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"The essential quality of a market system, contrary to popular thinking, is not that it promotes greed; But rather, that it renders greed harmless." Israel Kirzner



Trump rally in Green Bay: Former president focuses on immigration in campaign speech

By Ariel Perez, Jeff Bollier, Benita Mathew and Danielle DuClos
April 2, 2024

Cold wind and sleet did not deter northeastern Wisconsin Trump supporters from lining up Tuesday afternoon outside the KI Convention Center.

The former president is scheduled to speak at 5 p.m. Tuesday in downtown Green Bay in what would be his eighth visit to Green Bay and his first in four years.

The rally comes on busy day in northeastern Wisconsin. It's Election Day, when there are a host of municipal and school races as well as the presidential preference primary for Wisconsin, and the area is expecting 8 to 12 inches of snow.

Here's how the day has unfolded:

Trump wraps up Green Bay campaign stop

Republican Donald Trump kept his speech to an hour, wrapping up

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Innovating for a water-starved planet

Inspiration, innovation, perspiration and technology can overcome climate challenges

By Paul Dreissen

More than 3,400 years ago, God told Joshua to lead the Hebrew people across the Jordan River into the Promised Land that is now Israel. If they worked hard and followed his commandments, it would become "a land flowing with milk and honey."

At least the central, northern and Galilee (Kineret) regions would; they generally received enough rainfall to sustain ancient nomadic and agricultural communities. The south, the Negev Desert around and below Be'er Sheva and Abraham's famous well, was too parched for much more than camel stops. In 1900 Be'er Sheva was home to just 300 hardy souls, and even today most of the Negev gets a fraction of Arizona's annual rainfall.



Nevertheless, national founder and first prime minister

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Study grades natural gas as best source for reliability, affordability and environmental impact

By Kevin Killough

A new study finds that natural gas is the most effective energy source meeting growing energy demands affordably and reliably, while balancing environmental and human impact.

The "Grading the Grid" study by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, a pro-free market nonprofit, and Northwood University rates natural gas, coal, petroleum, nuclear, hydroelectric, wind, solar and geothermal generation sources on their reliability, environmental and human impact, cost, innovation and market feasibility.

Natural gas got an "A" grade, followed by nuclear, which got a "B+". Wind and solar energy came in last, each receiving "F" grades, according to the study.

Natural gas, the study explains, is best suited to integrate with the intermittency inherent with wind

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Dan O'Donnell – All in for Vos

By Bill Savage

For the past few years, I have been listening to Dan O'Donnell and it is perfectly clear that he is a huge Vos sycophant. I use the term "sycophant" and not "supporter" because a supporter would actually be able to provide some accolades and achievements. Instead, he simply attacks Vos's enemies with false accusations and selective outrage.

Tuesday March 19th, when filling in for Mark Belling, O'Donnell had a horrible time separating fact from fantasy. It was one of the worst segments ever done. For those of you who do podcasts it starts about the 10 minute mark.

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To catch you up to speed, here is the letter I wrote to him about Vos last October, when he, along with Wisconsin Right Now (WRN) were obsessed with Adam Steen getting a few bucks from a county party while Vos robbed the coffers of RACC to pay for his campaign. I've discussed in my letter the fact that O'Donnell would

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'Shocking cover-up': DOJ lawyers committed fraud in vaccine injury case, CHD attorney alleges in motion

By Brenda Baletti, Ph.D

Rolf Hazlehurst, a Children's Health Defense (CHD) staff attorney and father of a son with autism, filed a motion in federal court on April 2 alleging lawyers representing the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) fraudulently concealed evidence that vaccines can cause autism.

In a motion filed in the U.S. Court of Federal Claims, Hazlehurst alleged that U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) lawyers who represented HHS in vaccine injury cases repeatedly defrauded the judicial system – from the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program (NVICP) to the U.S. Supreme Court.

That fraud led to thousands of families of vaccine-injured children being denied the right to compensation and the right to have their cases heard, according to the motion.

"This motion makes very serious and well-substantiated allegations of a

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Devolution of Power: Rolling Back the Federal State to Preserve the Republic

By Williams Kovacs

In my new book, Devolution of Power: Rolling Back the Federal State to Preserve the Republic, I address a question more and more citizens are asking: Can a distrusted federal government unite and govern this polarized country? If not, how do we divide?



Readers should not quickly dismiss the idea of devolving federal domestic powers to the states. First, the federal government is de facto bankrupt. Within a decade, it will be forced to substantially reduce or eliminate

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The Problem of Unanswered Prayer

"Yeah, thou castest off fear, and restrainest prayer before God." Job 15:4

By Riley J. Hood

I remember watching the 1959 Ten Commandments movie, where an old man tells his task master, he isn't a dog but a man made in the image God. Then the Egyptian throws a javelin into his stomach, and Charlton Heston, as "Moses" tries to help him. The old man says, "son I am old and my prayers are unanswered." More and more, I feel like that old man, especially now that I am an old man. For 40 years I have been praying for revival here in America. I have been praying for abortion to be re-criminalized, for sodomy to be re-criminalized and for

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AI, EVs, EPA and ESG Will Only Ration Energy, Hinder Nation

By Larry Bell

Surprise! It appears that technological developments and federal government programs that were touted to make our lives more efficient, address energy needs and finally save the planet from ravages of climate change aren't working out quite as promoted.



Some of them, in fact, are making almost everything worse – a

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Steve's Say . . .

The Trump Train Keeps on Rolling as the Deep State Continues Its Death Spiral



Boy, alot has sure happened since our last little chat about Robin Vos and his trail of tears in the March edition. On March 26th a cargo ship "lost power" and crashed into the Francis Scott Key bridge, closing down this important seaport and vital roadway indefinitely. The total eclipse across America, so heavily discussed and scrutinized before its April 8th occurrence, passed on without catastrophic incident. Fortunately, God's blessed me by allowing me to personally experience both of these events last week which I share with you all in detail on page 24.

Apparently the White Hat military operation continues onward unabated. Several truth media sources reported the capture of Klaus Schwab, some claiming that he's no longer alive. Granted, it's difficult to discern true intel from planted stories to dismay the enemy, but my gut tells me that Mr. Schwab's little scheme to take over the world and finish off his depopulation plan failed. Its over.

The Fake News media in concert with the fake Biden administration, Federal Reserve and international Globalist organizations busily weave their web of deceit to explain away exploding gas prices, burgeoning inflation and the impending financial collapse as the Federal Reserve fait dollar fades away as the world's reserve currency. The majority of the planet will not be fooled again by another plandemic nor will they adhere to anything put forth by the WHO, CDC or FDA. The Green New Scam continues to disintegrate daily before our eyes, the truth of EV deficiencies unable to be covered up by bigger and bigger mountains of cash subsidies and other money-laundering schemes. The Green New Deal is DEAD. Thank God!

So the Deep State must return to its old faithful, the War Machine. The Military-Industrial Complex, as President Eisenhower warned us, embedded itself into all countries across the entire world. It enthralls many members of Congress of both parties, law enforcement and clandestine ops, as well as government bureaucrats across all agencies. And we see by the current developments in Israel and the Middle East, what continues to occur in Ukraine and Eastern Europe, and the inevitable conflict to come in the Asia Pacific with China, Taiwan, Korea and Japan, the Deep State needs only light the match to set ablaze their inferno of World War III.

Fortunately, the White Hats know the Deep State's plan and frankly keep forcing their moves forward. Some sort of "Near Death Experience" quickly approaches, according to many trusted and well-connected truth media sources, exactly what no one but the most inside White Hat players can foresee. Plenty of other wildcards could appear out of nowhere and radially change the game, like the 15 million illegals (mostly fighting age males) brought into the country since 2021, pathogens, toxins and other bioweapons developed by Deep State traitors over past decades and hidden away from White Hat knowledge, Direct Energy Weapons (DEWs) still in the control of the Black Hats or nukes of all types, not to mention weather control and earthquake weapons. We don't know to what extent and where these wildcards exist in the ongoing 5D chess match between the forces of Good and Evil. But we know they're out there.

So where do we find comfort? What can we do? Simple. Listen to Trump. He tells us everything we need to know. He's not worried. He exudes confidence. He's never lied to us nor made a promise he didn't keep. He's told us repeatedly he's "going to obliterate the Deep State" and I, and many, many others believe him. Most Importantly, he's given all credit to the Lord God Almighty and to Jesus Christ our Savior, for ultimately, we are His soldiers fighting the Earthly battles according to His Holy Plan. Trump continues to submit himself and our actions as MAGA Americans to the Holy Will of the Holy One.

God does not lose. Ever. So be comforted by the Word of God and the truth of the Holy Spirit that energizes the Holy Church Christ established to reign forth until His return.

Thomas Sowell Quotes:

"There is usually only a limited amount of damage that can be done by dull or stupid people. For creating a truly monumental disaster, you need people with high IQs."

"Since this is an era when many people are concerned about 'fairness' and 'social justice,' what is your 'fair share' of what someone else has worked for?"

"We seem to be moving steadily in the direction of a society where no one is responsible for what he himself did, but we are all responsible for what somebody else did, either in the present or in the past."

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How Green Energy, EVs Actually Endanger America

By Larry Bell

Consider some inescapable self-inflicted scenarios from hell that government "experts" never warned you about regarding utopian visions of carbon-free vehicles powered by friendly breezes and sunbeams.

So, imagine it's one of those warm, beautiful days when the first news breaks about a big hurricane or tropical storm heading your way.

You immediately begin thinking about stocking up on food supplies that don't require refrigeration and charging up your electric plug-in to get out of town in a hurry if necessary … just like, it seems, everyone else is doing.

Or maybe, with no warning, "poof," all power goes off because the grid is down for suspicious reasons no one fully understands or can inform you about.

As it turns out, a foreign adversary cyberattack precludes either of those previous options, plus an added problem.

Along with knocking out all power transformers, the malign hackers also took remote control of both autonomous and operator-controlled electric vehicles, jamming exit highways with colossal human and metal crash wreckage.

In both cases, it's already too late.

In the first scenario, there isn't enough available electrical power to serve the broad hurricane zone. It has been in dangerously short supply since millions of EV cars and trucks have been added to an ancient grid that has depended upon natural gas turbines to balance fluctuating wind and solar loads.

It seems that shutting down those fossil companies through "net-zero" carbon policies didn't prevent extreme weather after all.

Instead, extreme ideological EPA policies such as imposing costly, useless carbon capture requirements on those natural gas producers prevented energy companies from economically competing with heavily government subsidized "green" fantasies.

A March 2024 ruling adding heavy-duty trucks to its original all-electric light vehicle mandate dealt another crushing drain on already slim power margins: each one of them consuming seven times as much electricity on a single charge as a typical daily home.

Sadly, your plug-in has no plug with any juice due to emergency rationing necessary to support medical care facilities and other critical services. And forget about any hopes of using municipal or commercial recharging stations which have the same problem.

The situation soon becomes more expansive and dangerous as high winds have downed long transmission lines connecting remote wind and solar sites to the grid sparking massive fires and extending regional power outages.

Deluges of rain have flooded metropolitan centers and small lowland communities, making them inaccessible for emergency rescue by now-useless electric ambulances, fire trucks and police vehicles with depleted batteries.

Downed trees collapse local power lines, further blocking access and operations of similarly stranded maintenance crews.

Even then, circumstances could have been much worse with cyber scenario two.

Neighbors and friends with battery back-up radios finally inform you one of three power grids serving the entire nation has been disabled by hackers of unknown geographic origin, with transmission connections to the other two intentionally switched off to prevent universal overload collapse.

Darkness soon descends everywhere around you except where backup energy generators temporarily powered by batteries and purloined natural gas provide isolated pockets of light which are soon extinguished as well.

Hospitals are rapidly losing limited generator-supplied electricity to operate life-critical equipment. Meanwhile, primary power can't be restored any time soon due to melted power transmission lines and damaged turbines at few remaining conventional fossil and nuclear power plants.

Supplies of clean water are being depleted as well.

Whereas metropolitan areas with high water towers atop high-rise buildings will have enough gravity flow to supply most basic living needs for at best a few days, when that runs out, taps will go dry, toilets won't flush, and emergency supplies of bottled water will become exhausted.

Mountains of uncollected waste, including human biological material, soon create a previously unimaginable unsanitary health crisis.

If you are fortunate enough to live within walking distance of a nondepleted grocery, plan to use cash because the credit card system won't be operative. Ditto, any ATM machine.

In any case, those stores can't be restocked because of stranded EV long-haul and local delivery trucks.

Meanwhile, police and fire responses who are busily engaged in rescuing people trapped in elevators and other emergency services have also become overwhelmed by widespread store looting by desperately hungry individuals and families.

As tens or hundreds of millions of others over many states share such chaotic dilemmas, there is no way of predicting when power will be restored. And whereas present weather and temperature conditions may be moderate, many of these regions – including yours – anticipate a coming winter home heating crisis which will put countless lives at risk.

There are few opportunities for people to leave for warmer climes. Personal EVs are useless, as are commercial EV buses and moving vans.

Contemplating either of such avoidably catastrophic scenarios might provide cause to seriously doubt those government experts who continue to warn us of climate change and extreme weather being our greatest threat, with the solution being to load our ancient, cyberattack-prone power grids with weather dependent energy systems overloaded with voracious EV electricity consumption.

No, climate change isn't nearly as great as the threat presented by their own policies, with the best solution of all…powerful winds of regime change sanity blowing through November voting booths before it is too late.

Biden's Newest Rule on Auto Emissions Set to Accelerate the Death Spiral for Auto Manufacturers

By Ronald Stein

For one of the wealthier countries on this planet, America, with 330 million people that represents about 4% of the world's 8 billion-person pouplation on this planet, President Biden is speeding ahead with EV mandates to ditch most new gas cars by 2030.

Biden may not be cognizant that 80 percent of the 8 billion on this planet earning less than $10 a day, which is more than 6 billion on this earth, may never be able to enjoy the materialistic living styles of those in wealthier countries, nor ever own an automobile.

In America, the elites have bought EV's, and the elites may continue to buy EV's, BUT we're quickly running out of elites!

The average debt in America is almost $60,000 across credit cards, mortgages, auto loans, and student loans.

The common folk need a workhorse vehicle, not just a second car toy that sits in the garage to be used on short ventures!

The current EV ownership profiles are reflected in the oligarchic elite that are highly educated, highly compensated, multi-car families, with low mileage requirements for the families second car.

Current EV owner profiles are dramatically different from most vehicle owners as they are single-car owners, not as highly educated, nor as highly compensated, and have higher mileage requirements for their workhorse vehicle.

Mandating a change to EV ownership and further austerity onto those that can least afford, the Nation and the other 96% on this planet may face a rebellion from those that need transportation.

Biden seems to be oblivious to the fact that there are more than 1.4 billion vehicles in the world, and almost 300 million trucks in the world, there's been a mandate movement to have EV's replace ICE vehicles to reduce emissions from the vehicular transportation sector.

Well, to-date, the mandate to EV's has been a failure as we're

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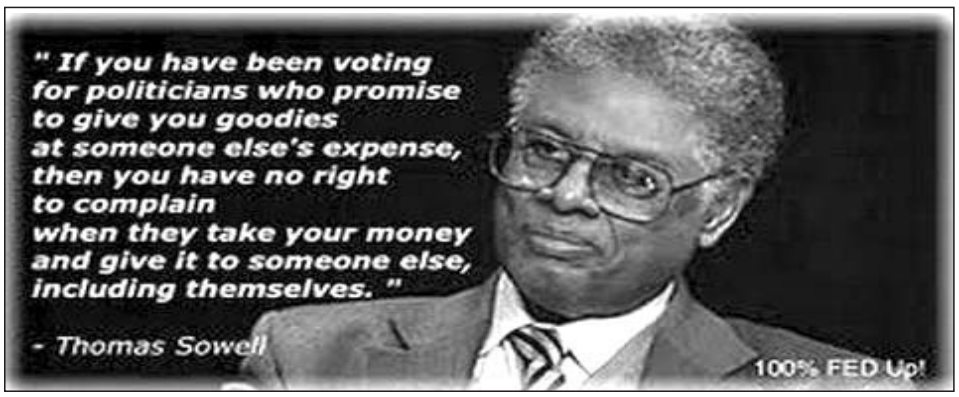

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The Spectator is Right, Climate Alarmist Messaging is Harming People

By Linnea Lueken

A recent editorial in The Spectator claims that alarmist messaging like warnings of impending doom by climate activists and the United Nations are hyperbolic and even harmful. This is true. Data show that there is no catastrophe in store for humanity due to climate change, and studies show alarmist messaging is counterproductive and harms the mental health of people who take it to heart.

The article, "The irresponsibility of 'two years to save the planet'" written by Ross Clark, describes the hyperbolic language used by climate alarmists, such as the concept of a climate crisis or giving humanity a countdown to disaster, and how it is counterproductive or even harmful. This discussion follows the recent claims made by the executive secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, in which he stated that there are only two years left to save the planet.

Clark points out that these "only a few years left" warnings have been made repeatedly, and "[b]y my maths that means we became doomed a dozen years ago, so I was resigned to sitting back and waiting calmly for the end, like the elderly couple who sat in deckchairs on the Titanic holding hands as the ship went down."

Humor aside, Clark's perspective is shared by many, and not only among those who are skeptical of the climate crisis narrative. Climate Realism covered a trend last year in media outlets admitting that the catastrophe narrative was becoming counterproductive even to their would-be supporters, as climate "doomers" began to believe that it was already too late to do anything about climate change, so why bother.

WaPo stated at the time "some scientists and experts worry that their defeatism — which could undermine efforts to take action — may be just as dangerous as climate denial."

Climate Realism previously discussed another one of Clark's articles, where he pointed out that "if you believe that human societies are doomed anyway — as 56 per cent of young people apparently do — what is the incentive to cut emissions?"

Besides the general non-issue of climate apathy, however, there is one troubling result of catastrophizing, and that is the state of mental health among younger people. Clark talks about a 2021 study which asked students at the University of Bath between the ages of 16 and 25 questions about climate change, which found "45 per cent of people in this age group were so worried about climate change that it was affecting their day-to-day life, while 56 per cent said that they thought humanity was doomed and 40 per cent said they were hesitant to have children because they would be bringing them up in an uninhabitable world."

He goes on to say that "[n]o reasoned interpretation of the evidence would say that humanity is doomed by a changing climate," which is absolutely true. Weather is not becoming more extreme, the planet is greening and crop production is growing, and issues like sea level rise are occurring at a very manageable rate.

Climate Realism has likewise addressed the fact that many peoples' mental health are being impaired by the media's coverage of climate change, here, here, and here, for example. The media and alarmists spin catastrophic narratives that real world data debunk, but, unfortunately a lot of people believe the hype and don't check or follow the science.

It is always beneficial when media outlets, like The Spectator, run op-eds which provide much needed balance to the discussion. In the face of the copious evidence that no climate crisis is in the offing, it is unreasonable to be terrified or deeply distressed by climate change. It takes efforts like Clark's to inoculate people against catastrophism with the truth.

BBC's Failed 'Fact Check' of Daily Sceptic Report on Arctic Sea Ice

By Chris Morrison

The BBC More or Less radio programme recently 'fact checked' the Daily Sceptic's report that sea ice in the Arctic had soared to its highest level for 21 years on January 8th this year. Alas, the report was confirmed to be true so the Beeb went down the 'cherry pick' line of attack. Curiously missing from the programme was any mention that the article dealt mainly with long term trends in Arctic sea ice and concentrated on scientific evidence that showed at least a decade-long slow recovery. The 'fact check' did little more than confirm the widely held suspicion that many BBC programmes are now infected with a need to crowbar a climate catastrophe narrative into broadcast messages.

Being accused of "cherry picking" by an organisation that routinely catastrophises bad weather events is of course risible. Taking lessons from a state-reliant operation that can publish a recent story from a "science correspondent" that starts, "Climate change threatens to 'call time' on the great British pint", is also laughable. The 21-year high on January 8th was clearly identified as part of a number of short and long term trends, and in the third paragraph of the article it was noted that "we must be careful not to follow alarmists down their chosen political path of cherry-picking and warning of climate collapse on the basis of individual events".

It is evident that the BBC did little investigative work on the matter despite More or Less priding itself on checking statistics and data. Instead it relied on the usual 'scientists say', in this case Professor Julienne Stroeve. The UCL "Earth Scientist" attempted to muddy the Arctic sea ice waters by suggesting the ice extent is thinner, but presenter Tom Colls had to admit, "the data is not available yet".

If you pick a particular day, you might just be talking about the weather, states Colls. There is no correlation between winter sea ice extent and how much the ice will melt in the summer, added Stroeve. What you see since 1979, continued Stroeve, is that the trend in Arctic sea ice is downwards for four decades. The overall decline in long term Arctic sea ice is very easy to see, adds Colls.

If you 'cherry pick' the date 1979, probably the high point for Arctic sea ice for almost a century, and draw a line to the present day, the cyclical trend is undoubtedly down. There was more ice around at the high point in 1979 than there is now, nobody disputes that. If you are just after a simple political message of climate collapse to promote the Net Zero fantasy, further examination of the data will be unwelcome. But a more detailed review of the statistics gives a more realistic interpretation. According to recent work published by the Arctic scientist Allan Astrup Jensen, the summer ice plateaued from 1979-97, fell for 10 years and then resumed a minimal downward trend from 2007. Jensen observes that either side of the 10 year fall after 1997, there have been minimal losses.

In fact using a four-year moving average, the trend has been slightly upwards over the last few years. The graph below is compiled by the investigative science writer Tony Heller and shows the recent stability of Arctic summer sea ice around the minimum recorded every September. A slight recovery from about 2012 can be clearly seen.

As we can see, More or Less has produced little more than a narrative-driven attempt to keep the Arctic sea ice poster scare going for as long as possible. Since the drop in the early part of the century, alarmists have been forecasting ice free summers in the Arctic in the near future. Sir David Attenborough told BBC viewers in 2022 that the Arctic could be ice free by 2035. Professor Stroeve claims to have briefed former U.S. Vice President Al Gore, a man who has never lived down reporting that the ice could all be gone by 2014. In fact what has clearly been happening is noted by Tony Heller. They bury the old data going back to the 1950s, "and pretend they don't notice sea ice is increasing again". Nevertheless activists are starting to learn lessons about putting short timelines on their fanciful forecasts. For her part, Stroeve suggests ice free summers in the Arctic by the next 50 years.

Meanwhile, after the 'hottest year ever', the maximum winter sea ice for 2024 was recorded on March 14th at 15.01 million sq kms. Polar bear scientist Susan Crockford noted that the 'U.S. headline writers' at the National Snow and Ice Data Centre said it was below the average for 1981-2010. Indeed it was, although this year's total was within two standard deviations, states Crockford. But why compare the a 30-year average to 2010 when another decade of data to 2020 is available? Cynics might note that taking out the higher totals of 40 years ago and replacing them with the lower recent figures would produce – more or less – an above average maximum in 2024.



Climate expert warns against extreme 'weather porn' from alarmists pushing 'draconian' policies

By Lifesite News

A climate expert has taken aim against what he calls "weather porn" – images and stories meant to convey a false impression that the world is on the brink of cataclysmic climate disaster – in order to force unnecessary policy changes by governments across the globe that will destroy prosperity and kill, not save, human lives.

In a series of recent opinion pieces and social media posts, Bjorn Lomborg, author, president of the Copenhagen Consensus, and a visiting fellow at Stanford University's Hoover Institution, continues to call attention to the extreme measures being demanded by climate change activists and politicians who seek to inflict policies that are far more harmful than helpful.

"Watching the news, you get the sense that climate change is making the planet unlivable. We are bombarded with images of floods, droughts, storms and wildfires," wrote Lomborg in his recent newsletter. "But this impression is wildly misleading and makes it harder to get climate change policy right. Data show climate-related events like floods, droughts, storms and wildfires aren't killing more people."

"Quite the contrary. Over the past decade, climate-related disasters have killed 98% fewer people than a century ago," said Lomborg. "If we want to achieve fewer disaster deaths, we should promote prosperity, adaptation, and resilience. But when we are inundated with 'weather porn' and miss the fact that deaths have dropped precipitously, we end up focusing on the least effective policies first."

'Six billion deaths in less than a year'

In an op-ed published by the Wall Street Journal (WSJ), Lomborg described what would happen if climate alarmists were to suddenly get their way:

The world still gets four-fifths of its energy from fossil fuels, because renewable sources rarely provide good alternatives. Half the world's population entirely depends on food grown with synthetic fertilizer produced almost entirely by natural gas. If we rapidly ceased using fossil fuels, four billion people would suddenly be without food.

Add the billions of people dependent on fossil-fuel heating in the winter, along with our dependence on fossil fuels for steel, cement, plastics and transportation, and it is no wonder that one recent estimate by economist Neil Record showed an abrupt end to fossil fuel use would cause six billion deaths in less than a year.

Global elites have made it clear that they have judged the world to be vastly overpopulated, and have set for themselves a goal of reducing the world's total population to just 500 million people. An "abrupt end to fossil fuel use" would come very close to achieving their utopian anti-human goal.

"Why is the environmental movement stewarded over by murderous, human-hating wackos who desire to see billions of people die?" asked James Corbett of the Corbett Report last month.

Not mincing words, Corbett continued: "Because the conservation movement (and all of the mainstream environmental organizations that grew out of that movement) was pioneered by murderous, human-hating eugenicists and funded by the eugenicist royals who wanted to keep their beautiful natural vistas clear of the riff-raff scurrying around beneath them."

"Why do nation after nation appear to be in a race to the bottom, implementing policies that will actively hinder the productivity of their own populations and making it more and more difficult for those on the lowest rung of the economic ladder to eke out a subsistence living on the corporate-governmental fascist plantation that we call the developed world?" wondered Corbett.

"And why is it now increasingly in vogue for governments to offer "medically assisted dying" as their "solution" to the strain and stress of this deliberately degraded world? Because those same governments are stewarded over by elitist eugenicists who hate you and want you dead."

'Follow the science' obscures truth, allows for the promotion of dangerous policies

Lomborg has said that the constant refrain of "follow the science" allows politicians to "obscure and avoid responsibility for lopsided climate-policy trade-offs."

"More than one million people die in traffic accidents globally each year. Overnight, governments could solve this entirely man-made problem by reducing speed limits everywhere to 3 miles an hour, but we'd laugh any politician who suggested it out of office," wrote Lomborg in his WSJ piece.

"It would be absurd to focus solely on lives saved if the cost would be economic and societal destruction," said the climate expert. "Yet politicians widely employ the same one-sided reasoning in the name of fighting climate change. It's simply a matter, they say, of 'following the science.'"

Draconian net-zero climate policies are, according to Lomborg, prohibitively costly.

Recent peer-reviewed climate-economic research shows the total cost "will average $27 trillion each year across the century, reaching $60 trillion a year in 2100."

"Net zero is more than seven times as costly as the climate problem it tries to address," yet this is precisely what the Biden administration is hoping to achieve by 2050.

Outgoing U.S. climate chief John Kerry, one of the chief purveyors of "weather porn," suggested recently that if climate change is not quickly addressed, we face planetary destruction "beyond comprehension."

U.N. climate change executive secretary Simon Stiell issued a similarly ominous if not shrill warning on X this week: "We have two years to save the world," and therefore, "starting now, we need a quantum leap in climate finance [and] Bold new national climate plans by all nations."

Lomborg fired back on X, dismissing the U.N. climate honcho's hyperbolic claims.

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Now, that is right now, we have just a few years to save the world https://t.co/Oz3yOGZUg8

Be a bit more serious, please? pic.twitter.com/hC6Sgu3hWt

— Bjorn Lomborg (@BjornLomborg) April 11, 2024

"Some of the most popular climate policies will have costs far greater than climate change itself. When politicians try to shut down discussion with claims that they're 'following the science,'" concluded Lomborg in the pages of the WSJ.

Biden's Newest Rule *cont. from page 3*

running short of elites that are buying them, and the auto manufacturers are starting to absorb the financial hits!

The previous worldwide gasoline usage peak was in 2019 before the Pandemic.

Today, there are 30 million EVs on the world's roads that are owned by the elites that can afford them, and are mainly 2nd vehicles parked in the garage, or with low mileage usage, vs the high mileage workhorse vehicles that are internal combustion engines.

Today, there are also hundreds of millions of workers that now work virtually since the Pandemic and thus do not drive to work as often.

Well, even with those 30 million EV's and millions of workers not driving as much, gasoline usage continues to rise. The International Energy Agency (IEA) reports that global gasoline consumption in 2023 blew past the pre-lockdown 2019 peak!

By re-enforcing the mandates to EV's, Biden is forcing automobile manufacturers into a death spiral, as most of the 8 billion on this planet will never be able to afford an EV.

Natural Gas *cont. from page 1*

and solar power, which only produce electricity under the weather conditions.

"Gas provides a reliable, affordable, and increasingly clean source of energy in both traditional and 'carbon-constrained' applications," the study stated.

The study rated nuclear as the "best of all worlds" for its safety, abundance and reliability, as well as its ability to deliver electricity without carbon emissions.

The main challenges nuclear faces, according to the report, is its upfront costs and concerns about storage of nuclear waste. The study notes that this waste has been stored at reactor sites in dry casks that withstand a direct hit by missiles traveling 600 mph. The spent fuel may also be a fuel source for reactors currently under development.

Coal rated high in the study for abundance, affordability and reliability, but it lost points for its high levels of pollutant emissions and carbon dioxide. With U.S. gas producers hitting record-high production that drives down gas prices, the study notes, coal is facing stiff competition.

Hydroelectric received a "B-" grade. While it produces reliable energy without carbon emissions, the expansive nature of hydroelectric facilities make permitting new developments in the U.S. unlikely, which limits its potential to meet more demand.

Wind and solar don't produce carbon dioxide emissions by themselves, but the study rates renewable energy low for other environmental and human impacts.

Because wind and solar energy require large amounts of land to produce the same amount of energy as other forms, they study explains, there are environmental impacts from the space they take up, which includes harms to wildlife.

The study also calls into question the ability of renewable energy to reduce emissions. Since they require backup from reliable sources, which is often natural gas, they aren't drivers of major reductions.

While the fuel for wind and solar is free, the study states there are other costs associated with addressing their inherent intermittency, which make them the most expensive forms of energy of those the study examined, and the least reliable.

The study concludes that policies pursuing a rapid transition away from conventional, reliable sources will have a negative impact on human health and the well-being of an energy-abundant society.

"Advocates for wind and solar hold them up as essential to environmental and climate health. However, rushing a systemwide transition to these untested and unreliable energy options puts human lives and the North American economy at risk," the study concludes.

TIM ALLEN ON TRUMP

From: Tim Allen

Here are some interesting points to think about prior to the November election, especially to my friends on the fence, like moderate Democrats, Libertarians and Independents and the never Trump Republicans and those thinking of "walking away" from the Democratic party.

Women are upset at Trump's naughty words -- they also bought 80 million copies of 50 Shades of Gray.

Not one feminist has defended Sarah Sanders. It seems women's rights only matter if those women are liberal.

No Border Walls. No voter ID laws. Did you figure it out yet? But wait... there's more ...

Chelsea Clinton got out of college and got a job at NBC that paid $900,000 per year. Her mom flies around the country speaking out about white privilege.

And just like that, they went from being against foreign interference in our elections to allowing non-citizens to vote in our elections.

President Trump's wall costs less than the Obamacare website. Let that sink in, America.

We are one election away from open borders, socialism, gun confiscation, and full-term abortion nationally. We are fighting evil.

They sent more troops and armament to arrest Roger Stone than they sent to defend Benghazi.

60 years ago, Venezuela was 4th on the world economic freedom index.

Today, they are 179th and their citizens are dying of starvation.

In only 10 years, Venezuela was destroyed by democratic socialism.

Russia donated $0.00 to the Trump campaign. Russia donated $145,600,000 to the Clinton Foundation . But Trump was the one investigated!

Nancy Pelosi invited illegal aliens to the State of the Union. President Trump Invited victims of illegal aliens to the State of the Union. Let that sink in.

A socialist is basically a communist who doesn't have the power to take everything from their citizens at gunpoint ... Yet!

How do you walk 3000 miles across Mexico without food or support and show up at our border 100 pounds overweight and with a cellphone?

Alexandria Ocasio Cortez wants to ban cars, ban planes, give out universal income and thinks socialism works. She calls Donald Trump crazy.

Bill Clinton paid $850,000 to Paula Jones To get her to go away. I don't remember the FBI raiding his lawyer's office.

I wake up every day and I am grateful that Hillary Clinton is not the president of the United States of America.

The same media that told me Hillary Clinton had a 95% chance of winning now tells me Trump's approval ratings are low.

The problem with socialism is that sooner or later you run out of other people's money. Margaret Thatcher

Maxine Waters opposes voter ID laws; She thinks that they are racist. You need to have a photo ID to attend her town hall meetings.

President Trump said

"They're not after me. They're after you.

I'm just in their way."

Quote of the Week:

"Unthinking respect for authority is the greatest enemy of truth." – Albert Einstein [H/t Jim Steele]

Number of the Week:

200 to 500 centimeters (80 to 200 inches) per century

This Week:

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

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

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

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

You can help in two ways:

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

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

Send your contributions to:

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And thank you.

SCIENCE & ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY PROJECT

The Week That Was April 13, 2024

Scope: Ed Calabrese published another paper showing that the LNT model is based on a significant omission of evidence, an activity that is common in environmental science today. In their monthly temperature report Spencer, Christy, and the UAH science team demonstrate an integrity that is lacking in the temperature reports of NOAA and NASA-GISS. Most climate commentators ignore the dominant change to Earth from increased CO2 – global greening. Advocates of "ocean acidification" have misled the public by ignoring ocean chemistry. Effects of UN false claims about climate change are showing up in European courts. The US EPA continues to abuse its respected position by making absurd claims about chemicals.

Non-Science: Edward Calabrese and Paul Selbe had a paper published in the Archives of Toxicology demonstrating additional research efforts that were hidden in establishing the widely used and unworthy linear no-threshold model (LNT). The LNT model is widely used by government regulators, such as the US EPA, and some scientists to promote fear of chemicals without physical evidence. The paper "Muller and mutations: mouse study of George Snell (a postdoc of Muller) fails to confirm Muller's fruit fly findings, and Muller fails to cite Snell's findings" is one more example of the poor science that went into the LNT. The abstract states:

"In 1931, Hermann J. Muller's postdoctoral student, George D. Snell (Nobel Prize recipient–1980) initiated research to replicate with mice Muller's X-ray-induced mutational findings with fruit flies. Snell failed to induce the two types of mutations of interest, based on fly data (sex-linked lethal/recessive visible mutations) even though the study was well designed, used large doses of X-rays, and was published in Genetics. These findings were never cited by Muller, and the Snell paper (Snell, Genetics 20:545–567, 1935) did not cite the 1927 Muller paper (Muller, Science 66:84, 1927). This situation raises questions concerning how Snell wrote the paper (e.g., ignoring the significance of not providing support for Muller's findings in a mammal). The question may be raised whether professional pressures were placed upon Snell to downplay the significance of his findings, which could have negatively impacted the career of Muller and the LNT theory. While Muller would receive worldwide attention and receive the Nobel Prize in 1946 "for the discovery that mutations can be induced by X-rays," Snell's negative mutation data were almost entirely ignored by his contemporary and subsequent radiation genetics/mutation researchers. This raises questions concerning how the apparent lack of interest in Snell's negative findings helped Muller professionally, including his success in using his fruit fly data to influence hereditary and cancer risk assessment and to obtain the Nobel Prize."

The US EPA and the UN World Health Organization have gone on to declare hundreds of thousands of premature deaths without any confirmation of disease and its severity from particulate matter, namely PM2.5, less than 2.5 micrometers in diameter, which can be easily inhaled and exhaled by the human body. The EPA website states:

"Health Effects

The size of particles is directly linked to their potential for causing health problems. Small particles less than 10 micrometers in diameter pose the greatest problems, because they can get deep into your lungs, and some may even get into your bloodstream.

Exposure to such particles can affect both your lungs and your heart. Numerous scientific studies have linked particle pollution exposure to a variety of problems, including:

- premature death in people with heart or lung disease
- nonfatal heart attacks
- irregular heartbeat
- aggravated asthma
- decreased lung function.
- increased respiratory symptoms, such as irritation of the airways, coughing or difficulty breathing.

People with heart or lung diseases, children, and older adults are the most likely to be affected by particle pollution exposure."

The website includes environmental damage and materials damage, which have no relation to human health. Independent researchers have been unable to uncover any compelling physical evidence or rigorous statistical evidence of increases in human deaths from exposure to PM2.5. Certainly, when yellow dust from Mongolia engulfs much of east China and Korea as it has since the 1300s, we should be seeing mass deaths, yet simple preventive measures such as using cloths over noses and mouths seem to work for the natives. Some plant pollen which may trigger allergies is as small as 2.5 microns, such as forget-me-not flowers. As discussed below, the EPA is extending such sloppy science to claim certain chemicals are a hazard to human health. See links under Challenging the Orthodoxy, Defending the Orthodoxy, and Litigation Issues.

Scientific Integrity: Roy Spencer and John Christy and their team at the Earth System Science Center, University of Alabama, Huntsville produced their report on March temperatures as measured by satellites. Part of the text states:

"March's global atmospheric temperature anomaly crept up to +0.95 °C (+1.71 °F) and continued the string of months beginning in September 2023 of being within ±0.06 °C of +0.89°C (+1.60 °F). This becomes the warmest departure from average of the past 46 Marches (and all months) that have been monitored from satellites and edges out Oct 2023 and Feb 2024 (+0.93 °C) as the warmest anomaly measured to date. The difference of a tiny +0.02 °C vs. the previous 'record' is within the margin of error, so it is equally feasible to say March and the other months were tied as warmest on record, all thanks to the El Niño."

The report also states:

"As noted last month, there are signs that the current warm El Niño episode is fading with a significant loss of heat in the tropical Pacific Ocean. This heat must go somewhere, and we often see an increase in tropical atmospheric temperatures for a couple of months when this occurs, as has now apparently happened.

See more on NOAA's excellent weekly updates here.

https://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/produ...

Also noted two months ago, we reported that the global atmospheric trend moved to +0.15 °C/decade, up from +0.14 °C/decade. The trend had been flirting with +0.15 since the hot anomalies of last year, and in January reached +0.145 °C/decade which we rounded up to +0.15. It is now +0.148 °C/decade.

We've been asking this question for a few months: Is this now the peak of the El Niño warming? As we stated last month 'though the ocean temperatures are falling, there are still processes that can heat the atmospheric temperature which would cause an increase in March from February's record-tying value.' And that's what happened. So, I still don't think it's a good idea to place a bet on whether April will see the start of the cooling, but I suspect it will be soon."[Boldface added.]

This is an example of how science should be done. The data are adjusted to assure continuity across different measuring devices on different satellites. Such adjustments are carefully noted and recorded for the purposes of accurate record keeping. Nothing is hidden or omitted. And even short-range forecasts are avoided because the knowledge to make them is not yet available. See links under Measurement Issues – Atmosphere.

Peak Greening? The dominant changing characteristic of Earth from increasing atmospheric carbon dioxide is the greening of Earth, with an increase in photosynthesis, including both land masses and the oceans. Ecologist Jim Steele writes:

"There's been great news that Earth has been greening, and more greening means more photosynthesis, which is the foundation of all food webs. This means more resilient ecosystems. But the enemies of climate truth want you to believe rising CO2 is killing plants and creating deadly tipping points. NASA posted this illustration showing from 1982 to 2009, using a leaf area index, that the planet was benefiting from a persistent and widespread increase in the growing season. Up to 50% of the global vegetated area had increased its leaf area, and scientists determined 70% of that greening was due to CO2's fertilization effects, which benefits are reverberating throughout entire ecosystems. In contrast, just 4% of the globe showed decreasing vegetation, or browning."

And:

"But greening benefits have not been restricted to land plants. Between 1998 and 2018, scientists determined the Arctic Ocean's plankton had also increased the ocean's primary production by 57%. More food for fish and seals

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Number of the Week: Under "What is the mid-ocean ridge?" the staff at NOAA writes:

Two well-studied mid-ocean ridges within the global system are the Mid-Atlantic Ridge and the East Pacific Rise. The Mid-Atlantic Ridge runs down the center of the Atlantic Ocean, slowly spreading at a rate of 2 to 5 centimeters (0.8 to 2 inches) per year and forming a rift valley that is about the depth and width of the Grand Canyon. In contrast, the East Pacific Rise is spreading quickly, at rates of 6 to 16 centimeters (3 to 6 inches) per year. Due to the fast-spreading rates, there is no rift valley in the Pacific, just a smooth volcanic summit with a crack along the crest that is much smaller than the Atlantic rift valley.

A rift valley in Earth's crust under the Atlantic is growing at a rate of 200 to 500 centimeters (80 to 200 inches) per century and the ones under the Pacific are growing faster. Yet, the US Park Service is about to chop down cherry trees in Washington's Tidal Basin because sea levels are rising at a rate of 7 to 8 inches per century? See links under Changing Earth and EPA and other Regulators on the March.

How did the current obsession with decarbonization arise?

(part of a lecture given to MIT Students for Free Inquiry on March 6, 2024)

By Dr. Richard Lindzen

I would suggest that this obsession had its roots in the reaction to the amazing post WW2 period whenordinary workers were able to own a house and acar. I was a student in the 50'sand early 60's. The mockery of the poor taste and materialism of these people was endemic. With the Vietnam War, things got amplified as the working class got drafted while students sought draft deferments. Students, during this period, were still a relative elite; the massive expansion of higher education was only beginning. Students justified their behavior by insisting that the Vietnam War was illegitimate while ignoring the obvious fact that Vietnamese people were fleeing south rather than north. It was fashionable to regard the US as evil and deserving of overthrow. Opposition often turned to violence with groups like the Weathermen and SDS(Students for a Democratic Society). In 1968, I was teaching at the University of Chicago. We were spending the summer in Colorado, and we had a student house-sitting our apartment. When we returned, we found a police car monitoring our apartment. The house-sitter had apparently turned our apartment into a crash pad for the SDS during the Democrat Party Convention. Our apartment was littered with their literature which includedinstructions for poisoning Chicago's water supply. This period seemed to end with Nixon'selection, but we now know that this was just the beginning of the long march through the institutions.Currently, there is great emphasis on the march through the educational institutions: first the schools of education and then higher education in the humanities and the social sciences and now STEM. What is usually ignored is that the first institutions to be captured were professionalsocieties.My wife attended ameeting of the Modern Language Associationin the late 60's,and it was already fully 'woke.'

While there is currently a focus on the capture of education,DEI was not the only goal of the march through the institutions.I think it would be a mistake to ignore the traditional focus of revolutionary movements on the means of production. The vehicle for this was the capture of the environmental movement. Prior to 1970, the focus of this movement was on things like whales, endangered species, landscape, clean air and water, and population. However, with the first Earth Dayin April of 1970, the focus turned to the energy sectorwhich, after all, is fundamental to all production, and relatedly, involves trillions of dollars. This was accompanied by the creation of new environmental organizations like Environmental Defense and the Natural Resources Defense Council. It was also accompanied by new governmental organizations like the EPA and the Department of Transportation. Once again, professional societies were easy pickings: the American Meteorological Society, the American Geophysical Union, andeven the honorary societies like the National Academy of Science, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, etc. There was a bit of floundering to begin with. The movement initially attempted to focus on global cooling due to the reflection of sunlight by sulfate aerosolsemitted bycoal fired generators. Afterall, there seemed to have been global cooling between the 1930's and the 1970's. However, the cooling ended in the 1970's. There was an additional effort to tie the sulfates to acid rain which was allegedly killing forests. This also turned out to be a dud. In the 70's, attention turned to CO2and its contribution to warming via the greenhouse effect. The attraction of controlling CO2to political control freaks was obvious. It was the inevitable product of all burning of carbon-based fuels. It was also the product of breathing. However, there was a problem: CO2was a minor greenhouse gas compared to the naturally produced water vapor. Doubling CO2would only lead to warming of less than 1oC. A paper in the early 70's by Manabe and Wetherald came to the rescue. Using a highly unrealistic one-dimensional model of the atmosphere, they found that assuming (without any basis) that relative humidity remained constant as the atmosphere warmed would provide a positive feedback that would amplify the impact of CO2by a factor of 2. This violated Le Chatelier's Principle that held that natural systems tended to oppose change, but to be fair, the principle was not something that had been rigorously proven.Positive feedbacks now became the stock in trade of all climate models which now were producing responses to doubling CO2of 3oC and even 4oC rather than a paltry 1oC or less. The enthusiasm of politicians became boundless. Virtue signaling elites promised to achieve net zero emissions within a decade or 2 or 3 with no idea of how to achievethis without destroying their society. Ordinary people, confronted with impossible demands on their own well-being, have not found warming of a few degrees to be very impressive. Few of them contemplate retiring to the arctic rather than Florida. Excited politicians, confronted by this resistance, have frantically changed their story. Rather than emphasizing miniscule changes in their temperature metric, they now point to weather extremes which occur almost daily some place on earth, as proof not only of climate change but of climate change due to increasing CO2(and now also to the even more negligible contributors to the greenhouse effect like methane and nitrous oxide) even thoughsuch extremes show no significant correlation with the emissions.From the political point of view, extremes provide convenient visuals that have more emotional impact than small temperature changes. The desperation of political figures often goes beyond this to claiming that climate change is an existential threat(associated with alleged 'tipping points')even though the official documents produced to support climate concerns never come close to claiming this, and where there is no theoretical or observational basis for tipping points.I should note that there was one exception to the focus on warming, and that was the ozone depletion issue. However, even this issue served a purpose. When Richard Benedick, the American negotiator of the Montreal Convention which banned Freon passed through MIT on his way back from Montreal, he gloated over his success, but assured us that we hadn't seen anything yet; we should wait to see what they would do with CO2. In brief the ozone issue constituted a dry run for global warming.To be sure, the EPA's activities still include conventional pollution control, but energy dominates.

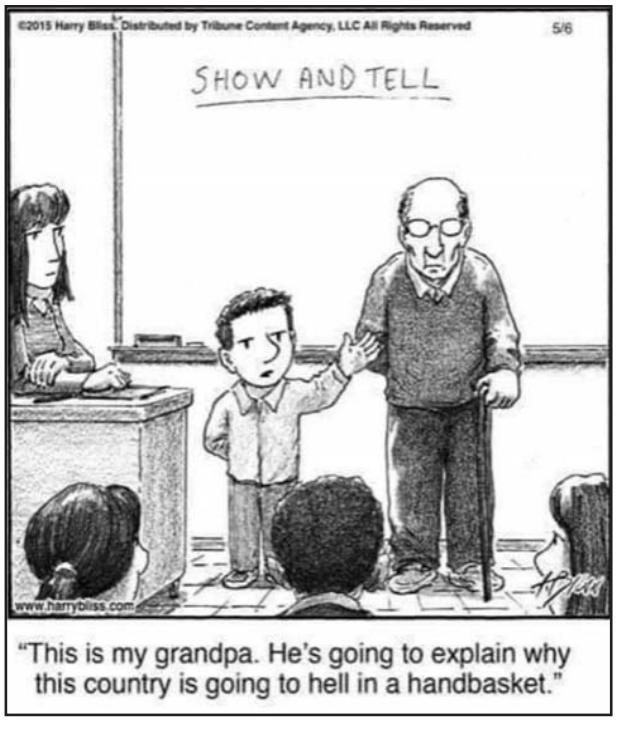
Of course, the attraction of power is not the only thing motivating politicians.The ability to award trillions of dollars to reorient our energy sector means that there are recipients of these trillions of dollars, and these recipients must only share a few percent of these trillions of dollars to support the campaigns of these politicians for many election cyclesand guarantee thesupport of these politicians for the policies associated with the reorientation.



"Some of the biggest cases of mistaken identity are among intellectuals who have trouble remembering that they are not God."

"You can't get rich in politics unless you're a crook."
-- Harry S. Truman



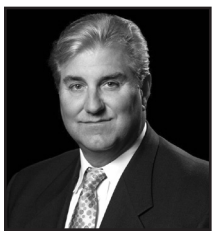


"This is my grandpa. He's going to explain why this country is going to hell in a handbasket."



"Can you pretend you're Grandma just once and give us whatever we want?"

The Real Threat To Democracy



By Gary Wickert

The Democrats are the party of lies and hollow sound bites. Their success depends on the adage that if you are told a lie often enough, it becomes reality. A peaceful demonstration becomes an insurrection; phony racism must be combatted with real racism; climate change which has been occurring since the beginning of time is laid at the feet of reviled and evil capitalism; and America becomes evil because of the revisionist lies and history taught in the dark spider holes of our tolerant universities. It is the party where Al Gore is praised for his principled challenge after losing the 2000 election, but President Donald Trump is vilified and indicted. It is the party where emotion trumps logic and mere opinions become facts. And as Michael Crichton—author of Jurassic Park—has pointed out, it is the party whose radical environmentalism, laced with Communist origins, is "one of the most powerful religions in the world." However, none of their lies or sound bites hold up to scrutiny if put to the test and facts, rather than opinions, become fair game.

One of the biggest lies and CNN talking points which dominates the feckless dithering from the left is that Donald Trump is somehow a threat to democracy. Joe Biden framed his entire hapless 2020 presidential campaign on the sound bite that Donald Trump was a "threat to democracy." It was a sweet morsel for the left because it paired nicely with their opinions. In anticipation of this tactic, President Donald Trump countered with the campaign rhetoric pounding home the fact that it was Joe Biden who would be the great threat to American democracy. He presciently noted that "I don't think you're going to have another election in this country, if we don't win this election … certainly not an election that's meaningful." CNN and the opinion makers within the Democrat Party soon began referring to this as "rebranding the truth." Their evidence and facts? The spurious and baseless indictments being brought against Trump and the "insurrection" of January 6. I don't recall a more frustrating political period in American history—the very facts which prove that Joe Biden is the real threat to democracy have become the evidence which supposedly prove that Trump is a threat to democracy. And what makes it all the more frustrating is that millions of Democrat sycophants whose opinions become their facts, are buying into it. It has become their religions.

Think about it for a moment. Donald Trump is a threat to democracy because the left has weaponized the FBI, the CIA, and the civil and criminal justice systems here in America against their political opponents. It is a political coup that would have made Joseph Stalin, Adolph Hitler, Michel Micombero, or Mao Zedong envious. In fact, the last time one of the darlings of the oppressive and fascist left dominated the expansion of government and brutalization of his political opponents to this degree, the world witnessed Franklin D. Roosevelt praising Benito Mussolini, and Mussolini admiring Franklin D. Roosevelt. To use the words of John Griffing at the Daily Caller, "History is brandished like an AR-15 by the American left when it appears to fit their narrow worldview, but shunned when it turns out to be less flexible than their talking points." He continued by astutely pointing out what our schools refuse to teach, "The architect of the modern left and the patriarch of neo-liberalism admitted to drawing considerable inspiration from the fascist uprisings led by both Hitler and Mussolini prior to the outbreak of WWII."

Yes; it is the American left and the Alzheimer's patient who has turned the Oval Office into a nursing home and America into the laughingstock of the world who are the true threats to democracy.

Joe Biden has undermined both Congress and the U.S. Supreme Court in his despicable effort to buy the votes of the ignorant by forgiving their student loans. Such action is the province of Congress alone, and the U.S. Supreme, in a pair of recent decisions, has stated in no uncertain terms that the Constitution does not give Joe Biden the power to take such action unilaterally. But Joe Biden said he is going to do it anyway. He needs the votes. The Biden Administration has worked overtime to illegally circumvent the Constitution and ignore the Supreme Court. Article I of the Constitution bestows all legislative powers to Congress, not in the executive branch. If Biden wants to use the power of the federal government for student debt amnesty, he must be able to point to a specific act of Congress that gave him the power to do so. But Biden said that these minor obstacles wouldn't stop him.

This isn't the first time Democrats flaunted and put democracy at risk for the sake of a campaign. If you recall, Barack Obama unilateral rewrote the nation's immigration laws in the middle of his presidential reelection. His illegal DACA program caused millions to lose faith in the rule of law.

Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. recently spoke out about the fact that Biden is a much bigger threat to democracy than Donald Trump. As he aptly pointed out, "Biden is the first candidate in history – the first president in history that has used the federal agencies to censor political speech, so to censor his opponents." The Biden Administration has successfully pressured social media platforms to censor people like Kennedy and Trump. Kennedy's Instagram account was suspended in 2021 for "repeatedly sharing debunked claims about the coronavirus or vaccines."

It was Ben Shapiro who pointed out that Biden's campaign is based on two things only: Trump, and Trump. He reveals that the campaign is based solely on fear. President Joe Biden's State of the Union address included direct criticism of Republicans, where he implied that freedom and democracy in the United States were being threatened in a manner similar to the Civil War era. You can't make this stuff up. This old man with a poor memory is running our country into the ground.

During the pandemic, Joe Biden admitted that his eviction moratorium was illegal. He repeatedly admitted that he didn't have the power to do it. "The bulk of the constitutional scholarship says it's not likely to pass constitutional muster," he noted, as did the Supreme Court, which ruled in June of 2021 that the scheme "exceeded its existing statutory authority" and could not be extended without explicit congressional approval. But Joe Biden did it anyway.

Joe Biden's vaccine mandate was also illegal. And he knew it. And he did it anyway. As predicted, the Supreme Court blocked the Biden administration from enforcing its overreaching vaccine and testing requirements for large private companies.

Joe Biden's knew that his multi-billion-dollar racist farm subsidy program, enacted in order to garner black votes, was not Constitutional. Of course, it was struck down by the U.S. Supreme Court in 2021. The program contained $4 billion in debt relief payments for farmers categorized as 'socially disadvantaged" by the United States Department of Agriculture, primarily farmers who are Black, Hispanic, American Indian, or Asian American. White farmers were excluded.

It appears that just like F.D.R., it is the U.S. Supreme Court and the U.S. Constitution standing in the way of so many of Joe Biden's visions (perhaps hallucinations would be a better word). The solution? It is the Democrats who are strongly urging Joe Biden to pack the Supreme Court. Could there be any greater danger to American democracy and the U.S. Constitution?

In a recent campaign speech, Donald Trump underscored that there has never been a president as bad as Joe Biden. "He's a tremendous threat to our democracy. "His incompetence is the number one reason. Also, he uses the Justice Department, the FBI, to go after his political opponent, which happens to be me." And yet, if you search the internet with the words "threat to democracy", 99% of the search results are about Donald Trump being the biggest threat. Dig deeper and you'll find that the only reasons underlying this ridiculous but ubiquitous assertion are encouraging violence, his verbal assaults, his challenging of the 2020 election results and called them "illegitimate" (remember, just like Al Gore, Hillary Clinton, Stacey Abrams, and Jimmy Carter), and the fact that Trump—the target of a weaponized criminal justice system under Joe Biden—has been indicted.

And there is always the "insurrection" on January 6, a meme which has become so pervasive it has become fact in the minds of so many on the left. An "insurrection" where the insurrectionists walked politely inside the white lines for tourists once in the U.S. Capitol, exhibited no violence, and carried no weapons. "Inciting an insurrection" requires things, (1) incitement, and (2) insurrection. Neither occurred. They both have legal standards; neither of which were met. "Incitement" requires an "immediate" and "unlawful" action. Donald Trump did not direct anybody to engage in violence or take unlawful action. "Insurrection" means the replacement of one government with another by means of violence. The notion that Donald Trump engaged in any such activity is belied by the FBI itself after an investigation.

The truth is that four days after the riot, former Capitol Police Chief Steven Sund's request for pre-emptive reinforcement from the National Guard ahead of Jan. 6 was turned down by Nancy Pelosi. Sund said House Sergeant at Arms Paul Irving, overseen by Pelosi, thought the guard's deployment was bad "optics" two days before the raid. Pelosi and House Democrats had previously condemned the presence of federal troops in the nation's capital to quell the violent mobs overrunning the city in the name of social justice.

The social media lies, opinions, and memes accepted as fact by Joe Biden and the American left might be acceptable and make sense in "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" but are completely inappropriate in American politics. It would be comical if millions of people didn't believe them to be "facts" rather than the lies and distortions which they are, and if so many people didn't completely disregard the true threats to democracy stemming from the current medical patient occupying the Oval Office or whoever is pulling his strings. It is Joe Biden who is the truly the greatest threat to American democracy since Roosevelt.

HE FIGHTS Trump's 'Lack of Decorum, Dignity, and Statesmanship'

By Evan Sayet

13 July 2017

My Leftist friends (as well as many ardent #NeverTrumpers) constantly ask me if I'm not bothered by Donald Trump's lack of decorum. They ask if I don't think his tweets are "beneath the dignity of the office."

Here's my answer: We Right-thinking people have tried dignity. There could not have been a man of more quiet dignity than George W. Bush as he suffered the outrageous lies and politically motivated hatreds that undermined his presidency.

We tried statesmanship.

Could there be another human being on this earth who so desperately prized "collegiality" as John McCain?

We tried propriety – has there been a nicer human being ever than Mitt Romney

And the results were always the same. This is because, while we were playing by the rules of dignity, collegiality and propriety, the Left has been, for the past 60 years, engaged in a knife fight where the only rules are those of Saul Alinsky and the Chicago mob.

I don't find anything "dignified," "collegial" or "proper" about Barack Obama's lying about what went down on the streets of Ferguson in order to ramp up racial hatreds because racial hatreds serve the Democratic Party.

I don't see anything "dignified" in lying about the deaths of four Americans in Benghazi and imprisoning an innocent filmmaker to cover your tracks.

I don't see anything "statesman-like" in weaponizing the IRS to be used to destroy your political opponents and any dissent.

Yes, Obama was "articulate" and "polished" but in no way was he in the least bit "dignified," "collegial" or "proper."

The Left has been engaged in a war against America since the rise of the Children of the '60s. To them, it has been an all-out war where nothing is held sacred and nothing is seen as beyond the pale.. It has been a war they've fought with violence, the threat of violence, demagoguery and lies from day one – the violent take-over of the universities – 'till today.

This problem is that, through these years, the Left has been the only side fighting this war. While the Left has been taking a knife to anyone who stands in their way, the Right has continued to act with dignity, collegiality and propriety.

With Donald Trump, this all has come to an end. Donald Trump is America's first wartime president in the Culture War.

During wartime, things like "dignity" and "collegiality" simply aren't the most essential qualities one looks for in their warriors. Ulysses Grant was a drunk whose behavior in peacetime might well have seen him drummed out of the Army for conduct unbecoming.

Had Abraham Lincoln applied the peacetime rules of propriety and booted Grant, the Democrats might well still be holding their slaves today. Lincoln rightly recognized that, "I cannot spare this man. He fights."

General George Patton was a vulgar-talking.. In peacetime, this might have seen him stripped of rank. But, had Franklin Roosevelt applied the normal rules of decorum then, Hitler and the Socialists would barely be five decades into their thousand-year Reich.

Trump is fighting. And what's particularly delicious is that, like Patton standing over the battlefield as his tanks obliterated Rommel's, he's shouting, "You magnificent bastards, I read your book!"

That is just the icing on the cake, but it's wonderful to see that not only is Trump fighting, he's defeating the Left using their own tactics. That book is Saul Alinsky's Rules for

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Trump Trials & Tribulations; dear DOJ…do you think you are gods?

By Matt Warneke

There were times over 2,000 years ago when corruption ran rampant and people sought help from above. They truly wished for intervention to make their lives and the world a better place. They hoped and prayed for a miracle. Someone or something special to intervene. People continue to turn to the bible to nourish their soul and increase faith.

I recently ran across a verse in John chapter 10 where someone special stopped to question the Hebrew authorities to ask "Is it not written in your law…ye are gods?". The verse was taken from Psalm 82 written by Asaph, a descendent of Levi and one of King David's officers within Jerusalem's religious system. Jesus used Asaph's Psalm to confront the Hebrew leaders of his time, the Sadducees and Pharisees, who were in the process of persecuting Jesus as a false prophet. Note that Asaph (as Jesus) was a witness to the corruption of elite Hebrews, and they both were bold enough to call them out.

Compare this to today. What are the similarities? Our DoJ, more recently referred to as Dept. of Injustice, is complicit in levying a barrage of phony law suits against our former President in hope of removing him from ballots in certain "key" states across the US and drain his bank accounts in an attempt to hurt his campaign. This is while our Resident Joe is allowing and using taxpayer money to pay for scores of illegals to enter our country, by foot or bus or planes, likely for election fraud, so the New World Order can use the US to control the future of humankind. Will we allow history to repeat itself, or learn from history to save our country and the world?

It's apparent they will do anything, even if it means violating their oath of office, to usurp their powers in their political endeavors. I ask any of you, would you like to be in Donald Trump's shoes right now and face the fraudulent legal trials and fiscal fees being imposed on him? The mirage of deceit is intentional as well as the timing. If you dare to open your eyes and minds to the truth, we are all witnesses to one of the greatest technocratic assaults on our earth and humanity.

However, since our media outlets have forsaken their oaths to journalistic integrity, many people are completely unaware of this. Nevertheless, if and when you are awakened to the truth and break free from the chains MSM has on your mind, you will understand that our entire political system has been infiltrated by elected and non-elected purveyors of misinformation. The simple truth is that not only have these players violated our First Amendment rights, they also may be in violation of Title 18 USC CH 115 Treason, Sedition, and Subversive Activities. Further investigation is warranted.

Back in his time, Jesus Christ stood up and spoke the truth against the hypocrisy of the leaders of His era. This was His commission from God, and He used the word hypocrite frequently. He walked the earth and performed good deeds, incredible miracles, during a short period of time. Despite these benevolent works, misguided people sought to silence and kill him. The Chosen is a wonderful series to actually see and believe what transpired in His day.

The recent Easter Season reminds us of the point in history when Hebrew leaders and the oppressive Roman government took a perfect human being and nailed him to a cross in one of the most horrific methods of death carried out by man. Let us give thanks and praise to God for His words and works, His grace, and His Son, the redeemer.

But one more question: during these trying times, if you were in Vegas, who would you bet on? My bet is on the big guy (sorry, not you Joe). The same God I imagine believers and witnesses all over the world have followed for millennia.

Allow us to turn back to Matthew Henry in 1710 for some assistance with this biblical revelation "…ye are gods". "Magistrates are the mighty in authority for the public good. Magistrates are the ministers of God's providence, for keeping up order and peace, and particularly in punishing evil-doers, and protecting those that do well. Good princes and good judges, who mean well, are under Divine direction; and bad ones, who mean ill, are under Divine restraint. The authority of God is to be submitted to, in those governors whom his providence places over us. But when justice is turned from what is right, no good can be expected. The evil actions of public persons are public mischiefs."

Matthew Henry's thoughts and interpretations of the bible serve us well today, and his summary is appropriate: "Considering the state of affairs in the world, we have need to pray that the Lord Jesus would speedily rule over all nations, in truth, righteousness, and peace." Amen

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Radicals – a book so essential to the Liberals' war against America that it is and was the playbook for the entire Obama administration and the subject of Hillary Clinton's senior thesis.

It is a book of such pure evil, that, just as the rest of us would dedicate our book to those we most love or those to whom we are most indebted, Alinsky dedicated his book to Lucifer.

Trump's tweets may seem rash and unconsidered but, in reality, he is doing exactly what Alinsky suggested his followers do. First, instead of going after "the fake media" — and they are so fake that they have literally gotten every single significant story of the past 60 years not just wrong, but diametrically opposed to the truth, from the Tet Offensive to Benghazi, to what really happened on the streets of Ferguson, Missouri — Trump isolated CNN.. He made it personal.

Then, just as Alinsky suggests, he employs ridicule which Alinsky described as "the most powerful weapon of all."... Most importantly, Trump's tweets have put CNN in an untenable and unwinnable position. They need to respond.

This leaves them with only two choices. They can either "go high" (as Hillary would disingenuously declare of herself and the fake news would disingenuously report as the truth) and begin to honestly and accurately report the news or they can double-down on their usual tactics and hope to defeat Trump with twice their usual hysteria and demagoguery.

The problem for CNN (et al.) with the former is that, if they were to start honestly reporting the news, that would be the end of the Democratic Party they serve. It is nothing but the incessant use of fake news (read: propaganda) that keeps the Left alive.

Imagine, for example, if CNN had honestly and accurately reported then-candidate Barack Obama's close ties to foreign terrorists (Rashid Khalidi), domestic terrorists (William Ayers & Bernardine Dohrn), the mafia (Tony Rezko) or the true evils of his spiritual mentor, Jeremiah Wright's church.

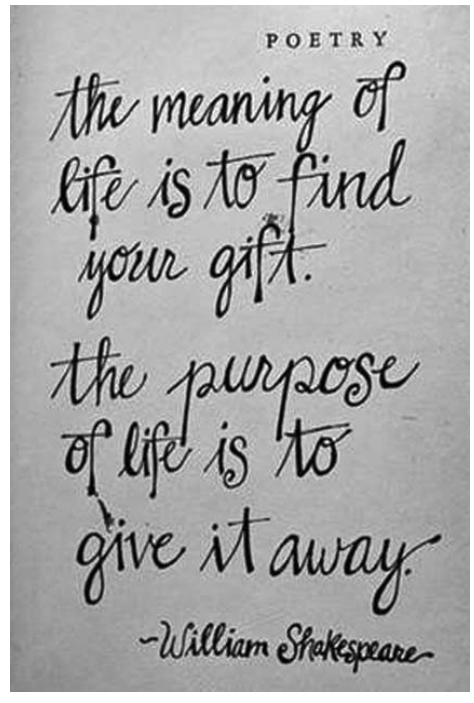
Imagine if they had honestly and accurately conveyed the evils of the Obama administration's weaponizing of the IRS to be used against their political opponents or his running of guns to the Mexican cartels or the truth about the murder of Ambassador Christopher Stevens and the Obama administration's cover-up.

So, to my friends on the Left — and the #NeverTrumpers as well — do I wish we lived in a time when our president could be "collegial" and "dignified" and "proper"? Of course I do.

These aren't those times. This is war. And it's a war that the Left has been fighting without opposition for the past 50 years.

So, say anything you want about this president - I get it - he can be vulgar, he can be crude, he can be undignified at times. I don't care. I can't spare this man. He fights for America!

This old article, written a few years back, still rings true today. For those who are brainwashed, apathetic or have short memories, this article will give you another wake up call to the truth.



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shortly after 6 p.m. He criticized the Biden administration over immigration at the U.S. border with Mexico.

Trump speech begins

Trump started addressing his faithful shortly after 5 p.m. Tuesday, saying he wanted to keep the speech short so people could go out and vote.

Southern border an issue for Green Bay supporter

Ron Laurent, 69 from Green Bay, wanted to see Trump in-person, having missed out on his previous Wisconsin visits. His sticking issue for this election is the southern border and the economy, he said.

"They're (undocumented immigrants) getting treated better than our military people that need help," Laurent said.

Inflation is also a big concern for Laurent. He's single, so it doesn't impact him as much. But when you can carry $100 worth of groceries in both hands, there's something wrong, he said.

Supporter attending her third Trump rally

Barb Austin is a regular at Trump's appearances in Wisconsin now. This is her third rally, after she traveled from Fremont to Waukesha in 2020 and Mosinee in central Wisconsin to hear him speak. Avoiding the sleet under her red umbrella and wearing her "Smart chicks for Trump" shirt, Austin headed to the KI Convention Center after she voted for Trump earlier in the day.

"He takes the arrows for everyone and they are not after him. They're after us," Austin said.

She believes he'll be victorious "by a landslide" in November, believing he also won in the 2020 election, although there have been no indications of systemic problems with voter fraud in 2020. Trump has falsely claimed he won Wisconsin in 2020.

"God always chooses imperfect people to save the world," Austin said.

Trump supporters find respite for cold, sleet

The line for the Trump rally stretched up into the Main Street parking ramp, where Tami Sankey of Neenah and her boyfriend, Dusty Schroeder, wore matching black Aaron Jones Green Bay Packers jerseys. Sankey, who works in real estate, said her son's time in the U.S. Army has shown her how great the United States is and she looks forward to hearing a positive message from Trump.

"People don't understand how good things are, and how much better they could be if Trump is elected," Sankey said, later adding that the housing market and general economy are major issues to her.

Father, daughter from Suamico believe in Trump

Father and daughter Steve and Annadee Sarokin of Suamico are regulars to Trump's rallies in the Green Bay area. Both went to his town hall at St. Norbert College on a 2016 campaign stop. Their loyalty to Trump remains strong because he "stands for what America stands for: a strong military, a strong economy, and have everyone prosper and be safe," Steve Sarokin said.

Steve worries about a possible conviction and how they could affect Trump's ability to be in office, but doesn't believe he should be convicted on any charges because "it's a bunch of baloney."

His daughter Annadee also plans to continue supporting him because she is "sick of" Democrats and believes Trump's issues align with Americans.

"He has a different way of thinking, a business sense. That's what America needs, not just another basic politician," Annadee said.

'Daily Show' comedian Jordan Klepper filming in Green Bay

Trump's rally also brought comedian and "The Daily Show" contributor Jordan Klepper to Green Bay. During election seasons, Klepper often travels to Trump or Republican candidates' events to conduct humorous person-on-the-street interviews with event attendees.

Klepper was spotted inside the Main Street parking ramp as crowds lined up before the doors opened at 2 p.m.

Trump rally in Green Bay: About 150 people at KI Convention Center as of 10 a.m.

At 10 a.m., close to 150 people were already inside at the KI Center, taking cover from the freezing rain.

Natalie, who arrived at 9 a.m. from Marinette, said her boss gave her the day off to attend the event. "This is my first rally. I planned to spend the entire day here," she said. She did not provide her last name.

Other people already in line said they came from Appleton, Oshkosh and Green Bay. Merchandise sellers — offering hats, shirts and scarfs — set up as early as 6 a.m. Tuesday, according to one seller.

"In short, killing the goose that lays the golden egg is a viable political strategy, so long as the goose does not die before the next election, and no one traces the politicians' fingerprints on the murder weapon." -Thomas Sowell

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the subsidies it gives states to implement over a thousand programs the federal government lacks the constitutional authority or resources to implement. The loss of state subsidies will be the catalyst that ignites the devolution of federal powers to the states.

Second, the federal government and the states had a workable power-sharing relationship until the Great Depression. Moreover, until the early 1900s, the collective budgets of the states were larger than the federal government, and states managed most of the nation's domestic policies. Since 1980, however, there has been a massive explosion of federal power, evidenced by the fact that 97% of the national debt has been accumulated under the last seven presidents. For the federal government to again be a viable governing entity, it must shrink itself so it can competently manage the essential needs of the nation.

If it is constitutional for the federal government to accumulate power by taking it from the states, it is constitutional for the federal government to return many of these domestic powers to the states.



Devolving power to the states is possible since the U.S. federal government is not the United States, although it acts as its ruler. Instead, it is an instrumentality of the people established to manage their governmental affairs. None of our federal officials are granted power as individuals. They are merely volunteers elected as representatives to temporarily manage our government.

Unfortunately, since the federal government's creation, the individuals acquiring federal power have skillfully blended the powers of the three federal branches into two competing power structures not established by the Constitution. These power structures are called political parties. As such, citizens are no longer protected by the Constitution; they are protected by Democrats or Republicans, depending on which party controls the government apparatus.

Polls show only 20% of citizens trust the U.S. federal government to do what is right most of the time. Almost half of Americans believe the nation is as close to the edge of a Civil War as it was in 1861. Political commentators, mainly on the political Left, pontificate the U.S. will divide into red and blue states or red states will secede from the Union or reform state boundaries. These commentators would welcome unrest in the red states. They fully grasp that the federal government will use all the emergency powers Congress delegated to it and any force necessary to maintain its stranglehold on every aspect of national life. Americans were given a glimpse of these powers in Covid.

Devolving many domestic federal powers to the states may be the only alternative governing mechanism to keep the Union together. It would allow citizens of the respective states greater freedom to live under policies reflecting values closer to where they live rather than national values imposed on them by a distant government and powerful national advocacy groups that do not understand or care about the needs of citizens. In this new governing structure, the federal government would focus on its essential responsibilities to protect the nation, manage activities that directly (not incidentally) impact interstate commerce, defend the dollar's value, and reduce the national debt. The states would manage most of the nation's domestic policies, e.g., crime and punishment, labor and environmental standards, energy production, abortion, economic development, permitting, and immigration other than naturalization.

How the U.S. is governed should concern every American since we live with the consequences of the federal government's massive debt, regulatory sclerosis, continuous wars, open borders, and a declining ability to protect the nation. In our complex society, the cooperation of all levels of government is needed to make society function efficiently for its people. It's time the federal government stopped worrying about accumulating power and control over citizens and focused on what benefits citizens.

While commentators in the UK, Scotland, and New Zealand have written about devolving federal power to better manage government, the topic is just now being addressed in the United States.

Unlike many books on government reform, Devolution of Power is not just a list of complaints that leave readers seeking solutions. It provides a roadmap for promoting freedom by unwinding the massive accumulation of federal power by returning many domestic functions to the states. It addresses how to restructure a federal government before it collapses the nation by:

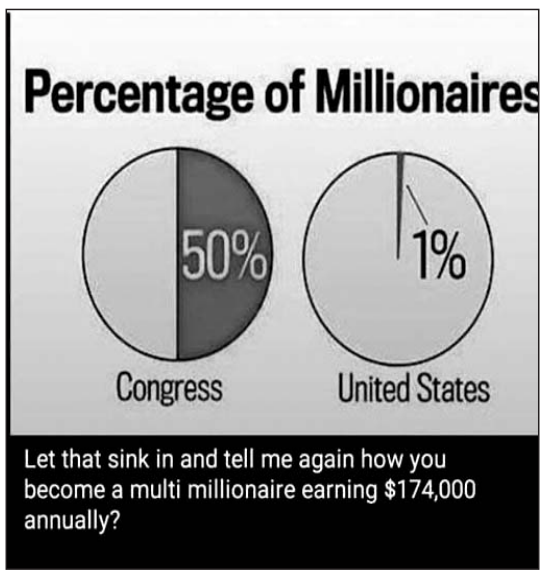
- Identifying the federal government's apocalyptic flaws,
- Setting out mechanisms for trimming the national debt and the federal bureaucracy,
- Providing options for rolling back federal power,
- Outlining a restructuring plan to devolve federal power to the states and
- Describing the character traits needed by elected officials to restore trust in government.

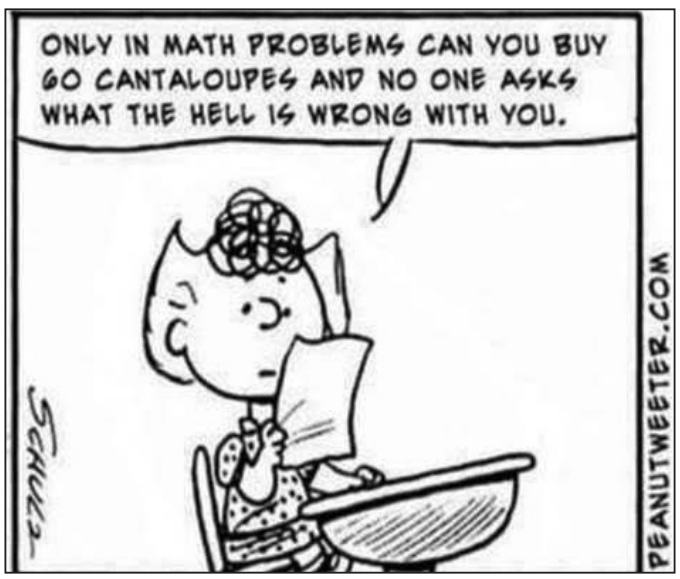
The book laments how Congress has fallen into irrelevancy by delegating its most important powers to the president, including declaring war and national emergencies, unauthorized spending, and ignoring the unconstitutional consequences of presidents making new laws by regulation and Executive Order. The book argues that only when Congress regains control over its legislative and spending powers will it understand it created a federal government too big and complex to govern the nation. At that point, the restructuring process can begin.

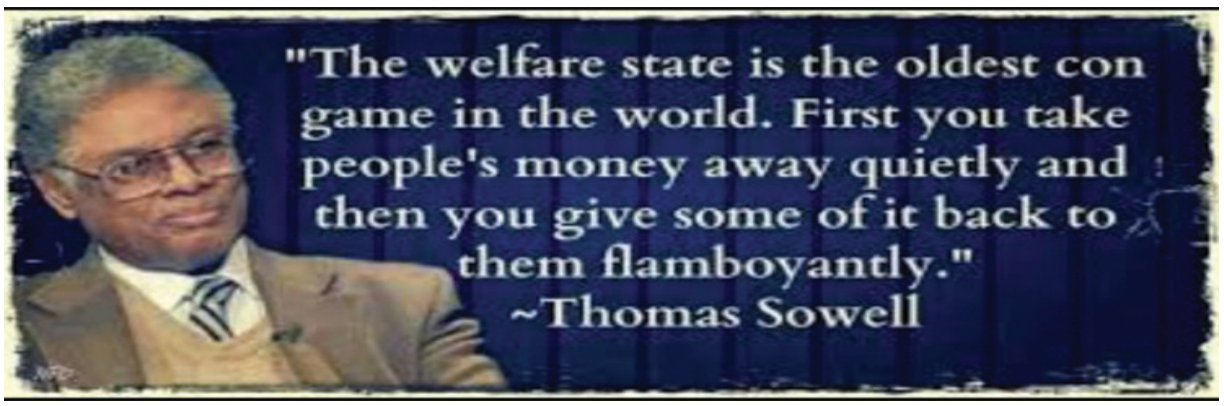
A fundamental premise in the book is that until our elected officials rekindle John Locke's idea that no power is granted personally to any government official, every official must serve as fiduciary, not a self-interested politician. To serve as a fiduciary, elected officials must give all their loyalty to the institution they serve and not to the political party that helped elect them. Only by being loyal to the institution they serve can they check the abuses taken by the other branches of government. Only by actively defending our Constitution's separation of powers structure, no matter who is in charge of the other branches, can our elected officials restrain government and promote the rule of law.

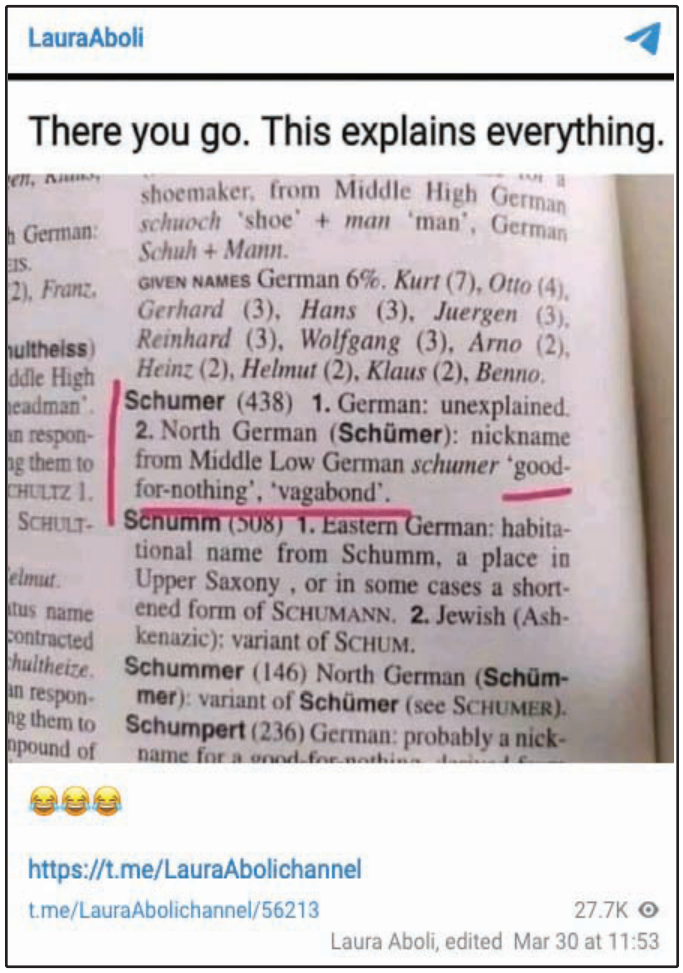
In the final analysis, Devolution of Power argues that the citizens of the U.S. must understand they are responsible for their government and what it does. Citizens do not have the "just following orders" defense since they elect the individuals who manage their government. The citizens of the U.S. are now confronted with an "either/or" situation. Either citizens elect a government of fiduciaries that limit the power of the federal government, regardless of political affiliation, or they must accept living under an all-powerful federal government that is organized around corruption, deception, and eventually brutal tyranny.

William L. Kovacs, author of Devolution of Power, has served as senior vice president for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, chief counsel to a congressional committee, chairman of a state environmental board, and a partner in law D.C. law firms. He testified before Congress forty times in his career and participated in hundreds of federal rulemakings. His book Reform the Kakistocracy won the 2021 Independent Press Award for Political/Social Change. 2019, Kovacs received the Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award from Marquis Who's Who.









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Letter to Dan O'Donnell

Dear Dan O'Donnell,

Several weeks ago, on your program you did a segment on the Adam Steen campaign, and a few thousand dollars that he received from a county party while you ignored the million dollars Vos raised. We found 13 lobbyists listed as donors on just the first two pages of his campaign report. See the report here https://cfis.wi.gov/.../0104283SeptemberReport20221ec5a92... See my Facebook post here https://www.facebook.com/bill.savage.982/posts/

In your rush to rub Adam Steen's campaign into the mud you had even found yourself retracting statements you made about the true patriot Adrianne Melby. Perhaps if you weren't so busy regurgitating Robin Vos's talking points and had done some actual reporting you wouldn't have been so sloppy. But back to the reason for this letter. You stated that many of your listeners hate Robin Vos. You were correct. Unfortunately, you went on to say that many conservatives have soured on Vos because and I paraphrase, that's what conservatives do. Like Bush and the absolute despot Paul Ryan, we just willy-nilly decided that we don't support Vos for basically no reason whatsoever. I was quite astonished that you would blurt out such nonsense. The conservative voter is an informed voter, and you should show a bit more respect. It is clear that WISN has become the mouthpiece for Vos and the rest of the establishment. You're not quite as bad as Weber and we thank you for that. I would imagine that the $150,000 or more that the Vos campaign spent on WISN ads as you all were desperately trying to drag him across the finish line along with other ad money thrown WISN's way goes a long way to "impress" the hosts. That's ok, your in the business to make money, we understand that and it's all good. But let me share with you just a few reasons why we have soured on Robin Vos.

1. Vos took away Andre Jacques committee for holding a hearing on "prevailing Wage" and then took credit for prevailing wage. Note: Prevailing wage then passed unanimously by the assembly.

2. Vos then supported Jacque's competition for an open senate seat, a 20-year-old carpetbagger. Also got Kitchens, Steineke, Macco, and Stephens to do the same.

3. Vos wouldn't allow the bill to prevent planned parenthood for selling parts of aborted babies to UW to go forward. Dan O'Donnell must not have seen the video from Planned Parenthood showing abortion "doctors" how to abort babies while keeping vital organs intact so UW would pay more. We all know Vos got money from both UW and Planned Parenthood to kill the bill.

4. Vos lied about why he fired Tim Ramthun's staff. In a letter from leadership, it was said that Ramthun's staff lied about Vos's connection with Clinton lawyer Marc Alias. When people like me and others (including your colleague, Mark Belling)

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rather be first than accurate. When it comes to the truth, O'Donnell consistently falls short (yes, yes, yes, pun intended :)).

Letter to Dan O'Donnell (see below)

On March 19th, O'Donnell said that HOT Government supported the Recall Vos effort

But…. Here is a press release from HOT Government from March 6th, 2024

We all know that sometimes errors are made and people get things wrong. Have you noticed that O'Donnell's mistakes always error on the side of Vos and against Vos's enemies? I have.

The latest irresponsible babbling from Dan O'Donnell is his take on the questionable signatures for the Vos recall. Both he and WRN are criticizing the recall effort for signature gathering that could very well be the work of Robin Vos himself.

NOTE: Can I be frank here? I'll easily pass a polygraph test to the effect that I believe Robin Vos absolutely would pull some underhanded tactic like sabotaging the recall effort. That's his MO and one of the main reasons his approval rating is 16%.

Does O'Donnell and WRN understand that anyone but anyone, can download a sheet for nominations or recall signatures, and go and pretend to get valid signatures. To lump everyone who gathered signatures for the recall into one group is just irresponsible babbling from Dan O'Donnell.

O'Donnell claims that Vos getting the Zuckerbucks amendment passed in consecutive sessions is a huge win! lol

OMG – Let's get serious here Danny. He's got 64 Republicans in the Assembly and 22 in the Senate! My goodness how could he not have gotten it done? Absolutely every one of the 64 assembly Republicans ran on election integrity along with Robin Vos himself. How much corralling did Vos have to do? Let's face it, that's the best O'Donnell can come up with. It is the only thing Vos did the entire session on election integrity. He fought against everything else.

O'Donnell says "anger and righteous disgust" is fueling Vos's enemies.

Right? Does O'Donnell think that Vos got down to 16% approval because he doesn't play the flute? After all, it's March 21st and Meagan Wolfe is still running Wisconsin's elections! Enough said!! Dan O'Donnell 's use of righteous disgust and how he presented it on the Belling show clearly outlined why Robin Vos has to go. Robin Vos is hated by 84% of the population. Does anyone know how difficult it is to get down to a 16% approval rating? That includes Conservatives, Democrats and independents! I'm hard pressed to carve out just who that 16% actually is. Are they the lobbyists and the few Democrats who understand that Robin Vos is letting them get away with election murder?

We could certainly thank Dan O'Donnell for recognizing that Robin Vos is no better than Paul Ryan, Mitch McConnell, John Boehner, and George W. Bush. I think the $33 trillion in debt supports the idea that the uni-party is out there and it's going to destroy us. Why O'Donnell decided to defend to uni-party I'll never know. Maybe there's a few Yuan's in it for him.

O'Donnell seems to think that Vos's attack on Janel started with Adam Steen 's primary campaign and a couple of bucks from the Langlade County Party. No sir. Vos is in bed with the very people who have destroyed election integrity in Wisconsin. Vos and Janel are natural enemies, as a matter of fact, Vos and America are natural enemies.

One last note to WRN who have consistently called the Vos recallers the "clown show" and Mr. O'Donnell who has done everything he can to disparage the recall group. It comes from Vicky McKenna… I hope they listen real good too!

HOT GOVERNMENT

Date: March 6, 2024

Open Letter: H.O.T. Government's Stance Regarding the Robin Vos Recall Campaign

Recent discussions about H.O.T. Government's participation in the political recall campaign against Wisconsin Speaker Robin Vos have sparked questions regarding our dedication to civic engagement. We believe it's crucial to clarify our stance and shed light upon the guiding principles upon which H.O.T. Government operates.

H.O.T. Government was founded by individuals deeply committed to honesty, transparency, and openness in governance. We consider ourselves not merely members but dedicated supporters, united by a common set of values and a shared purpose. As our community has grown, so have our accomplishments.

Despite attempts over the years by external entities to sway our direction, H.O.T. Government has steadfastly adhered to its core principles. We have declined financial incentives and prestigious titles when they came with conditions that would compromise our fundamental values—a stance we have consistently maintained.

Our defining feature is our unique structure: a network of leaders who view themselves as supporters, each with the freedom to lead their own initiatives without a strict hierarchy. However, when a cause resonates with our collective vision, we come together with singular determination to achieve our goals.

Regarding the recall campaign against Robin Vos, it simply did not align with our strategic objectives from the outset. We would have appreciated advance notification about the recall effort before it began. However, an external group took the initiative, instructing H.O.T. Government to collect signatures without regard for our organizational objectives. Considering the significant challenges of this effort and after careful deliberation, we opted not to participate. Although always open to dialogue about our position, we were not given this opportunity; instead, we encountered expectations of unquestioning compliance. Nevertheless, we extend our best wishes to all participants in the recall campaign.

For supporters of H.O.T. Government who have chosen to actively participate in the recall effort, we commend their commitment to a cause they are passionate about. Our organization champions the principle that individuals should have the freedom to pursue initiatives that resonate with them.

In conclusion, H.O.T. Government steadfastly upholds its dedication to integrity, transparency, and independence. We will continue our diligent and purposeful involvement in civic matters, always guided by our shared values and unwavering commitment to the common good.

In Service and Honesty,

H.O.T. Government

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24 March 2024

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This is the dramatic story of how an eccentric environmental speculation grew into a powerful global scare industry; it is the story of the corruption of science, the defrauding of taxpayers, the destruction of reliable energy, the bullying of anyone who dares question the narrative and a hidden agenda for shortages, rationing, environmental destruction and global control. The film exposes the climate alarm as an invented scare without any basis in science. It emphatically counters the claim that

current temperatures and levels of atmospheric CO2 are unusually and worryingly high. In fact, we are currently near the end of a warm interlude in an ice age and there is no evidence that changing levels of CO2 (it has

changed many times) has ever 'driven' climate change in the past.

It features the heroes of the climate sceptic world such as:

Patrick Moore
Prof Will Happer
Dr Roy Spencer
Prof John Christie
Dr Willie Soon
Prof Ross McKitrick
Prof Steven Coonin
Prof Henrick Svensmark
Dr Matthew Wielicki
Tom Nelson
Tony Heller
Nia Shariv
Dr Benny Pieser
Prof Sallie Baliunas
Dr John Clauser
Austin Williams
Clair Fox
Dr Stephen Davies

As well as villains like Saint Greta, Al Gore and the IPCC.

It covers topics such as:

What does the world's longest temperature record show?
The importance of clouds
The trends in wildfires and hurricanes
Climate model failures
Science is never settled
Have you checked the data?
Corruption of science by government money
Climate vs Freedom
Why they need a continuing climate crisis
How sceptics are punished
The renewables industry
The politics of climate
What is the "heat island effect"?
What is happening to ocean temperatures?
What about weather balloon records, tree rings and satellites?
Are we still in an ice age? Why are the poles still iced?
Should "deniers" be censored?
Low CO2 threatened to starve all plant life.
Humans are a warm weather species.
Keep Africa poor?
The war on farmers.
Who fact-checks the fact-checkers?

Here is what Jo Nova has to say about this movie:

Martin Durkin's work will be studied one day like Thucydides as a record of

a bizarre moment in human history. It is so quintessentially British. I

thought I'd seen it all in the climate debate, but this is so well done,

perfect for a curious, matter-of-fact mind. It pulls you along, with

timeless nostalgic footage in a classic English delivery, calmly unravelling

mythology. It will resonate with people who remember cities, cars and great

documentaries of long ago.

Because it's not angry or activist it's a gift you can send to friends who

are science nerds, or history buffs, or who remember the sixties. Send it to

people with teenagers who have no idea the curriculum hides a half a billion

years of history. Send it to green friends, who have no idea a third of the

food made in Africa rots before it can be eaten without fossil fuels and

plastic to preserve and transport it.

Imagine the effect if this was shown at schools.

<https://joannenova.com.au/2024/03/unpermitted-documentaries-you-can-send-to-friends/>

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If you like this movie, you will also enjoy watching some history of the

swindle:

The Great Global Warming Swindle: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oYhCQv5tNsQ

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Wisconsin Conservative Coalition (WCC) exhibits in Western Wisconsin

Alex Newman, a popular author, podcaster and writer for The Epoch Times, spoke to a large and enthusiastic crowd at the Wisconsin Conservative Coalition (WCC) Spring Benefit Dinner in Appleton on April 10.

The following day, Joe and Diane Bast drove Alex to Minneapolis/St. Paul where he spoke at churches on Thursday and Friday and then to Rothschild, WI (near Wausau) on Saturday where he addressed a major meeting of pastors assembled by Wisconsin Christian News. They staffed a literature table for the Liberty Alliance of Wisconsin (LAW) at that final event and quite a lot of literature got picked up.

See the pictures nearby. (That's Diane Bast staffing the LAW literature table!) Notice rack cards on display for WCC and its Member Organizations: NEW Patriots, Fox Valley Initiative, and Wolf River Area Patriots.

Also notice the LAW pop-up banner, about 40" x 20". It looked great, was easy to assemble and transport, and cost almost exactly $100 including shipping and tax. WCC folks may remember having seen it already at the April 10 event.

If you want a pop-up banner promoting your group or favorite message, the Wisconsin Patriots Toolbox can supply the artwork at no cost and design it to your satisfaction. Your group or some of its leaders would need to come up with the $75 if no shipping is required, or around $100 if shipping is required.

Contact Joseph Bast at the Wisconsin Patriots Toolbox at josephbast@protonmail.com.







Short Takes

By Ken Van Doren

"Right now I'm having amnesia and déj? vu at the same time. I think I've forgotten this before." - Steven Wright

"The greatest enemy of discovery is not ignorance, it is the illusion of knowledge." – Daniel Boorstin

"Gravity explains the motions of the planets, but it cannot explain who sets the planets in motion." - Isaac Newton

Knowing is not enough; we must apply. Willing is not enough; we must do.
-Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

Each age has deemed the new-born year the fittest time for festal cheer.
-Walter Scott

"Wherever the real power in a Government lies, there is the danger of oppression." -James Madison

"Of all the enemies to public liberty war is, perhaps, the most to be dreaded, because it comprises and develops the germ of every other." -James Madison

"Perhaps it is a universal truth that the loss of liberty at home is to be charged against provisions against danger, real or pretended from abroad."
-James Madison

"A popular Government without popular information, or the means of acquiring it, is but a Prologue to a Farce or a Tragedy, or perhaps both."
-James Madison

We relish news of our heroes, forgetting that we are extraordinary to somebody too. -Helen Hayes

Wisdom to Live By

Grief never ends.... but it changes. It's a passage, not a place to stay. Grief is not a sign of weakness, nor a lack of fatih... it is the price of love."



THE GAME PAGE

Crossword Puzzler

ACROSS
1. Thick slices of something
6. Scraped gently
11. A quantity of paper
12. Perform surgery on
15. Pinnacle
16. Trapped
17. Bar bill
18. Demesnes
20. Implore
21. Wings
23. Beers
24. Eat
25. Canines
26. Dry
27. Untruths
28. God of love
29. Goblin
30. Pantywaist
31. Crossed eye
34. Molest
36. "___ Maria"
37. Decay from overripening
41. Baroque composer
42. Goulash
43. Roman moon goddess
44. Not less
45. Blend
46. Hens make them
47. Mistake
48. Unreal
51. Gangster's gun
52. Accommodation for animals
54. Carport
56. Amaze
57. Feudal lord
58. Relieves
59. Ceased

DOWN
1. Dirtiness
2. Backache
3. Sight
4. French cheese
5. Collections
6. Absolutely still
7. French for "After"
8. Knows
9. Before, poetically
10. Handcuffs
13. Very small
14. Border
15. Ancient unit of length
16. Making fine adjustments
19. Fortuneteller's card
22. Gist
24. Incapacitate
26. Greeting at sea
27. 52 in Roman numerals
30. Gush
32. Comes after Mi and Fah
33. Blatant
34. Terminates
35. Provide commentary
38. Baggage
39. Betrothed
40. Flavor
42. Gets to one's feet
44. Plateau
45. Gleam
48. Add
49. Leer at
50. Principal
53. Type of snake
55. Scarlet
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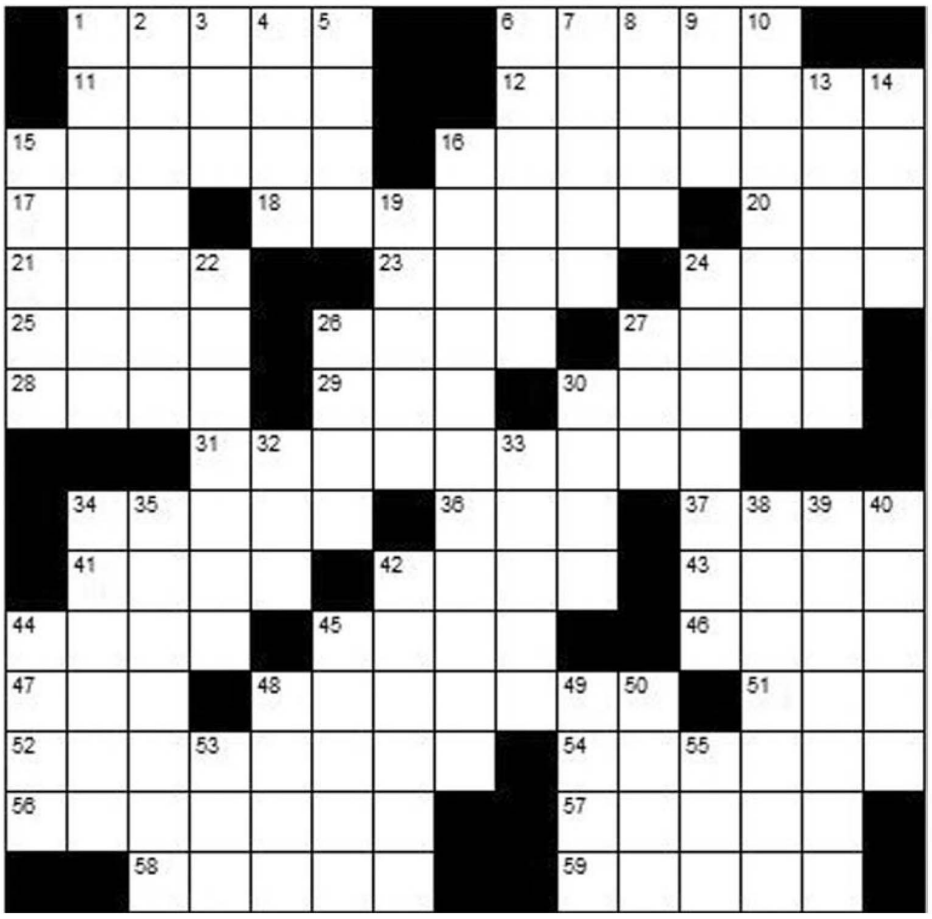

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Can 'clean energy' schemes get any crazier?

Materials, costs and survivability for wind turbines on massive floating platforms defy reality

By Paul Driessen

The US Interior Department's Bureau of Ocean Energy Management recently designated two Wind Energy Areas in deepwater areas off the Oregon coast. BOEM is also reviewing offshore wind energy development options for the Gulf of Maine, Central Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico, and maybe Great Lakes.

They're part of Team Biden's plan to deploy 30,000 megawatts of offshore wind energy capacity by 2030 and 15,000 MW of floating offshore wind energy capacity by 2035. Capacity is what the turbines could generate, when the wind is blowing at optimal speeds, perhaps 30-40% of the year.

30,000 MW is what 2,500 12-MW turbines could generate. It's enough to meet New York State's current peak electricity needs on a hot summer day. Add the electricity required to replace gasoline cars and natural gas furnaces and stoves, meet surging AI, data center and streaming video demands, and charge grid-scale backup batteries – and New York alone would likely need 10,000 12-MW offshore turbines.

Meeting the soaring electricity needs of all US states would require hundreds of thousands more.

BOEM nevertheless insists that "Offshore wind is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to build a new clean energy industry, tackle the climate crisis, and create good-paying jobs, while ensuring economic opportunities for all communities."

Note to be outdone in baseless puffery, the Department of Energy extols the Administration's goal of "decarbonizing" the entire US electric grid by 2035 and says "offshore wind is especially well-suited" for generating "clean energy." Two-thirds of all US offshore wind potential, it says, exists over ocean areas so deep that turbines must be mounted on floating platforms anchored to the seafloor by mooring lines tied to suction piles sunk into bottom sediments.

DOE even claims it will somehow reduce the cost of floating deepwater wind energy to $45 per megawatt-hour by 2035. (That's 45¢ per kilowatt-hour, triple what most Americans now pay.) To buttress its claims, DOE presents maps, artist's renderings and images of floating turbine arrays.

It's almost as though these government officials actually believe they can solve the alleged climate crisis by simply issuing proclamations, regulations, drawings, press releases and subsidies – and Voila!

Mines open, raw materials materialize, and millions of wind turbines, billions of solar panels, billions of vehicle and grid-scale batteries, millions of miles of transmission lines, millions of transformers and other technologies get manufactured and installed – affordably and with no fossil fuels, greenhouse gas emissions, toxic air and water pollutants, child and slave labor, or other evils (all at minimal cost), while endangered species and other environmental conflicts disappear (or are relegated to irrelevance) ...

and cornucopias of clean, renewable, reliable, affordable electricity are rapidly generated worldwide.

It's impolite to question fervently held beliefs in fossil-fuel-free utopias. However, a little reality is urgently needed before activists and bureaucrats take us any further down this primrose path.

12-MW offshore turbines are 850 feet tall, carry three 350-foot-long blades, and weigh thousands of tons. To date, few have been installed anywhere, none have been subjected to major hurricanes, and none have been mounted on deepwater floating platforms. Indeed, no such platform-mounted turbines exist outside the realm of concepts and ten-foot models in wind tunnels and test tanks.

The Kincardine floating turbines in the North Sea southeast of Aberdeen, Scotland are much smaller, and the strongest wind gusts recorded there were in the 83–123 mph range. Sustained wind speeds for category 3-5 hurricanes range from 111 to 157 mph and greater. Some of the worst US landfalling hurricanes reached 126 mph (Katrina, 2003) to 167 mph (Andrew, 1997). The strongest winds ever off the Oregon coast exceeded 100 mph (1962 and 1995).

Subsurface and semisubmersible structures for the smaller 2.0–9.5-MW deepwater turbines weigh 2,000 to 8,000 tons. New semisubmersible platforms for deepwater oil production can be over 30,000 tons and cost a billion dollars or more. Yet even they are probably not large enough for the monstrous 15-MW beasts that the Biden Administration, CNN and others are extolling.

Says CNN: "The first, full-sized floating offshore wind turbine in the United States will tower 850 feet above the waves in the Gulf of Maine.... The gigantic machine, with 774-foot diameter blades and tethered to the seabed with thick metal cables, is planned to be put into the water" by 2030.

It's almost impossible to conceive of the amounts of steel and other raw materials that would be needed for each of these gigantic turbines and support systems; the amounts of ore that would have to be extracted to obtain those materials; the fossil fuels required to mine and process the ores, manufacture the turbines, blades and support systems, and transport and install them; the cost to build each of them.

Based on average deposits being mined today, the 110,000 tons of copper required for 30,000 MW of offshore turbine alone would require removing some 65,000,000 tons of ore and overlying rock. That doesn't include copper for marine cables, transmission lines, transformers and other equipment – or the other metals and minerals.

It is inconceivable that these deepwater wind turbine systems could ever recoup all the energy and costs – or offset all the greenhouse gas emissions – involved in building them, no matter how many years they generate electricity. Indeed, those years may be very short, due to violent storms and constant salt spray.

It's equally inconceivable that they could survive major storms. As a deepwater oil production expert explained, the major unexamined issue is the enormous dynamic loads the mooring systems impart on support structures and turbines.

Floating offshore structures are designed to move on their mooring systems, to adjust for wind and waves. But if 115–160 mph winds hit the structures and equipment on their decks, they can be pushed to the limits of survivability. That's what happened to the Mars TLP rig during Hurricane Katrina.

Some of its mooring lines (tethers) failed, the entire rig was pushed over onto its side, and the 200-foot-tall derrick snapped off and sank. Subsequent analysis found it was not the high winds that caused the failure, but the total structure's return motion – its restorative forces or "whiplash" – as the wind speeds suddenly dropped from 126 mph, with gusts of 200 mph, to 15 mph.

Now picture 850-foot-tall turbines, with huge blades designed to catch the breezes, atop enormous semisubmersible

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Innovating *cont. from page 1*

David Ben Gurion envisioned milk, honey and much more in a prosperous Negev. Today, time-traveling Israelites would be astounded to see a lake and 660,000 people in the bustling modern city of Be'er Sheva – and crops, livestock and small towns transforming the vast desert.

I recently joined other volunteers in the area. We were overcome by emotion at memorials to victims of Hamas's barbaric massacres last October 7. But we also visited hospitals and schools, and met with grateful, passionate, resolute, resilient people. We painted and spruced up several less devastated kibbutzim and marveled at how fruitful the desert has become.

Endless acres boast fields of wheat, flowers and vegetables; lemon, orange, date, olive, apple and avocado orchards; and huge "hothouses" that actually keep temperatures from getting too hot, while controlling sunshine and insects, enabling farmers to grow tomatoes, eggplants, berries, bananas and other bumper crops to feed Israel and send abroad.

We got dirty, weeding and pruning tomatoes, planting herbs and picking lemons. Scratches on my forearms still remind me that lemon trees have dastardly thorns. Who knew?

Israelite and Israeli commitments to inspiration, innovation and especially perspiration continue to pay dividends. They've fostered new technologies and techniques that turn dry wastelands into bountiful farmlands, using desalination, water recycling, drip irrigation and constant refinements.

Some Israelis worry that manmade climate change will make the country's water and agricultural challenges even more daunting. Others point out that abundant rains in recent winters have helped raise Sea of Gallilee water levels to their maximum levels for the first time in decades, and that more atmospheric carbon dioxide spurs crop and natural plant growth.

Hebrew University astrophysicist Dr. Nir Shaviv says the sun (not CO2) is the control knob for planetary temperatures, anyway. When the sun is more active, he explains, it sends out stronger solar winds, reducing galactic cosmic rays streaming into Earth's atmosphere. That causes clouds to be less white, less dense and less reflective of sunlight, resulting in a warmer Earth. When solar activity decreases, Earth cools. Graphs of solar activity and ocean temperatures over thousands of years confirm this.

The climate debate matters less and less, of course, when people do what our ancestors did: adapt to climate changes, natural or manmade, by employing our creative talents to devise new tactics and technologies for living and farming in cold, wet, dry and changing climates.

Rely less on nature's unreliable beneficence and goodwill, become less at the mercy of the elements – and be more self-reliant, resourceful and innovative, in housing designs, heating and cooling systems, more sustainable manufacturing, and beyond. Israel has set a good example in water use and conservation.

Desalination plants use ultra-filtration and reverse-osmosis to remove salts and minerals from seawater and brackish groundwater deposits. The leftover brine goes to the Mediterranean and Red Seas.

Israel's eight desal plants annually produce 835 million cubic meters of expensive yet affordable safe drinking water for Israelis, Bedouins, and West Bank and Gaza Palestinian. (That's 835 billion liters; 221 billion gallons.) Over 90% of Israel's drinking water is desalinated, freeing up Sea of Galilee water that Jordanians can then purchase from Israel.

A vast water recycling system further aids in conquering deserts and droughts. Israel reuses over 85% of its water (with a goal of 95%). Treatment plants purify "graywater" from homes, hospitals, schools and businesses, so that farms can irrigate crops and polluted water stays out of rivers, streams and groundwater. The Shafdan wastewater treatment facility alone provides nearly 140 million cubic meters of clean, recycled irrigation water to Negev Desert farms every year.

Over half of Israel's farm irrigation water is recycled graywater. Much of it is combined with urban and highway stormwater runoff and stored in hundreds of underground reservoirs, which local and regional communities also utilize.

Recurring droughts, growing populations and expanding agricultural needs underscore the imperative to build more desalination plants, treatment facilities and reservoirs in Israel and neighboring countries.

Drip irrigation delivers water slowly and directly to plant roots via a revolutionary network of hoses, valves and drip nozzles. That's a monumental improvement over systems that spray water onto plant leaves and stems, resulting in significant loss through evaporation, especially in arid regions. Simcha and Yeshayahu Blass began developing the water-saving technology 65 years ago and established the Netafim irrigation products and services company to market their technologies and educate people worldwide.

Today, drip irrigation waters over three-fourths of Israel's crops. However, only 5% of farms globally use the technology, due to a reluctance to change longstanding practices and the costs of replacing existing systems with initially expensive drip technologies.

Cutting-edge research continues apace in these and other water-related arenas, to further improve technologies, reduce their costs, decrease recycled water sediments that can eventually clog irrigated soils, optimize equipment efficiencies and crops' water uptake, and promote the use of water-saving technologies in the United States and around the world.

Israel's Arava Institute for Environmental Studies in the eastern Negev's Kibbutz Ketura conducts research and teaches Israeli, Palestinian, Jordanian, African and Asian students how to utilize water and agricultural technologies and best practices. Led by Dr. Tareq Abu Hamed, it also teaches them to live and work together with other future scientists, farmers and leaders of different cultures, ethnicities and religions.

The institute understands that "in the hyper-arid, drought-stricken Middle East, one resource is more precious than water: Trust." Since 1996, it has brought together more than 2,000 students to do research and engage in university-accredited programs. I've met some of them.

In a further testament to how far back these agricultural challenges go, Ketura is also home to a date tree called Methuselahbecause it was grown from a 2,000-year-old seed found in King Herod the Great's palace and fortress at Masada, near the Dead Sea.

Perhaps instead of spending countless trillion of dollars trying to replace fossil fuels with wind, solar and battery technologies, we should focus on adapting to whatever climates we live in or encounter -- especially since China is building hundreds of coal-fired power plants to manufacture wind turbines, solar panels, EVs, grid-scale batteries and transformers to sell to Western nations for that "energy transition."

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Biden's owl massacre



By Craig Rucker

The Feds are preparing to massacre 500,000 owls with shotguns.

Remember the spotted owl?

Green groups exploited the northern spotted owl as a pretext to control people's use of forested land.

Turns out people were never the problem. Bigger, tougher barred owls were picking on the spotted owls. Researchers knew it all along.

Bonner Cohen explains at CFACT.org:

"The Clinton administration even orchestrated an 'Owl Summit' at which federal officials and environmentalists congratulated themselves for caring so much about the fate of the northern spotted owl. Those who pointed out that the problem lay not with old-growth forests but with the encroaching barred owl were ignored... the feds now acknowledge that the problem lies with the barred owl."

Nature is not static. Species move, wax, and wane all the time.

What does not change is the single-minded focus of Green-Left radicals. No matter what the issue, their answer is always the same: grant them control over people.

The same Greens who were laser-focused on using the spotted owl to deny legitimate human use of the forest, are today focused on dictating how we use energy. The same Greens who did not want us to know how barred owls impact spotted owls, now don't want us to know how massive clusters of wind turbines along our coast impact whales and other marine life.

For the Left, the narrative conquers all, even if preserving their narrative leads to blasting owls out of trees, or the extinction of the right whale.



CFACT in Alaska highlights tragic Biden mistakes

By Craig Rucker

CFACT just released a new episode of our "wildly" popular original video series, Conservation Nation.

In this latest episode, host Gabriella Hoffman (who also serves as a CFACT senior policy analyst) explores Alaska's "Inside Passage" — The Tongass National Forest near the state capital of Juneau.



On January 27th, 2023, the Biden Administration announced that all mining, hydropower, geothermal and road construction will be barred in the Tongass under the guise of permanently protecting 9.37 million acres for the natural world. He reinstated the so-called "roadless rule" which prohibits any road construction for timber companies, sportsman, firefighters, and wildlife officials to have better access to the forest.

While this may sound like a good thing, one must remember that the federal government already owns 65% of the state, and 40% of that is set aside for conservation. In addition, there are millions of additional acres of Alaska that are in state and private hands deemed wilderness as well.

Restricting access in the Tongass is a bad idea on a number of fronts. It is bad for economic development, and it is bad for nature as the "roadless rule" chokes off the ability of wildlife officials to manage forestland properly. It is one of 56 aggressive actions the Biden administration has taken against Alaska's development. Sadly, it won't be the last.

Viewers will learn how the Tongass National Forest is an important ecological and economic artery in the Last Frontier that doesn't need to be closed off. It should be for the betterment and enjoyment of all—visitors and locals.

And, of course, there's some fun added in. You'll get to see Gabby scale the Goldbelt Tram and explore Mendenhall Glacier.

Don't miss this exclusive CFACT report from the Land of the Midnight Sun.

Watch Part II of our Alaska report on Conservation Nation today!

Morano on Hannity: Biden's green energy transition is 'magical thinking from beginning to end'

By CFACT Ed

Sean Hannity: The publisher of Climate Depot, Marc Morano, is back. Good to see you. … Marc, you have spent the better part of your adult life debunking the climate alarmist religious cult. Now it's fully in gear and it's spending all of this money. What do people really need to know about what they are pedaling and how it's based on phony science, not real science? You know, look at the study that came out a couple of weeks ago; electric cars may pollute the planet more than gas-powered cars, but all of this never gets told to the American people in the media mob.

Marc Morano: The UCLA historian Saul Friedländer described the central planners of the 20th century as using the bureaucracy to enforce 'magical beliefs.' The 'magical beliefs' here are that we can spend trillions of dollars and magically transform our vehicles from gas power to EVs. 'Magically' transform our electrical grid to solar and wind and claim we're doing something to save the climate. Even if we faced a 'climate catastrophe,' the last thing you'd want to do is the Biden administration approach — a central-planned top-down government plan of picking winners and losers. You would need to unleash innovation if that's what we actually faced. You'd want a wealthier country; you would want a technological explosion. You would want capitalism unleashed because the cleanest environments are the freest environments.

They take the exact opposite approach here, and it's 'magical thinking' from beginning to end in terms of the green agenda. This is just going to hammer the American people. They're spending so much money that there are parts of California where they don't have enough bureaucrats to spend the climate cash flowing in from the Inflation Reduction Act and from the Biden administration. They have to hire bureaucrats even to figure out how to spend it all.

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platforms, being caught in a hurricane or other fierce storm; being pushed over further and further; until wind speeds suddenly plummet, and the turbines whiplash violently – and snap off.

That Shell Oil, among the world's most experienced offshore oil developers, has dropped out of deepwater wind projects should say a lot about the viability of the far-fetched deepwater schemes Team Biden is promoting, to forcibly transform America's energy and economic system.

That some companies are still in the game underscores how their risks are being forcibly subsidized and underwritten by taxpayers and consumers, who are being dragooned into these schemes by politicians and bureaucrats who likewise have no real skin in the game. Their leasing bids are plummeting, their electricity price demands soaring.

It's time to say, "Enough! We're going to keep our nuclear and fossil fuel energy, until you prove beyond a reasonable doubt that your alternatives provide equally abundant, reliable, affordable energy."

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Australia: Cardiac Arrest Up 20%

An obscurantist theory of what is causing the alarming spike.

By John Leake

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A friend just sent me the following report from Australia, and he asked me what could be causing this alarming trend.

When I was in graduate school I sometimes attempted to write poems in the style of famous poets. I was inspired by the infamous Salt Lake City forger, Mark Hofmann, who wrote and sold multiple forgeries of Emily Dickinson poems—both in her handwriting and her style.

In this spirit, I will attempt to write—in the style of the bizarre people who control our health and media agencies—a theory of what is causing the rising incidence of cardiac arrest in Australia.

The alarming 20% spike of cardiac arrest in Australia is likely caused by growing awareness of climate change. The distressing understanding that everyone will soon perish from rising temperatures and sea levels is compounded increasing encounters with the country's dizzying array of venomous snakes.

Rising temperatures are emboldening previously shy serpents such as the eastern brown snake to show up uninvited at picnics and barbeques, causing the guests to have heart attacks.

According to renowned herpetologist, Dr. Clive Obvious, rising temperatures are also causing a proliferation of reptilian rabies—a viral illness that causes venomous snakes to become enraged. As a first line of defense, he proposes vaccinating the country's entire snake population.

Yet another promising strategy is to inject the country's entire rodent population with sedatives, which will in turn be ingested by venomous snakes.

"You would be surprised by how many pharmaceutical agents work like a charm on snakes," he explains, and cites the Merck Veterinary Manual of Analgesics, Sedatives, and Anesthetics Used in Reptiles.

"Vaccinating and sedating venomous snakes is the first step to reducing these frightening encounters with humans that are causing the alarming rise of cardiac arrests," Dr. Obvious explains.

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massive scheme of fraud on the courts," said Kim Mack Rosenberg, CHD general counsel who also is of counsel to Hazlehurst in the federal case.

"The evidence submitted in support of the motion clearly shows that attorneys from the Department of Justice concealed and misrepresented highly relevant information from the special masters in the Vaccine Injury Compensation Program and the judges in the courts," Mack Rosenberg told The Defender.

Hazlehurst's son Yates regressed into autism after being vaccinated as an infant. In the early 2000s, his family and thousands of others filed cases seeking compensation for vaccine-induced autism through the NVICP.

The program consolidated all of the petitions into the Omnibus Autism Proceeding (OAP) and selected six representative "test cases" – of which Yates' was the second – as the basis for determining the outcome of the remaining 5,400 cases.

Unbeknownst at the time to the petitioners and the NVICP special masters, the DOJ's star expert medical witness, Dr. Andrew Zimmerman informed DOJ attorneys during the ongoing omnibus proceedings that he had reversed his original opinion and determined that vaccines can and do cause autism in some cases.

In what Hazlehurst alleges was "a shocking cover-up," instead of allowing Zimmerman to share his revised opinion, the DOJ attorneys relieved Zimmerman of his duties as a witness.

However, they continued to use excerpts from his unamended written opinion to make their case that vaccines did not cause autism – misrepresenting his position and committing "fraud on the court."

According to the motion, the DOJ's first act of fraud snowballed into a scheme of deception with far-reaching implications in which DOJ attorneys repeatedly misrepresented Zimmerman's opinion and concealed other evidence that emerged during the test case hearings in the OAP in subsequent cases before multiple courts.

"As a result, thousands of cases in the Omnibus Autism Proceeding were denied compensation and the impact beyond the OAP is enormous," Mack Rosenberg said. "This fraud affected the Vaccine Injury Compensation Program – especially the Omnibus Autism Proceeding – the Court of Federal Claims, the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit and even the U.S. Supreme Court."

Hazlehurst said he is "asking the court to give this motion the serious attention it deserves." He added, "At a minimum, the court should allow discovery and hold a hearing on this motion."

Overturning a ruling due to fraud on the court is an extraordinary remedy reserved for extraordinary cases but according to Hazlehurst, "This motion we filed shows that this indeed is an extraordinary case."

The DOJ has until April 30 to respond to the motion.

CHD CEO Mary Holland told The Defender, "Vaccines most definitely do cause autism, and the government has been lying about this reality for decades."

Holland added:

With others, I published a law review article in 2011 showing that the government absolutely knew that vaccines cause autism – and yet they have covered it up and lied about it since the inception of the Vaccine Injury Compensation Program.

How many hundreds of thousands of children and families would have been spared the heartaches and crushing financial burdens of autism had the government come clean?

'Exceptionally difficult' to obtain compensation through NVICP

In the late 1980s, a substantial number of lawsuits for vaccine injuries related to Wyeth's (now Pfizer) DPT vaccine, combined with "grossly insufficient compensation" for victims of vaccine injury, threatened the vaccine program's viability.

In response, Congress passed the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986, which established the "vaccine court." The law gave the pharmaceutical industry broad protection from liability and proposed to compensate vaccine-injured children through the new NVICP.

The NVICP originally was designed to be a "swift, flexible, and less adversarial alternative to the often costly and lengthy civil arena of traditional tort litigation."

To receive compensation, parents file a claim with the program.

The Court of Federal Claims (which oversees the program) appoints "special masters" – typically lawyers who previously represented the U.S. government – to manage and decide the individual claims. Attorneys may represent the petitioners, and the DOJ represents HHS.

NVICP proceedings are more informal than a typical courtroom. Unlike regular court proceedings, petitioners in the "vaccine court" have no right to discovery.

If a petitioner files a claim for a vaccine covered under the program and listed on the Vaccine Injury Table – the list of known vaccine side effects associated with certain vaccines within set time frames – it is presumed that a vaccine caused the petitioner's injury and the petitioner is eligible for compensation without proof of causation.

However, if a petitioner experiences an "off-table injury" – an injury not listed on the table or that didn't happen in the recognized injury time frame – the petitioner must prove by "a preponderance of evidence" that the vaccine caused the injury. Evidence includes medical records and expert witness testimony.

Claims must be filed within three years of the first symptom or two years of death.

Petitioners must provide a medical theory of the cause, a sequence of cause and effect, and show a temporal relationship between vaccine and injury.

However, the NVICP does not specify the required volume and type of evidence, so meeting the "preponderance of evidence" standard is largely at the discretion of the special master.

Petitioners can appeal NVICP cases to the Court of Federal Claims, the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit and ultimately to the U.S. Supreme Court.

It is "exceptionally difficult" to obtain compensation within the NVICP, Hazlehurst told The Defender. The proceedings are often turned into drawn-out, contentious expert battles and the backlog of cases is substantial.

The Vaccine Act of 1986 is unjust for petitioners, Hazlehurst alleges. And that injustice reached its zenith with the OAP, when the DOJ perpetrated fraud right under the noses of the special masters, signaling the beginning of the fraud on the courts that continues to this day.

Hazlehurst told The Defender he hopes his motion will shed light on the damage inflicted by this law and that it will ultimately help end the autism epidemic.

"The Vaccine Act of 1986 is one of the fundamental causes of the autism epidemic," Hazlehurst said. "Understanding why this is true, and how the United States Department of Justice perpetrated fraud upon the courts, including the Supreme Court of the United States, is the key to ending the autism epidemic."

A short history of the autism omnibus proceedings

By 2002, to address a "massive influx" of petitions alleging vaccine-induced autism, the Office of Special Masters combined over 5,000 claims into the OAP to determine whether vaccines cause autism and if so, under what conditions.

Initially, the NVICP planned to investigate causation issues and apply those general findings to individual cases. However, the program changed its strategy and instead selected six "test cases" by which it would examine the evidence for injuries caused by the measles mumps rubella (MMR) vaccine, thimerosal-containing vaccines (TCV), or a combination of both.

Then it would apply the findings of the test cases to other similar cases.

In doing so, Hazlehurst alleges, the court conflated general causation evidence with specific causation evidence from a few cases, without allowing for rules of discovery or evidence that would apply in an actual court.

This, Hazlehurst said, "was a recipe for disaster" as each test case was then used to determine the outcome for the remaining 5,000 cases.

Three cases – Cedillo v. HHS, Hazlehurst v. HHS, and Poling v. HHS – are at the center of the alleged fraud by the DOJ.

Fraud #1: the Zimmerman testimony

Hearings for the first OAP test case, Cedillo v. HHS, began in 2007. Zimmerman had worked with the DOJ to prepare an expert report on behalf of HHS finding that Michelle Cedillo's autism had likely not been caused by the MMR vaccine.

Zimmerman later wrote in a 2018 affidavit that he attended the Cedillo hearing and listened to the testimony of Dr. Marcel Kinsbourne, another world-renowned expert in pediatric neurology.

On that basis, Zimmerman stated, he decided to clarify his written expert opinion about Michelle Cedillo, concerned it would be taken out of context.

Zimmerman spoke with DOJ attorneys to clarify that his expert opinion in the Cedillo case "was not intended to be a blanket statement as to all children and all medical science,"

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The transgender narrative is continuing to crumble in real time

By Jonathon Van Maren

It has been a brutal week for the transgender narrative.

First, we had the Cass Review, which took a sledgehammer to trans activist claims about "gender medicine" and has already triggered further investigations – the UK's National Health Service has announced that they will be conducting Cass-style inquiries into seven adult transgender clinics, as well. The closure of the Tavistock clinic could be just the beginning.

Then, Dr. Phil aired an entire show opposing "transition" for minors. He does not come from a socially conservative perspective, but trans activists were livid by his attacks:

In the wake of the New York Times publishing a series of columns questioning the transgender narrative – the most recent of them was published earlier this month – the sudden interest of mainstream media figures in taking a closer look at trans activist claims is an indication that the herd is moving.

Then, a preprint study from Mayo Clinic – which, I will stipulate, has not yet been peer-reviewed – affirmed that puberty blockers cause long-term fertility problems in boys. This is something that critics of "gender medicine" have been saying for years – that transition includes the sterilization of minors. The researchers analyzed more than 130,000 sperm cells from male children with gender dysphoria, ages 17 and younger.

According to Fox News:

The researchers analyzed the testicular cells of boys who had been taking puberty blockers for anywhere from three months to 52 months, and compared them to cells of a control group who had not been on the blockers. Among those on puberty blockers, the researchers identified mild to severe 'sex gland atrophy,' determining that the medications accelerated the aging and function of testicular cells.

Most significantly, the findings of this study suggest that the impact of puberty blockers is likely permanent – once again, something critics of "transition" have been saying for years, while trans activists attempt to shout them down. Fox News noted that the "researchers also detected cases of microlithiasis, which is marked by the presence of small clusters of calcium in the testicles."

What does this mean? This: "Additional research from Mayo Clinic has linked testicular microlithiasis to an increased risk of testicular cancer." The researchers noted in the conclusion of the study that the risks are now clear: "We provide unprecedented histological evidence revealing detrimental pediatric testicular sex gland responses to [puberty blockers]."

This is yet more evidence that we are, in fact, sterilizing trans-identifying boys. It is not reversible. They will never have their own biological children.

Most people remained silent out of cowardice as this evidence emerged. Only a few dissidents dared to stick their heads above the parapets on this issue – a motley crew of social conservatives, Christians, feminists, and a couple of celebrities like J.K. Rowling, who were willing to stake their reputations on this fight for gender-confused kids. Those people – the ones who knew better but decided to stay silent to protect themselves – will deserve no credit, and should be called out for their cowardice.



As Julie Bindel noted at Unherd, the conversions are beginning already. She, it turns out, has been taking note of those who refused to defend the dissident (and, as it turns out, correct) voices on this issue as a monumental medical scandal unfolded. I could also name politicians who never bought into transgender ideology but refused to take on trans activists for fear that it might hurt their careers. As the evidence piles up and the voices of detransitioners grow louder, I hope that they are listening. I hope they are honest with themselves. Their silence helped this happen.

When trans-identified children were being sterilized, they said nothing. Some of us will remember that.

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pointed out that Ramthun did not lie, Vos went on Jay weber's show and changed his story. Vos told Weber that Ramthun's staff was fired for promoting Ramthun's resolution to decertify the election. Imagine a staffer being fired for promoting his boss's positions!

5. Vos lied about Trump's support. Robin Vos circulated a picture of himself and Trump during the primary campaign against Steen. All the while knowing that Trump despises him.

6. Vos has directed his county party to not allow conservatives to join the party. Do you call that leadership?

7. Vos has removed the staff and committee chair assignments for Brandtjen, Allen, Wichgers and Behnke for simply not being Vos sycophants. Allen, Brandtjen and Wichgers represent some of the reddest areas of the state and have been limited in their ability to promote the republican (and more importantly, the CONSERVATIVE message) in those red areas. Again, even a WISN host under strict "protect Vos" orders cannot justify such behavior as "leadership" can you?

8. Robin Vos spent a million dollars of taxpayer money to hire Justice Gableman for no other purpose than to thwart Brandtjen's investigation into the 2020 election. An investigation that Vos himself ordered and conducted by a committee chair (Brandtjen) that HE appointed. As soon as Gableman reached the same conclusion that Brandtjen did (the 2020 election was flawed to the point that we cannot have confidence in the result of the election) Vos turned on him and fired him. Vos called a LARGE PORTION of the republican party "conspiracy theorists" on the Jay Weber show. Again, I ask if you think THAT is leadership.

9. Robin Vos went on Jay Weber's show the day after Vos "won" his race against the unknown, underfunded Steen by 260 votes. Most of us strongly suspect foul play since the votes 'seemed" to appear around midnight, and Robin Vos seems to be beholden to Meagan Wolfe. Robin Vos has given lip service to "wanting Wolfe gone" but has not used any of the tools provided to him to remove her, including CH 15.61 - see an interesting article from The MacIver Institute asking why the legislature hasn't moved https://www.maciverinstitute.com/.../wisconsin-law.../ you'll recognize it pretty quick, after all you wrote it.

10. Robin Vos continues to break the law. He refuses to provide the people of Wisconsin with open and transparent government.

11. Robin Vos refused to support all inquiries into the 2020 election. He even went as far as to side with Meagan Wolfe against his own committee chair when Rep. Brandtjen asked WEC for documents that could only be considered a reasonable request by a legislative oversight committee chair.

12. Not only did Vos not support Brandtjen's request for information WEC, WEC had the nerve to SUE her for requesting the information! But WAIT!!! THERE'S MORE! Although Vos spent hundreds of thousands of dollars on HIS OWN defense, he denied any legal assistance to the chair of the committee that HE assigned the task of investigating the election. Vos VOTED for AR-15 that clearly DIRCETED Brandtjen's committee to investigate the election. Now, let me say this here and now. YOU CANNOT POSSIBLY CONSIDER THAT LEADERSHIP!!! Election integrity remains the number issue with republican voters and YOUR LEADER has done NOTHING but call those voters conspiracy theorists. I'd like to hear your justification for that.

13. Robin Vos spent, at the very least, a half of million dollars of RACC money on his reelection campaign. He had lobbyists donating to his campaign and knocking on doors for him. He even strongarmed representatives to knock on the doors for him during his primary race. Sortwell, Callahan, Murphy and others all went down and knocked on doors but literally hid from cameras while doing so. Let me ask you this Mr. O'Donnell, have you ever campaigned for someone but was ashamed to admit it? Let me answer for you. NO, YOU DID NOT. None of us would ever do that. We put pictures of ourselves with the candidate's literature on social media, hoping EVERYONE sees it! But these legislators hid. What say you, Mr. O'Donnell?

14. The budget has exploded under Vos. 51% since Vos has been in leadership. We could go on forever with this, but you get the drift…. You DO get the drift, don't you Dan?

Best regards, Bill Savage

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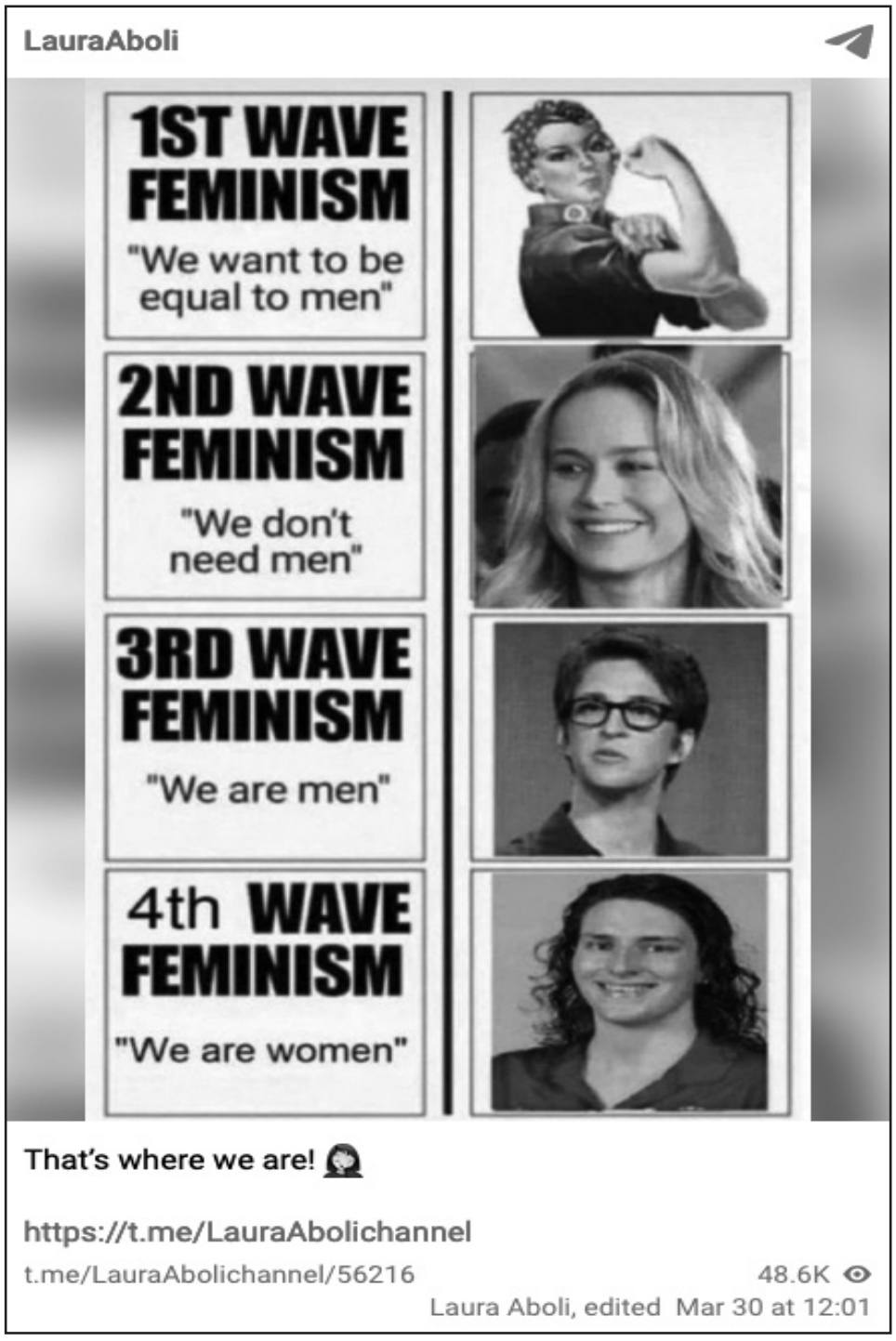

Biden's Billion Dollar EV Chargers Ready To Change The World



By Dr. Tim Nerenz

I had to wait a day just to make sure we weren't getting punked on April Fool's Day, but the story is still on Yahoo News today, so I guess this headline from The Independent is legit: "US government builds seven electric vehicle chargers in two years. Just another 499,993 to go".

The 2021 Infrastructure Bill – touted by Biden supporters as one of his greatest achievements – is one of the most-often mentioned elements when I ask one of them what new policies comprise the "Bidenomics" they claim is being underreported and underappreciated. $7.5 billion was included in the bill to build 500,000 more charging stations by 2027 to support the bill's other provisions that accelerate the transition to 50% EV by 2030.

Seven.

The charging station face-plant illustrates a fundamental problem with half of our nation's voters – they are unable to discern the difference between an announcement of something and the thing itself. I'm sure most of my Democrat friends believe the nation is actually moving to EV's and all things Green New Deal and they credit Joe Biden's vision and leadership for taking us to the promised land and delivering a booming economy in the process.

Many states enacted their own legislation to support the administration's green-theory economic initiatives and grab their share of the trillions of dollars flooded into the system. I think most people would agree that California is the state most committed to the progressive agenda that Biden signed on to and it is worth examining how well "Bidenomics" is working in its best-case state, the nation's largest.

Our progressive utopia "boasts" a 5.1% unemployment rate, second only to its suburb-state Nevada (5.3%) and barely better than the mothership District of Columbia (5%), with New Jersey (4.8%) and Illinois (4.7%) rounding out the top five stolen valor states the media conveniently does not mention when touting "Biden's" 3.7% national average. His administration spends an inordinate amount of time suing the nemesis states – Florida (3.1% and Texas (3.3%) and nation-leading North and South Dakota at 2.1% - for non-compliance with mandates.

California's one-party rule has turned budget surpluses to deficits during its Newsom-Biden-Pelosi partnership years – it is currently trying to reconcile the difference between the (Democrat) governor's deficit projection of $58 billion and the (Democrat) legislature's projection of $222 billion. Millions of Californians have fled to sane states – more affordable, safer, less intrusive regulations, better schools, lower tax rates, stronger economies, more opportunity.

The reality of California is nearly the opposite of its headline announcement fictional self and its governor Newsom is the poster boy of next generation "say it so" democrat demagogues – younger, fitter, and more polished than Biden, media savvy, shameless when forced to backtrack on premature headline claims of accomplishment – slavery reparations being the most recent and most insulting example.

I'm sure most Democrats believe that his announcement last year actually turned into something tangible; when it came time to enact it into law, California deftly slithered out from under the lie – no, we never said that we would PAY them.

And Biden voters are happy to completely ignore the actual doing something good part of their bargain with utopian mush-mouth saying something good cosplayers in the roles of governing authorities. "Never mind…" as the old SNL skit used to end.

Which brings me to the other news story that needed a 24-hour cooling off period to clear the April Fools danger zone – President Biden's response to the backlash his Easter weekend Trans Visibility Day announcement. "I didn't do that", he said in a reply to a reporter's question about House Speaker Johnson's rebuke.

Wait, what…? We all read the announcement he put on White House letterhead and posted on the main page of the WH web portal for ourselves, pal. It was only four days ago, and he got skewered and memed into oblivion by thousands of prominent public figures on social media.

I guess Putin did it then, or Trump did it, or MAGA did it, or Elon Musk did it, or the NRA or traditional Catholics or some unvaccinated home-schooling mom.

Which leaves Biden voters with three pretty bad pills to pick from to choke down this latest doozy – either he is lying to them, or he can't remember what he did yesterday, or he is just a free-rider on the bus somebody else is secretly driving. You pick 'em.

Nobody asks me for advice, but I would have just gone with "April Fools!" and let the whole thing blow over by Wednesday - on the trans thing and all the rest: jobs, economy, inflation, crime, border, green pipe dreams, "saving democracy", Ukraine, Gaza, re-segregation (Equity), deficit, debt, the surveillance state, weaponized justice system, witch-hunt prosecutions, de-funding police, decarceration of violent offenders, censorship and criminalization of speech.

The best argument against big government is big government. It doesn't matter which party is nominally in charge of it for a time. The seven charging stations disaster is not an outlier or a bug – it is a feature of any bloated bureaucracy that has grown too

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The Return of the Hungry Horses

By Viv Forbes

When I was young (many decades ago) we lived on a small family farm at Wheatvale near Warwick on the Darling Downs in Queensland, Australia.

Our lifestyle was close to the organic self-sufficient nirvana that today's green zealots babble on about - we produced much of what we needed and needed most of what we produced, using mainly solar power plus a bit of hydrocarbon and wind energy.

But life was no picnic.

Our farm supported our family of four, 30 dairy cows, one bull, eight draught horses, two stock horses, a cattle dog, two cats, two ponies, plus a few pigs, calves and chooks and, at times, a returned service Uncle recovering from the malaria he caught during the war in Papua New Guinea. We sometimes had a farm hand - farmers got "trusties" from the Palen Creek Prison Farm. They were a bit like the horses - ate a lot, worked as little as possible and sometimes stole things. So Dad stopped the trusties and all the work fell back on the family.

Foxes killed hens occasionally and crows stole eggs. The farm grew weeds, burrs, native pasture, wheat, oats, sorghum, corn and lucerne. The lucerne was used to make hay which was collected on a wagon, carted to the hay shed and unloaded with pitch forks. Most of the farm produce was used to feed us, plus the horses, cows, pigs and chooks. Horses are not ruminants and do not use hay and grass as efficiently as cattle. We learned the truth of the saying "Eats like a horse". Our farm produced little surplus for others - we sold milk/cream regularly and occasionally some grain, pigs and calves.

Green energy powered most activities on the farm. Dad and Mum and my big sister milked the cows by hand twice a day, seven days per week and we all cut weeds with hoes, picked corn by hand and used pitch-forks to stack hay.

Mum knitted woollen jumpers for winter. There were no old people's homes - grandparents rotated around their kids' homes (my mother had eight brothers and sisters).

We had tanks catching rainwater from all roofs, plus a windmill which pumped stock water from a small dam (when the wind blew). Our heavy horses were used to pull a plough, a sundercut, a planter-cultivator, a set of harrows, harvester, mower, hay-rake, wagon, dray and slide. Kids walked to school or rode ponies or bikes. We had an old reaper/binder in the shed and there were still some sulkies being used. There were even some huge wood-burning steam-powered traction engines that drove stationary threshers used to separate grain from chaff.

We had no electricity, no phones and just one battery-powered radio. We listened to Russ Tyson and the news on the ABC after the milking (7am), "Blue Hills" and the Country Hour at lunch time (we called it "dinner"), and a serial story after "tea" at night.

Our emissions from hydro-carbon fuels were very low. We used a bit of kerosene in lamps for the house and lanterns

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looming energy shortage that portends leaving domestic and commercial consumers literally in the dark

Expect use of artificial intelligence (AI) by power hungry government agencies to centrally monitor and control more and more aspects of our daily lives with ant farm economy while also imposing huge additional power demands.

Be prepared to have millions of EPA-mandated electric vehicles (EVs) and tens of thousands of federally subsidized recharging stations added to ancient distribution grids never designed for such loads.

Further add government Environmental Social Guidance (ESG) pressures on energy investors to replace reliable existing systems that provide abundant fuel and electricity we count on with anemic, weather-dependent, short-life systems that don't at a time when energy demands are ramping up dramatically along with costs.

U.S. electricity demand growth projections for over the next five years have doubled from a year ago.

PJM Interconnection, a utility that operates the wholesale power market across 13 Midwest and Northeast states, recently doubled its 15-year annual demand growth forecast in its service regions.

The company has projected a 10-gigawatt increase in power demand by 2029, about twice the current daily amount consumed in Manhattan.

Meanwhile, as New York shuts down nuclear and fossil fuel power in favor of wind and solar, a new upstate Micron chip factory to supply EVs is projected to require as much power by the 2040s as New Hampshire and Vermont combined.

Citing growth in new industries such as EV and battery factories, a recent forecast by Georgia Power recently projected a 17-fold increase in its winter demand by 2031.

AEP Ohio warns that new data centers and Intel's planned $20 billion chip plant will strain its grid as well because chip factories and data centers can consume 100 times more power than typical businesses.

Electricity demand by data centers is projected to increase by 13% to 15% compounded annually through 2030. That power is needed around-the-clock 24/7, competing with nighttime EV recharging demands, particularly when there is no sunlight, and the wind isn't blowing.

According to CBRE Group, a commercial real estate firm, a current power supply shortage is already delaying openings of new data centers by two to six years.

This circumstance has prompted Amazon to purchase a data center in Pennsylvania powered by an on-site 2.5- gigawatt nuclear plant.

The gap between power demand and supply will rapidly expand as existing fossil fuel plants are retired, with PJM's market monitor warning that they might lose up to 30% of their installed capacity by 2030.

The company blames much of this on "the role of states and the federal government in subsidizing resources and in environmental regulation," adding, "The simple fact is that the sources of new capacity that could fully replace the retiring capacity have not been clearly identified."

Transitioning to renewables which are characteristically located far remotely from metropolitan hubs and industrial centers offers no near-term salvation given that it typically takes 10 to 12 years to create long transmission lines needed to connect with power grids.

The Wall Street Journal notes that about 20 gigawatts of fossil fuel power are scheduled to retire over the next two years — enough to power 15 million homes — including a large natural-gas plant in Massachusetts that serves as a crucial source of electricity in cold snaps.

Whereas some of those plants have exhausted their useful lifespans, the onslaught of costly regulation is cited as an even bigger cause, including a soon-to-be finalized EPA rule requiring natural gas plants to install expensive and unproven carbon capture systems.

Although the cost of producing steady reliable power from natural gas is roughly the same as using intermittent unpredictable wind and solar, huge government subsidies afforded to the latter through the ironically named "Inflation Reduction Act" (IRA) make it harder for both fossil fuel and nuclear plants to compete.

IRA tax credits can offset up to 50% of a renewable operator's costs.

Such policies have put utilities and the energy consuming public in a no-win "Catch 22"dilemma.

While the intermittent and unreliable nature of renewables makes it necessary to have a "spinning reserve" of fossil or nuclear energy available to keep power grids balanced second-by second with reserve capacity to supply extended baseload needs, depleted and unprofitable markets make it increasingly difficult to do so.

Many Texans will painfully recall the week-long February 2021 power outage when frigid temperatures froze wind turbines.

The Wall Street Journal quotes Federal Energy Regulatory Commissioner Mark Christie offering some basic math: "We are subtracting dispatchable [fossil fuel] resources at a pace that's not sustainable, and we can't build dispatchable resources to replace the dispatchable resources we're shutting down."

In short, federal policies aimed at shutting down energy we depend on in exchange for paltry and non-existent alternatives and benefits as demands skyrocket don't add up.

EV's Amount to a Gov't Wealth Transfer You Pay For

By Larry Bell

Plug-in electric vehicles (EVs) are great so long as generous taxpayers can afford to buy them for us and we don't plan long winter trips to visit wayward brother Bubba who barely eeks out enough poultry chicken feed to sell inflationary $11 sandwiches to other country rubes at his local bar and grill.

According to an October 2023 Texas Public Policy Foundation report, "Overcharged Expectations: Unmasking True Costs of Electric Vehicles," as much as $48,000 of the real cost of an average U.S. 2021 model year EV over a 10-year period will be paid through $22 billion in socialized government charities.

Included are subsidies in the form of tax benefits for purchasers, fuel economy credits for manufacturers, forced premiums for buying otherwise far less expensive petroleum models, and higher consumer electricity charges needed to support them.

The TPPF study notes that these extra costs don't account for additional prices the industry must charge for more popular internal combustion vehicles as manufacturers are required to build fewer of them, amounting to a government-coerced wealth transfer from affluent EV owners paid by those who don't want — or can't afford — to buy them.

As discussed in my earlier April 3 column, great progress in achieving a government-knows-best central control takeover of formerly free markets arrived in the form of a new March 20 EPA tailpipe emission rule first established for cars and light-weight trucks, then more recently extended to heavy duty long-haul semis.

The Biden administration's earlier rule would phase out 70% of gasoline-powered cars by 2032, with an estimated 31% to 44% of new light-vehicles sold required to be electric for model-year 2030 based on total tailpipe exhausts from all vehicles including gas-electric hybrids, standard gasoline, and diesel models.

This represents a dramatic increase from the 8% of EVs sold in 2023.

In comparison, 84% of all cars in America are powered by internal combustion engines.

And whereas EVs currently make up less than 1% of U.S. heavy-duty truck sales, nearly all of them based in California, EPA's new rule requires that they comprise 60% of new urban delivery trucks and 25% of long-haul tractor sales by 2032.

By 2030, electric trucks alone are projected to consume about 11% of California's electricity.

Epoch Times writer Kevin Stokliin observes that behind this lies a political push to transfer wealth from red to blue regions.

Stokliin cites Department of Energy data showing that at 2022 years-end California had 903,600 registered EVs in the state, or 37% of all EVs owned nationwide.

Whereas these states are home to large cities and suburbs, more rural states such as Wyoming and North Dakota host only 800 and 600 EV owners, respectively.

A 2023 University of California Energy Institute report used detailed county-level data on new vehicle registrations from 2012-2022 to measure the degree to which EV adoption is concentrated in the most left leaning U.S. counties, and how this concentration has changed over time.

The study revealed "a strong and enduring correlation between political ideology and U.S. EV adoption," with 50% of all new EVs being sold into the top 10% that were mostly Democratic.

Twenty counties reportedly bought 40% of all EVs sold in this period, and "most of these counties are urban, high-income, and in Democratic states."

By contrast, the 10 states with the smallest market penetration for EVs are all red.

Altogether, EVs in seven rural states of North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming, Mississippi, West Virginia, Alabama, and Idaho combined account for less than one percent of EV sales.

A February analysis of EV purchasers found that 57%earned more than $100,000 annually, 75% are male, and that 87% are white.

EV buyers are also overwhelmingly Democrats, with 71% of Republicans stating in a Gallup poll that they would not consider owning an electric vehicle.

A recent Rasmussen poll found that 65% of Americans surveyed don't think they're likely to make an EV their next automobile purchase, with still another Rasmussen survey finding that only 14% were strongly in favor of regulations to phase out gas-powered cars and trucks, while nearly 60% were against.

Opinions were split along party lines, with 53% of Democrats in favor of the EPA regulations, 76% of Republicans against, and 59% of independents also opposing.

Nevertheless, according to Coltura, an EV advocacy group, several blue states plan to follow California, New Mexico, and Delaware commitments in requiring all new passenger cars and light duty vehicles sold by 2035 be "zero emissions."

Included are Vermont, New York, Virginia, Washington, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Maryland, New Jersey, and Colorado.

Gasoline phaseout policy discussions are also reportedly ongoing or have partially passed in Connecticut, Maine, Minnesota, Nevada, and Pennsylvania.

Rasmussen offers a salient observation why a politicized EPA mandate favoring EV cars and trucks make lots of sense for Democrats, concluding that, "EVs may be practical to zip about in the mild weather of the Pacific Coast and over the short distances of the Northeast — Biden territory in 2020."

But EV batteries run out of charge over long distances, when it's freezing outside, or when you've got your air conditioning on — all common experiences in the South, Midwest and Rocky Mountain states, which Trump carried in 2016 and 2020."

Not so good for Bubba and many of the rest of us.

EV Chargers *cont. from page 18*

big NOT to fail. In business classes we teach diseconomies of scale along with economies of scale. This week's news brings another classic example for the slow learners.

Panic has set in among post-secondary institutions as the "streamlined" process of financial aid applications is still not working – four years after the legislation directing it was passed and six months after it was supposed to be implemented in advance of this year's HS seniors decided whether/where to apply for next fall's freshman admissions. The new web portal was delayed from last summer to October and then to December, and then it crashed and had to be reworked, came up again and still does not work properly, leaving students, parents, and college recruiters unable to move forward with selection, acceptance, and enrollment.

Fall enrollments are down 2.6 million from same time last year as the new and improved streamlined financial aid processing system has everyone in limbo. Colleges and universities are making staffing and course scheduling plans now, as well as finalizing budget requests (state schools) and they can't justify current budgets, let alone increases, with imploding enrollments.

Four effin years to implement something the federal Department of Education has pushed ever since the government took over the student financial aid system in 2011 – they got the money and made the big announcements and then spent the money and we have only chaos to show for it.

People who would know have pointed to Biden's decision to take Education Department staff off this project to work on the student loan forgiveness initiatives that have also delivered no mail (adverse court rulings on their legality) as a significant contributing factor to the delays and screw-ups in the streamlining project. Naturally, his appointees deny this was a factor, even while moving people back from loan forgiveness projects back to getting the application process working.

Which goes to show that do-everything government is doomed to not-walk and not-chew gum at the same time, even with the best of intentions. If you believe in the Headline Fairy, Biden's team has delivered student loan forgiveness and a streamlined application process to expand opportunities for underserved communities.

The rich kid's parents have put away money for college or can afford to have one parent fight the computer for hours and hours to overcome crashes and do-overs or pay specialists who know how to beat the system and get financial aid applications processed. The cohort most harmed by the big-government dregs are the under-privileged kids who don't have the resources it takes to fight the system.

They will have to postpone their dreams of going to college and find a job in the meantime, but that prospect got a whole lot tougher in California yesterday, when Newsom's $20 mandatory minimum wage for fast-food workers went into effect and another crackhead headline-high will turn to crap. It affects any chain with more than 60 workers nationwide, and for months outlets have been closing and plans for expansions into California cancelled.

In my MBA classes, I have students introduce themselves with their basic info plus the first job they ever had and what they take from it to this very day. By far the most common response is fast-food worker. I teach in programs for adult learners who are on their way "up the ladder" with professional achievements already under their belt and some leadership experience who aspire to move up into executive roles or start businesses of their own. Our cohorts are quite different than our peer institutions – heavily weighted towards underrepresented demographics.

But they are products of true privilege – the privilege of k-12 education when it was better, parents and mentors who instilled good values in them, and early work experience to ground them in reality and build confidence in their own abilities and potential. A great many of them worked to contribute to their undergrad degrees and keep their student loan debt manageable. They know that their success has been earned and will continue to be. I won't be teaching again for several months and will miss my students; I love them and tell them that.

That privilege is being taken from the Zeds by the headline whores and it does not bode well for the future of our society and our country. In this year's worldwide happiness index study, America ranked 10th for people over 60, 23rd overall and was not in the top 50 for people under 30.

We should pay attention to things like this – our generational happiness gap is one of the largest in the world and it is not because Boomers have become happier; it is because our youngest generations have become very unhappy. Certainly, social media is a major contributing factor, but the nations of Eastern Europe have social media too and their happiness gap is the opposite of ours, with the youngest being the happiest. There are example countries on every continent – it did not have to be this way. It didn't used to be this way here.

They say that money cannot buy happiness, but it can eliminate a whole boatload of unhappiness; all of us who have been poor and not poor at different times in our lives can attest to that. Somebody else's money can do neither and government money is somebody else's money. It can only buy headlines and keep the undeserving in power and fool some of us into thinking that saying it so makes it so.

It doesn't.



Puzzle Answers

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Dr. Tim's Take

By Dr. Tim Nerenz

Today is gut-check day for Christians; everyone either believes that Jesus was God in the flesh or doesn't. They either believe He came to pay the wages of sin (death) on behalf of all mankind or they don't.

Everyone either believes he was crucified by the authorities to appease the mob or they don't. Everyone has our own reasons for believing or disbelieving; none of them are "right" or "wrong". We will not be judged on how we came to believe or disbelieve – it is digital, not analog; one or zero.

Three days from now, Easter will be the second gut-check day for Christians; everyone either believes He was resurrected or they don't. Without the crucifixion there is no resurrection, and without the resurrection Christianity is just another religion among hundreds who propose an ethical framework for leading a "good" life.

Christians believe that the soul is immortal, and death simply separates the soul from the physical body, releasing us from all the constraints of the physical creation – time, place, matter, energy and nature's laws (physics, chemistry, math, etc.) that govern the physical universe. We will be given a different body (thank you, Jesus) at the resurrection, just as Jesus was not instantly recognizable when he returned to show Himself. But that is for later consideration.

If you believe, then today is a day of celebration for your immortal soul - liberation day - and a day of remorse for the fallen state of humanity. The Romans – the civil authority of that time – could find no cause to charge, let alone convict or punish Jesus; he had committed no crime. The demand for crucifixion came from the mob whose blood lust was stoked by the priest and elders and "elites". The book of Mathew recounts the scene:

17 Therefore when they were gathered together, Pilate said unto them, Whom will ye that I release unto you? Barabbas, or Jesus which is called Christ?

18 For he knew that for envy they had delivered him.

19 When he was set down on the judgment seat, his wife sent unto him, saying, Have thou nothing to do with that just man: for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him.

20 But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitude that they should ask Barabbas, and destroy Jesus.

21 The governor answered and said unto them, Whether of the twain will ye that I release unto you? They said, Barabbas.

22 Pilate saith unto them, What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ? They all say unto him, Let him be crucified.

23 And the governor said, Why, what evil hath he done? But they cried out the more, saying, Let him be crucified.

24 When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it.

25 Then answered all the people, and said, His blood be on us, and on our children.

26 Then released he Barabbas unto them: and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.

If Jesus just wanted to prove to skeptics that he could raise himself from the dead, to show us He is indeed God (the Word become flesh) there were a hundred different ways to accomplish that greatest of miracles and put His omnipotent power on full display.

The purpose of the manner chosen to offer salvation to all who will accept it is not to teach us about God, it is to teach us about ourselves; to give us the opportunity to confront our fallen nature and imperfect state, acknowledge our transgressions, repent, and receive forgiveness and atonement.

The takeaway of the crucifixion is that every actor knew full well that it was a ruse, a sham, a mockery of justice and perversion of law. It is the reason for it that is the lesson to be learned for believers and unbelievers alike: "18 For he knew that for envy they had delivered him." Envy is the root of all evil; money is just one thing to envy.

If Scriptures in old timey language aren't your thing, a more contemporary takeaway to contemplate today is found in the Rolling Stones' lyric:

Please allow me to introduce myself
I'm a man of wealth and taste
I've been around for a long, long year
Stole many a man's soul and faith
And I was 'round when Jesus Christ
Had his moment of doubt and pain
Made damn sure that Pilate
Washed his hands and sealed his fate
Pleased to meet you, hope you guess my name

But what's puzzlin' you is the nature of my game

The mob who demanded, then cheered and celebrated the crucifixion of Jesus was "puzzled". They had been deceived by the Great Deceiver and the people in positions of authority – religious and secular.

Jesus forgave them (and us by extension) on the Cross, "for they know not what they do". That is the measure of God's mercy – even those driven to kill Him are spared his wrath if we accept the gift of Grace that is freely given and wholly undeserved. They chose evil (Barabbas) over good (Jesus). We do not hear about Barabbas after his release – he was the notorious criminal in Jerusalem at the time, no reason to think he did not resume his predation.

It is hard to comprehend that God did not intervene to prevent His own murder and that he did that out of love for his children. We needed to see the depths of depravity that we can embrace if we chose to remain puzzled and celebrate our fallen state. We had to see it to believe it…or choose not to; we had to learn the depth of free will to appreciate it.

We can believe it or not on gut-check day, but It is worth taking a moment to contemplate. And then go out for fish fry at the pub all squared away – preferably way up nort' where cheese curds can be substituted for fries at no additional cost, just one more reason we call it God's Country.

Free will, baby.

LauraAboli

This is probably the best answer I've ever heard to the question, "Why did God create evil?"

A professor at the university asked his students the following question:

"Everything that exists was created by God?"

One student bravely answered:

"Yes, it was created by God."

The professor asked :

"If God created everything, then God created evil, since it exists. And according to the principle that our deeds define ourselves, then God is evil."

The student became silent after hearing such an answer. The professor was very pleased with himself. He boasted to students for proving once again that faith in God is a myth.

Another student raised his hand and said:

"Can I ask you a question, professor?"

"Of course," replied the professor.

"Professor, is cold a thing?"

"What kind of question is this? Of course it exists. Have you ever been cold?"

Students laughed at the young man's question.

The young man answered:

"Actually, sir, cold doesn't exist. According to the laws of physics, what we consider cold is actually the absence of heat. A person or object can be studied on whether it has or transmits energy.

Absolute zero (-460 degrees Fahrenheit) is a complete absence of heat. All matter becomes inert and unable to react at this temperature. Cold does not exist. We created this word to describe what we feel in the absence of heat."

The student continued:

"Professor, does darkness exist?"

"Of course it exists." said the professor.

"You're wrong again, sir. Darkness also does not exist. Darkness is actually the absence of light. We can study the light but not the darkness. We can use Newton's prism to spread white light across multiple colors and explore the different wavelengths of each color. You can't measure darkness. A simple ray of light can break into the world of darkness and illuminate it. How can you tell how dark a certain space is? You measure how much light is presented. Isn't it so? Darkness is a term man uses to describe what happens in the absence of light."

In the end, the young man asked the professor:

"Sir, does evil exist?"

This time it was uncertain, the professor answered:

"Of course, as I said before. We see him every day. Cruelty, numerous crimes and violence throughout the world. These examples are nothing but a manifestation of evil."

To this, the student answered:

"Evil does not exist, sir, or at least it does not exist for itself. Evil is simply the absence of God. It is like darkness and cold—a man-made word to describe the absence of God. God did not create evil. Evil is not faith or love, which exist as light and warmth. Evil is the result of the absence of Divine love in the human heart. It's the kind of cold that comes when there is no heat, or the kind of darkness that comes when there's no light."

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Prayer *cont. from page 1*

Islam to be destroyed, among other concerns. It isn't as if I'm praying to win the lottery, or for the Green Bay Packers, or some other misuse of prayer.

I never was a "prayer warrior," and sometimes when things just kept going wrong, I stopped praying. It is a heartbreaker to see the nation you served be destroyed, with the enemies of God always seeming to get their evil way. My rationale was "God answers prayers for other people, but not me." I was as wrong as I could be. I know this intellectually, but controlling your emotions takes effort.

Part of the problem is that I was letting the behavior of people color my view of God. First off, I never had any respect for people who use prayer as a reason to shirk their responsibilities, especially Pietists. To the point where my personal prayers got less and less. When people lie or hand me excuses, I stop talking to them. I mean, why talk to a wall? Why waste your breath? The thing is, you can not treat God like He is a mere mortal. So, a good rule to live by is to never let people ruin your view of God.

The Bible says, "Pray without ceasing." I Thessalonians 5:17 and "Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth." I Timothy 2:1-4

Jesus gave a parable about the persistent widow in Luke 18:1-8, "And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint; Saying, There was in a city a judge, which feared not God, neither regarded man: And there was a widow in that city; and she came unto him, saying, Avenge me of mine adversary. And he would not for a while: but afterward he said within himself, Though I fear not God, nor regard man; Yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me. And the Lord said, Hear what the unjust judge saith. And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them? I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?"

Jesus prayed in Gethsemane even immediately prior to His arrest and Crucifixion, in Matthew 26:36-47 "Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder. And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy. Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me. And he went a little farther, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt. And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done. And he came and found them asleep again: for their eyes were heavy. And he left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words. Then cometh he to his disciples, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going: behold, he is at hand that doth betray me. And while he yet spake, lo, Judas, one of the twelve, came, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and elders of the people." I haven't had to face that, so where do I get off withholding prayer? Regarding the title verse, Eliphaz may have been wrong about Job, but he was right about me.

While having God smite His enemies with a thunderclap would an emotionally satisfying "faith builder," God does not owe anyone healing, or help on their timetable. Luke 21:19 is clear, "In your patience possess ye your souls." The fact is, God is God, and I am not. I am commanded to pray. It should be counted as a joy, when I can't do that, I count it as faith and carry on. The Doctrine of the Perseverance of the Saints, aka if you have been saved by faith you continue in the faith, has been discarded in favor of unconditional love and easy believism. If you quit praying, that is step one to quitting the faith as so many of church raised young people, have been doing for the last 40 years.

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Patriot Events and Activities

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Bill Gates' money behind 'perverse' curriculum teaching math instruction is 'White supremacy'

By Hannah Grossman

Billionaire Bill Gates has invested billions of dollars in education over the years, notably bolstering far-left ideas, including assertions that mathematics instruction is "White supremacy" and children are born sexual.

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation funded a curriculum called "A Pathway to Equitable Math Instruction," which is run by The Education Trust-West. The organization listed the Gates Foundation under its acknowledgment section for the curriculum on their website stating, "We also wish to thank the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for their generous financial support of this project."

The curriculum from The Education Trust-West titled "Dismantling Racism in Mathematics Instruction" offers tips and tricks to educators to turn mathematicians in K-12 schools into "antiracist math educators"

It also offered "Exercises for educators to reflect on their own biases to transform their instructional practice."

Teachers have a central role in "deconstructing racism in mathematics" and "dismantling white supremacy in math classrooms by making visible the toxic characteristics of white supremacy culture with respect to math," the group states.

Parents Defending Education's Nicole Neily told Fox News Digital that Gates' funding the math equity programs is "perverse," especially given the success he derived from proficiency in the subject.

"It's awful. I mean, [the part where it says] showing your answer in math class is White supremacy culture. I have to take a step back and think – the people who are teaching this, is that what they're teaching their own children? I have to think not," she said.

About 40% of Gates' K-12 education budget goes into math, according to Education Week. In 2022, the Gates Foundation announced over $1 billion in funds for math education.

In addition to funding math education initiatives, the Gates Foundation also provides funds for social and emotional learning (SEL), a billion-dollar industry in K-12 education which claims to develop students' self-awareness, self-control and interpersonal skills.

According to the Gates Foundation website, it provided $500,000 in November 2020 for a curriculum developed at Yale University, called RULER, with lessons probing into the student's emotions, personal relationships, traumas, beliefs and psychological triggers. The stated purpose of the grant was "to support the growth of RULER in the 2020-21 school year."

One section of the curriculum focused on teaching students to recognize societal norms and rules, and how those can be defied: "Make sure to explain that even though we call these patterns 'rules,' we do not need to follow them."

The curriculum encouraged kids to "see red" on their "mood meters," to be enraged by social justice issues and said educators should bring inflammatory images into the classroom to cultivate the rage among their students. It further asked teachers to "nudge" children into feelings of anger by using emotionally-charged imagery.

"[E]mploy strategies to nudge your students towards feeling red when you are preparing to discuss topics such as injustice. To shift your students into the red, consider showing them controversial photographs or news headlines, or consider prompting them with a thought-provoking topic where they are required to choose a side," the materials said.

yale center for emotional intelligence

Mood Meter is used by Yale's Center for Emotional Intelligence. (Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence)

A spokesperson for Yale's Center for Emotional Intelligence told Fox News Digital the RULER program hasn't been funded by the Gates Foundation since the 2020-2021 grand period and that the curriculum cited above is not part of the current curriculum.

Parents raised concerns the Gates-funded curriculum was turning kids into raging social justice activists through emotional manipulation.

Neily said it was "like psychological experimentation on kids."

"Where is the evidence for this, right, that putting children into a state of emotional distress can make them learn better. I think it's sick that they're doing this to little kids," she told Fox News Digital.

The Gates Foundation has also funded $80 million to the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) – a separate entity from the U.S. nonprofit – which wields significant influence on global sex education. The NGO comprises 120 independent organizations in over 146 countries and has received – including its European network.

A sex education toolkit released in 2017 showed an insight into how the NGO teaches sex education. It said sex educators should have an "Understanding of young people as sexual beings."

It also raised the topic of "commercial sex work."

Bill Gates math is racist

Bill Gates money behind curriculum claiming math instruction has "White supremacy."

"Sexual activity may be part of different types of relationships, including dating, marriage or commercial sex work, among others," IPPF said about sex education children under 10 should be taught.

Children under 10 should also be told, "As you grow up, you might start to be interested in people with diverse gender identities," the toolkit said.

The IPPF suggested in multiple instances that children are born sexual.

Children under 10 should be taught that "Sexuality is a part of you from the moment you are born. Your sexuality develops and changes throughout your life."

Fox News Digital reached out to Education Trust-West and Gates Foundation for comment and did not immediately receive a response.



The Numbered Men

By Viv Forbes

One day while I was driving down the highway in the sun I sat behind a milk truck just returning from his run.

His sign said "Licensed Vendor" and it made me feel secure That only numbered milkmen could come knocking on my door.

Then I saw a licensed builder with his number on the door And a plumber with a permit which was issued by the law.

Then a hawker and publican each with his licence plate And a licensed money lender with his number on the gate.

I pulled into a café, which was licensed to sell beer And struck up conversation with a licensed auctioneer.

He'd just been selling forfeit goods to pay the fines imposed On a maverick hardware dealer whose late trading he'd exposed.

A warm glow spread inside me as I drank a licensed beer And I pictured the inspectors who called in every year To check upon the numbered men and safeguard fools like me Who'd waste their money buying things from men who paid no fee.

I thought of all the union men whose cards protect their job And dairy men whose quota scheme defends them from the mob.

The teachers who are registered, the chemists with their guilds And lawyers with their closed cartel which keeps their coffers filled.

As I sat among the numbered men it suddenly occurred That I was just a cleanskin in a tamed and numbered herd.

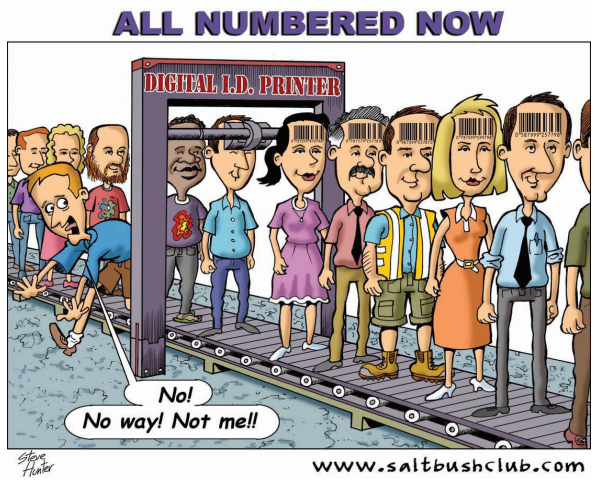
Somehow I'd missed the muster when the planner combed the land And now I was a maverick, a man without a brand.

The numbered men live sheltered lives, their keeper is the State, Their job depends less on their skills than on their licence plate.

Their future is determined and their charges are prescribed, And the standards of their conduct are in rules and acts described.

But thank the Lord for mavericks, who don't fit in the mould, They help distract the licence-men from getting far too bold.

Without the help of mavericks, the planners would persist Till we all need applications for a licence to exist.



One Nation Under God

Abortion the Ultimate Child Abuse *"Cursed be he that taketh reward to slay an innocent person. And all the people shall say, Amen." Deuteronomy 27:25*

By Riley J. Hood

On January 22, 1973 SCOTUS handed down the infamous Roe v Wade ruling. Within five years a corrupt co-existence emerged between the vociferously "pro-choice" and then "abortion rights" Democrat Party, and a weak-willed GOP that merely wanted to regulate abortion. Neither major political party wants to criminalize abortion for the murder that it is. So, when SCOTUS handed down the Dobbs decision on June 24th,2022 they kicked the issue back to the states. Not a sweeping Pro-life victory. It meant that the strict constructionists could have a veneer of "constitutionalism" while leaving the practice of baby killing in some 35 states relatively unaffected. It did put what was left of Wisconsin's anti-abortion statute 940.04 back in effect for 15 months. It meant that abortion-minded women had to go to Illinois, to pay an abortionist to murder their baby.

This caused the Dems to scream for bloody baby murder, and for GOP men to lose elections. The problem is that for 50 years, baby killing has corrupted our culture. What did you expect to happen? That most women would say, "This is great, I'm being forced to be responsible?" For fifty years we have had an arrogant matriarchal society with no pushback whatsoever. Not from this nation's pulpits, and not from the fathers and husbands in this nation. During the 1970's, there were women who had abortions, and later repented of it. But most of them grew up in a better era. Now, repentance is rare, and many professing "Christians" are pro-abortion and have had abortions while attending church etc. Especially those who believe "the social gospel."

So, what does the Wisconsin GOP do? They cower in front of overbearing Democrats, and the quisling Robin Vos wants to pass an abortion law to aid and abet Planned Parenthood and their judicial prostitutes out of Madison. On September 18th, 2023 PP started murdering babies again, in defiance of Wisconsin Law. The Milwaukee Police were there once again to keep the murder mill open, in defiance of the law which they are sworn to uphold.

It comes as no surprise when a newscaster on AM1130 says, "My wife and daughter are conservatives, and they are pro-choice." And he keeps repeating that, because this millennial is not a man, and must be a pro-abort himself. How can any married man be okay with his son or daughter being murdered, or his grandson or granddaughter being murdered? unless you are a pro-abort, after all less mouths to feed means more money for you.

Then we have cases of male candidates cowering when the likes of Tony Evers, or Janet Protasawiscs brow beat them for being Pro-life. It is time to stand up for the babies. These people, do not merely support murdering a smaller weaker person, they want to have them carved up piece by piece if they had a D&C or a Suction Abortion, or have their brains sucked out if they had a partial birth DX abortion. There are more methods of killing beside these, they are all gruesome. Not only that, most pro-abortion women have more than likely murdered their own babies. So instead of cowering before Protasawiscs, or Kamala Harris, or any of that lot of loudmouth hussies, ask them, "how many abortions had you had? That is how many of your own babies you have murdered." The fact is, if you murder your own child, you do not rate any form of respectability. If you can murder your own child as a matter of personal convenience, what else are you capable of? You are clearly not fit to be any position of authority. It is past time to focus on the preborn child, whose Right to Life comes from God.

The fact is, no one likes being blunt with the ladies, but these women are no ladies. After 50 years of trying to be nicer than Jesus, it has come to that. When you cower, quail, and equivocate, your supporters stay home, and won't vote for you. If your faith and convictions are merely a private matter, then you ought to be a private citizen, and not a public officeholder. Finally, people follow courage, and it will take courage to speak out for the preborn, and yes it will cause many a childish millennial to post their childish nonsense of their toy phone apps, but we are three generations into apostasy and the fight must be made. "Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it." Proverbs 3:27



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for the dairy, and a few gallons of petrol for the old farm ute which we drove to town every fortnight to buy bread, groceries, boots, work clothes and unmentionables.

We used no coal-powered electricity, no phones and had no diesel or petrol-driven machinery such as tractors, trucks, generators, pumps, chain saws or quad bikes.

But we had lots of breathing, belching, farting farm animals eating the crops and emitting large quantities of the "greenhouse gases", carbon dioxide and methane. However, the climate was much the same as now. We still had destructive weather events - droughts and floods, storms, crop-killing frosts and desiccating heat waves. We hated winter as little vegetation grew, cows were hungry and produced less milk; and there was frost on the grass when we yarded the cows before sunrise.

Most people lived and worked on farms - labour was abundant and cheap, food was expensive, and towns were much smaller. The local town had a bacon factory, a butter factory and a flour mill. Our life was one of continual repetitive manual labour which produced minimal surplus for landless labourers who sometimes struggled to afford food. We had not much money, they had not much food.

This all changed after WW2, when a revolution in food production was triggered by two brilliant Americans: Henry Ford who flooded the world with cars, trucks, utilities and Fordson tractors; and John D Rockefeller whose Standard Oil flooded the world with kerosene, petrol, diesel and lubricants for all those engines.

As a result of this hydrocarbon revolution, most of the hungry horses and farm labourers were made redundant by machines and they suddenly disappeared from the farms. This allowed farms to sell much more surplus food to town dwellers. Moreover, the tireless tractors could work night and day with bigger machinery, allowing more land to be cultivated when the weather and soil conditions were just right. Farm exports grew and the real price of food began a long decline; cities were fed better and urban populations grew.

Today, with bigger machines, more fertiliser and more water our farms produce even more cereals, dairy products, meats and fibres for animals and humans. The yields are also improved by the increased CO_2 plant food in the atmosphere.

But now vote-seeking politicians are dictating that more farm produce must be consumed as ethanol by the hungry iron horses of today - millions of cars, trucks, tractors, bikes and stationary engines. In the year 2000, most of the huge US corn crop went into food for people and livestock; but by 2013, 40% of a bigger crop was consumed making biofuel, with questionable savings in emissions once the whole process is considered. In other countries, the ethanol and biofuel madness has seen native forests and food plantations cleared to make space for ethanol crops. Even more land is being sterilised by solar panels, wind turbines, access roads, big batteries and power lines. Today's hungry green horses gobble far more food than our Clydesdales ever did.

Even here in food-producing Queensland, the party of the workers promotes policies that reduce the supply of food to the tables of the workers to produce more ethanol to burn in cars, bikes, SUV's, yachts and limos, and even for the "going-green" US Navy when it visits.

This pro-ethanol policy pits plant farmers against animal farmers and green politicians against food consumers. It will ensure that every feedlot, piggery, chicken house and family farm will see a reduced supply of animal feed because grains and sugar cane have been diverted to motor fuel. The "Ethanol Tax" will be paid at meal times where the prices of cereals, milk, cream, sugar, treacle, syrup, pork, bacon, eggs, hamburgers and steak will be higher than they would have been without ethanol coercion.

This ethanol madness threatens to take us back towards those hungry years before the kerosene-powered tractors arrived and draft horses ate half the farm output.

Ethanol political coercion is the problem - it shows there is no real need/demand for it. It is a vote-catching exercise pandering to certain electorates and certain farmers. People who wish to use ethanol-laced fuels on environmental, economic or religious grounds should be free to do so, but with no coercion or subsidies.

The increased use of biofuels has forced global food prices up by 75% - far more than previously estimated - according to a confidential World Bank report obtained by the Guardian:l <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2008/jul/03/biofuels.renewableenerg y>https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2008/jul/03/biofuels.renewableenergy US Corn used for ethanol: <https://afdc.energy.gov/data/10339> https://afdc.energy.

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Israel's strategic game of survival

By Caroline Glick

Senate Majority Leader Charles Schumer's obscene call for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's ouster from power on the Senate floor on Thursday was the latest sign that Hamas's strategy is working. On the "Caroline Glick Show" this week, U.S. Military Academy professor Col. John Spencer, who chairs West Point's Urban Warfare Studies Program, explained that the terrorist organization's goal for victory is a concerted political-military strategy.

Hamas, he said, knew that Israeli Defense Forces would respond with force to its Oct. 7 assault in southern Israel. "They wanted Israel's counterattack, and then they wanted to hold in the tunnels and use the hostages just to buy time for the international community—namely, the United States—to stop the IDF in their operations."

"Their only goal is to survive. … It's all about time. They want to survive Israel's attack against them, which gives them immense political power. If they survive in any way, they have strategically won the war," said Spencer.

Hamas didn't invent this strategy. This has been the Palestinians' strategy for defeating Israel since at least the 1982 war in Lebanon. In that war, the PLO relied on the United States to force Israel to permit the PLO to survive to fight another day, by evacuating to Tunisia.

The Palestinians clearly identified Israel's greatest strategic vulnerabilities and built their strategy around them. Its first vulnerability is its Jewishness. Israel is the Jew of the international community. As such, it is continuously scapegoated, just as Jews have been scapegoated throughout history. The United States is the only powerful nation that has ever been willing to stand up to international bigotry against the Jewish state. So the only thing needed to collapse Israel's international position is for America to turn against Israel.

This goes double for military capabilities. Since 1973, Israel's ability to maintain its war effort militarily has dependent on the U.S. resupply of arms during the course of war. By the Palestinians' line of reasoning, if their many friends could convince Washington not to supply Israel with weapons in wartime, then they will survive.

Since all the Palestinians need to do to win is survive, their strategic aces in the hole are antisemitism and time.

Today, all aspects of U.S. policy regarding the Hamas war against Israel in Gaza and the larger Iranian-directed war to destroy the Jewish state are aligned with the Palestinian strategy.

The Biden administration's insistence that Israel permit unlimited quantities of food, water, fuel, medicine and other goods to enter the Gaza Strip ensures that Hamas will maintain its control over the population.

America's threats to end its military resupply to Israel has forced Israel to slow down its operations in Gaza in the interests of conserving munitions.

Biden's demand that Israel not conquer Rafah—Hamas's last conventional holdout, where a quarter of its forces and its military leadership are holed down—is a demand that Israel allow Hamas to survive with its leadership and that part of its army intact. In other words, it is a demand that Israel not only allow Hamas to survive, but that Israel permit Hamas to end the war with a victory parade.

Likewise, the administration's obsessive focus on building a Palestinian state, which under all circumstances will be dominated by Hamas, with its opposition to continued Israeli military control over Gaza after the war indicates that not only is the administration opposed to an Israeli victory, but it seeks a Palestinian victory.

As Spencer explained, in prosecuting the war to date, Israel has managed to do the impossible. It has waged the war successfully on the tactical level despite the massive obstacles the Biden administration has placed against its operations at every turn.

Israel's tactical prowess owes to the fact that the IDF is a citizens' army. As such, it is able to tap into and utilize the unique skills of all sectors of Israeli society. For instance, in the weeks leading up to the ground invasion, the so-called Hilltop Youth—young men who live in isolated communities in Judea and Samaria—appeared at the mobilization base outside Gaza with their welding tools and metal beams. They fitted APCs and tanks with steel canopies that protected them from RPGs and other armor piercing projectiles. No one called them up to help. They just arrived. And their efforts saved the lives of countless soldiers.

Similarly, a high-tech engineer called up to reserve duty developed a drone capable of operating inside the tunnels. Cross-industry collaboration with the IDF led to the immediate production of the drones for deployment in the tunnels—to great effect. One of the IDF's tactical innovations that most impressed Spencer was its success in turning Hamas's tactical advantage—its tunnels—into a disadvantage by learning to fight inside them.

'This is a conventional war'

Since Israel first bore out the accuracy of the Palestinians' strategic assessment of its weaknesses by standing down in in the face of U.S. pressure in Beirut in 1982, Jerusalem has opted to avoid the strategic contest altogether and focused on achieving tactical advantage across time. Its tactical successes enabled life to go on in Israel as the Palestinian war against it festered.

The situation wasn't desirable. Over the decades, the Palestinian-led political war against Israel's right to exist constantly escalated in scale and destructive capacity in the international arena.

But on a day-to-day level, Israel prospered. Given the sharp differences of opinion among Israelis over the strategic goals vis-à-vis the Palestinians, by limiting the battle to the tactical arena, Israeli society remained unified sufficiently to fight limited wars in Gaza, as well as limited operations in Judea and Samaria.

The clash in Israel revolved around Israelis' perception of Palestinian goals. Israelis on the left believed Palestinian demands were limited, and therefore, it would be possible to peacefully coexist if Israel appeased them by withdrawing from Judea, Samaria and Gaza, and giving them a state. Israelis on the right believed Palestinian demands were unlimited; therefore, Israel must have the national and strategic means to defeat them as a military and political threat by retaining perpetual control of Judea and Samaria, and granting the Palestinians limited autonomy.

The military scope and genocidal nature of Hamas's assault on Israel on Oct. 7 did two things. First, it settled the argument between left and right. Domestic support for Palestinian statehood dried up. Depending on the poll, between two-thirds and 85% of Israelis (including Israeli Arabs) now oppose Palestinian statehood.

Oct. 7 also ended Israel's ability to suffice with tactical successes and avoid a strategic victory. Hamas's strike was strategic. The dimensions of their slaughtering and the jubilation with which it was greeted across Palestinian society mean that nothing short of total victory will suffice to ensure Israel's survival.

Unfortunately, the Biden administration and its Democratic Party refuse to understand the strategic stakes. Spencer explained that the West—and specifically, the United States—will not acknowledge two fundamental facts about the war. First, this is a conventional war, not a counterterror operation. Hamas is not merely a terrorist organization. It is a large, fortified army that began the war with 30,000 soldiers organized in specialized, well-trained units operating under a unified command.

To understand the nature of the armed conflict between Israel and Hamas in Gaza, "you really have to go back to World War II-style battles," said Spencer.

"Defense is always the strongest form of warfare … Hamas has had 15-plus years to build defensive positions. … Yes, they don't have an air force. They don't have armor and tanks. They're mostly light infantry. But they're in probably the most defensive terrain that could ever be created. They're in literally bomb-proof bunkers underneath every house. … It's 400 miles of tunnels that range from 15 feet to 300 feet underground where no military munition can reach."

The IDF, Spencer noted, "has lots of drones and things above, but you can't see through concrete. You can't see underneath the buildings. It's an immense defensive capability, but also the rocket supply. The fact that Hamas has launched over 12,000 rockets at Israel's civilian sites—every one of them a war crime—is part of their combat power. … The fact that they're sitting in their defensive positions, waiting for attack and have been planning for that for 15 years means it doesn't really matter how big the IDF is or how powerful they are."

The second fundamental feature of Hamas's war against Israel that the United States refuses to acknowledge is that Hamas's Oct. 7 operation was not a terrorist attack. "They did terrorist things, but that was a full division-level invasion of a nation, of Israel," and "while Hamas is a terrorist organization, it's also an army."

The terrorists that carried out the slaughter that day didn't "penetrate" Israel, like a suicide bomber who explodes himself in a crowded cafe. Hamas operatives invaded Israel with thousands of well-trained, heavily armed terror forces organized as light infantry and artillery units. Their goals were to seize whole communities, military bases and villages, and enact a premeditated plan of sadistic slaughter, gang rape, seizure of hostages of all ages, seizure of strategic targets, and, if possible, the holding of territory within Israel. The ground invasion was synchronized with a massive missile and drone strike, in addition to a cyber-attack against first-response systems and other critical infrastructure.

Three things Israel must do to win

Israel's mini-war against Hamas in 2014 ended with a tactical victory and strategic stalemate. Ten years ago, Netanyahu was able to withstand the Obama-Biden administration's demand that Israel capitulate and enable Hamas to win a strategic victory by mobilizing the support of Egypt, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, which opposed Hamas.

Fearing Hamas's mastermind Iran—and in light of the U.S.'s determination to enable a Hamas victory to empower Iran—today the moderate Arab states are unwilling to stick their necks out. In the absence of Sunni support, Israel is compelled to stand alone against the United States.

To win, Israel must do three things. It must remain politically stable. Schumer's broadside from the Senate floor was just the latest salvo in an all-out effort by the administration to destabilize Israel politically and replace Netanyahu with his chief rival Benny Gantz, whom they believe will agree to capitulate and accept the formation of a Palestinian state. Minister-without-Portfolio Gideon Sa'ar's decision on Tuesday to ditch Gantz's party and take his faction's four Knesset seats into the coalition speaks to the near consensus view in Israel that Netanyahu is the only leader that will fight to victory despite U.S. opposition. On Wednesday, a new Direct Polls survey showed that U.S. hostility has strengthened Netanyahu and the right. Netanyahu leads Gantz 47 % to 37% in public support. His right-religious bloc of parties, (including Sa'ar) is polling a 62 seat-majority to Gantz's leftist bloc of parties' 48 seats.

The second thing Israel must do is mobilize U.S. public opinion on behalf of its goal of achieving strategic victory by eradicating Hamas and maintaining its security control over Gaza for the foreseeable future. According to last month's Harvard-Harris poll. Americans support Israel against Hamas 82% to 18%. Netanyahu opened a campaign this week to secure public support with a slew of interviews to the American media and his speech to AIPAC's annual convention.

Schumer's hysterical attempts to walk his remarks back amid a furious storm of criticism from all quarters revealed that pro-Israel public opinion remains a factor in American politics.

Finally, Israel must conquer Rafah in defiance of the Biden's redline and do so as quickly as possible.

As the weeks and months pass, and Election Day in America draws nearer, if Israel remains politically stable, if the IDF continues its brilliant fight in Gaza and if U.S. opinion remains supportive, just as Israel has turned Hamas's tactical advantages into its own, it will turn the Palestinian U.S.-centered strategy on its head. For once, time will work in Israel's favor, and Israel will win the strategic victory it needs to secure its survival.

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Europe burns more than 17,000 tonnes of rapeseed and sunflower oil every day and this has resulted in spiralling food price rises: <https://www.greencarcongress.com/2022/06/20220623-te.html>

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The global demand for biofuels has led to deforestation with the inevitable release of significant amounts of smoke and carbon dioxide. Millions of acres of monoculture plantations are spreading across the globe on land once teeming with bush and wildlife. And not a peep of protest from green zealots.

This is biofuel lunacy. There is no moral, scientific or economic justification to legislate ethanol folly.

The hungry horses are back, but now they live in upper-class stables in the green leafy suburbs. And half the farm is now covered by solar panels and many birds and bats have been sliced by the whirling blades.

A Total Eclipse, A Broken Bridge and Wrecked Ship, and an Empty Washington DC

What a week it was!

My journey began on Sunday (4/07) from Menomonee Falls (after pickleball, of course) to Millstadt IL where my Eclipse Hosts, Rick and Michelle Hensel, put me up for the night.

Monday dawned with bright sunlight and clear skies. We drove down to the Lake of Egypt to Michelle's parents lake house where we put their pontoon boat into the water and completed a few other related tasks. We celebrated with a beer on the patio, toasting our blessings for the perfect eclipse viewing location with absolutely perfect weather. Following a light lunch, we boarded the boat and soaked in the full show of the Total Eclipse. What a mind blowing experience. EVERYBODY should experience at least one Total Eclipse in the lifetime. I may go to many more wherever they are, it was that cool!

After the sun returned I of course jumped into the 65F lake water (for my kids would never let me live that down if I hadn't) then proceeded back to the Lake house for a Karl's Brat cookout. A fabulous completion of a fabulous day!

Thursday afternoon (4/10) my wife and I along with my youngest daughter Kira flew to Reagan National to see our son Ryan in Arlington, VA. We visited and hiked at Harper's Ferry on Friday which was very interesting, fun but exhausting. Ryan's dog Hermes loved the trip but crashed out as soon as we got back.

Saturday we journeyed to Baltimore where we saw the collapsed bridge and wrecked ship resting peacefully in the Baltimore harbor. The mystery and fallout of that event will provide



Inside the Jefferson Memorial with the Founding Principle of America for all to see.



"Stumpy," the surviving part of one very famous cherry tree encircling the monument pool with the Washington monument regally stretching to the sky in the background.



Wrecked ship and collapsed bridge in Baltimore Harbor as viewed from Fort McHenry Park



My Eclipse Hosts - Rick and Michelle Hensel on the veranda at the lake house



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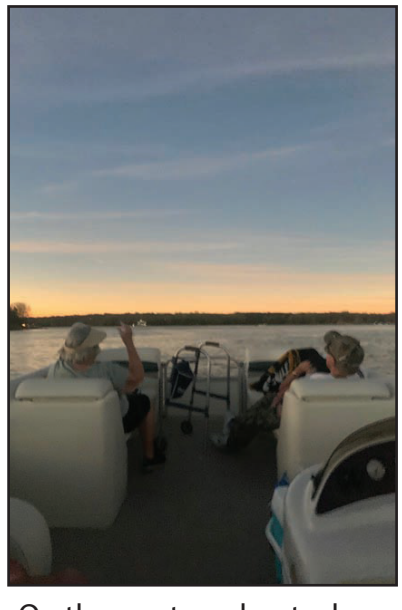

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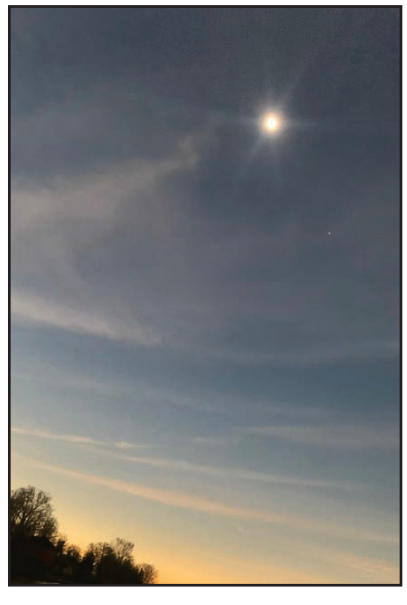

Totality creates a deep twilight. Stars and Planets appear.