific results and how they were obtained. Scientific data are the coin of the realm in science, and they are always treated with reverence. Those rare instances in which scientists are found to have fabricated or altered their data in some way are always traumatic scandals of the first order.

Scientists are also not Popperian falsifiers of their own theories, but they do not have to be. They do not work in isolation. If a scientist has a rival with a different theory of the same phenomenon, the rival will be more than happy to perform the Popperian duty of attacking the scientist's theory at its weakest point. Moreover, if falsification is no more definitive than verification, and scientists prefer in any case to be right rather than wrong, they nonetheless know how to hold verification to a very high standard. If a theory makes novel and unexpected predictions, and those predictions are verified by experiments that reveal new and useful or interesting phenomena, then the chances that the theory is correct are greatly enhanced. And, even if it is not correct, it has been fruitful in the sense that it has led to the discovery of previously unknown phenomena that might prove useful in themselves and that will have to be explained by the next theory that comes along.

Finally, science does not, as Kuhn seemed to think, periodically self-destruct and need to start over again. It does, however, undergo startling changes of perspective that lead to new and, invariably, better ways of understanding the world. Thus, although science does not proceed smoothly and incrementally, it is one of the few areas of human endeavor that is genuinely progressive. There is no doubt at all that the quality of twentieth century science is better than nineteenth century science, and we can be absolutely confident that the quality of science in the twenty-first century will be better still. One cannot say the same about, say, art or literature.

To all of this, a few things must be added. The first is that science is, above all, an adversarial process. It is an arena in which ideas do battle, with observations and data the tools of combat. The scientific debate is very different from what happens in a court of law, but just as in the law, it is crucial that every idea receive the most vigorous possible advocacy, just in case it might be right. Thus, the Popperian ideal of holding one's hypothesis in a skeptical and tentative way is not merely inconsistent with reality; it would be harmful to science if it were pursued. As will be discussed shortly, not only ideas, but the scientists themselves, engage in endless competition according to rules that, although they are not written down, are nevertheless complex and binding.

In the competition among ideas, the institution of peer review plays a central role. Scientific articles submitted for publication and proposals for funding often are sent to anonymous experts in the field, in other words, to peers of the author, for review. Peer review works superbly to separate valid science from nonsense, or, in Kuhnian terms, to ensure that the current paradigm has been respected. It works less well as a means of choosing between competing valid ideas, in part because the peer doing the reviewing is often a competitor for the same resources (space in prestigious journals, funds from government agencies or private foundations) being sought by the authors. It works very poorly in catching cheating or fraud, because all scientists are socialized to believe that even their toughest competitor is rigorously honest in the reporting of scientific results, which makes it easy for a purposefully dishonest scientist to fool a referee. Despite all of this, peer review is one of the venerated pillars of the scientific edifice."

Under the section Some Myths and Facts About Science Goodstein writes in part: [citations omitted here, boldface added]

"'In matters of science,' Galileo wrote, 'the authority of thousands is not worth the humble reasoning of one single person.' Doing battle with the Aristotelian professors of his day, Galileo believed that kowtowing to authority was the enemy of reason. But, contrary to Galileo's famous remark, the fact is that within the scientific community itself, authority is of fundamental importance. If a paper's author is a famous scientist, the paper is probably worth reading. The triumph of reason over authority is just one of the many myths about science. Following is a brief list of some others:"

Included in the list are the following: [citations omitted here, boldface added]

"Myth: The institution of peer review assures that all published papers are sound and dependable.

Fact: Peer review generally will catch something that is completely out of step with majority thinking at the time, but it is practically useless for catching outright fraud, and it is not very good at dealing with truly novel ideas. Peer review mostly assures that all papers follow the current paradigm (see comments on Kuhn, above). It certainly does not ensure that the work has been fully vetted in terms of the data analysis and the proper application of research methods.

Myth: Real science is easily distinguished from pseudoscience.

Fact: This is what philosophers call the problem of demarcation: One of Popper's principal motives in proposing his standard of falsifiability was precisely to provide a means of demarcation between real science and impostors. For example, Einstein's general theory of relativity (with which Popper was deeply impressed) made clear predictions that could certainly be falsified if they were not correct. In contrast, Freud's theories of psychoanalysis (with which Popper was far less impressed) could never be proven wrong. Thus, to Popper, relativity was science but psychoanalysis was not.

Real scientists do not behave as Popper says they should, and there is another problem with Popper's criterion (or indeed any other criterion) for demarcation: Would-be scientists read books too. If it becomes widely accepted (and to some extent it has) that falsifiable predictions are the signature of real science, then pretenders to the throne of science will make falsifiable predictions too. There is no simple, mechanical criterion for distinguishing real science from something that is not real science. That certainly does not mean, however, that the job cannot be done. As I discuss below, the Supreme Court, in the Daubert decision, has made a respectable stab at showing how to do it."

The Daubert decision established the federal standard for admitting expert witness testimony.

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Number of the Week: About 7.7 inches or 0.196 meters per century. In exposing a deceptive trick on sea level rise being used by the Met Office, Paul Homewood references the NOAA's Tides & Currents for Newlyn, UK. Located in Cornwall, UK, Newlyn was selected over one hundred years ago for a tidal gauge because it was geologically stable. Over periods of decades, it appeared that sea levels were sometime rising faster. Also, sea levels were sometimes rising slower. Both probably due to prevailing winds. According to Tides & Currents:

"The relative sea level trend is 1.94 millimeters/year with a 95% confidence interval of +/- 0.15 mm/yr based on monthly mean sea level data from 1915 to 2022 which is equivalent to a change of 0.64 feet in 100 years."

https://www.tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/sltrends/sltrends_station.shtml?id=170-161#tab50yr

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

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

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

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And thank you.

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industry to the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST), is ebullient about fusion's – and his company's – future, much of which depends on the success of the SPARC reactor. The appointment emphasizes the realization that fusion has moved from basic science to applied science to demonstrations that we understand how the science works.

The planned commercial fusion power plant (the ARC), to be sited in Chesterfield County, Virginia, is a partnership with Dominion Energy. CFS anticipates first deliveries of up to 400 megawatts of electricity in the 2030s – with Google and ENI as its first customers. But Mumgaard says CFS is planning to build multiple ARC units in rapid fire if capital is available and the markets are right.

In so doing, says Mumgaard, you learn as you go from one plant to another and eventually get to the point where you believe you have it all sorted out – the technology works, the supply chain exists, the design is refined enough to build units in parallel. The scaling is enhanced because the tritium fuel used in tokamak reactors is regenerative.

Mumgaard says all you need to begin endless production of tritium is "a little starter, sort of like a sourdough starter." SPARC's tritium came from a fission power plant but can make its own. Any tritium that leaks out we recapture and reuse; it's well understood how to contain tritium and well written into the regulations.

While CFS has raised billions in private funding, Mumgaard joined the Fusion Industry Association in calling for a $10 billion federal infusion [denied in 2026] to expedite the deployment of fusion power plants in the U.S. The argument was that, while a decade ago the U.S. was shutting down its facilities and sending its experts to help China bring its own facilities online, things have changed and now it is urgent that the U.S. catch up and surpass the Chinese.

Mumgaard envisioned federal dollars going into three pots – research at the national science laboratories and universities to build the foundations for a future fusion industry; helping the first commercial plants get up and running; and translational research that helps move laboratory innovations into the supply chain and into power plants.

If Mumgaard – and CFS' investors – are right, the ARC is generating electricity at competitive prices ten years from now and a new industry could begin rapid growth. Success would also bring in new investors – and new customers to help CFS (and perhaps other fusion companies) to turn a profit.

Once fusion energy achieves commercial success, Mumgaard envisions a high demand, especially in countries like Japan, South Korea, and Singapore that are attracted to an energy source that uses so little land and natural resources, ends dependency on LNG delivered by tankers, and avoids the threats of nuclear weapons being cobbled together from plutonium.

If that happens, China's massive public sector investment in fusion might not matter.

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regulations could help lower costs of energy production for both producers and consumers. Regulatory reform would also reduce the policy uncertainty from vague statutes, lowering the costs for both producers and consumers.

Additionally, the rescission helps return rulemaking power to the legislative branch. Returning rulemaking powers to the elected legislative branch can improve transparency and accountability.

Furthermore, the rescission improves the balance between the federal and state governments. While Congress has primacy in climate policy, states have greater autonomy to apply local knowledge to environmental and energy challenges. This is especially important given the Supreme Court rulings of Loper Bright Enterprises v. Raimondo (2024), which compels courts to exercise independent judicial judgment interpreting ambiguous statutes rather than defaulting to agency readings, and West Virginia v. EPA (2022), which ruled that agencies must rely on Congress to grant it authority to regulate on issues of "economic and political significance" and allow states to set the enforceable rules governing existing energy sources.

What Comes Next?

The rescission can help shift environmental and energy policy away from command-and-control regulations and toward institutional frameworks that rely on price signals, property rights, and competition. Markets function as a discovery process where entrepreneurs can test alternative technologies, production methods, and energy sources under conditions of profit and loss. When prices reflect relative scarcity, producers are driven to economize on fuel, improve efficiency, and innovate cleaner production techniques to reduce costs.

Additionally, by returning rulemaking to Congress and discretion to the states, the federal government can focus on sustaining "competitive, 'market preserving federalism'" while states are free to innovate without inhibiting free entry and exit between states. Successful institutional arrangements will scale as failed approaches exit as Americans vote with their dollars and their feet. Environmental stewardship emerges through clearly defined property rights, liability rules, and localized governance mechanisms that address identifiable harms.

By allowing market processes to work, people, not government, can drive lower cost abatement strategies while preserving energy reliability and consumer choice.

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Earth *cont. from page 1*

justice are under threat, they raged. Oceans are filling with plastic waste. Big polluting corporations are getting away with "climate homicide" and "planetary ecocide." The Arctic is melting, and polar bear cubs are drowning.

The United Nations took a short break from bashing Israel over "Palestinian genocide" and western nations for the "gravest crime" ever committed against humanity (trans-Atlantic slavery), to proclaim April 22 "International Mother Earth Day" and call for an end to "crimes" that "disrupt biodiversity."

Activists held the "first multilateral conference" on Transitioning Away from Fossil Fuels. Their "Our Power, Our Planet" theme says further progress will require that communities and individuals pressure governments to accelerate the "clean" energy transition from "dirty" fossil fuels.

Forgive my skepticism. But I was a college organizer for very first Earth Day (1970), back when we had real, highly visible environmental problems: air pollution and toxic smog over cities, industrial water pollution that made it unsafe to swim, leaded gasoline, and more. We largely solved those problems.

Since then, greens have grown in domestic and foreign financing, power and influence, and the ability to conduct ideological campaigns and lawfare on issues of irrelevance to the vast majority of Americans, let alone families in the most energy-deprived, destitute, diseased and malnourished nations on our planet.

Any yet, for days leading up to Earth Day and afterward, virtually nothing was said by the UN, WHO, eco-activists, media screed-meisters or I-care-deeply politicians about thesepeople … or even about people in their own developed countries who bear the brunt of climate-centric, anti-growth, net-zero, de-industrialization, lower-living-standards policies.

It's as if people don't exist, and don't belong, on our planet. The herd must be culled.

In the developed world, most climate-focused countries and states have the most pseudo-clean energy mandates and subsidies … the highest electricity prices … the highest prices for goods and services. They're destroying entire industries, leaving thousands unemployed. They have the technologies to utilize their abundant carbon and nuclear energy, but ruling elites don't want citizens to enjoy jobs and living standards based on that energy. Each year thousands die needlessly during frigid winters and summer heatwaves because families cannot afford or obtain proper heating and air conditioning.

The "climate crisis" is s Hollywood special effects disaster movie. The foundation for any "clean" energy transition is imaginary. Utopian energy is simply not clean, green, renewable or sustainable.

When wind turbines, solar panels, transformers, transmission lines and backup batteries or power plants are included, wind and solar energy require dozens of times more raw materials (and thus mining and pollution) and hundreds of times more land than just building a few nuclear or combined-cycle gas plants close to where electricity is needed – andforgetting about any pseudo-renewable systems.

For families in poor nations, the price tag is infinitely higher.

Worldwide, 730 million people still have no access to electricity. Billions more have minimal, sporadic access. In Sub-Saharan Africa, 600 million have no electricity; hundreds of millions more have minimal, unpredictable electricity from small wind turbines and solar panels here and there. The situation in much of rural Asia and Latin America is little better. Ditto for vehicles and gasoline.

The result is entirely predictable. Almost no wage-earning jobs or mechanized farming, but abundant backbreaking work for parents and children in fields – and plenty of malnutrition, disease and death.

Over half the world's people (more than four billion) still subsist on $10 a day.

More than 260 million suffer from critical food insecurity and malnutrition, and 35 million children are acutely malnourished, including 10 million with childhood wasting disease – leaving them with weak immune systems and vulnerable to developmental delays, disease and death

Malaria still infects 280,000,000 people annually and kills 610,000. Indoor air pollution from wood, dung, coal and kerosene cooking and heating fires kills nearly 3,000,000 people globally every year. Up to 3.5 million – mostly children – die annually due to inadequate safe water, sanitation and hygiene. Diseases modern western societies never even hear about sicken, disable or kill still more millions.

Do you think any of their grieving families gives a spotted owl hoot that your local temperature climbed a degree since the Little Ice Age ended, or a polar bear cub drowned halfway around the world?

A major reason is rampant corruption. The World Bank found that at least 7.5% (and as much as 15% or more) of total assistance to the most aid-dependent nations ends up in ruling elites' foreign bank accounts. And yet the WB's International Development Association received $94 billion for the 2022-2025 period. Multilateral development bank financing to top humanitarian recipients was $12 billion in 2020. Total worldwide Official Development Assistance reached a record $161.2 billion in 2020. Do the math.

Far worse, these banks, US and European foundations, and climate, agricultural and other activist groups work tirelessly to prevent these countries from acquiring or developing the electricity and other energy they need to emerge from squalor, starvation and disease. For decades these virtue-signaling banks have provided loans only for wind and solar projects – almost never for coal or gas power plants.

The result? Expensive, limited, unreliable electricity. No modern hospitals, schools, water purification, factories or shops. Continued pollution from wood and dung fuels. No jobs, improved living standards or reductions in killer diseases.

The same institutions – along with UN and other government agencies – oppose pesticides foreradicating locusts and malarial mosquitoes. They wage campaigns against biotech corn, soybeans, canola, and even hybrid seeds and life-saving Golden Rice. They pressure African governments to ban non-organic fertilizers and crop-saving pesticides that have been approved as safe in wealthy countries. Many even oppose tractors and other mechanized equipment.

To them, the only acceptable farming method is "agro-ecology" – la Via Campesina: the Peasant Way – aka, "traditional," "organic," backbreaking subsistence farming.

This, corruption, wars and food-deprivation as a weapon of war is why we still have malnutrition, starvation, disease and astronomical death tolls in African and other impoverished countries.

These global zealots want power over poor countries – not power for the countries' destitute and desperate people. Their morally depraved policies and practices bring death to millions every year.

Developing countries should avoid doing what rich nations are doing now that they are rich. Instead, they should do what rich nations did to become rich. They should remember that wealthy industrialized countries did not have MDBs to help them; they created institutions to finance the power generation and factories that created jobs, middle classes, health, prosperity, new industries … and taxes to pay for more.

They must chart their own destiny – and take their rightful places among Earth's healthy and prosperous people. Decent, moral Westerners must help them end the corruption and make this happen.

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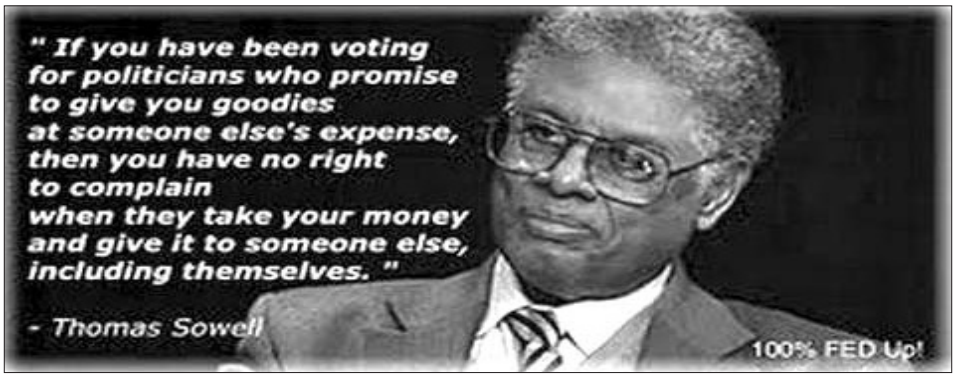

Fantasy Politics and the Radical Left's War on Reality



By Gary Wickert

Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez's latest attempt to rewrite American history is a useful reminder that much of today's radical left does not merely disagree with America's founding principles. It often appears not to understand them. Speaking at the University of Chicago recently, Ocasio-Cortez argued that the American Revolution was fought against "the billionaires of their time," describing the Revolution as a revolt against an "extreme marriage of wealth and power" and the state. That is not a serious historical argument. It is a slogan, and a bad one. The American Revolution was a revolt against imperial rule, parliamentary supremacy without colonial representation, arbitrary power, standing armies, trade restrictions, and taxation imposed by a government in which Americans had no meaningful voice. It was not a class war against wealthy colonists.

The problem with Ocasio-Cortez's formulation is not merely that it is imprecise. It reverses the facts. Most of the Founding Fathers who led, financed, and justified the Revolution were themselves wealthy, commercially successful, or socially prominent. George Washington was one of the wealthiest men in Virginia. John Hancock inherited and built a substantial mercantile fortune. Robert Morris, known as a financier of the Revolution, used his own credit and financial skill to support the Continental Army. Benjamin Franklin became wealthy through printing, publishing, invention, real estate, and public life. Thomas Jefferson inherited wealth, lived like a gentleman planter, and died heavily in debt. Their lives show complexity, contradiction, sacrifice, and human imperfection, but they do not support the cartoon that America was born in a revolt against "the billionaires of their time."

Indeed, the Declaration of Independence ends with the signers pledging "our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor." That line matters because many of them had great fortunes to lose. The British Crown could have hanged them as traitors and confiscated their estates. They were the Donald Trumps of their time, eschewing the good life they had earned and risking everything—including their lives—for the good of their country. Wealthy patriots were not the enemy of the Revolution. In many instances, they were its organizers, financiers, diplomats, soldiers, and political theorists. Ocasio-Cortez's claim therefore turns the Revolution into a TikTok civics lesson, stripped of law, history, economics, and institutional reality. It takes a genuine historical truth, namely that concentrated political power can become corrupt, and mutates it into the false claim that wealth itself was the target of the Revolution.

This is the recurring defect in Ocasio-Cortez's politics. She begins with resentment, adds ideology, and then searches for facts that can be bent into shape. She makes the typical liberal mistake of allowing her opinions to become her facts. The result is not analysis. It is narrative. She has done the same thing with today's wealthy. In a recent podcast interview, she reportedly said, "You can't earn a billion dollars," and then explained that a person can "break rules," "abuse labor laws," or "pay people less than what they're worth," but "can't earn that." That is a misguided moral accusation masquerading as economic analysis and fact. She later attempted to clarify that she was criticizing the "marriage of wealth and power" rather than calling every billionaire immoral, but the original claim remains indefensible.

There are serious debates to be had about tax policy, monopoly power, corporate governance, wage growth, carried interest, inheritance, labor mobility, and regulatory capture. But saying that no one can earn a billion dollars is not a serious contribution to any of those debates. It is the kind of claim that survives only when words are used for emotional effect rather than meaning. She knows that millions of mindless sycophants will now allow this new opinion to become their new facts. If "earn" means receiving wages by the hour, then almost no billionaire earned a fortune that way. But that is not how modern wealth creation works. Wealth is often created by equity, risk, innovation, scale, intellectual property, brand value, capital allocation, and ownership interests that grow as enterprises grow. A founder, musician, investor, inventor, or executive can create something that millions of people voluntarily buy, use, stream, attend, or invest in. That is not theft. That is value creation.

The examples are not hard to find. Taylor Swift became a billionaire primarily through songs, performances, touring, and the economic value of her music catalog, not through inheritance or public subsidy. Jensen Huang became one of the world's wealthiest people through Nvidia, a company whose chips became central to gaming, artificial intelligence, and advanced computing. Forbes reported in 2025 that there were 48 "hired-hand billionaires," executives who became billionaires while working for companies they did not found, which directly refutes the claim that billion-dollar fortunes can only be built through exploitation or inheritance. An Illinois State University paper likewise observed that about two-thirds of the wealthiest Americans in its study were self-made or had gotten there on their own.

It is a sad through that throughout history, a few fortunes were built through favoritism, political access, anticompetitive conduct, or predatory behavior. Some businesses treat workers badly. Some wealthy people use government to protect themselves from competition. But that is precisely why Ocasio-Cortez's rhetoric is so intellectually lazy. It refuses to distinguish between innovation and cronyism, between voluntary exchange and coercion, between inheritance and entrepreneurship, between monopoly abuse and ordinary commercial success. A serious legislator should be capable of making those distinctions. Ocasio-Cortez often seems more interested in abolishing them.

Her defenders will say critics are nitpicking. They said the same thing when she professed not to know what a garbage disposal was for in her Washington apartment in 2019. This laughable episode became memorable because it fit a larger pattern: the confident performance of expertise without the habits of caution, humility, or verification.

That is the real issue. Ocasio-Cortez speaks with great certainty about history, economics, wealth, labor, capitalism, and constitutional government, but her certainty outruns her knowledge. Her comments about the American Revolution are not merely wrong in some technical sense. They reveal a worldview in which every institution is reduced to oppressor and oppressed, every fortune is suspect, every market outcome is exploitation, and every historical event must be forced into a modern ideological template. That is not education. It is propaganda. It is also the mental illness driving Trump Derangement Syndrome and leftist politics.

The American Revolution was not fought to replace one aristocracy with another. It was fought to vindicate the rights of self-government, representation, property, due process, and political liberty against imperial power. The founders were imperfect men, some deeply so, but they built a constitutional order that made lawful reform possible. Ocasio-Cortez enjoys the freedom to denounce wealth, government, capitalism, and the founding precisely because that order exists. She should learn enough about it to stop misrepresenting it.

The radical left's fantasy world is not dangerous because it criticizes America. America can withstand criticism. It is dangerous because it substitutes resentment for knowledge and convenient slogans and baseless opinions for facts. Ocasio-Cortez's claim about the Revolution is one more example of politics untethered from reality. A nation cannot be governed wisely by people who misunderstand how it was born, how wealth is created, and how freedom is preserved.

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Objectives under Comparing Science and the Law, Goodstein writes: [citations omitted here, boldface added]

"Beyond the meanings of certain key words, science and the law differ fundamentally in their objectives. The objective of the law is justice; that of science is truth. These are among the highest goals to which humans can aspire, but they are not the same thing. Justice, of course, also seeks truth, but it requires that clear decisions be made in a reasonable and limited period of time. In the scientific search for truth there are no time limits and no point at which a final decision must be made.

And yet, despite all these differences, science and the law share, at the deepest possible level, the same aspirations and many of the same methods. Both disciplines seek, in structured debate and using empirical evidence, to arrive at rational conclusions that transcend the prejudices and self-interest of individuals."

Here we can see a significant difference between current global warming science and how real science works. Global warming science is based on advocacy of an idea that carbon dioxide is causing dangerous global warming. Yet, the advocates have not produced significant physical evidence that it does. The UN IPCC and its collaborators ignore the history of climate change as reported by geoscientists and by the International Commission on Stratigraphy (the study of rock strata). These studies show that Earth has undergone many periods of climate change and that, in general, Earth has been cooling for the past 2.5 million years. Further, the past million years have been marked by severe glaciation interrupted by brief warm periods.

Before the current warm period, the last warm period was the Eemian (about 130,000 to 115,000 years ago) with temperature and sea levels higher than today. The advocates ignore evidence taken from ice cores showing carbon dioxide levels follow changes in temperatures (predominately from oceans absorbing or releasing carbon dioxide). Thus, variation in carbon dioxide cannot be the major cause of glaciation and interglacials.

The reports of the IPCC have circumvented the scientific method by adding false claims or omitting evidence that contradicts their goal of claiming that the use of fossil fuels is causing dangerous global warming. An example of adding false claims is that after peer-review the Second IPCC Assessment Report (1995) predicted a hot spot over the tropics centered at about 10 km (33,000 feet). After decades of atmospheric research using weather balloons and other means, no such hot spot has been found.

Omitting evidence is a feature of UN IPCC reports. The authors fail to acknowledge evidence of global atmospheric temperature trends which have been gathered for over 45 years.

Instead, global warming advocates have politicized climate science by forcing editors of once respected journals not to publish evidence contrary to their opinions. Thus, the advocates have destroyed the once respected peer-review process. "Climate science" has become a political movement, and needs to be distinguished from real science, even though the political movement includes NASEM (the National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine).

See link under Challenging the Orthodoxy and links under Measurement Issues – Atmosphere for atmospheric temperature trends.

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Historical Side Note: On January 27, 1870, Nature published an article on John Tyndall's findings on organic dust in London's atmosphere and certain optical properties of unpure air. Nature objected to Tyndall's implication of the germ theory of disease. The article states, in part:

"And this led on to the starting of the third theory (c), which asserts that cholera is multiplied in, and is spread around by, the intestinal evacuations of those already suffering from the disease. But even this, although urged in the most forcible manner, did not meet all difficulties; and there arose the demand that it should be supplemented by a fourth theory. In relation to this demand, the latest theory (d) alleges that the evacuations of an individual in whom cholera has not become apparent, and never will appear, may be the means of spreading cholera around."

By endeavoring without observation to attain to knowledge which can only be arrived at by observation, theory has, in this instance, walked round in a circle and left science outside. In great questions affecting the health and life of nations, theories are quite out of place. They do no good, cost money, and bar scientific progress."

In covering topics in climate change today, Nature routinely publishes papers without supporting observations, just speculation while it rejects papers that have observations that contradict the speculations. See link under Other News that May Be of Interest

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Media Confirmation: Last week TWTW carried Roger Pielke Jr's report on what he called "The biggest story in climate science in decades." It has been mostly ignored. He now writes:

"The international committee responsible for official IPCC scenarios had declared the high-end scenarios — RCP8.5, SSP5-8.5, and SSP3-7.0 — to be implausible. These scenarios have dominated climate research, headlines, and policy for the better part of two decades.

Today I review who in the 'mainstream' media has covered this major story and who has so far ignored it."

All model forecasts based on those high-end scenarios (assumptions) are false. But the media is so committed to the claim that carbon dioxide is causing dangerous global warming that it does not care if the claims are false. Further, to TWTW a particular scenario is of minor importance compared to the assumption of the temperature rise from increasing CO2 concentrations, regardless of the scenario. Apparently, Pielke seems to accept IPCC calculations that global temperatures are highly sensitive to CO2 concentrations. There is no physical evidence supporting this view. See link under Communicating Better to the Public – Use Yellow (Green) Journalism?

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Still armed, still free - citizen militia endures as Founders intended

By Sean Maloney

In Wolford v. Lopez (No. 241046), the U.S. Supreme Court granted review (hear audio) of whether Hawaii may presumptively prohibit licensed concealed carry holders from carrying firearms on private property that is open to the public absent express permission from the owner — a rule critics call the "vampire rule."

As Americans await the court's decision, one fact is undeniable: The modern American militia is not theoretical — it is vast, practical, and alive.



Numbers are unmistakable

Conservative estimates place civilian-owned firearms in the United States at roughly 500 million — more guns than people — based on manufacturing and import data compiled by industry and federal reporting agencies. Industry analysis from the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) shows that 491 million firearms were in civilian hands from 1990–2022, and this number has almost certainly grown to well over 500 million today, consistent with the estimates cited earlier in this article.

While comprehensive annual ammunition figures aren't consolidated in a single federal database, reporting from the firearms industry indicates that U.S. ammunition production is measured in the billions of rounds each year — with past estimates showing as many as 8.1 billion rounds produced for the U.S. market in a single year. When accumulated over decades of lawful purchase and storage, civilian stockpiles of ammunition likely exceed one trillion rounds, reflecting the scale and preparedness of America's private, law-abiding gun owners.

These are not numbers of idle hobbyists. Many Americans do not hunt, nor participate in organized shooting sports, yet continue to purchase and store firearms and ammunition. They do so because it is the fabric of who we are as a free nation. History has taught us from our earliest education that Americans have repeatedly had to fight—for independence from a tyrant king, for freedom across the world during WWII, and for the ability to pass liberty to future generations. We prepare and maintain our arms not out of fear, but because it is our responsibility as Americans, reflecting a citizen militia that is ever ready to defend the freedoms enshrined in our Constitution.

Citizen militia — not just a concept but a responsibility

Wolford v. Lopez raises a critical question under the Second Amendment and the court's Bruen decision framework: can a state effectively nullify the right to public carry by making "no guns" the default on private property open to the public unless invited?

The court heard oral arguments on January 20, 2026, and the transcript is publicly available from the U.S. Supreme Court.

Founders' vision of an armed citizenry

The framers spoke repeatedly about an armed citizenry as essential to liberty:

• George Mason: "To disarm the people … [is] the best and most effectual way to enslave them."

• James Madison: "The advantage of being armed … forms a barrier against the enterprises of ambition."

• Thomas Jefferson: "No free man shall ever be debarred the use

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partisan media.

Additionally, our nation's 47th commander in chief has dominated hostile national and global public and social media attention, since 2015. At that time, you may recall, he and Melania descended into a cut-throat political scene via Trump Tower's golden escalator, to initiate his first presidential campaign.

Few mainstream pundits gave him any real prospects for winning the primary, much less beating Hillary Rodham Clinton: a former first lady, senator, and secretary of state.

No press honeymoon upon taking office was emergent either.

The mainstream (or legacy press) immediately took to carrying water an endless blitzkrieg of weaponized legal actions, with the goals of discrediting and removing him.

There has been virtually no legacy media follow-up, in the form of clarification - that the high-profile Robert S. Mueller investigation into charges claiming Trump's 2016 election victory was influenced by collusion with the Russian government, was ultimately found to be unsupported by evidence.

Allegations claimed it was a contrivance on the part of Hillary a "campaign scheme," perhaps in an effort to direct attention away from the deletion of about 30,000 unauthorized emails, including classified documents, on her private server while serving as secretary of state.

Next came blockbuster-featured impeachment trials.

The first involved a Trump telephone call with incoming Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, asking him to check on reports that former Vice President Joe Biden's son Hunter had been paid a million-dollar annual salary as a no-show board member of Burisma, a questionable Ukraine energy company.

Little mainstream media attention was directed to a C-SPAN video of then-Vice-President Joe Biden openly bragging before the Council on Foreign Relations about having threatened to hold back a billion dollars in authorized U.S. aid to the country unless they fired Burisma's government prosecutor.

A second failed impeachment which began just a week before the end of Trump's first term in office involved politically stacked banana republic style kangaroo court U.S. Senate hearings which allowed no cross examination of witnesses regarding the chaotic Jan. 2020 Capital riots to be falsely branded as an "insurrection."

Again, mainstream reports and pundits omitted showing available televised coverage of President Trump telling protestors, "I know that everyone here will soon be marching over to the Capitol building to peacefully and patriotically make your voices heard."

Following his first term of office the nation's 45th president was indicted four more times; twice by federal grand juries and once each in the bright blue jurisdictions of Manhattan and Fulton County Georgia.

Those efforts at legal maneuvering were transparently aimed at disqualifying him as a felon from a 2024 repeat candidacy with a complicit Biden Department of Justice and legacy media fully onboard with that goal.

Take, for example, the first federal indictment charges centering on the ugly spectacle of an early morning Aug. 2019 FBI raid on Trump's private Palm Beach, Florida Mar-a-Lago residence for classified documents — he as former president was fully authorized to declassify — whereas those discovered at multiple Biden properties including his unsecure garage (with no such legal presidential privilege) were somehow considered no big deal.

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"An investment in knowledge pays the best interest"

- Benjamin Franklin

The Success Sequence: A Three Step Guide to Avoiding Poverty

By James Bohn and Greg Grambow

This editorial will be a little different than our others as it is directed to a younger audience. It is applicable to older readers but more at the parenting level.

The success sequence is a series of three simple steps that help a young person succeed in America. The steps are:

1: Graduate from high school

2: Work full-time or marry someone that does

3: Don't have a child unless you are married

A young person that follows just these three simple steps will dramatically reduce the probability of a future of poverty.

Today, around fifteen percent of Americans in their thirties have incomes at or below the poverty level.

But for thirtysomethings who have followed all three steps, the poverty rate is just three percent.

Miss all three steps and the likelihood of living in poverty in your thirties jumps to over fifty percent.

The three step success sequence works for all races and family backgrounds. For example, black Americans who completed all three steps have a poverty rate of just four percent; for whites and Hispanics, it's just three percent.

And, a big plus is that your personal status is not a limitation. For those growing up in households in the lower third of the income scale, only six percent of those who complete the success sequence are in poverty in their thirties.

In addition, a college degree is not the necessary ticket out. Many trade and other skill jobs now pay more than those that require a college degree. Among those without a college degree who complete the success sequence, the poverty rate is just five percent.

So how do we put more young Americans on the path to a brighter future?

The high school dropout rate could be cut if more and better educational options were made available.

One surprising fact about high school dropouts is that the majority weren't failing academically. Some 60 percent had a grade point average of C or better. The primary reason they give for leaving school is they didn't feel motivated or inspired to work hard. We can call that "loss of hope."

School choice would expand the options available to these students. So would expansion of vocational options. The greater the range of options available, the higher the likelihood they will find something that piques their interests, that motivates them to learn and achieve greater things.

Better job opportunities will help too. This starts with the misconception that a higher minimum wage creates financial stability. Actually, a high minimum wage rate reduces the availability of job opportunities for the most economically disadvantaged. So does open-borders immigration. The lack of early job opportunities makes it harder to gain the experience necessary to get on the path to a well-paying, full-time job.

At the most basic level a cultural change is necessary to address the high proportion of births to unwed mothers. Forty percent of births in America are to single moms. In the city of Milwaukee, it's 80 percent. We believe every child is a blessing regardless of how they enter the world. However, statistics show it's easier to raise a child or children in a home with two committed parents, instead of just one.

Finally, young adults need to be made aware of the three-step success sequence. As a young person looking ahead, it can be hard to connect decisions made today with future life outcomes. The success sequence illustrates how our lives are path-dependent; how choices that we make today about schooling, work, and family can affect where we end up.

Surveys show that three-quarters of American parents approve of teaching the success sequence to high school students. Several states now require it to be taught in high schools. Wisconsin is not one of them. We believe it should do so as well.

Beginning with the class of 2028, every high school student in Wisconsin will be required to take a half credit course in personal finance. This is a great step forward.

A central idea in personal financial management is how decisions made today about work, saving and investment affect our economic well-being in the future. The success sequence offers similar insights on education, work, and marriage.

The purpose of high school is to help prepare a person for adulthood. Factual awareness of the three-step success sequence should be part of that preparation

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"It is amazing that people who think we cannot afford to pay for doctors, hospitals, and medication somehow think that we can afford to pay for doctors, hospitals, medication, and a government bureaucracy to administer it."

~ Thomas Sowell

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You rightly seek new solutions to federal mismanagement, especially with a $38 trillion national debt that cannot realistically be paid off. Devolving federal programs to the states would place responsibility for them in the hands of states that are better suited to manage them, since they already manage many of them through federal grants.

Before 1940, states and local governments funded and provided most government services. States have solid managerial experience. This level of government is trusted because it's closer to the people it serves. Unfortunately, the federal government expanded its powers by taxing citizens and returning a portion of the revenue to states only if they implemented federal, not state, priorities.

What the federal government should know before embarking on this excellent idea.

Before the federal government attempts to shift program responsibilities to the states, it should consider several key factors involved in reallocating power between federal and state governments. Addressing these matters is essential, since the federal government has no mechanism for earning money other than taxing its citizens and businesses or borrowing money that future generations will have to repay.

Reality check number 1.

There are currently 1,183 federal grant programs administered by states. Many of these programs are programs that the federal government wants undertaken but does not have the authority or resources to administer. They include education, transportation, rental assistance, child nutrition, day care, income security, and Medicaid, the largest of the grant programs. When the federal government stops funding those programs, it will lose control over those issues since the states will stop implementing them. That tradeoff is acceptable to those who want a smaller, more competent government.

In FY 2023, the federal government distributed $1.1 trillion in specific grants to state and local governments, approximately 36.7 % of their budgets. Overall, USA Facts finds "In FY 2024, the federal government collected around $5.07 trillion from states by taxing their residents and businesses. The federal government then redistributed about $4.87 trillion back to states." Most of the money was for Social Security and Medicare. The federal government borrowed an additional $2 trillion in FY 2024 to pay for its $7.07 trillion in spending. The federal government would lose money if it stopped collecting money from the states.

Reality check number 2.

The central question is whether the federal government would reduce the amount of taxes it imposes on taxpayers by the amount of the programs it stopped supporting? Members of Congress facing reelection would likely demand spending reductions equal to the amounts collected from the states but not returned to them. This situation will require the federal government to determine how to reduce taxes on the states and for the states to increase taxes on their citizens to fund the federal programs they would continue to implement.

If the states must pay for the programs they want implemented, they will determine which programs those are. To be certain, many federal programs will be eliminated. Moreover, for all programs the federal government wants implemented, it will have to pay the full cost, including all necessary staffing, and it will not be able to commandeer state resources to fill in gaps in federal staffing. Under this scenario, the federal government will lose control over most major domestic issues, such as health care, transportation, police, and environment, in addition to the issues of little concern to Trump, such as day care. The upside is that the federal government and Congress can concentrate on national defense, international affairs, and the overall economy. The upside for the states is that they will be relieved of federal pressure to administer programs the federal government wants.

The transition.

The federal government is, in effect, bankrupt regardless of who pays for specific programs. Because the federal government is incapable of managing or financing most domestic programs, and since states already administer them, most domestic programs should be returned to the states. In addition, federal taxes should be reduced by the full amount of the programs it no longer funds. The respective states would then determine which programs their citizens want and pay for them with funds their citizens no longer send to Washington. The states will have more money in their accounts by eliminating federal grants for programs its citizens don't want.

There is no single process to make the transition easy, but there is one essential requirement: States must be involved in negotiations with the federal government before any programs are transferred to them. In Devolution of Power: Rolling Back the Federal State to Preserve the Republic, chapters 20 - 22 are devoted to alternative processes that can help achieve a workable arrangement for states to assume the implementation of federal programs they want to continue, and the federal government can rid itself of most of the domestic programs it can no longer afford or wants to fund.

In the final analysis the federal mandates that citizens do not want or need will be eliminated. That will cause government to rightsized to fit the needs of the people. Before rightsizing government can occur, the federal government will actually have to give up power.

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of power, called Federalism, is the guiding principle to safeguard against the kind of centralized tyranny that drove the colonies to break from Britain while simultaneously providing a check against rogue states. Anticipating disagreements from time to time, Article VI of the Constitution, known as the "Supremacy Clause," establishes that federal laws and the Constitution take precedence over state laws. The Federal Government has the power to intervene when it suits the national interest.

Wisconsin has a serious problem with its election system. Our elections are unverifiable, meaning every vote cast cannot be tied to the name of a currently eligible voter. Over the past 2 years, through the investigative reporting of John Ellis, published in On Wisconsin Outdoors (OWO), voters have been educated about the flaws in the system and the voices demanding that they be corrected grew louder. Those who have a role and a responsibility to correct the problems – elected officials, the Wisconsin Elections Commission (WEC), the media – through silence, deflection and unabashed lying have all sent the same message: There's nothing to see here.

Now the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) is getting involved. Assistant Attorney General Harmeet Dhillon of the Civil Rights Division has requested Wisconsin's Voter Registration List for inspection as authorized by the Civil Rights Act of 1960 to ensure the integrity of federal elections. Wisconsin has refused to cooperate leaving the DOJ no option but to sue. Dhillon recently commented on the Department's position: "Many state election officials are choosing to fight us in court rather than show their work. We will continue to verify that all states are carrying out critical election duties." Every Wisconsin voter should welcome the assistance of the Department of Justice. Here's why.

The Wisconsin Elections Commission is a Threat to Freedom

On April 30 the WEC convened a special meeting to determine that in the spring election, 23 ballots were counted that should not have been in Madison and 5 ballots were not counted that should have been in Mequon. Both findings were inconsequential in the outcome of the election. This is a classic example of how the WEC deceives the public, pretending to pay rigorous attention to election details while deflecting from the real and serious threat to Wisconsin elections.

The WEC attempted to inflate the importance of their insignificant focus on a handful of votes with members of the Commission referring to the vote count in Mequon as "an absurd error" and an "epic failure' while designating the Madison miscount "equally astonishing."

The real epic failure is the WEC maintaining the statewide Registered Voter List that includes 8.2 million total names in a state with only 4.6 million voting aged citizens. The Commission refuses to purge the more than 4 million names of ineligible voters on the List and offers no defense for its indefensible position.

The Brennan Center, a public policy institute based at the NYU School of Law, recently warned, along with other similar organizations, that artificial intelligence (AI) may lead to more cyberattacks on elections. As new models of AI are developed, they "can pinpoint vulnerabilities that even the most experienced human experts would miss." While the WEC digs in to preserve the vast reservoir of ineligible names on the Voter Registration List, many other states' election officials are incorporating improved cybersecurity practices at every step of the election process.

Meaningless "Bipartisan" Voices

Growing numbers of so-called bipartisan voices are cropping up in defense of Wisconsin's election system – another way to deflect and distract Wisconsin voters from the serious problems that make it impossible to verify that election results accurately reflect the will of the people.

A recent opinion piece in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel authored by Tom Barrett (former Democratic Congressman and Mayor of Milwaukee), Scott Klug (former Republican Congressman), Mike Tate (former Chair of the Democratic Party of Wisconsin), and JB Van Hollen (former Republican Attorney General) was an attempt to convince Wisconsinites that President Trump wants the federal government to take control of our elections (a lie) and that "Wisconsin elections are safe and decentralized" (another lie).

President Trump is pushing hard for a standard set of principles across the country that will ensure the integrity of federal elections. Included are proof of citizenship, voter ID, banning universal mail in voting (automatically mailing ballots to all eligible voters), requiring ballots to be received by election day, and requiring that voting systems use voter verifiable paper ballots. These commonsense measures hardly merit the title "Wisconsin doesn't need Trump running our elections" that was chosen by these "bipartisan" authors.

The authors describe Wisconsin elections as "among the most decentralized in the nation" while completely ignoring the centralized Registered Voter List containing more than 4 million names of ineligible voters. They expose their ignorance and/or corruption when they proclaim Wisconsin's elections "are resilient against outside interference," a ridiculous and unprovable assertion with cybercrime being the fastest growing type of crime in the country and the world, costing an estimated $10.5 trillion annually with one million cyberattacks attempted daily.

In another example of "bipartisan" voices defending Wisconsin's election system, a Republican and Democratic member of a group called Pillars of the Community wrote an opinion piece in last Sunday's Milwaukee Journal Sentinel entitled "Don't believe what the polls say about elections. This is the truth." They describe a recent sit down with local election officials that left them confident that the election system is "accurate, reliable, secure and administered by dedicated public servants." They contrast their experience with a recent Marquette University Law School poll that found 1 in 4 of those surveyed are not certain votes will be accurately counted and 44% believe local officials falsify vote counts "some of the time."

These perhaps well-meaning authors were led astray by the Marquette poll which failed to ask the real

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Why to NOT Vote for Tom Tiffany

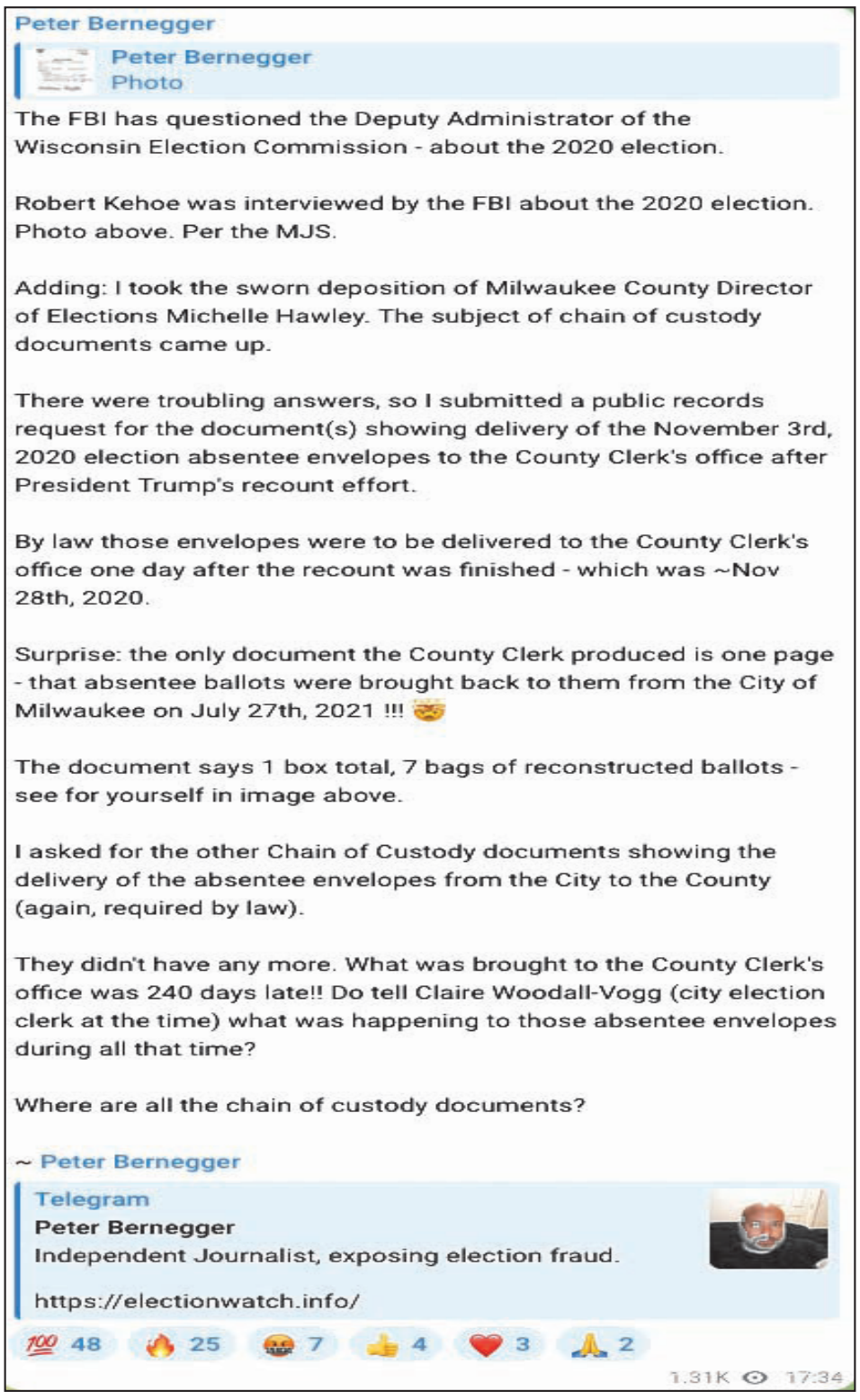
My friend Bill just read the above headline and is cringing. But fear not, Bill. It is not what you think. I am not saying to NOT VOTE for Mr. Tiffany. In fact, I am saying just the opposite. Vote for him and make sure that everyone knows about it, especially Mr. Tiffany.

Supporting a candidate is important. But "supporting" can also mean "DIRECTING" a candidate in your direction of thought and beliefs. Tell candidates what you think and what you want. Be specific and MAKE THEM be specific in their responses and promises. Make it clear that you WILL VOTE FOR THEM, (Heck, you might even contribute to their campaign.) but you will not tolerate broken promises or being lied to.

Politicians are like children. They want your approval. They want to do what pleases you. But, like children, they will try to get away with stuff, if they think that they can. Don't let them and make it clear that you won't let them get away with anything. Teddy Roosevelt once said something to the effect of, "Speak softly, but carry a big stick." President Roosevelt wasn't talking about dealing with politicians, but the advice is sound and does apply. Foreign nations, politicians and children; they are all the same and should be treated as such. Such is the policy of HOT Jack!

So pick your issues. Honest, verifiable elections. Taxes and spending. Education. Life. Communicate to Mr. Tiffany (and other candidates) your desires, your needs and your dissatisfaction with previous and current government. "Speak softly", but make it clear that you are not going away after the election. Make it clear that if satisfactory results are not produced, there will be consequences. And that……

'Hell hath no fury like pissed-off Conservatives.'



Some things that are good to remember on Earth Day

By Joseph Bast

The head of the UN claims "Earth Day" is a "reminder" that "every indicator is flashing red," including "climate chaos," "collapsing biodiversity," and a "1.5 degree limit slipping out of reach."

IN FACT, comprehensive datasets show that those indicators are solid green. Here are the specifics:

• Global hurricane frequency and intensity have been roughly level since 1970, as far back as reliable data extend.

• A study published in the journal Nature Climate Change analyzed three long-term satellite datasets and found "a persistent and widespread increase" in "greening" or plant growth "over 25% to 50% of the global vegetated area" from 1982 to 2014, "whereas less than 4% of the globe" had less greening over this period.

• A prominent scholarly journal published a study in 2025 which found that "extinctions related to climate change have not significantly increased over the last approximately 200 years," and extinctions have not "been accelerating in recent decades, but instead have declined in the largest group of animals and in plants."

• A study published by the journal Nature analyzed satellite data to obtain a "comprehensive record of global land-change dynamics" from 1982 to 2016 and found that worldwide tree cover increased by 2.9% to 10.8% with 90% confidence over these decades.

• A study of satellite data published by the journal Nature Climate Change found that from 1985 to 2015, the net amount of land area on Earth grew by about 22,400 square miles, and the net amount of coastal land area grew by about 5,200 square miles.

• Per the college textbook Exploring Earth: An Introduction to Physical Geology, "Earth's climate has fluctuated substantially" over geological history "from temperatures that were much warmer than those of the modern climate to much colder temperatures," and core samples in Greenland and Norway show that the climate in these regions "shifted from 'mild' to 'glacial' much more rapidly than we had imagined," with "some of these climatic shifts" occurring in "under 10 years, and most in far less than 100 years."

Assertions that such indicators are deteriorating suffer from five fatal flaws:

1) They cherry pick short-term trends and local anecdotes while ignoring long-term comprehensive data.

2) They use deficient datasets that become increasingly incomplete as they extend back in time.

3) They fail to account for factors like population growth and economic development.

4) They are flat-out falsehoods.

5) They predict the future based on models, a class of studies that is notoriously unreliable and has been criticized in a scientific journal for creating a "perception of knowledge and precision that is illusory and can fool policymakers into thinking that the forecasts the models generate have some kind of scientific legitimacy."

Hyperlinks to the sources of all the facts above are available at https://www.justfactsdaily.com/in-fact/n0000803

It's Important to Find Balance in Protection of Earth and Protection of Human Life

By Robert Thornton

Earth Day is being celebrated by some today.

The day of recognition began on April 22, 1970 — a date deliberately chosen by U.S. Democrat Sen. Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin, and young activist Denis Hayes, to fall between Spring Break and Final Exams, maximizing student participation in what began as a national environmental teach-in, according to earthday.org.

Climatologist David Legates of the Cornwall Alliance said there were several environmental issues at the time of the birth of Earth Day.

Legates

"There was a lot of environmental degradation and part of what came out of it was a push at that point for the Clean Air Act and eventually the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). And I don't think anybody sees anything wrong with those. I show pictures of smog in LA, and you can barely tell there's a city in there."

The Clean Air Act and EPA have made positive contributions to the environment.

"Now you look at LA, and it's all cleaned up. We have done wonders in all those to make our environment much more livable and much more as God would have it."

Legates said there was an undercurrent of population control back then along with the gloom and doom predictions about mass starvation, which didn't happen. Such people are never held accountable for their forecasts, Legates said.

He also said the concept of climate change was brought into the Earth Day camp along with green energy. The motivation was in part to get rich countries to turn over their wealth to the United Nations to give just a little of it to the poor countries.

Legates said Biblical Earth stewardship is the way and not worship of the creation but the Creator.

"What bothers me is I keep hearing an awful lot of this environmentalist argument, particularly from creation care, that says, 'No, no, no, no, we have to keep everything in the ground. We have to have minimal impact.' And fossil fuels and the energy they might produce can bring people out of poverty because energy is one of the great cures of poverty."

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Still Armed *cont. from page 9*

of arms."

• George Washington: "A free people ought not only to be armed, but disciplined …"

• Richard Henry Lee: "To preserve liberty it is essential that the whole body of the people always possess arms …"

• Samuel Adams: "Peaceable citizens [must not] be prevented from keeping their own arms."

These historical voices remind us that an armed citizenry was essential to liberty, not optional.

Why this matters today

In an era of terrorism, violent crime, and emergencies, law enforcement cannot be everywhere. Seconds matter. A prepared citizen can protect families and communities when official responders are not immediately available.

"Freedom survives only in the hands of the prepared. The citizen militia envisioned by our Founders still lives."

America's 250th anniversary: a time to reflect and defend

As we approach the 250th anniversary of the United States, the Founders' vision — an armed, responsible, and capable citizenry — still exists. But freedom is never self-executing; it must be defended in the courts, the culture, and in the public square.

The citizen militia lives. The Republic endures. The responsibility to protect both remains with us.

Call to duty for future generations

We are the inheritors of sacred trust. The Founders forged a nation on the principles of liberty and self-governance, and every generation since has carried that torch forward through courage, sacrifice, and, when necessary, with their lives. It is our duty to ensure that freedom does not erode, that the Constitution's God-given rights are defended, and that the flame of liberty burns brighter in the hands of those who come after us.

We must equip future generations with knowledge, instill in them the discipline to act, and awaken in them the desire to protect what was so dearly fought for and won. The fight for liberty never finishes; it continues as long as we are willing to stand as the bedrock of freedom, safeguarding the inheritance of our children, grandchildren, and all who will call America home.

Above all, we must ensure that this great experiment in self-government endures and that the freedom we enjoy as Americans remains constant for generations to come.

Absurdity *cont. from page 1*

quotations from 120 scientists, is titled An Embarrassment to the Profession. His unethical conduct exposed by the Climategate scandal in 2009 should have made him ineligible for any academic position.

Last year in March, Mann was ordered to pay $1 million in legal fees to two plaintiffs in a defamation case because he lied about having lost funding due to their criticism of his scientific research. In January, the judge made him pay an additional $28,000 to Mark Steyn, another plaintiff in the case.

In Science Under Siege, Mann claims he won the defamation lawsuit and is silent about another lawsuit, against Canadian climatologist Tim Ball, that he also lost. Why would anyone believe anything this guy has to say?

Peter Hotez is like Mann only worse. He was one of the corporate media's favorite go-tos during the Covid pandemic, reliably repeating drug industry and government propaganda on the origins of the Covid virus, "safe and effective" Covid vaccines, and the need for masks, social distancing, and closing schools and churches. All of these talking points have come tumbling down as the public learned how fraudulent and deceptive they were.

While pimping for Big Pharma, Hotez was a harsh critic of alternative treatments that could have saved thousands or even millions of lives. Ivermectin, hydroxychloroquine, Vitamin D3, Quercetin, curcumin … Hotez went on TV to say they are all part of some giant hoax. You have to wonder how he sleeps at night.

It is no surprise, then, that two such characters would produce a book that begins and ends with lies and is full of delusions, myths, and bizarre conspiracy theories.

Mann and Hotez mindlessly chant, without evidence, that climate change has caused "catastrophic losses in human life" and "irreparable damage to us and our planet." The "threat to human kind," they write, "is now as grave as the prospect of nuclear annihilation at the height of the cold War."

Do they really expect us not to know that none of the hair-on-fire predictions made by climate alarmists during the past three decades has come true?

• weather-related deaths have fallen to an all-time low;

• sea levels are not rising;

• extreme weather events are not increasing in frequency or severity;

• crop yields and food production are rising; and

• the deserts of Africa are turning green.

The benefits of rising CO2 levels clearly outweigh the costs, just as "skeptics" of climate alarmism have been saying since false predictions first emerged in the 1990s.

Despite these facts, Mann accuses anyone who disagrees with him of promoting "antiscience" and "disinformation." Organizations that give skeptics platforms are a "cancer," a "virus," or a "plague." And such organizations are all "heavily funded" by the fossil fuel industry.

In this book and in previous ones, Mann slanders scores or even hundreds of distinguished scientists by accusing them, again without evidence, of being funded by "special interest groups." The gall is nauseating.

Every year, billions of dollars in federal research grants go exclusively to scientists who support climate alarmism, yet the corrupting influence of those dollars somehow escapes Mann's attention. Environmental advocacy groups that spew alarmist propaganda raise billions of dollars more from left-wing foundations and the renewable energy industry, while skeptics rarely if ever receive funding from the fossil fuel industry. I know this for a fact because I was there and repeatedly responded to this libel. Mann simply lies about this, again.

Mann pretends that climate skeptics are a tiny minority of the science community and they often lack academic credentials. Another lie. Surveys show that most scientists express doubt about key propositions and assumptions upon which the alarmist house of cards rests.

Mann isn't qualified even to hold the coats of the genuine scientists who have spoken out against climate alarmism. These scientists include Robert Carter, John Christy, John Clauser, Jane Curry, William Happer, Ross McKitrick, Richard Lindzen, Patrick Michaels, S. Fred Singer, Willie Soon, Roy Spencer, and too many more to list here.

While Mann demonizes real scientists who disagree with him, Hotez similarly mocks thousands of doctors and medical researchers and millions of patients who disagree with him. These doctors, nurses, nutritionists, and others have demonstrated the safety and effectiveness of supplements and repurposed drugs in preventing Covid and speeding recovery. Like climate skeptics, they are nearly all unfunded, often cancelled on the internet, and demonized by the corporate media.

The doctors associated with America's Frontline Doctors and Independent Medical Alliance (formerly FLCCC), politicians such as Wisconsin Senator Ron Johnson and Kentucky Senator Dr. Rand Paul, and think tanks such as the Brownstone Institute and Citizens Council for Health Freedom spoke out against Covid vaccine mandates and other pandemic measures. All have been vindicated by the latest research. Rather than acknowledge this, Hotez just libels and defames these groups and repeats his lies and evasions.

Why would anyone believe what Hotez has to say about Covid?

I could go on about how this awful book lies, misleads, hides inconvenient truths, and betrays basic human ethics, but really, this book is not worth any more of my time or yours. Avoid it if you can, and discourage others from reading it.

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Short Takes

By Ken Van Doren

Another belief of mine; that everyone else my age is an adult, whereas I am merely in disguise. -Margaret Atwood

To say 'I love you' one must first be able to say the 'I.' - Ayn Rand

A bank is a place that will lend you money if you can prove that you don't need it. - Bob Hope

"There is no point in informing someone of the truth unless they are ready to receive it." -Steve Welcenbach

The glow of one warm thought is to me worth more than money.
-Thomas Jefferson

All the art of living lies in a fine mingling of letting go and holding on.
-Havelock Ellis

Love thou the rose, yet leave it on its stem. Edward G. -Bulwer-Lytton

If people sat outside and looked at the stars each night, I'll bet they'd live a lot differently. -Bill Watterson

To catch a husband is an art; to hold him is a job. -Simone de Beauvoir

We are no longer happy so soon as we wish to be happier.
-Walter Savage Landor

Every portrait that is painted with feeling is a portrait of the artist, not of the sitter. -Oscar Wilde

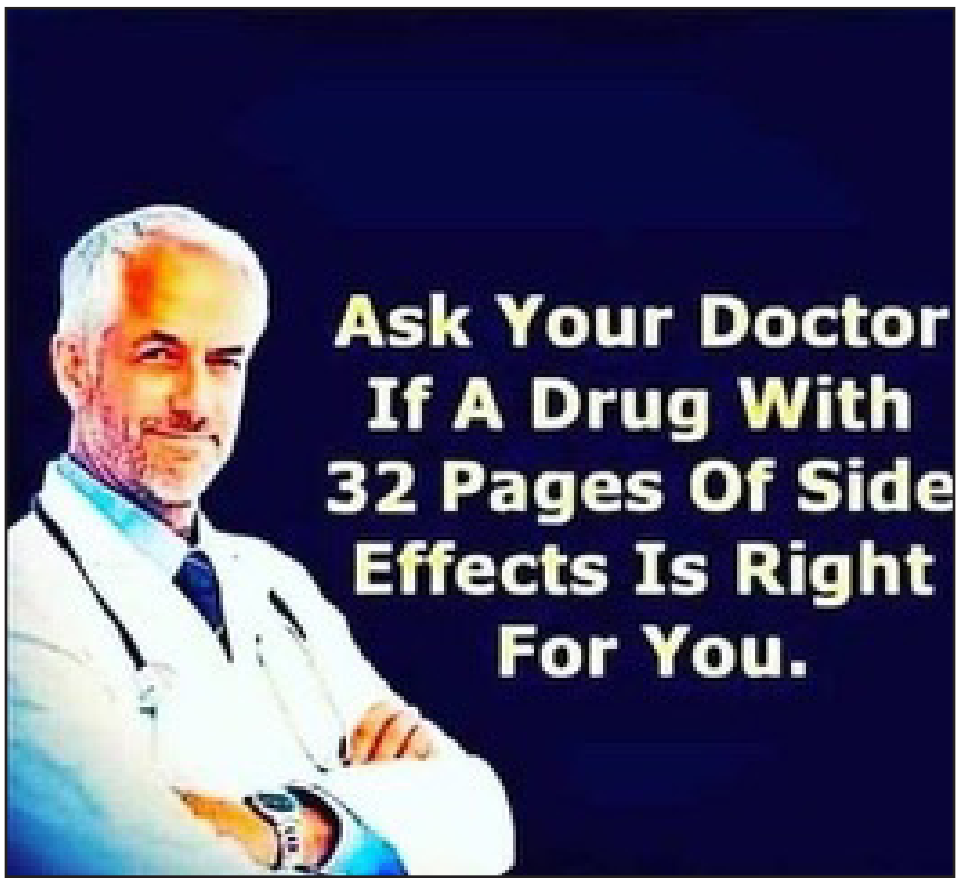
God writes the Gospel not in the Bible alone, but also on trees, and in the flowers and clouds and stars.
-Martin Luther

To destroy is still the strongest instinct in nature. -Max Beerbohm

Life is short, the art long. -Hippocrates

Wisdom to Live By

"If you care about injustice, and if you care about freedom, and you care about human rights, then you care about them everywhere." - Lara Logan



THE GAME PAGE

Crossword Puzzler

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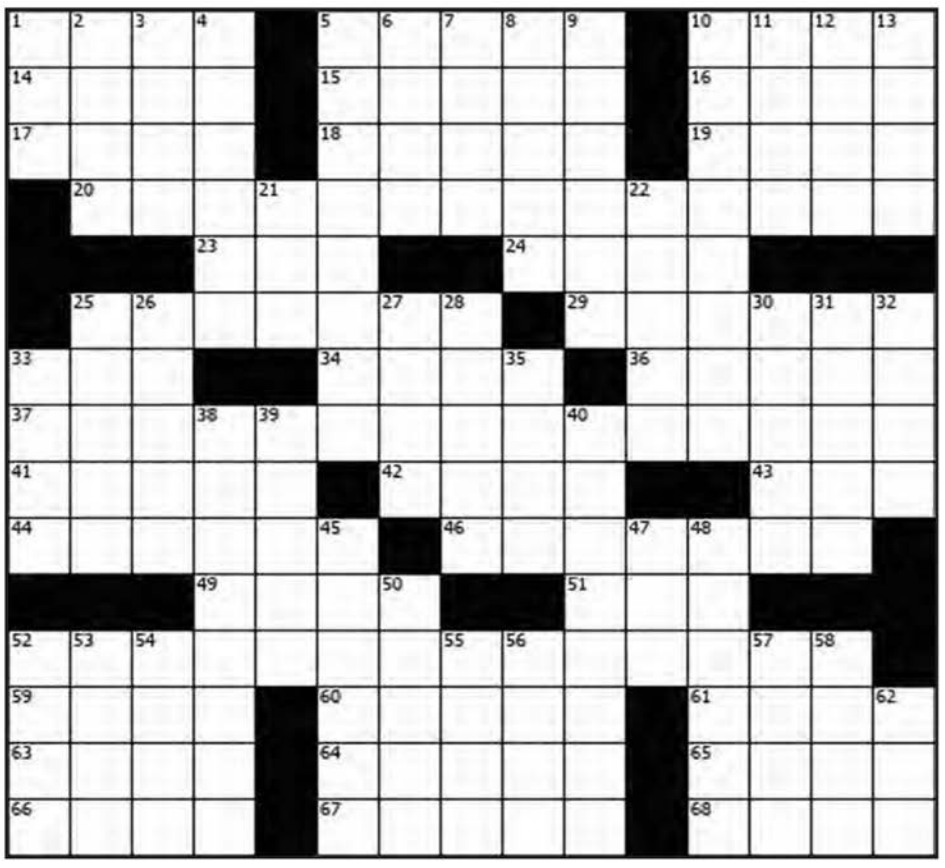
1. Storm preceder
5. Lamb or veal items
10. Waist band?
14. Moises in the majors
15. Condor's digs
16. Piedmont wine center
17. Kind of drum
18. Lariat in the Southwest
19. Fiction enthusiast?
20. French, to some
23. IV x XIII
24. Sean Connery, among many
25. Put aside
29. "Bragh" preceder
33. Radical '70s org.
34. Sitting on
36. Prepare for knighthood
37. Mae West's asset?
41. Kuwait biggie
42. He jumps through hoops
43. Apt. grouping
44. S. England county
46. Places of "action"
49. "___ Mia"
51. Brew holder
52. 1979 Doobie Brothers hit
59. Tommy of Mets' history
60. It's projected
61. Off course
63. Show fury
64. "Awake and Sing!" playwright
65. Mudville group
66. Is off the mark
67. Action after an alarm
68. Freshly

DOWN
1. It'll take you for a ride
2. Cry of dismay
3. Diet successfully
4. Flexor or extensor
5. Traveling amusement show
6. Take, as advice
7. Kind of contract
8. Pocket breads
9. Meeting with a medium
10. Greeting an officer
11. It covers plenty of ground
12. Type of beetle or party
13. Take on21. Black gold
22. Russian author of "The Lower Depths" (Var.)
25. Replay effect, briefly
26. Rutger ___ of "Blade Runner"
27. Frat letters
28. Prescription data
30. Kind of surgeon
31. Lysol targets
32. Matador boosters
33. Food fish
35. HS junior test
38. Nick-of-time types
39. "Wunderbar!"
40. Most subject to chance
45. Earth mover
47. Home in the hills
48. Spiny lizard
50. Living quarters
52. Colt's kin
53. Operatic prince
54. Kind of miss
55. Part of YSL
56. Wee pest
57. Half a matched set
58. Shore prospector
62. Arrow wood



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Answers on page 19

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Misguided 'repair the world' climate philanthropy

The 'next great Jewish responsibility' must address the full scope of human and natural needs

By Paul Driessen

The Bronfman family built the Seagram Company into the fabulously successful Canadian real estate, beverage and entertainment conglomerate. After selling Seagram to Vivendi in 2000, it deepened its commitment toBirthright Israel and other Jewish philanthropies.

Like his father, Stephen Bronfman has long been active in Liberal Party of Canada politics. He recently launched the Jewish Climate Trust, published the Jewish Guide to Climate Philanthropy and explained why he believes"climate action is the next great Jewish responsibility."

He believes climate change is the "defining challenge of our generation," the "next great Jewish responsibility," and presents his guide as a summary of "climate risks" facing humanity and planet – and a "clear, strategic roadmap" to help donors decide how to help end the "crisis."

Mr. Bronfman wants to "align what we say we value" with "where we allocate resources." Unfortunately, it won't be just his family's resources and those of other donors he recruits. Millions of other Canadians and billions of people worldwide could be compelled to bear the trillions of dollars in costs and lost personal freedoms and living standards that any quest for "net zero" carbon dioxide/greenhouse gas emissions will unavoidably bring.

My interest in climate change began during college geology studies of plate tectonics and Pleistocene glaciers. It intensified with the UN's 1992 Earth Summit and subsequent efforts to attribute modern climate and weather changes to human causes, especially fossil fuel use and agricultural practices.

A limestone slab on my desk comes from the Niagara Formation, recalling the Silurian Period 430 million years ago when coral reefs covered what later became my childhood home in Wisconsin. Striations on its surface are from the last of several mile-high glaciers that scraped and crushed much of North America, Europe and Asia between warm interglacial periods.

The Pleistocene glacier pulled so much water out of the oceans that seas have risen 400 feet since that Ice Age began to thaw 12,000 years ago.

Those were real climate changes, far more significant than the 1-2 degrees of warming Earth has experienced since the end of the Little Ice Age, around 1850, just as the Modern Industrial Age began.

That coincidence makes it easier (but incorrect) to attribute local, regional and global temperature increases, extreme weather events, droughts and sea level rise – not to complex and powerful natural forces that have driven climate and weather fluctuations throughout history – but to fossil fuels that still provide 80% of all US and global energy and 100% of our petrochemical feedstocks.

Mr. Bronfman and I share belief in fundamental Jewish moral principles. Tikkun Olam, the command to care for, protect and repair the world for this and future generations. Prohibitions on wasting food, water, energy and other resources, or needlessly destroying goods or habitats, and thus sustainability as a guiding precept. The belief that saving a single life is saving the entire world.

Our obligation to do good, advance science, share knowledge and contribute to human flourishing. The proposition that we are not obligated to complete the task, but neither are we free to abandon it.

However, I disagree with many statements he presents as facts – and with the strategies he offers as solutions to climate and weather challenges that are neither unprecedented nor cataclysmic.

Too many scientists disagree with his "key findings" to suggest there is a "scientific consensus." Furthermore, science operates by testing and confirming falsifying hypotheses – not by consensus. "If It's consensus, it isn't science. If it's science, it isn't consensus."

Were Mr. Bronfman to meet with scientists and other experts who speak and publish regularly from a "climate realism" perspective online, in peer-reviewed journals and at climate conferences, he would discover evidence and analyses far different from what he is used to hearing. To cite just a few examples:

"Human influence" has not warmed the world at rates "unprecedented in the last 2,000 years." The Roman (280 BC/BCE to 400 AD/CE and Medieval (950-1350) Warm Periods were warmer than today. The Little Ice Age (1350-1850) brought glaciers, crop failures and famine to Europe and other regions.

Post-LIA temperatures are now rising minimally due to human activities and primarily from solar and other natural forces, including deep sea volcanoes and vents that warm ocean waters.

Neither hurricanes nor tornadoes are increasing in frequency or intensity. Seas are rising at only 8-9 inches per century, though land subsidence can make it seem greater.

The Paris Climate Agreement "goal" of limiting post-LIA/Industrial Era warming below 2.0 Celsius is arbitrary and unattainable. Natural forces will continue to dominate. Developing countries will continue using oil, gas and coal for decades to come, to lift their people out of squalor, disease and premature death, because wind and solar power cannot power modern civilization.

That's a billion lives saved, not just one.

Moreover, China and India now emit far more carbon dioxide than Canada, the United States, Israel and Europe combined. Even if those latter four countries achieved a "net zero" balance between emissions and absorption – at devastating cost to their economies, jobs and living standards – it would make no difference globally.

Moreover, rising CO2 levels from power plants, factories, furnaces and vehicles are helping crops and other plants to grow faster, better and with less water, turning arid areas green. Combined with modern agricultural practices, they are bringing record crop yields to multiple countries.

Oil, natural gas and coal remain essential for direct energy and electricity utilized worldwide. They underpin fuel and fertilizer for farming, to improve food security; stronger homes and early warnings for weather and other dangers: and life-saving clothing and warmth amid frigid weather. Global deaths from cold weather have plummeted since 1900, cold weather kills 20 times more people than hot, and air conditioning dramatically reduces heat-related deaths.

The biggest threat to biodiversity is not climate change, but wind and solar power and the unprecedented levels of mining required to build these installations and backup batteries and power plants. Indiana's Mammoth Solar Project will blanket nearly 20 square miles of cropland and wildlife habitat with solar panels, and New Mexico'sSunZia Wind Project will sprawl across 935 square miles of desert and mountain habitat (equal to half of Delaware).

Wind turbine blades slaughter countless eagles, hawks, other birds and bats. Whatever numbers wind and solar promoters might present about megawatts generated or homes powered by these installations must be cut by 60-75% to get the portion of each year they will actually generate electricity.

That's why every MW must be duplicated with coal or gas generators … or grid-scale batteries that have a nasty habit of becoming raging chemical infernos that are almost impossible to extinguish. Wind and solar energy are simply not clean, renewable, sustainable or affordable.

Wildfires result from gross mismanagement, especially letting trees and brush grow uncontrollably and not removing dead trees, ready for the next lightning bolt, careless camper or arsonist – not climate change.

We need to apply the Hippocratic Oath to our climate and energy policies. First, do no harm.

Get the diagnosis and prescription correct. Don't implement harmful solutions to exaggerated problems that we can adapt to much more easily than our far less technologically advanced forebears.

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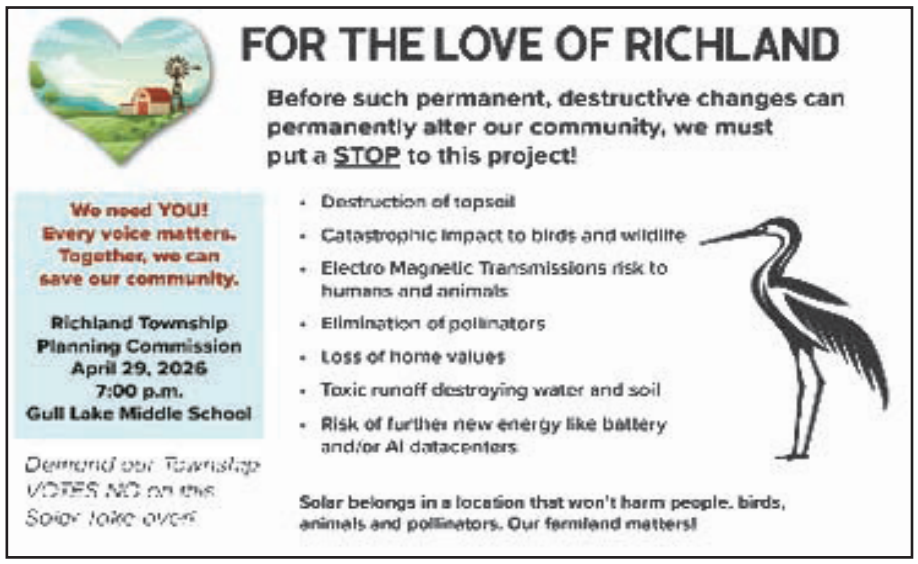



EPA's Zeldin administering an era of smart policy

By Craig Rucker

Lee Zeldin is the best administrator EPA has ever had.

By a long shot!

In America, we get so caught up in the daily ups and downs of politics that we often forget that policy is the point.

Watch Zeldin lay out EPA's bold reform agenda at a congressional budget hearing. Zeldin masterfully stood up to radical leftist Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro (she of the purple hair), as well.

Zeldin posted on X:

"The Trump EPA has ENDED the Green New Scam. We proudly rescinded what has been referred to as the "Holy Grail" for the "world is about to end" climate change zealots, the 2009 Obama EPA Endangerment Finding, without apology or regret. $1.3 trillion in savings. $2,400 more affordable new vehicles. The end of the start/stop climate participation trophy. All while protecting our environment."

I was honored to introduce Administrator Zeldin at the 16th International Conference on Climate Change in Washington, D.C.

Zeldin proclaimed "vindication" for all of us who labored to correct the record on climate, energy, and the environment for so many years.

EPA has an important mission. Ensuring clean air, water, and a sparkling environment for this and future generations is essential.

The Left should never have been permitted to co-opt the EPA for its anti-capitalist agenda of government economic control.

Thank you, Lee Zeldin, for getting EPA back on track.



U.S. Economy *cont. from page 5*

federal government in particular has thrown a positively grotesque amount of money at colleges and universities to subsidize postsecondary education in recent decades. Those institutions have squandered those riches on featherbedding of a gigantic administrative caste, decreasing teaching loads, and offering luxuries designed to attract students financed by those federal government loans.

The education these institutions offer today is clearly much worse than what they gave to the Boomers and Gen X. That is why the Millennials have not received the proportionate boost in after-college income they were surely expecting: unjustifiably inflated costs have generated a vastly lower return on their investment (of borrowed money, no less).

Two generations of Americans were scammed by a sclerotic and inefficient government-dominated education system that has been corrupted at all levels under the domination of leftist careerists. Those who were subjected to this massive fraud scheme are now exceedingly angry to find themselves having been duped. Unfortunately, great numbers of them assimilated their intellectual captors' indoctrination about the purported evils of capitalism and freedom and the imaginary beauties of socialism and serfdom, and they are directing their anger toward those who offer a better way ahead.

It is plausible, then, to see the U.S. economy today as deeply unsatisfactory when viewed from the perspective of people a few years into the working world who have been expecting a big wage advantage after paying a heavy price for a college education that the nation's leaders promised would provide big rewards.

It should be heartening to know that today's younger workers are receiving good wages, though it is disappointing (and rather disgusting) that they are so heavily burdened by debt for largely wasted postsecondary education. Those now heading into adulthood have taken notice and are far less enthusiastic about college. The higher-education sector is undergoing a much-needed economic reorientation that will bring lower prices and better products if the government stays out of it. (Which it seldom does, alas.)

A more realistic view of the value of postsecondary education will benefit the rising generations who arrive after the Zoomers (though they will surely suffer from other government-generated economic problems). Meanwhile, the Millennials and Zoomers will have to find a way to align their expectations with reality and not the load of hooey the government, the higher education system, and the media sold them on. They must recognize exactly who is at fault for their disappointment.

Media Hostility *cont. from page 9*

Meanwhile, the FBI sat on demons lurking in Hunter's "Laptop from Hell" for nearly a year throughout the 2020 election and even advised media companies to dismiss any upcoming rumors of Biden family scandals as Russian disinformation.

They complied.

In addition, the White House reporters and other insiders withheld information that they witnessed directly . . . Joe Biden's rapid cognitive deterioration which became inescapably apparent to the public during his shockingly confused debate with Trump heading into the 2024 election.

So, is concealing the fact that the leader of the free world and U.S. commander in chief has objectively determinate mental issues a national defense issue?

Not a tough question to answer.

Meanwhile, how is Donald Trump doing as a global leader?

Think, for example, that thanks to his administration's led joint U.S.-Israeli mission "Midnight Hammer," the Iranian Islamic Republic is no longer days or weeks away from having produced enough weapons grade uranium and rapidly growing its long-range ballistic delivery systems to exercise their "Death to the Great Satan, America!"

Three decades of past presidents since Bill Clinton, Republican and Democrat alike, have condemned Iran's role in terrorism against American citizens, interests, and allies but have accomplished nothing to stop it.

Nevertheless, after but a few weeks, The Washington Post claimed, "Trump's central war objective remains unmet," and defeatist New York Times scolds asserted that his actions have resulted in a "blow to American credibility."

Dare to compare this with Barack Obama's "Lead from Behind" strategy that unleashed chaos in Libya permitting Syria to cross his chemical weapons red line, or Joe Biden's catastrophic exit from Afghanistan representing a truly epic U.S. humiliation.

Rather than cheer for U.S. defeat, wouldn't it be refreshing to see Democrats and partisan media finally put country above politics and credit Trump for courageously doing so with his life on the line throughout three assassination attempts?

Maybe by vilifying him less, more civil anti-Trump media and others won't need to scout ahead for closest tables to dive under for safety from assailants when attending his events.

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Gain-of-Function

By Ivan M. Lang, DVM, PhD

RFKjr, as head of HHS (Department of Health and human Services), has instructed its subagencies: NIH, FDA, and CDC, to stop using and funding certain agents or scientific methods in the development of drugs or conducting medical research. Unfortunately, while these agents or methods may have some negative aspects almost all of them are far more productive and useful than dangerous. It is not unusual for the most productive and useful agents or methods to have negative effects. Over the next few months I will provide the scientific data proving that the agents or methods rejected by RFKjr have more value than danger.

An excellent and very productive and useful method rejected by RFKjr is gain-of-function research (GoF). GoF was used in the production of the virus by the Wuhan Research Lab in China, but the covid pandemic was not caused by GoF. GoF research refers to scientific experiments that genetically alter an organism, typically a virus, bacterium, or other pathogen, to confer new or enhanced biological functions, such as increased transmissibility, virulence, host range, or replication efficiency.

The basic research values of GoF are:

1. GoF helps identify genetic changes that drive virulence, transmissibility, immune evasion, or host adaptation. This reveals how viruses evolve naturally and what makes them dangerous.

2. By modeling possible mutations, researchers can develop better diagnostic tests, monitor emerging strains in animals, and prioritize threats for early warning systems.

3. GoF aids in creating animal models for testing, identifying vaccine targets, and developing countermeasures. Examples include insights from H5N1 avian influenza experiments that informed transmissibility studies and potential pre-pandemic vaccines. It has also supported live-attenuated vaccines like MERS-CoV (Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus). GoF experiments focused primarily on developing better animal models, understanding cross-species transmission, and assessing pandemic potential.

4. Cancer therapies (e.g., modified herpes simplex virus T-VEC that targets tumor cells).

5. Antibiotic-resistant bacteria treatments, bioremediation, drought-resistant crops, and synthetic biology advances.

These uses of GoF provide unique insights that observational studies or computational modeling cannot fully replicate, accelerating responses to natural outbreaks. GoF research has the real possibility of curing cancers, increasing production of necessary crops, developing bacteria treatments, improving vaccine development, creating important animal models to develop treatments of various diseases, etc.

GoF research can be dangerous when proper methods are not employed, but the value of GoF is worth the risk. For years we endured the risk of nuclear disaster in developing the nuclear energy and the nuclear bomb, but in the end this research ended WWII,saving the lives of thousands, and it developed into the most environmentally friendly and powerful energy source we have.

HOT GOVERNMENT HOT JACK

The Medical Insurance Scam Continued

I could have never imagined that the medical scam is as big as it is. But it didn't take long for one of my readers to expand my imagination and not in a good way.

She writes:

Oh Boy! This topic is spot on! I've been working with my Supplement Insurance (Network Health since 1/1/26)

My husband has been doing home dialysis for the past 18 months n according to his Medicare statements -the provider-Fresenius Kidney Care they are billing Medicare $4,582.36 daily ! My husband pays $716.80 monthly for his medical supplies which essentially (are) bags of sugar water. He does do monthly blood work -but that is a separate charge.

I notified Medicare of these suspicious charges-that was a joke!

Notified my insurance man-he essentially blamed Trump!

I inquired with the social worker at Fresenius -didn't have a clue did tvi e me any resources. The billing code is general for out patient/in patient. As a last resort notified Network Health n they currently working with me. My next step is to have someone from DC investigate. So riddle me this Batman-how is it my husband performs his own dialysis-pays for the medical supplies n Medicare gets a monthly bill of $330,525.04 ((all claims processed from March 1, 2026 - March 31, 2026) ($18,000.00 of that were meds) Someone is getting rich n our Medical system is broken-it takes weeks to see a doctor n if you need to see asap-their only response is go to the ER. My husband is in the medical system-but as for me I switched to a private physician who is more holistic n I'm extremely happy. Your thoughts?!?

My basic reply was, "WOW!" But somehow, I wasn't surprised.

Is it any wonder that there so many brand-new medical facilities going up on what seems to be every corner? And who is paying for it? You are; you and your children.

What are our options? We have two. One is to keep going until the whole country suffers financial collapse. You can't borrow money forever. The other option is to kill the entire system. Drop Medicare and Medicaid payments completely. Let the medical and drug industries either shrivel up and die or adapt their profit models to something more sustainable. They will adapt and change in very short order. There will be pain for all in this drastic of a proposal, but not as much pain as doing nothing.

Since it's the "silly season", print this out and ask your candidates (especially if they are Democrats) for office how they propose to FIX it. You might want to record (and share) their answers.

Beglinger Blast . . . . They Come to You in Sheep's Clothing

By Joan Beglinger

Last month the New York Times produced a video titled "The Rich Don't Play by the Rules so Why Should I? Why Petty Theft Might be the New Political Protest." You may have to see this for yourself to fully appreciate it. https://www.nytimes.com/video/opinion/100000010849055/the-rich-dont-play-by-the-rules-so-why-should-i.html

The video conversation involved a moderator, Nadja Spiegelman, an editor of the New York Times Opinion Team, and guests Jia Tolentino, a staff writer for the New Yorker, and Hasan Piker, a socialist and leftist commentator streaming on Twitch as HasanAbi.

The video opens with an assortment of clips of young people proudly sharing the different ways they routinely steal. The moderator introduces the term "microlooting" to describe it. One person says he goes into a store and "I take what I want and go." Another giddy girl says, "It's a survival technique. Got to eat to live. Steal to eat." Still another proclaims everyone steals from Whole Foods and a young man suggests that "We really should be rioting but I'm tired so I take bagels instead."

With that as the backdrop for the conversation, Spiegelman settles in to explore with Tolentino and Piker what they think about the growing trend of people taking small things from big corporations and feeling justified.

There are no major disagreements among the video panelists as they venture into their views of capitalism and their rationalized explanations of who people should and should not steal from. They believe capitalism is the real crime and seems like "a behemoth that is impossible to defeat." They contend that capitalists have broken the "social contract" and are doing the "consequential" stealing by robbing the people of the wages they deserve.

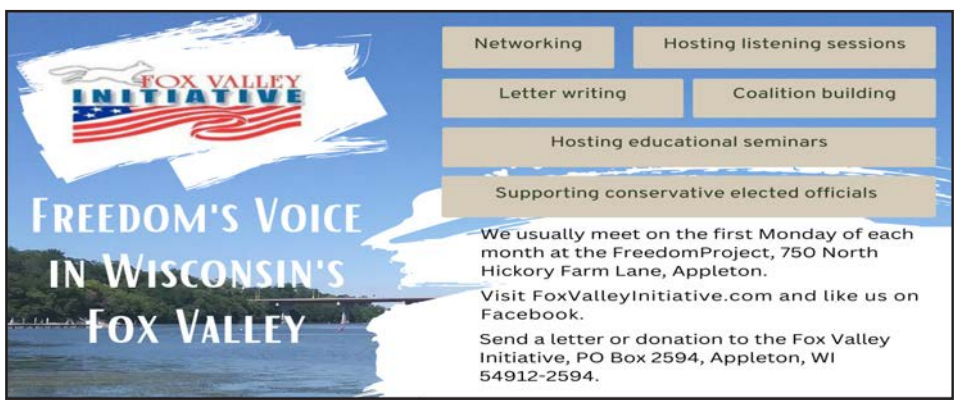
The panelists agree: People should share their Netflix passwords with others; they should work around the "paywalls" to get material they want to read without paying for it. Hasan suggests people should absolutely steal the intellectual property of others and proclaims himself "pro-piracy all the way." "I'd steal a car if I could." Hasan is full of answers for what he believes is ailing society. He's adamant we must steal from the rich and should get back to "cool crimes" like stealing priceless artifacts from the Louvre museum in Paris and robbing banks.

Whole Foods is offered as a poster child for the kind of place people should routinely steal from. Tolentino tells a story about coming out of the store having forgotten 4 lemons and promptly going back in and taking them without feeling a bit of remorse. The panelists all agree stealing from big corporations is a good thing to do and "stealing with purpose – we love that in America." They further rationalize that in the case of Whole Foods and others like them, the company knows that automating their processes with self-checkout will increase the "shrink" (stealing) so they bake it into the pricing. People "steal more efficiently from an automated process."

The three are equally clear about who you should never steal from. Never "dine and dash" from the local restaurant. Never steal a book from the library. If New York Mayor Mamdani opens government-run grocery stores, don't steal from them because they will be owned by the taxpayers and have unionized workers. It's the big corporations that are the enemy.

The perversion of morality that is offered as justification for stealing provides a unique and disturbing insight into our current state. The panelists believe if laws don't feel moral to you, you should alter your sense of having to abide by them. They further explain that stealing from Whole Foods is neither significant as a moral wrong nor significant as a protest action. They compare this type of stealing to a post on social media. It's a statement.

They all agree that in the ideal world "theft from above would be broken by regulatory change" but they *continued on page 17*



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"Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." II Corinthians 3:17

By Riley J. Hood

It was America's Bi-Centennial and I was 11 years old. I listened to music from Rush, Led Zeppelin, Montrose, Ted Nugent, Thin Lizzy and AC/DC. My musical tastes were still somewhat unformed, and I still liked some of the glitter rock I listened to in second grade, Allis Cooper, Sweet, etc. Later I would move on to Punk and then Heavy Metal. (I know some people have problems with my music, but I am not a fairy, and I don't have a boyfriend in the sky.) But it was 1976. In primary school I read Edgar Rice Burroughs, James Clavell, and Robert E. Howard. In 1975 I read the Killer Angels by Michael Shaara, and started reading more history after that. I was a golden glove pee-wee, I was sponsored by the Big Brothers for three years, but I was usually the runt of the class.

I come from a military family. Not only my father, and my father's side, the Hoods who I don't know other than from public records, but also on my mother's side, the O'Leary family. My Grandfather O'Leary fought in WWI. My two oldest uncles fought in WWII, and the rest fought in Korea. They were heroes to me, and I wanted to be like them. I knew I wasn't a superhero, but I wanted to fight for my country. Sometimes, in art class I would make paintings or drawings of the Founding Fathers. I was theologically confused, but hating George Washington, or America was the same thing as hating God. People who hate America or are bad for America make my blood boil exceedingly. The Cold War was still on. Commies believed in evolution, and they were the enemy. (They still are.)

At the MPS School I was compelled to attend, in June they had a musical for the 200th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, called "Let George Do It." It was hokey, corn-ball music: but I auditioned for the part of King George III, because I was told I was far too short to play Washington. The musical was about the battle history of Revolution, from Stamp Tax to the Boston Tea Party, to Lexington and Concord, to Bunker Hill, to Washington becoming Commander in Chief, to Valley Forge, to Monmouth Courthouse to Yorktown. All distilled into one hour.

I did a good English accent, and when William Pitt played by one of my classmates said, "Sire there is a deficit," I grabbed the papers he was holding, and flung them into the audience, and said, "I don't care how much it costs, I don't care how much it costs in India, I don't care how much it costs in Jamaica, and I don't care how much it costs in America, make them pay." That wasn't the line, but I got the role. Then Carl Mackie's parents complained, as he was two years older than me, he got the role. I was told you can play King George next year, as if there would be a Bi-Centennial show in 1977. I got relegated to the part of Major Pitcairn, of Lexington fame, "Halt the column. Rebels disperse, through down your weapons." That was the end of my interest in acting.

After that, America was in a funk. Gerald Ford, who stepped into the Presidency after Nixon resigned, lost to Jimmy Carter, a weak apostate man. In response to the Iranian Hostage crisis, I joined the Marines. I would have joined anyways, but I thought we were going to war. After my enlistment ended, I have had over 40 years of re-education through hard labor, in metal fabrication and machine shops. For 29 years I was part of the Constitution Party: it was an effort to return America to her Christian law system. I never thought I would live to be 61 years old, and seeing as my grandfather died at 59, before I was born. I see myself as being on borrowed time. Still, this is 2026, America's 250th Birthday.

I would like to see America still extant for the Tri-Centennial in 2076, probably looking down from heaven by then, and I would like to see America continue as a nation until the Lord returns. Having said that, America needs national repentance for her national sins, especially the murder of our own posterity resulting in 70 million murdered preborn babies, at the request of their own mothers. If God would not pardon Judea for the shedding of innocent blood, what makes us think we are exempt form God's wrath? If America is to be great again, it must be good again, and it must once again be a Christian nation, otherwise America won't last.

Voter Fraud Trial Exposes Government Officials as the Real Criminals

By John Ellis

The critical need to have Voter I.D. required and enforced nationally, was magnified locally in March at the trial of Wisconsin resident Harry Wait.

Wait was wrongfully charged with voter fraud and identity theft by Wisconsin Attorney General Josh Kaul, after successfully and transparently exposing massive vulnerabilities in the Wisconsin Elections Commissions' MyVote website. The charges were brought to destroy Wait's credibility by having him branded as a felon, and to keep the serious election problems he had uncovered hidden from the public.

The story began four years earlier on July 26th, 2022, when Wait was told by a trusted source that anyone using MyVote could request an absentee ballot for someone else, without a Voter I.D. If that was true, it would be a major security problem for Wisconsin's voters and a violation of Wisconsin law.

To test the system, Wait logged onto MyVote and without I.D. or permission requested absentee ballots for Assembly Speaker Robin Vos and Racine Mayor Cory Mason. Wait also requested roughly 10 additional ballots from people he had permission from, all to be sent to his Union Grove address.

Crucial to his obvious intent, Wait then notified Vos, Mason, and others, in an email sent at 3:13 A.M. on July 27th, what he had done and why he did it. Written in the subject line of the email was; The ease of harvesting election ballots online is nothing short of stunning.

Quotes from Waits email follow.

"Significant vulnerabilities at Request an Absentee Ballot (wi.gov) have been identified where anyone with a smartphone or computer can order an absentee ballot online in someone else's name and have that absentee ballot sent to an address other than the registered voter. All you need is the date of birth."

"Further, the I.D. of anyone requesting these absentee ballots is not requested or required."

"Yesterday evening to prove how easily absentee ballots can be nefariously ordered, I went online and successfully ordered absentee ballots in Cory Mason and Robin Vos's name to be shipped to my address."

"I will of course return their absentee ballots should they arrive."

The proof that a Voter I.D. was not required while using MyVote came when an absentee ballot in the name of Cory Mason arrived at Wait's home. As promised, Wait returned it to the Racine County Sheriff's Office, where Sheriff Chris Schmaling chose not to charge him. The ballot for Robin Vos never arrived, but the 10 additional ballots Wait requested did.

Wait's trial was held on March 23rd and 24th, 2026, at the William L. McRenolds Law Enforcement Center in Racine. Prosecuting the case for Kaul were Assistant Attorney Generals Adrienne Blais and Leigh Neville-Neil, who deceitfully portrayed Wait as a thief.

Both Vos and Mason, who knew the truth about what Wait had found, and his intent, testified against him. Vos said that he was "frustrated" that Wait tried to steal his vote, and that he should have called for Wait's prosecution. Mason said that he was "upset" by what Wait had done, and called it "very concerning".

When the trial was over, even though Judge Daniel Johnson had instructed the jury to use their judgement and truth to reach their verdict, Wait was found guilty of two counts of voter fraud and one count of identity theft. Then, at 11:51 P.M. on the evening the trial ended, one of the jurors posted the following on social media;

"I hope this message is relayed to Harry. I was on the jury, and I want you to know the way questions were framed by the law, we had our hands tied. I'm not going to lie, there are a lot of small-minded people in the world now, and most think more with emotion than logic/truth. I personally want to thank you for what you did, and consider you a true patriot. After what happened today, I have essentially given up on humanity and am saddened all of the work our Founding Fathers did for us is now in vain."

Wisconsin's voter fraud and identity theft laws are intended to prevent people from causing actual harm to someone by stealing their vote or identity. Wait didn't do either of those things. What he did, openly and to the benefit of everyone, was expose one of the many reasons Wisconsin's elections are vulnerable to fraud and easily stolen.

The jury's hands were not tied by the law. They were tied by the lies of Josh Kaul, Adrienne Blais, Leigh Neville-Neil, Robin Vos and Cory Mason. All of them falsely accused Wait of being a thief, and had him convicted as a felon, to hide the serious problems he uncovered with the MyVote website. Their immoral behavior has exposed them as the real criminals in the Harry Wait trial, and unworthy of holding any position of public trust.

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don't expect that to happen. They describe the anger underneath all the stealing as: "If you steal from the poor you become rich and if you steal from the rich you go to prison."

They engage in some banter about how the better approach to fighting the big corporations that they detest would be to participate in collective action such as becoming employed by Whole Foods and working to unionize the workforce. They discard this approach because people "lack the capacity to engage in organized disruption." Life is too hard and people are too busy with work, childcare and all the things grown-ups must do to go to meetings and organize. It's easier, they conclude, to steal; sabotage has a useful role.

Their discussion about the recent murder of the CEO of United Healthcare on the streets of New York is disturbing, but stopped short of condoning the vile act. Luigi Mangione, the 26-year-old murderer, reportedly became a hero to 40% of Gen Zer's (15–30-year-olds) who believe the murder was morally justified because the CEO was engaging in "social murder". The young supporters of the murderer believe the pervasive pain and death private health care has inflicted on the public is the real murder. "Private healthcare is profoundly immoral and people understand it." The murder was an act of "political conscious raising."

The panel ended their conversation with typical liberal hypocrisy: publicly confessing their feelings of guilt and shame for partaking in many of the things they are against. The panelists chastised themselves for engaging in "morally selfish" conveniences – ordering iced coffee in a plastic cup, traveling on a plane for leisure, and the ultimate selfish act, ordering take-out food that a restaurant employee must deliver when it's raining outside.

Who are Nadja Spiegelman, Jia Tolentino, and Hasan Piker?

Nadja Spiegelman is a 38-year-old author and cartoonist. Her father is a famous cartoonist, and her mother is the Art Director for the New Yorker. She grew up in SoHo, an exceptionally affluent neighborhood in one of the top 5 most expensive areas of New York City. She graduated from Yale in 2009 and spent the decade of her 20's authoring a book published in 2016 titled "I'm Supposed to Protect You From all This", which she describes as a memoir of 4 generations of mother daughter relationships. "A pattern of mother-daughter resentments" runs throughout the book along with details of her grandmother's "abortions and suicide attempts." Her biography has no evidence of a paying job during the years she was writing.

In 2016, she launched "Resist", a publication of political comics, as a reaction to the election of Donald Trump in collaboration with her mother. There were no publications after 2017.

In 2020 she was hired as Editor in Chief of Astra Magazine, which folded after 2 issues. Yet in September 2025 when announcing Spiegelman was joining the New York Times Opinion Team as an editor specializing in culture the Times said, "Most recently Nadja was the Editor in Chief of Astra Magazine, a print magazine of international literature".

Jia Tolentino is a 38-year-old staff writer for the New Yorker. She was born in Canada to parents who are from the Philippines. At the age of 4 she moved to Texas where she was raised. She graduated from the University of Virginia in 2009 and received a Master of Fine Arts Degree from the University of Michigan. She is married to Andrew Daley, an architect and labor organizer. They have 2 children and live in a $2.5 million brownstone in Clinton Hall, an upscale, gentrified, highly desirable neighborhood in Brooklyn, New York. Tolentino and her husband own a second home in the ritzy, upstate New York town of Saugerties.

Hasan Piker is a 35-year-old who was born in New Jersey and raised in Turkey. He is the nephew of Cenk Uygur, a co-founder of the Young Turks, a left-wing populist, sociopolitical news and commentary program that is live streamed on YouTube and Twitch. Twitch is the world's leading live-streaming platform and is used primarily for broadcasting live video games, esports competitions, creative arts, and "just chatting." It is owned by Amazon and is a hub for interactive, live entertainment.

Piker graduated in 2013 from Rutgers with a dual degree in political science and communication. In 2014 he became a full-time producer and "on-air talent" at the Young Turks. In 2018 he transitioned to streaming on Twitch, engaging a massive audience of young Gen Z and Millennials. Ironically, Jeff Bezos, one of the billionaires railed against by name in the New York Times video, is the founder and major shareholder of Amazon, the company that gave Piker his opportunity to get rich through capitalism. Streamers on Twitch and other platforms earn their money from subscriptions, donations, and ads.

According to the Antidefamation League (ADL), an organization that fights antisemitism, Piker has a history of rhetoric that sanitizes violence and denigrates Jewish people. He has frequently expressed support for terrorist organizations and antisemitic ideas. He has been suspended from Twitch on multiple occasions for using terms like "Zionist pigs".

Piker lives in California and has a net worth of $8 million. He has a 6-figure monthly income and in 2021 he purchased a home in West Hollywood for $2.74 million.

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years, it has strayed from Walt Disney's vision of bringing quality entertainment to children. Indeed, he once said that "I would rather entertain and hope that people learned something than educate people and hope they were entertained." The Disney company's current producers seem to have forgotten this, for they have been inserting messages in Disney movies and TV shows and have even admitted to having a "not at all secret gay agenda," as one of Disney's executive producers admitted in a company conference call.

Conservative commentator Matt Walsh of the Daily Wire news outlet surveyed children's TV shows in recent years that have concerning woke influences. Although the primary goal of these shows should be to entertain, Walsh says that "the primary goal now is to ensure that children in the audience adopt the correct political and ideological viewpoints."

For instance, in 2021, the Muppet Babies TV show portrays a young character who is a gender fluid cross-dresser. In the past, males dressing as females (for instance, Robin Williams as Mrs. Doubtfire) was played for laughs, but now it is shown as being courageous and expressing one's true self.

In Arthur, an episode from 2020, pushes children to engage in activism against racism and portrays the United States as a fundamentally racist country. They say that black people are being killed due to the color of their skin and that something needs to be done about it.

In 2021, on Blue's Clues, an episode on its YouTube channel depicts a drag queen and pride parade song to the tune of "The Ants Go Marching" with modified LGBTQ+ lyrics. While aiming to be inclusive and highlighting "the diversity of queer families," it introduces children to different sexualities that they have no need to be exposed to at such a young age.

Similarly to Arthur, The Proud Family on Disney+ also pushes activism against racism, though in a much more aggressive manner. They specifically talk about "white supremacy" and have extremely angry characters that make demands for reparations due to the suffering of their ancestors.

All these shows, aimed at young children, are meant to indoctrinate rather than educate and provide entertainment. We see similar issues in books.

Matt Walsh also reviewed a woke children's book called I am Jazz about a boy who likes girly things and "is" a girl. Rather than accepting him for who he is—namely, a boy who likes things that are typically of interest to girls—they say he is "transgender" in the book. This is extremely concerning, for if children are told that they can be a different gender at such a young age, they may pursue medical transitioning, which can cause irreversible damage both physically and mentally.

In a 2021 article on woke children's books in the Daily Mail, they highlight a few examples: Antiracist Baby, Daddy & Dada, No! My First Book of Protest. Following the George Floyd protests, many anti-racist books cropped up not just in adult literature, but in children's books. John Butcher, Will Skillman Education Fellow at the Heritage Foundation, said that the notion of 'anti-racism,' promoted by Ibram X Kendi's book Antiracist Baby, has no place in children's books. Butcher said, "Everyone's a racist unless they're an anti-racist; it's not enough to say you think racism is evil, you're a racist unless you're an anti-racist." To teach children that they are inherently racist is not only incorrect, but it divides them based on the color of their skin rather than encouraging real equality. Butcher continues to say that:

The lesson for the next generation [should be]…that we fought this struggle and racism lost. Individual instances of racism should be condemned for what they are, but there should not be a presentation of a society that is irredeemable. The problem with critical race theory is that it says the opposite. It says that the American dream doesn't exist and even if it did it's not available to everyone.

It says we are all tribes competing for power and the younger you teach this the more you're setting students up to be highly sensitized in a way that we're already seeing in university campuses where students are worried about 'micro-aggressions' and the concept of free speech is challenged because they view speech as 'violence.'…Why set our children on this cynical path? We should be teaching them that the American dream belongs to everyone regardless of the color of your skin.

Christopher Rufo, Senior Fellow and Director of the Initiative on Critical Race Theory at the Manhattan Institute, wrote that "Antiracist Baby and other books [like it] are not designed to teach basic literacy or character formation; they are designed to indoctrinate children into a specific ideology, using their parents as the mechanism of transmission."

Librarians and teachers are also pushing woke stories and encouraging activism. Especially in Canada, there is a push for "reading woke." For example, the Canadian School Libraries Journal writes that reading woke means reading books that amplify the voices of the disenfranchised, underrepresented, and oppressed; challenge social norms and disrupt the status quo; and encourage readers to take action in their communities.

Libraries often host drag queen storytime as well. Across the world, in particular in the United States and Canada, we have seen grown men adorn themselves in over-the-top parodies of women while acting and dressing in highly suggestive, if not markedly sexual, ways. The storytimes are branded as being inclusive and celebrating diversity, but what they are really doing is normalizing perverse behavior. In Ottawa, Ontario, for instance, drag queen storytimes began in 2023, and in 2025, the city's library participated in Capital Pride featuring drag storytime, where they advertised "Join us for a joyful and inclusive Drag Storytime… where fabulous local drag performer…will bring stories to life in celebration of diversity, creativity, and self-expression."

So, what is being done about these concerning trends?

When it comes to Disney, many parents are not on board with their messaging. The company has had a "loss of nearly $900 million after a series of disappointing woke films" in 2023, as reported by the Daily Mail, with failing movies such as Lightyear and the live-action Little Mermaid. In 2025, the live-action Snow White alone had losses potentially reaching $170 million to $200 million due to woke messaging and the Snow White actress Rachel Zegler's denigration of the classic tale. For instance, *continued on page 19*

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would have taken a selfie."

So why is this conversation gripping the country? And why are pastors from Texas to California asking me how to preach into it?

Because the question underneath the question is not really about aliens. It is about whether we are alone. It is about whether the heavens are empty. And on that question, the Bible is not silent. The Bible is loud.

The Heavens Are Not Empty

Open Daniel chapter 7. The prophet sees the Ancient of Days seated on His throne, and attending Him are "ten thousand times ten thousand" — a number Scripture uses to mean numberless. Open Revelation. John sees myriads upon myriads of heavenly beings worshiping the Lamb. Open Ezekiel chapter 1. The prophet sees wheels within wheels, living creatures, eyes, fire, movement we cannot describe because we have no category for it.

Open Daniel 10, and read carefully. An angelic messenger arrives to Daniel and explains he was delayed twenty-one days because "the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me." A real conflict. Real beings. Real movement between realms. This is not metaphor. This is the biblical worldview, and it has been the Christian worldview for two thousand years.

So when a pastor asks me, "Do I believe there is intelligent life beyond Earth?" my answer is: of course. The Bible has told us so for millennia. The heavens are teeming with intelligent beings. We call them angels. We call them principalities. We call them powers. Scripture names them. Jesus spoke of them. Paul wrote letters about them.

What I do not believe — what no Christian needs to believe — is that little gray men are piloting saucers from Alpha Centauri to abduct ranchers in New Mexico.

Here is the established truth, and it is one the cultural elites and theological liberals will not say out loud because they have abandoned the text: we have life on Earth. That is obvious. But Scripture, taken seriously, says there are also intelligent beings — myriads, which probably means millions — in the heavens. Some refuse to take Scripture seriously, and so they are left with no explanation at all. Christians have one. Start there.

THE QUESTION REPORTERS KEEP ASKING ME

"So, do you believe in aliens?"

It depends on what you mean. I believe there is intelligent human life on Earth. I believe there are intelligent beings, as the Bible makes clear, in the heavens. Period.

"Are they what we're seeing in these film clips?"

I don't know. Nobody does. But the idea that there could be intelligent life existing in the heavens — not on Earth, in the heavens — well, good heavens. That is biblical.

"So could it be demonic, or could it be angelic?"

It could be both.

Four Categories, Not One

Whatever these sightings actually are, they fall into one of four categories, and Christians should be able to name them without flinching.

First, misidentification. Most UAP reports, when finally analyzed, turn out to be weather phenomena, sensor glitches, ice crystals, or tricks of light. Even the Apollo 17 astronauts theorized the lights they saw above the lunar surface were chunks of ice.

Second, classified human technology. Ours or someone else's. We are not the only nation flying advanced aircraft. The most boring explanation is often the correct one.

Third, demonic activity. Scripture is unambiguous that there is a spiritual realm hostile to God and to humanity, and that this realm manifests in the physical world. Paul writes that we wrestle "not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places" (Ephesians 6:12). High places. Read that twice.

Fourth, angelic activity. The same Scripture that warns us of fallen powers also assures us of ministering spirits sent by God. Hebrews 1:14. Genesis 18. Acts 12. The biblical record is consistent: the heavens are active, and sometimes that activity intersects our atmosphere.

Notice what is missing from this list. Aliens. Extraterrestrials. Visitors from a distant galaxy who happen to look like us, breathe like us, and arrive just in time to solve our problems. That is not a biblical category. That is a Hollywood category.

The Real Danger Is Deception

Here is what concerns me as a pastor and as a New Testament scholar. The apostle Paul warned the Thessalonian church that the man of lawlessness would come "with all power and false signs and wonders, and with all wicked deception" (2 Thessalonians 2:9–10). The book of Revelation describes demonic spirits performing signs that deceive the kings of the earth (Revelation 16:14).

A generation conditioned by Hollywood to expect cosmic visitors is a generation primed for deception. If the enemy of our souls — who Scripture says masquerades as an angel of light (2 Corinthians 11:14) — wanted to engineer a worldview-shattering event for the modern secular mind, what better stage prop than a sky full of unexplained lights and a culture desperate to believe in something, anything, beyond itself?

I am not predicting the second coming by Tuesday. I am simply saying that pastors who shrug at this moment are missing a discipleship opportunity. Our people are watching cable news. Our people are scrolling X. Our people are wondering aloud whether Jesus and aliens can coexist in the same universe. The answer is yes — but not the way the culture is framing it.

Where Christians Should Look

Here is my pastoral counsel, and it is the counsel I am giving every pastor who has reached out this week.

Do not sensationalize. Do not dismiss. Do not preach a sermon on aliens. Preach a sermon on Jesus, and let the empty tomb do what blurry infrared footage never will.

Because here is the difference. We do not need a Pentagon press release to verify the resurrection. We have the Shroud of Turin, which I have personally examined in Turin, bearing forensic evidence of a crucified man whose image cannot be reproduced by any known process. We have first-century manuscripts. We have the Magdalen Papyrus and Codex Vaticanus. We have the testimony of eyewitnesses who died rather than recant. We have an empty garden tomb outside Jerusalem.

The world is asking, "Are we alone?" Christians have always known the answer. We were never alone. Heaven is full. The grave is empty. And the One who sits enthroned above the cherubim has already visited this planet, in flesh and blood, in a stable in Bethlehem.

That is the disclosure that matters. That is the file that has already been declassified. It is called the Gospel, and it is available to every soul who will read it.

"Look up if you must. But look to Calvary first." All the glory to Jesus, Dr. Jeremiah J. Johnston

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Good analysis but very incomplete. As Christians we can preach the Word with signs, wonders and miracles following and convince the world of Bible truths and avoided being fooled by Satan and his human assistants. As an African Missionary told me about Muslims, "You can prove to them from their own Quran that virgin birth with many miracles Jesus is greater than Mohammed, but until they see the miracles, they won't believe." He told me that African witch doctors would levitate in front of Christians only to have them forced down "in the name of Jesus".

Churchianity will be easily fooled by AI, transhumans and whatever else the coming one world government throws at them. "22"If those days had not been cut short, no one would survive, but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened. 23At that time if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Messiah!' or, 'There he is!' do not believe it. 24For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect." Jesus warned you in Matthew 24:22-24 what is coming. Time for Book of Acts Christianity.

Thoughts On Affordability: Education Reform

"Wherefore is there a price in the hand of a fool to get wisdom, seeing he hath no heart to it?"
Proverbs 17:16

By Riley J. Hood

The Property Tax is exploding again. You can never retire if you have to pay $7,892.80 a year in Property Taxes. You certainly can't retire in Wisconsin, a state that has a four percent per year school funding increase for 400 years, because of Tony Evers. 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?

The two biggest portions of my property tax are the City of Milwaukee, and the Milwaukee Public School District. Also included is the Milwaukee Area Technical College. MPS accounts for 43%, The City of Milwaukee 34% and MATC 3% of my combined Property Tax. Education accounts for 46%. The fact is the number of students keeps decreasing with our declining birthrate, yet MPS almost never sells off its older buildings, almost never lays off teachers, or decreases its power. Even with school choice vouchers, MPS' property tax extortion never eases up, while they complain that Wisconsin voucher money belongs to them.

When Scott Walker capped property taxes at the rate of inflation, he left a loop hole called the local referendum. 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 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. Most property tax increase referendums are ear marked for public school spending.

This spending doesn't make these children any smarter, it enriches construction companies, because the referendum almost usually involves a new building. Colleges are guilty of this as well. Colleges racking up debt are the reason why tuitions have been predatory for my whole life. The fact of the matter is there is no Biblical mandate for public schools, which were the cause of the Christ-hating Horace Mann, and later John Dewey. These institutions were designed from their inception as engines of socialism and atheism. They must be abolished, yet that is an uphill battle when 80% of evangelical parents send their children there, even though they know their child's faith will be destroyed. Americans love their luxury more than children. I know that, because Americans are racking up debt, and not having children.

There are several steps that can be taken to keep education costs in check. First, busing should end. We have had 50 years of forced integration, and the utopia has not been achieved. I am in favor of freedom, parents sending their children to the school they think is best, but the means of integration is busing and busing is an expensive taxpayer funded service. Cities should not be paying for gas and vehicles, especially when most cities have bus lines etc. When I was a student, with the exception of kindergarten, I walked to my neighborhood school. (On a tactical level, walking was preferable.)

The next thing is sports. No level of sports should be tax-funded. Schools are not entertainment centers; they are centers of learning. If the alumni or a booster club wants to raise money for such extra-circular activities, that's fine, but the people are taxed enough already. In no way should taxpayers be forced to pay for a field house etc.

Teacher salaries: public school teachers should be paid what private school teachers make. Administrators and executives should have their salaries capped. Want to make money? go to work for a private company and earn your salary. The taxpayers are not an eternal goldmine for government employees to have easy lives.

Finally, I support Trump slashing funds to Harvard, etc. because of the evil doctrines they teach. Harvard, Yale, and Princeton were started as Christian schools to train ministers, yet today you would never know that. I am in great favor of all tax-money being withdrawn from such places. Not only would the education have to be more "real world," the prices would eventually be reduced to what people can afford. Because right now, most people who graduate from college do so on grants, aka other people's money. The thought of paying for other peoples education doesn't pay my bills, or heat my home, it doesn't even warm my heart.



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she called the classic movie "extremely dated when it comes to the ideas of women being in roles of power and what a woman is fit for." Turning a classic that has been beloved by many generations into a feminist platform that fails to capture the virtues of kindness, grace, and innocence that the original princess portrayed is inevitably going to create backlash. And the numbers showed it: despite what the media says, most people don't want to be preached to or watch movies with cookie-cutter "strong female leads."

Fortunately, Disney has backtracked on some of their woke messaging. They are out to make money, after all, and if woke doesn't sell, they need to pivot. In 2021, they stopped greeting Disney Park visitors as "ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls," instead using the gender-neutral phrase "dreamers of all ages." But just this year, they reintroduced the classic "ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls" in Disney World's Magic Kingdom.

On Disney+, racist warnings appear on many of the classic movies, such as Dumbo, Peter Pan, Lady and the Tramp, and The Aristocats. For instance, in 2020, they used the phrasing "This program includes negative depictions and/or mistreatment of people or cultures. These stereotypes were wrong then and are wrong now." Yet last year, with Donald Trump's start of office, this was updated to a less damning "This program is presented as originally created and may contain stereotypes or negative depictions." So rather than passing a moral judgment, they are backtracking on some of their content warnings.

Indeed, in 2023, Disney CEO Bob Iger said that "Our primary mission needs to be to entertain, and then through our entertainment to continue to have a positive impact on the world. I'm very serious about that. It should not be agenda-driven; it should be entertainment-driven." This is the mindset that is needed to get Disney back to the classic movies that portray timeless stories and good values, yet the woke movies in recent years have not been in alignment with Iger's message. We can only hope that he continues to push for this shift and that other producers at Disney face the facts that woke isn't selling.

There have also been numerous protests against drag storytime around the world, for instance, in Canada, Finland, Australia, the US, France, Germany, New Zealand, and the UK. Opponents to drag queen storytime say they are sexualizing and grooming children, though the media portrays this as intolerance and that drag queens are trying to make sure "queer kids stay alive." Clearly, people are divided, because although we have seen more drag queen events for children over the past few years, it is still encouraging to see people speaking up against it.

There have also been anti-drag legislations in US politics. Montana put a ban on drag queens from reading to minors in 2024, but it is unfortunately unenforceable due to a federal court order. Tennessee, Florida, and Arkansas have restrictions but no enforceable laws, and many are blocked by the courts.

When it comes to protecting our children, we need reliable media and literature with values we agree with. We need authors and producers who can be trusted to provide entertainment that will not harm impressionable kids. The news site Readlion.com lists four solutions that can help parents navigate these issues:

(1) Shift the narrative: seek content for kids that aligns with your values. Parents should discuss when they are exposed to content against their values and "keep the shock," so it is not normalized.

(2) Homeschooling or alternative schooling: bringing children out of the system may be the best solution, given that public schooling has been infiltrated with woke ideology.

(3) Seek new sources of content: there has been a new rising industry for clean content for kids. Here are some examples of publishing and media companies that have traditional values and are against the woke agenda:

Bentkey with The Daily Wire: children's TV shows with clean content

Fairytale Stories: picture books that promote good values

Chicken Scratch Books: clean content for middle-grade books

Heroes of Liberty: books supporting American values

Brave Books: Christian publishing company

More companies can be seen here.

(4) Create new libraries: build a library at your home, church, or community with good books that you can trust.

Although the woke trends have been concerning, we have hope that more voices will speak out against them, especially now that the Trump administration is taking a lead in bringing more sensible policies that don't cave to woke agendas. When it comes to our children, we need to be confident that they are being protected from indoctrination into harmful ideologies.

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Puzzle Answers

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The Real Derrick Van Orden

"He that oppresseth the poor to increase his riches, and he that giveth to the rich, shall surely come to want." Proverbs 22:16

By Riley J. Hood

I used to get campaign mailers from Derrick Van Orden. I was impressed that he was a Navy Seal. But he was silent on the moral order, and his silence regarding the murder of the preborn was deafening. I don't send money to people who are not prolife, and if you are silent regarding the murder of the preborn, you are not prolife.

Having said that, what animates Van Orden? On February 12th, I was sent an article by George Caldwell, "Pro-Corn Congressmen Fight to Put E15 on Market." It talks about a congressional task force on harmonizing the interests of plantation owners with oil refiners. It quotes Rep. Derrick Van Orden, "They're going great," he said about the talks regarding nationwide sales of E-15, which means our gas will now have 15% ethanol, as opposed to the 10% ethanol nonsense we currently endure. The E-15 Rural Domestic Energy Council was formed by the GOP, and is an "all-Republican effort," led by Stephanie Bice, from Oklahoma and Randy Feenstra of Iowa.

According to George Caldwell, "E-15 is effectively forbidden by the Clean Air Act from being sold in Summertime, due to smog concerns." It appears that ethanol blends evaporate into the atmosphere quicker than normal gas. (This writer could really care less about the environment.) Caldwell says the EPA, "regularly provides summertime waivers to allow for its sale, but pro-corn members are seeking to codify the gas' availability to provide market certainty and an expanded market to corn farmers." The thing is, refiners don't want to blend biofuels with petroleum, and they do it because a law imposes that on them, ever since Bush43's Renewable Fuel Standard. Even though there was a small refinery exemption, that was the time food prices began skyrocketing. Another thing, "market certainty" means when I fill up car's gas tank the only choice I have is a substandard biofuel blend.

Caldwell asserts, "Van Orden made clear from the beginning of the task force that he would be seeking changes to the definition of small refineries. 'These larger conglomerates have been getting a bunch of smaller refineries and operating them under a large umbrella and saying that they're separate, independent small refineries, which they're not, we need to lay out exactly … how the large refineries compare to the small refineries,' said Van Orden, who recommended that the definition factor in geography, profit, and employees rather than just the number of barrels produced a day." So, in a way, Van Orden is an enemy of Drill Baby Drill, because if the oil can't be refined, or processed, it is of limited use.

Rep. Derek Schmidt, R-Kansas said, "It doesn't cost the taxpayers or the government a nickel. It is not a mandate. To the contrary, it is the elimination of a government regulation which is precluding the market from functioning in the manner that consumers want it to function." Schmidt is lying. Ethanol is by mandate. E-15 is an increase in that mandate. Consumers don't want any ethanol. Here in Wisconsin, Ethanol was imposed on Wisconsin, beginning with Milwaukee, by Tommy Thompson shepherding that legislation through the assembly and riding through the State saying, "Stick it to Milwaukee." Every small-town nerd who didn't have to have that nonsense fuel foisted on them immediately; voted to stick it to Milwaukee. But what these cowards in their bubble weren't thinking of was the fact that the ethanol mandate was expanded to cover the entire State.

Regarding the "farmers" who fund Van Orden, they are in reality taxpayer subsidized plantation owners, who oversee illegal alien laborers. They are plantation owners who don't feed America anymore, including those same taxpayers who have funded "farmers" since the late nineteenth century and are now forced to pay high prices for imported food. Farmers could grow corn to feed Americans via our food processing complex, if it even exists anymore, but they choose to grow corn and more likely soybeans for ethanol and for export to China. When a rural congressman or official says something like, "Iowa framers feed the world," what they leave out is that they don't feed America first, and then feed the world. There should be a mandate that the plantation holder should feed the taxpayers that support them. Regarding Van Orden, he is Tommy Thompson 2.0 and I would not give him a dime, or buy an apple from him.

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promote false right-winged hate speech. For years the SPLC has been used by the federal government as a legitimate resource, resulting in creating federal policy against those who have actively stood for Constitutional law. Read my original article and understand the full threat of the SPLC. Here it is:

There are many powerful forces operating today across the nation to divide the American people and silence opposing views. One of the most active of these efforts is the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC).

There are two very serious reasons why the SPLC is in many ways more dangerous than other organizations that are fueling the flames of the far-left radicals who use violence and lies to stop honest political debate.

First, the SPLC has contracts with the federal government, specifically the Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), serving as advisors to help define what a domestic terrorist or hate group is, even helping to write official policy for this agency of our government. Here are just a few examples:

In 2009, the Department of Homeland Security issued a report entitled "Right-wing Extremism: Current Economic and Political Climate fueling Resurgence in Radicalization and Recruitment." It targeted conservative groups that supported local rule over federal control. And it singled out groups that opposed abortion or illegal immigration.

Two weeks later, DHS issued a Domestic Extremism Lexicon to define Right wing extremists = those who are concerned over the economy, had antagonism toward the Obama Administration or oppose the UN.

According to these reports and many more, the list of potential terrorists, according to these reports and many more, included anyone who voted for Ron Paul for president, for example.

These reports were basically written by the Southern Poverty Law Center!And they were sent to law enforcement agencies across the nation. Soon after the issuing of these reports police department nationwide could be observed providing bulletins to their officers to be on the watch for dangerous right-wing activity.

In 2010 DHS organized a "Countering Violent Extremist Working Group." Its purpose is to teach local law enforcement how to counter terrorism. It was basically the root of militarizing local police forces.

Serving on this "advisory group" was Mohamed Magid, president of the Islamic Society if North America, who has been accused of funding terrorist organizations. Also serving as an advisor to this group was Richard Cohen, President of the Southern Poverty Law Center. The conclusion of this report is that conservative organizations and spokesmen are possibly bigger domestic terror threats than ISIS!

The SPLC also runs the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center which issues official certification to police groups all over the country for fighting "hate" groups, i.e. Right wing groups. And it is funded by the Department of Homeland Security!

In 2013, Brietbart.com released a report by Judicial Watch confirming a direct connection between the DOJ and SPLC. The report states, "Judicial Watch, a Washington, D.C. based non-partisan educational foundation, released some two dozen pages of emails it obtained revealing connections between the Department of Justice Civil Rights and Tax divisions and the Southern Poverty Law Center."

The second reason the SPLC is a dangerous threat to American freedom is its so-called "Hate List." Each year, the SPLC updates its list of "extremist" groups and individuals it declares to be dangerous. Does the list include Black Lives Matter, ICIS, ANTIFA, or any of the forces that have taken credit for opening fire on crowds attending public events? Nope. SPLC's list of hate groups are those who oppose Obamacare and NAFTA, are concerned about the economy, and perhaps stockpile food to prepare for possible bad economic times. These are "Right Wing Extremists." The list goes on to include people like Stewart Rhodes, founder of the Oath Keepers and Senator Rand Paul. A few years ago, it included Dr. Ben Carson, now HUD Secretary. The list also includes nearly any conservative and Christian organizations that advocate limited government or Christian teachings or government adherence to the Constitution.

There is now a new trend moving across the nation that makes inclusion on this list dangerous to the very existence of those listed on it. Since President Trump's election, the SPLC has ramped up its attacks on the Right with the clear purpose of destroying conservatives' ability to speak out and counter SPLC's assault on free speech and freedom of choice.

Joining SPLC in these attacks on the Right are major corporations and social media giants like Facebook and Goggle. These corporations are, in fact, using the SPLC hate list to deny services to some organizations and individuals who are listed. Here are some examples:

Discover Card, one of the nation's leading credit card companies, denied a conservative group the use of their card to accept donations.

Quick Books cancelled a subscription of its product to a Christian organization because it opposed same sex marriage.

PayPal has refused to let a conservative group use its service for fund raising.

There have been several reports of social media giant Facebook censuring and banning conservative posts and pages.

Google has taken steps to deny Internet searches of conservative websites.

Clearly, there is a drive to deny conservative and Christian organizations the ability to exist in the market place or in social media. How far off is the day when conservative leaders are denied access to public transportation, the rental of halls for meetings, or bank accounts are seized, all under the guise of protecting the public from hate and racism? Well, the answer is already in front of us.

First, there was the outrageous and planned violence in Charlottesville, Virginia in which two opposing sides supposedly clashed over removal of Robert E. Lee's statue. The obvious fact is that the event was staged to make the Right look like the perpetrator. More importantly, the Ku Klux Klan was used as the villain. I'm going to go out on a limb to say there is hardly any real KKK activity taking place in the nation, especially any strong enough to create such violence as the Charlottesville incident. The fact is, the KKK basically exists only in the demented minds of the Southern Poverty Law Center, which loves to place it on the hate list next to groups like the NRA as a broad-brush visual tactic. The reality that such groups have nothing to do with the KKK isn't important to the SPLC.

However, the desired effect of the clash worked. Immediately after the Charlottesville incident, Congress, without any public debates, rushed to approve Public Law 115-58, which "urges the President and his administration to speak out against hate groups that espouse racism, extremism, and xenophobia."

How is the President to choose what are actual "hate" groups? Of course, the plan is for him to use the official list – the Southern Poverty Law Center's hate list, of course. Again, who is on that list? The NRA, the Family Research Council and the American Policy Center, to name a very few.

It's interesting to note that the very group that is now looked on by our government as the official definer of hate in our nation, has actually committed one of the most outrageous and dangerous acts of terrorism against certain American citizens.

In 2015, the SPLC issued a "Hit List of U.S. Women Against Sharia Law." The list targeted 12 leading conservative women who have specifically spoken out against radical Muslims and their authoritarian doctrine that inspires Islamists and their jihadism. The hit list not only named the women but listed the cities where they reside. Anyone who has studied radical Islam clearly understands that this SPLC hit list put these women in grave danger of reprisal from Muslim extremists.

The SPLC is a dangerous organization, guilty of the hate it claims to fight. Yet it works closely with our own government in its quest to destroy any Americans who hold opposing views, even to the point of denying them a place in society.

The fact is the SPLC would just be another run of the mill leftist outfit if it didn't have such close ties with our government. Those ties need to be thoroughly investigated by the Congressional Homeland Security Committee and then severed immediately.

The only way to end the SPLC's reign of terror is to pull its teeth – its powerful connections with our government that make it a threat. The Southern Poverty Law Center labels any American who advocates that the U.S. Constitution is the law of the land as a potential domestic terrorist, dangerous to the nation. The question that must be answered is why the Department of Homeland Security and major corporations are working with them to make those attacks legitimate.

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"People who pride themselves on their "complexity" and deride others for being "simplistic" should realize that the truth is often not very complicated. What gets complex is evading the truth."
~ Thomas Sowell

Patriot News

Patriot Events and Activities

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

Looking for Fraud *cont. from page 11*

questions at the heart of the integrity of our elections. The poll led them to the conclusion that many Wisconsin voters believe local election officials are corrupt, incompetent or both. Barry Burden, Director of the Election Research Center at the University of Wisconsin Madison, is often consulted as an expert on elections. He recently commented that when it comes to polls, "…the wording of questions matters a lot."

Charles Franklin, Director of the Marquette poll, masterfully avoids the election question that Wisconsin voters would surely answer in the affirmative nearly 100% of the time:

"Should the Wisconsin Registered Voter List contain only the names of currently eligible voters?"

No Justice for Harry Wait

Harry Wait is a 71-year-old Wisconsin man who loves freedom. He is concerned about the vulnerability of our elections to fraud so in 2022 when a trusted source told him that anyone could request an absentee ballot without voter ID on Wisconsin's MyVote website, he decided to test it. He logged in and requested a dozen absentee ballots including those of Robin Vos, Speaker of the Assembly, and Cory Mason, Mayor of Racine, to be delivered to his home address. All he needed was a date of birth. Wait promptly informed Vos, Mason, and others of what he was doing and why, and when the ballots of Mason and 10 others arrived (Vos's never did), he immediately returned them to Racine County Sheriff Chris Schmaling, who did not charge him. Josh Kaul, Wisconsin Attorney General, however, did charge him.

Wait should have been celebrated for exposing this grave threat to Wisconsin elections but instead was convicted of 2 counts of voter fraud and 1 count of identity theft in March of this year. Vos and Mason both testified against him, despite fully

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Some local patriots are pushing back against the POS who is encouraging assassination attempts against President Trump. Good for them! Hope you can attend or share with others who could.



HOT GOVERNMENT **HOT JACK**

Math Is Fun

I was forwarded an official report from the Wisconsin Elections Commission detailing Mail-In Ballot information from the 2026 Spring Election in Wisconsin. To summarize:

Statewide total Mail-In Ballots sent out: 257,650
Total Mail-In Ballots returned: 235,174
Total Mail-In Ballots listed as "Undeliverable": 3,234

Here's where the math comes in. There is a total of (257,650 -235,174 -3.234) **19,242 ballots that are UNACOUNTED FOR.** That comes out to over **7.4%** of all Mail-In Ballots.

The obvious question (even to those from Rio Linda, who may or may not occupy a seat on the Wisconsin State Supreme Court or The WEC) is **"What happened to those MISSING 19,242 ballots?"** Some might say that they were lost or just thrown into the trash. But all of them? What about half of them? **That's 3.7% of Mail-In Ballots.** The point is that over 7.4% of all Mail-In Ballots are missing. We have no idea of where they went. Were they used to steal an election? In the case of this Supreme Court election, probably not; at least not without help.

But what about implications to other state-wide elections? Have we not had multiple elections of Governors, US Senators and Assembly Speakers where the margin of victory was way less than 3.7% of Mail-In Ballots, much less 7.4%? Doesn't that by itself (never mind the allegations of algorithms in voter machines) call into question the validity of ALL elections?

According to The University of Florida Election Lab last updated on 11/5/2024,

https://election.lab.ufl.edu/early-vote/2024-early-voting/2024-general-election-early-vote-wisconsin/

there were 61,023 "missing" ballots in the 2024 Wisconsin General Election. It is not clear, if this number included "undeliverable" ballots. But regardless of where the "undeliverable" ballots were "dumped", it is clear that the "missing" ballots could certainly have affected the outcome of the Gubernatorial and Senatorial elections. Heck, maybe the Republicans used them to win the Wisconsin Presidential Election. Maybe the Dems were out cheated?

The point is that we don't know.....WE JUST DON'T KNOW.

NOTE: Neither of the reports mentioned above detailed NON-REQUESTED Mail-In Ballots OR REQUESTS FOR Mail-in Ballots that were sent out WITHOUT BEING REQUESTED BY individual, registered voters. There's another question, or six!

HOT GOVERNMENT **HOT JACK**

Tell Me Lies

HOT Government put out a press release on May 10th. It told a story about the Wisconsin Election Commission being caught in a bold-faced lie. The LIE was a denial of the WEC not following or even having an official complaint process for the Federal HAVA, Help America Vote Act. The WEC, after publicly claiming that "Wisconsin has a HAVA-complaint process as required by federal law" turned right around and admitted that they actually DON'T have a complaint process. This revelation of truth finally came after HOT's Pro Se Jay slammed their fingers with the top of the cookie jar.

What we are witnessing is a primary example of OUT OF CONTROL GOVERNMENT with no oversight or accountability. The WEC figures that they can get away with whatever they want. Why wouldn't they? They have been "getting away with it" ever since their inception. It's like they are "protected". If a question pops up, they lie. If someone files a complaint, they ignore it because they don't have a process to respond to complaints. And NO ONE in government challenges them. NO ONE in the "lame-stream media" challenges them; not WRN, not WISN.

Some might say, "What's the big deal? It's only about a complaint process." But that's not the point. The point is that it's a lie, an intentional bald-face LIE. Their first and only instinct is TO LIE. And if the WEC is lying about such a trivial matter as this, something that they could have easily admitted to and fixed, WHAT ELSE ARE THEY LIEING ABOUT?

The WEC IS NOT just another worthless government agency. They are a worthless government agency WITH GREAT POWER TO AFFECT YOUR LIVES. They control elections. They control WHO votes and HOW they vote. They oversee and control (OR DON'T) the counting of the ballots and the reporting of the results. Some might say that they have a major effect in "controlling who wins critical elections"……. that means "fix". And yet they have no oversight. They are allowed to, or directed to run out of control.

Since the WEC was created by Scott Walker and Robbin' Vos, (personally, I think that Walker was duped by his buddy, Robbin') it has been protected by Republicans to the apparent benefit of the Democrats. What's up with that? If that is not so, WHY is Meagan Wolfe still in office? And WHO kept her in office?

What will Republican Leadership do to correct the situation and restore confidence in Wisconsin Elections? The answer is NOTHING. Would you like to test that hypothesis? Stand up at the Wisconsin Republican State Convention and ask them about it. Ask them, WHY are they protecting the WEC? Of course, you will be immediately be tossed out of both the Convention and the Party.

We can't have anyone asking questions, much less demanding answers can we?

One Nation Under God

Red Letter Christianity

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." II Timothy 3:16

By Riley J. Hood

Shortly after I became a Christian in 1984, I started hearing about Tony Campolo. This Baptist Pastor regularly supported things that violated the clear commandments of God. His wife Peggy was even more vociferous. Campolo supported feminism, abortion, and sodomy. He used the "unconditional love" theme inspired by his Erich Fromm and Victor Frankl books to produce twisted interpretations of the Scripture. He also used a reductionist method called, "red-letter Christianity."

In 1899 Louis Klopsch (1852-1910), editor of the Christian Herald created a "red-letter" Bible version, citing that Jesus shed his blood for our sins. A New Testament was first printed in 1899, and in 1901 a full Bible. It was intended as a study aid. Are Jesus' quotes supreme? yes indeed. But they are not divorced from the rest of the Bible. "Red-letter Christianity" reduces Jesus from being the incarnate, eternal Son of God, to being a preacher of love. The Red-letter Bible is a modern creation, and Red-letter Christianity is a modern heresy, although like most heresies, they have been done before. Red-letter Christianity is neo-Marcionism.

Marcion (85-160AD, excommunicated in 144AD) decided that God in the Old Testament was cruel, and Jesus Christ was in nature different than "the Demiurge" Creator. He called himself a disciple of Paul, and the only scripture that applied to the age of grace were 10 letters of Paul, (excluding the pastoral epistles) and an abbreviated Gospel of Luke, aka the Gospel according to Marcion. He regularly pitted scripture against scripture to formulate his own doctrines, including the denial of Christ's incarnation, death and resurrection. Similarly, Campolo thinks the Old Testament, and most of the New Testament is cruel, and that only the Sermon on the Mount, and other direct quotes from Jesus constitute Christian Scriptures. Never mind Jesus quoted the Old Testament often.

According to Wikipedia, "Anthony Campolo Jr. was an American sociologist," and "spiritual advisor to US President Bill Clinton." He was born in 1935 in Philadelphia. He called himself, "The positive prophet of Red-Letter Christianity." Tony Campolo, "announced his support for full LGBTQ+ acceptance within the church and the legalization of same-sex marriage in 2015. He argued that his experience with committed Christian gay couples, combined with a focus on Christ's message of love and justice, necessitated this shift, challenging traditional evangelical stances."

He said similar things on YouTube, and "while some Bible passages are used to condemn homosexuality, Jesus did not directly address the topic, and the overarching message of the Gospel emphasizes love and justice." As part of the Red-Letter Christian movement, he emphasizes focusing on the, "direct teachings of Jesus—love, justice, and care for the marginalized—as the core of his faith, which led to his inclusion and affirmation of gay people." The core of Campolo's idolatry is the rejection of God's Law.

He revealed his tactics to Religious News Service, recalling a debate with Jerry Falwell over female pastors, "Yes, I affirm that, but I have to set what you just said, Jerry, over and against the fact that, in the sixteenth chapter of Romans we have a woman who's referred to as a fellow apostle. A missionary, a speaker, a leader in the church. I have to put that over and against the fact that the book of Acts talks about Phillip having three daughters who were preachers. I have to put that over and against the fact that in Philippians we read about Euodia and Sntyche, two women who were leaders of the church in Philippi. I have to deal with the fact that, on the day of Pentecost, it was said not only that young men but young women prophesied, which is to say, to preach. So, I have all these other instances to set over and against what you have just said. So, we do have to handle those verses, and they trouble me, but what do you do with all of these other verses?" See where this is going? Campolo equates church involvement with church leadership. Campolo turned doctrine upside down, twisting the scriptures.

According to Brainyquote.com Campolo said, "Prior to Roe v Wade, abortions were common even though they were illegal. I don't think making it illegal again is going to solve the problem." The reality is that when abortion was illegal, Planned Parenthood said there was 10,000 women killing their children every year, and that was an overblown estimate. After Roe v Wade, the number of annual abortions peaked at 1.5 million per year, and most years there are over one million murdered innocents. Campolo knew this, yet he lied anyway.

RNS, asked Campolo about that, "And what of the millions of abortions performed each year in America?" Campolo responded, "I am very concerned that we have allowed the Republican party alone to define the pro-life position. Democrats have not understood where evangelicals are coming from." He then said, "abortions in America are driven by economic forces. That is to say, it is young women who are pregnant, working at a minimum wage, with no health insurance or possibility for daycare, with no pre-natal or post-natal help, and who knows that if she has the baby it's going to cost her thousands of dollars for hospital care." "My question is: how can we as evangelicals call ourselves pro-life if all we are anxious to do is to make abortion illegal? If we are not dealing with the economic forces that are driving people to have abortions?" See what he just did, he pretended to care, and blamed Christians for wanting to outlaw murder. He added, "In short, the people in Congress who vote for curtailment of abortion, on the one hand, turn around and vote against raising the minimum wage, vote against universal healthcare, vote against daycare for single women, vote against prenatal and post-natal care? There is an inconsistency here. I'm pro-life, but pro-life in a full sense, in the sense of Cardinal Bernadin: you can't just pass a law against abortion." Campolo was a pro-abortion socialist and never wanted the killing to stop.

There was no inconsistency with Campolo who lied about everything, like his father the Devil does. He admitted his apostasy to RNS, "I was brought up in a very fundamentalist background that taught me to memorize Scripture." A critic named Ian Paul wrote, "If we focus only on the teaching of Jesus, we are aligning ourselves with the Gnostics; the so-called 'gospel' of Thomas, which contains 114 sayings of Jesus, is no gospel at all, since a 'gospel' announces good news about what God has done." That sums up the life of Campolo, a heretic, who died and went to hell on November 19th 2024 for teaching rebellion against the Lord.





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understanding that he had no intention of committing either of these crimes.

Read the details on page 27 of OWO. https://onwisconsinoutdoors.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/On-Wisconsin-Outdoors-May-June-2026-Issue.pdf

On May 4 Jay Stone, President of the patriot group HOT (Honest, Open and Transparent) Government announced filing a Help America Vote Act (HAVA) complaint with the WEC and a separate federal HAVA complaint with the Department of Justice. The complaints expose the MyVote website violation of federal security standards for online voter registration and absentee ballot requests and seek multifactor authentications for all online processes.

Looking for Fraud in all the Wrong Places

The ever-increasing pushback from those who are telling us there is nothing to see here is encouraging. We are making our voices impossible to ignore. The enemies of freedom want Wisconsin voters looking for fraud in all the wrong places – places they will never find it. Honest, conscientious local election officials and accurate ballot counts are not the problems. Corruption, cowardice, arrogance, incompetence, and ignorance have our elected officials shunning their responsibility to secure verifiable elections and members of the media shunning their responsibility to investigate and expose the problems. They've had their chance. Now is the time for Wisconsin voters to warmly welcome the U.S. Department of Justice into the Wisconsin voting quagmire. They will look for fraud in all the right places. And they'll find it.

VOICE OF JERUSALEM

Apartheid

By Ivan M. Lang

The Palestinian Arabs and anti-Semites in the West often accuse Israel of being an apartheid state. According to the Cambridge Dictionary apartheid is defined as: a system of keeping groups of people separate and treating them differently, especially when this results in disadvantages for one group. This accusation refers to the Israeli's treating the Palestinian Arabs who live in Israel differently from the Jews. While there are some differences in the treatment of these groups, this is totally due to the war between Palestinian Arabs and Jews that has been in progress for over 100 years. However, these differences are minor compared to the treatment of Jews in Arab lands.

The Jews and Arabs have lived together in the Middle East for over 3000 years. The Jews and Arabs lived peacefully together for most of this time. This was particularly true after the Jews were expelled from Israel by the Romans after the first century AD. Thousands of Jews moved into Arab controlled lands which are now called Iraq, Syria, and Saudi Arabia. The Jews lived together with Arabs very peacefully for centuries. It was at this time in this region when the Jews compiled one of the major religious Jewish books, i.e., the Babalonian Talmud. This took centuries to formulate with numerous meetings that required the transport of Jews across this territory. This project could not have occurred if there was conflict between the Jews and Arabs. In fact there were a number of Arab communities that converted to Judaism during this time. Bahrain ruler Abu Karib Asad converted to Judaism in 400 CE, in 511 CE Mar Zutra established an independent Jewish state in Babylon, in 516 CE southern Arabian King Ohu Nuwas adopted Judaism, and Medina in Arabia became a a major Jewish city. Before the 7th century there was never any significant conflict between Arabs and Jews.

The peace between Jews and Arabs ended with the creation of Islam in 638 CE which subjected Jews to a form of slavery: dhimmitude. In dhimmitude, Jews and Christians were given a choice of death or servitude to the Muslim state. If they accepted servitude they obtained security from death, but they had to accept a condition of inferiority, spoliation and humiliation. As they were forbidden to possess weapons and give testimony against a Muslim, they were put in a position of vulnerability and humility. Jews had to live in Jewish ghettos and had to wear items that identified them as Jews. If they rejected dhimmitude they were expelled or assassinated as was done to the Hindus. This was like the Jews living in Germany when run by the Nazis. Therefore, the first historic situation of apartheid with respect to Jews and Arabs was clearly apartheid conducted by the Arabs against Jews.

Arab Muslims ruled over the Jews in the Middle East in a state of dhimmitude for over 1200 years from 638 CE to 1917 CE when the Ottoman Empire was defeated in WWI. After WWI Arabia was controlled by France and Great Britian, therefore, the apartheid against Jews ended but the oppression had not ended.

Great Britain was given control of Israel in the British Mandate of Palestine, which was the international legal transfer of Palestine from Ottoman Empire to Britain by League of Nations in 1917.

British Mandate of Palestine: "Whereas the Principal Allied Powers have also agreed that the Mandatory should be responsible for putting into effect the declaration originally made on November 2nd, 1917, by the Government of His Britannic Majesty, and adopted by the said Powers, in favor of the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people…

Whereas recognition has thereby been given to the historical connection of the Jewish people with Palestine and to the grounds for reconstituting their national home in that country;

The Administration of Palestine… shall facilitate Jewish immigration under suitable conditions and shall encourage, in co-operation with the Jewish agency referred to in Article 4, close settlement by Jews on the land, including State lands and waste lands not required for public purposes".

Therefore, the world recognized that Israel belonged to the Jews and they created a document and process that assisted Jews in returning to Israel and in the creation of a Jewish state in Palestine. There was no mention of the existence of a group called "Palestinians" by any person or country at that time. In addition, the occupation and immigration of Palestine by Jews was not a result of apartheid, it was the result of the world recognizing the fact of history that Israel belonged to the Jews.

During WW1, two Arab tribes in particular, i.e. Hussein and Saud, helped the allies defeat the Germans and Ottomans so after the war Great Britian decided to reward them with territory won from the Ottoman Empire in WWI. The Hussein tribe, which previously had worked on a peace treaty with the Jews, was given 75% of Palestine for a state called Transjordan in 1921. So while Britain promised the Jews Palestine in the British Mandate of Palestine, they broke their own promise and gave 75% of that land promised to the Jews to the Arab tribe of Hussein which was from Iraq, not Palestine. If anything this action was apartheid supporting the new Arab state against Jews.

After the British abandoned the Jews and gave land and support for the Arabs, the Arabs felt emboldened and they increased their demands and instituted terrorism against the Jews. The Peel Commission recommended the partition of Palestine into two separate states, one Jewish (19% (5% of original Palestine) of the area) and one Arab (81% of the area). The Jews accepted the plan, but the Arabs rejected the plan; and the terrorism continued. The British finally gave up and gave Palestine to the UN. In November1947, the UN voted to divide Palestine into two states: one for the Jews and one for the Arabs. Each were a majority in the areas allotted to them. The Jews accepted this plan, and once again the Arabs rejected it.

Clearly, the Palestinian Arabs were given more power, influence, and land in Palestine than the Jews in spite of the British Mandate of Palestine, but the Palestinian Arabs voluntarily chose to reject everything. As described above, the definition of apartheid is a "system keeping groups of people separate and treating them differently,", but in this situation the system attempted to treat different groups similarly, but one group rejected what they were offered. There is no way the Palestinian Arabs can accuse Israel of engaging in apartheid when the reason for their separation and their different situation is totally due to their rejection of everything they were offered.

When the Jews declared the establishment of Israel on May 14, 1948, Egypt, Syria, Jordan, Iraq, and Saudi Arabia invaded Israel from all sides. The Palestinian Arabs claim they were expelled from Israel after Israel was declared a state and they have a celebration, called the Nakba, to commemorate this "tragedy". They claim that 750,00 Arab Palestinians were expelled from Israel after it became a state. However, this is a total lie. About 50,000 Palestinian Arabs were expelled, but it was part of the military defense of Israel during the war started by the surrounding Arab countries. These Palestinian Arabs were in critical areas of the war and if they had not been expelled they would have been killed in the war. The remaining 700,000 were not expelled they left on their own accord and this was encouraged by their Arab leaders. Basically, the "Palestinian" Arab people were told to leave by their leaders and they did. The Arab leaders told them that they will return after the surrounding Arab nations defeat Israel and expel all the Jews. The following statements by Arab leaders at the time fully support these facts of history

• The Arab Exodus was not caused by the actual battle but the exaggerated description spread by the Arab leaders to incite them… For the flight and fall of the villages it is our leaders who are responsible because of their dissemination of rumors…they instilled fear and terror in the hearts of the Arabs, until they fled leaving their homes…—Jordanian paper Al Urdun, April 9, 1953

• It is we who have demanded the return of refugees, while it is we who made them leave. We brought disaster upon a million Arab refugees by…bringing pressure on them to leave—Khaled al-Azm, Syrian Prime Minister, 1973 memoirs

• The Arab armies entered Palestine... But instead they abandoned them, forced them to emigrate and to leave their homeland, imposed upon them a political blockade and threw them in prisons similar to the ghettos —Maahmoud Abbas, March 1976, Falastin al-Tharwara.

While only 50,000 Arabs were expelled from Israel by the Israelis during the 1947 war, which was started by the Arabs, over 750,00 Jews were expelled from the surrounding Arab countries in response to the establishment of the state of Israel. Today, there are over 2,000,000 Arabs (21%) living in Israel and less than 500 Jews in all of the Arab countries. Therefore, the truth is that it is not the Arabs who were subjected to an apartheid system it was the Jews. There are now 2,000,000 Palestinian Arabs living in Israel and 200 Jews in all of 23 Arab states.

The truth is much more significant than just the population number. After the 1967 war, Israel tried to get the Arab states into a peace agreement, but the Arab states got together and issued their three no's in the Arab League Khartoum Declaration of 1967: No Recognition of Israel; No Negotiations with Israel; No Peace with Israel. In spite of this, the Arabs living under Israeli rule in West Bank and Gaza had their lives improved.

Income increased 80% from 1967-1973

GDP increased 15% per year 1967-1973

Employment 98% by 1973

Illiteracy rate decreased to 14% (Egypt 61%, Tunisia 45%, Syria 44%).

Population increased 950,000 to 3,000,000 due to immigration from 1967 to 1994.

Infant mortality 60/1000 in 1968 - 15/1000 in 2000

Value of West Bank crops doubled 1968-1972

130,000 Arab workers in Israel

36,000 Arabs in new homes by 1973

Freedom of movement everywhere including to and from Jordon for Arabs.

Jews shopped in Gaza and West Bank

In spite of all that another war broke out in 1973, this time primarily between Israel and Egypt. Israel won again and not much changed on the ground. After this time the following occurred in the West Bank:

West Bank Arabs went to Haifa University

Access to excellent medical care

Eradication of childhood diseases: polio, whooping cough, tetanus, measles.

Students and classes increased 100%

Wages increased and Arabs enjoyed same fringe benefits as Israeli workers

Israel funded infrastructure in West Bank–millions of dollars and made credit available for housing

Farmers taught new techniques to increase production and access to new markets in Israel and Jordan for crops.

In Israel today there are Arab legislators in the Knesset, Arab diplomats in the Foreign Ministry, Arab generals in the Israel Defense Forces, and also Arab judges. In fact, it was an Arab District Court judge (George Karra) who sentenced former Israeli President Moshe Katzav to jail, and an Arab Supreme Court Justice who upheld the sentence (Salim Joubran). Anyone who has been to Israel knows this. Everywhere you go in Israel there are Arabs. When I went to Israel, I discovered that there were many places I could not go, e.g. Temple Mount, because I was Jewish, yet the Arabs went everywhere.

The idea that Israel is an apartheid state is one of the most illogical and false accusations ever. In addition, to have this accusation come from Arabs who have expelled hundreds of thousands of Jews, such that there are only 200 left in 23 countries, is beyond logic and sanity.

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Tolentino, and Piker have a lot in common. They are 30-somethings leading privileged lives that are not the result of their own substantive achievements. They have no moral compass to guide them. They are hypocrites, living the wealthy lives of luxury they publicly oppose. Watching them perform, it is impossible to know if they truly believe they bring something of value to the table, or if they know they are empty vessels, gleefully exploiting the millions of lost young people who are susceptible to pretenders with a megaphone who come their way.

Jesus Christ, the greatest teacher the world has ever known, warned, "Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves" (Matthew 7:15). False prophets are everywhere.

Failure Exposed. Again.

The New York Times, once nicknamed the "Old Gray Lady" for its longstanding credibility, maturity, and stature as the newspaper of record, provided its name, a stage, and a microphone to 3 immoral individuals, who have no real-world accomplishments, to advocate against fundamental principles of right and wrong. The video they produced further exposed the dismal failure of millions of American families to teach their children how to live. Failure to effectively parent is destroying the fabric of America with significant numbers of young adults supporting the use of violence to address grievances, suppressing free speech when they find it offensive, and stealing from others as justifiable. Have we seen and heard enough? Is it time to return to truth? Are we ready to take our country back?

Media Coverage (or not) of RCP8.5 RIP

By Roger Pielke Jr. / Substack

• The international committee responsible for official IPCC climate scenarios has declared the high-end scenarios — RCP8.5, SSP5-8.5, and SSP3-7.0 — to be implausible. This is the biggest development in climate science in decades.

• RCP8.5 was the "doomsday" scenario that assumed massive global coal expansion. It dominated climate headlines, policy papers, and legislative testimony for nearly two decades — and it was always wrong.

• Dutch media covered it on the front page. German outlets ran it. Major U.S. outlets — the New York Times, The Guardian, Carbon Brief, Science, Nature — have said virtually nothing.

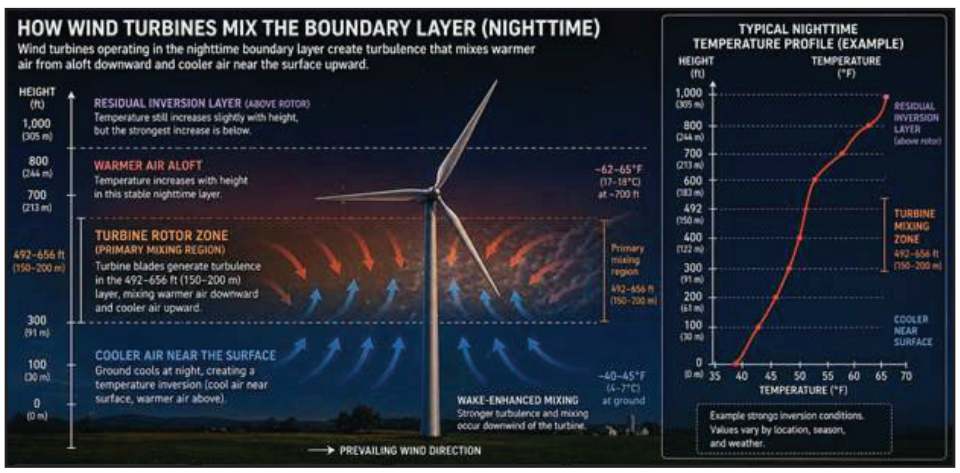
• More than 2,600 studies published in 2026 alone relied on the now-retired extreme scenarios. Tens of thousands more were published before that. All of those projections need to be revisited.

• State legislators who were shown alarming climate projections to justify expensive energy mandates should ask: were those projections based on RCP8.5? If yes, the scientific basis for those mandates has just been officially retired.

Truth comment: *This is the story of the decade in climate science, and the American press is almost entirely silent — because acknowledging it would require walking back years of alarming coverage built on a scenario the IPCC now says was always unrealistic. Every legislator who was shown a scary chart about 4°C or 5°C warming to justify a renewable mandate should find out whether that chart was based on RCP8.5. If it was, you were shown a scenario the scientific community has now officially declared implausible. That matters enormously for pending and existing climate legislation. Ask the question. Demand honest answers.*



Harvard Study Finds Wind Turbines Cause Local Warming and Health Impacts



By Energy Bad Boys / Substack

• A Harvard University study found that large-scale wind farms create measurable local warming effects — particularly at night — by mixing atmospheric layers and altering surface temperatures.

• The study raises questions about whether wind energy's climate benefits are being accurately calculated when local environmental impacts are included.

• Additional research has linked wind turbine noise and shadow flicker to sleep disruption, stress, and other health complaints in nearby residents.

• These findings are rarely discussed in renewable energy policy debates, where wind is routinely presented as having no environmental downside. Which is not true.

• State legislators should require full environmental impact assessments — including local warming, noise, health studies, and disposal of worn-out blades and towers — before approving large wind installations.

Truth comment: *If a coal plant caused local warming and measurable health complaints from neighbors, it would be front-page news and the subject of immediate regulatory action. A Harvard study showing wind turbines do the same thing? Crickets from the mainstream press. The standard should be the same for every energy source. Require honest environmental assessments. Your rural constituents living next to these installations deserve the same protections as anyone else.*

Tornado Levels Billion-Dollar Solar Farm, But The Coal Plant Didn't Flinch

By Energy Bad Boys and Mitch Rolling

On Tuesday, March 10th, an EF-1 tornado destroyed the Dunns Bridge Solar I and II facilities owned by the Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO). [some emphasis, links added]

The facilities, located outside of Wheatfield, Indiana, had 2.4 million solar panels, totaling 700 megawatts (MW) of power capacity, and reportedly cost $1 billion to construct—a little over $1,400 per kilowatt (kW).

NIPSCO issued the following statement in the aftermath:

"On the evening of March 10, while actively monitoring severe weather and responding to storm-related outages across our service area, NIPSCO became aware of damage to its Dunns Bridge I and Dunns Bridge II solar facilities in Starke and Jasper counties. Our team was tracking the storm in real time and moved in to assess conditions and respond as soon as it was safe to do so. Debris from the damage could have been displaced, and we are working to safely secure the area, assess the damage and proactively communicate with the community.

"We recognize there may be questions and concerns about potential environmental impacts related to the damage at the solar farm. Solar panel leaching concerns have been thoroughly evaluated in industry-leading research, which shows that the risk is extremely low. Overall, the available evidence demonstrates that both crystalline silicon and thin-film PV (i.e., photovoltaic) modules do not pose a meaningful risk of environmental or human exposure from leaching, even when damaged."

The Chief Deputy of Jasper County Sheriff's Department, Brandon Napier, noted, "Just the path of the tornado that came through, we have several large solar fields to the east of the town here, it went right through the solar field and just ripped a lot of them out."

While the solar panels were damaged by the tornado, we are not aware of any reports of damage at the nearby R.M. Schahfer Generating Station, a 950 MW coal facility that NIPSCO was planning to retire at the end of 2025.

However, it is still running thanks to a 202(C) order issued by the U.S. Department of Energy requiring the plant to continue operations. Click on the map below to explore the custom Google Map we made this week of the facilities.

This week, we wanted to take the opportunity to explore more about NIPSCO and share some data with our readers, especially given our recent research in the state.

This article will explore the cost of the destroyed solar facility compared to the nearby R.M. Schahfer Plant, and explore how energy costs have changed in the NIPSCO service territory in response to changes in the company's generation fleet, using some cool data from S&P Global.

It's kind of a meandering exploration, but one of the things we value most about Substack and our readers is our ability to explore new ideas and see the feedback you all give. Thanks for being part of it.

Implications of the Destruction

According to S&P Global, the Dunns Bridge solar projects were built to "support Northern Indiana Public Service's goal of becoming coal-free by 2028, reducing carbon emissions by more than 90 percent by 2030, compared to a 2005 baseline, according to the utility."

The situation begs several questions:

If climate change is going to make the weather more extreme, how does it make any sense to shut down coal plants and build energy generation facilities, like solar, that are destroyed by extreme weather?

Are the company's coal-free and emissions reduction goals increasing the company's exposure to costs associated with weather events, and why should ratepayers be saddled with these additional costs?

Was there any damage to the R.M. Schahfer coal plant or the onsite battery storage facility at Dunns Bridge?

What type of insurance policy is in place for the solar facility, and what deductible would the company be required to pay, if any?

What liability, if any, does the company have for the cleanup of the site and surrounding areas?

How is any of this in the best interests of ratepayers?

We reached out to NIPSCO via their "24-hour" media hotline, asking for this information, but they did not respond to our inquiry at the time of publication, and we sincerely doubt they will.

However, these are questions the company should have to answer in front of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission on March 24th at its scheduled hearing on energy affordability.

They can dodge our questions, but they had better come clean to the regulators.



