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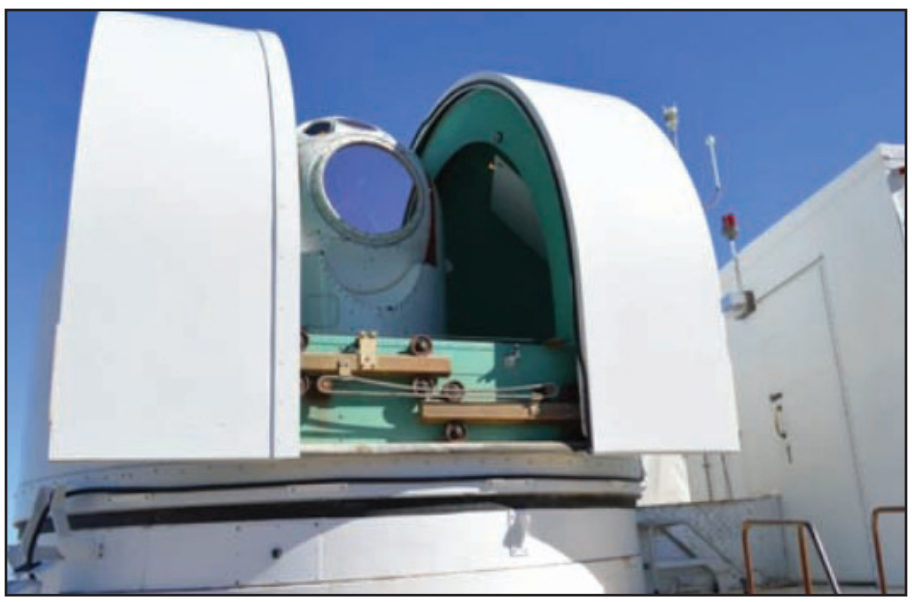

Pentagon spends $1 billion a year developing laser and other energy weapons

By Alain Sherter

From Star Trek to Star Wars, weapons firing lasers that can vaporize their targets are the stuff of science fiction and James Bond villains. It's also a military technology that American taxpayers are paying to develop — today.

The U.S. Department of Defense is spending roughly $1 billion a year to develop what are known in the trade as "directed energy" weapons, according to a new report from the U.S Government Accountability Office. Those include high-energy lasers that can be used to blast drones out of the sky.

More recent research has focused on making laser weapons small and light enough to be used by one person, said the GAO, which visited U.S. military installations and defense contractors as well as viewed prototype directed-energy systems. The Pentagon is also experimenting with high-powered microwave weapons that can penetrate solid

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Cobalt carnage, child labor and ecological destruction

Horrific for cell phones, worse for electric vehicles, calamitous under Net Zero

By Paul Driessen



Global cobalt demand soared with the advent of cell phones and laptop computers. It exploded with the arrival of electric vehicles and now is skyrocketing in tandem with government EV mandates and subsidies. Cobalt improves battery performance, extends driving range and reduces fire risks.

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Science, Agriculture, City Planning, and Global Control

By Kathleen Marquardt

Science In an August 2022, National Library of Medicine article "Trust Me, I'm a Scientist, How Philosophy of Science Can Help Explain Why Science Deserves Primacy in Dealing with Societal Problems" by Stefaan Blancke and Maarten Boudry [1] starts out:



"Modern democratic societies tend to appeal to the authority of science when dealing with important challenges and solving their problems. Nevertheless, distrust

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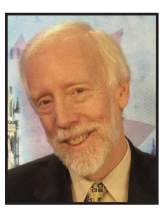

By Tom Harris with contributions from Mary-Jean Harris

As demonstrated in the report issued by the International Climate Science Coalition - Canada, the City of Ottawa's Climate Change Master Plan is costly, infeasible and ultimately dangerous to the public.

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Faithful Catholics consider their bishops untrustworthy, Complicit Clergy survey finds

By LifeSite News

Nearly 65% of participants in a 2023 Complicit Clergy survey do not trust their diocesan bishop and 46% believe their bishop holds unorthodox views.

Participants were asked two questions:

How much do you trust your bishop?



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The Poor Get Poorer with ESG Investing

By Gonzalo Schwarz and Magatte Wade

Climate activists are pursuing increasingly extreme measures to fight for environmental policy changes. In recent months, activists have vandalized works of art around the world, defaced public and private property, and disrupted Wimbledon.

These protests, sometimes called "eco-vandalism," have led many to believe climate activists are going too far. A less flashy but perhaps more troubling trend has been the embrace of environmental, social, and governance (ESG) standards, which claim to use investment strategy to address societal challenges but similarly go too far in harming the developing world.

For many policymakers, activists, and investors, inequality is exactly the type of social issue ESGs are meant to address. ESGs, however, foster greater inequality by making the rich richer and the poor poorer. While this may seem counterintuitive, it's not surprising when we look at data from around the world.

Take Sri Lanka—this developing

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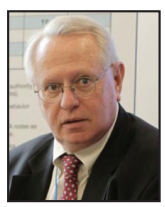
The Big Lie: I Can't Answer, the Matter Is Under Investigation

By Williams Kovacs

The eight most disingenuous words used by federal agencies to hide their criminal activity are "I can't answer, the matter is under investigation." These words are used to obstruct, mislead, delay, and discourage congressional investigations into the legality of Executive branch activity.



Unfortunately, this simple statement often achieves its goal of obstructing efforts by Congress to obtain information. While Congress may be upset with the response, many times, it is cowed

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The FDA Can Say (and Do) Anything It Wants

For example, they can't be sued for providing false or dishonest information



By John Droz jr.

This is an extraordinarily important commentary!

The gist of a current court case that you've likely never heard of, is that three heroic doctors are suing the FDA about the loss of their jobs, about their careers being derailed, about

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Biden Must Render Uranium Hands Off for Mining

By Larry Bell

In case you haven't been following President Biden's seemingly daily list of new Executive Orders (EOs), he just bypassed Congress to block mining on nearly a million acres — 1,562 square miles — of Arizona's Grand Canyon, America's only source of high-grade uranium, by declaring it a "national monument" under the Antiquities Act of 1906.



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Steve's Say . . .

What the Maui Annihilation Means in our Deep State War

On Wednesday, August 9th I attended an event at the Weissgerber's Golden Mast resort on Okauchee Lake. Trevor Loudon, renowned for his research uncloaking communist individuals in our US government as well as in the elitist club worldwide, animated the audience with a terrific presentation on exactly that subject. Though Trevor put forth his paradigm within the most current of political and world event circumstances, his link to the spiritual aspect of this existential struggle struck me hardest. Go to p.13 and you will see in "Wisdom to Live By" this statement:

"Our courage reflects our faith in God. Cowardice confirms a lack of faith in Him."

If some corporate conglomerate had their fingers in any part of Reality News, I might cower away from looking for and confronting the real and very ugly truth of an event, ala Hannity, Mark Belling or even Tucker Carlson prior to his awakening and firing. But then I'd just be another timid voice tamped down by the Cabal propaganda machine. In other words, just another media coward. So onward to uncovering what really happened in Maui and what it means in our fight with the Deep State Globalists.

So what do we know for sure?

As the front page piece conclusively documents, Directed Energy Weapons (DEWs) comprised a large slice of openly specified Pentagon spending for a long time. Lasers concentrate electromagnetic radiant energy into very small areas, intrinsically making lasers a truly spectacular technology for military applications. With great size variation and many decades of engineering development, certainly militaries worldwide and criminals with enough financial resources have DEWs available for deployment.

As seen on p.24, the media quickly put forth a narrative about the developing "conspiracy theories" regarding the Maui "wildfires." Soros-owned Snopes and other "fact-checkers," which of course are nothing but totalitarian hacks funded by the same, closely followed suit. Experience with the Kennedy assassination, climate hoax, covid plandemic, etc. tells us when the "fact-checkers" get all over something immediately to be misinformation, it's actually true.

So far no smoking gun. And we probably won't find one, for we're dealing with high-end criminals. But what else can we find that's weird or unusual? Well, how about the book published within a few days after the calamity, available for sale right now on Amazon (see caption)? Have you ever heard of such a thing? Seems like someone knew this was coming ahead of time. Maybe a time traveler or prophet.

The damage stayed confined to the area of the native Hawaiians and "little people." And the destruction was complete. All buildings looked completely leveled, yet some trees and vegetation survived. How did that happen? And the properties owned by Oprah, Bezos and other elitists never got touched. And weirder yet, these elitists along with their pets in local and state government have been trying to find ways to procure the land of the natives and little people, by hook or by crook, for quite some time. The Globalists expressed a dream of turning Maui into the first 15 minute city/island. And conveniently, the governor and state legislature just passed legislation that will allow these elitist folks to forcibly acquire these properties from this tragedy. Strange coincidence I guess (not).

Like clockwork, the Hawaiian governor blamed the whole thing on the fabricated global climate emergency, showing himself to be the Globalist shill that he is. Any thinking person can discern this statement underscores the agenda driving this event. Couple this whole false and insensitive comment with the facts that the warning system never sounded, someone cancelled school and kids were home alone, the power to the area never got cut once power lines started falling down, and many individuals reported that police officers blocked people from fleeing the inferno, nor letting people back to help others. Incompetence at best, subversive in all likelihood. Something smells horribly rotten here. Nothing adds up. It reminds me of the Epstein "suicide doorknob hanging" while in police custody.

So are these Globalists really that evil and heartless, to burn up children in their homes and destroy an entire town and the people in it just to acquire the property? Yes they are, and its key that everyone outside of their little cabal understand this. Depopulation forms the core of their agenda as was written on the Georgia Guidestones (before God destroyed them) and articulated by Henry Kissinger, Klaus Schwab, Bill Gates, Ted Turner and many other elitists. The whole COVID fraud unequivocally demonstrated their wish for you to die, demonizing real cures like Ivermectin, HCQ, Chlorine Dioxide and others so they could convince you to get injected with a bioweapon. Yes, these folks can and will do whatever it takes to get rid of the "useless eaters" as Klaus and Henry love to call us, and fully control each and everyone left thereafter.

I'll provide one more item for your consideration: the date of the Maui disaster, August 8th, has immense meaning in astrology and numerology. The Satanistic Cabal members live and die with numerology. Check this out:

What the number 8 means in numerology.

In numerology, eight bears a lot of significance as well. According to Kaerhart, the double energy of eight on August 8 (8/8) is auspicious. "Eight is known as the powerhouse number, and it acts as a bridge between the material and spiritual realms. It's also the number of power and wealth," she explains.

Budd adds that eight is connected with achievement, goals, and the intersection of the spiritual and physical dimensions, signified by the interlocking circles of "8," or the infinity symbol. "Those born under life path number eight are thought to be here to master the integration of spirit into matter," she says, adding that similar to its tarot meaning, eight represents strength in numerology.

Weird how this disaster happened to occur on August 8th. And weirder yet, last August 8, 2022 the FBI raided Trump's Mar-a-Lago home.

So let's go all the way down the rabbit hole and assume that the Black Hat Globalist Cabal somehow utilized a DEW to surgically create the Maui disaster. (It couldn't be a White Hat op because they don't murder innocent people.) I read the tea leaves to be one of these two possibilities:

1) The Black Hat DEWs comprise their last remaining serious mobile threat and this scene



allowed the White Hats to flush out this lagging weaponry so they can pursue the source and eliminate it. The Fall of the Cabal is very near.

2) The Black Hats see victory at hand and need not worry about what the populace thinks. Their installed political puppets and worldwide propaganda media machine will provide enough cover for them to finish destroying America, ensuring complete world enslavement. Then they can implement their ultimate goal of population reduction by whatever means they feel compelled to pursue.

Let's hope and pray the first vision to be correct. Regardless, we fight on till we cannot fight anymore. In the end, we know God's Will prevails.



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What I Told the EPA About its Illegal De Facto Electric Vehicle Mandates

By Marlo Lewis Jr.

Recently, I submitted comments to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on its proposed greenhouse gas (GHG) emission standards for model years (MYs) 2027-2032 passenger cars, light trucks, and medium-duty trucks. The proposed standards are the latest phase of a longstanding unlawful agenda of market-rigging interventions. They should be withdrawn.

My comments develop the following points:

The proposed standards are de facto electric vehicle (EV) mandates. Automakers cannot comply without rapidly phasing out gasoline-powered vehicles (including popular hybrids like the Prius) and rapidly increasing sales of battery electric vehicles (BEVs), plug-in hybrid electric vehicles (PHEVs), and fuel cell vehicles, or, simply put, electric vehicles (EVs). The proposed standards are projected to increase EV market share from 39 percent in 2032 under the current policy baseline to 67 percent.

The EPA's proposal will restrict consumer choice, make automakers increasingly dependent on corporate welfare (Ford, for example, reportedly loses $64,446 on every EV it sells), and make new cars increasingly unaffordable to middle-income households. The downsides of EVs (long charging times, limited range, absence of charging facilities in many apartment complexes) often make them impractical for single-car households (about one-third of the U.S. population), many of which are low-income.

The proposal flouts the Supreme Court's major-questions doctrine. The EPA attempts to settle major questions of public policy and assume the powers of an industrial policy czar without a clear authorization from Congress, just as it did when promulgating the Obama administration's so-called Clean Power Plan, which the Court vacated in West Virginia v. EPA (June 2022).

The EPA touts the 2021 Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill (BIL) and 2022 Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) as "pivotal milestones" in the transition to a "clean transportation" future, potentially fostering the perception that the proposed standards merely effectuate congressional intent. That is incorrect. Neither statute authorizes EV mandates or expands any of the EPA's regulatory powers.

The proposed GHG standards are fleet-average standards. As explained by CEI's initial and reply briefs in Texas v. EPA, Clean Air Act tailpipe emission standards apply to individual vehicles, not to fleets on average. Thus, the proposed standards are also unlawful on statutory grounds.

The only agency Congress has authorized to set fleet-average standards is the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), and the 1992 Energy Policy Act prohibits NHTSA from making corporate average fuel economy (CAFE) standards so stringent that automakers cannot comply without electrifying their fleets. That is a further reason why the EPA, which has no authority to establish fleet-average standards, may not compel EV sales.

Much of the recent growth in EV sales is driven by State zero-emission vehicle (ZEV) programs, which the EPA approved in January 2013 and March 2022. State ZEV mandates are substantially "related to" fuel economy standards and, thus, are preempted by the Energy Policy Conservation Act (EPCA). The proposed rule is the latest phase of a longstanding unlawful agenda of market-rigging interventions. It should be withdrawn.

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The Untold Story of Climate's Holocene Gift to Humanity

By Vijay Jayaraj

News reports of summer heatwaves often perversely misrepresent a modern climate favorable to human flourishing in order to fearmonger the false narrative of catastrophic global warming.

The geological epoch of the Holocene, which roughly corresponds to the last 11,700 years, is a time of warmth that has been vital in fostering the diversity and adaptability of life on our planet – not a curse as popularly portrayed. The relevance of the Holocene interglacial period to humanity's survival cannot be overstated.

The development and maintenance of life on Earth have been greatly aided by the Holocene – sometimes called the age of man. It has fostered the evolution of innumerable species, the development of ecosystems and the advancement of human civilizations.

Nearly 12 millennia back, the Holocene ended glacial stages known as the Wisconsin in North America and Weichselian in Europe, which had begun between 75,000 and 100,00 years ago. As previously ice-covered regions became accessible for colonization, plant and animal species expanded their geographical range and the Earth's overall biodiversity.

This period saw the rise of ancient civilizations in Mesopotamia, Egypt, the Indus Valley and China, each of which made contributions to the advancement of human culture and numbers. There were a mere 170 million people on earth at the end of the first century, about half the population of the U.S. in 2023. Today the world has more than 8 billion people.

The Holocene's stable climate allowed people to raise animals and grow crops in a predictable and conducive setting and to transition from a hunter-gatherer existence. Food surpluses produced by agriculture freed up time for government, science, literature, art, music and other endeavors. Trade networks and economic systems arose, allowing for the flow of goods, innovative concepts and cultural practices between locations.

The period's relatively constant sea levels of the past 7,000 years have fostered the growth and prosperity of coastal ecosystems, including diverse marine life, coral reefs, and estuaries The Holocene's climate stability also had an impact on precipitation patterns, which helps to explain why rainfall in many locations has been quite consistent. This dependability has facilitated the development of a variety of habitats, including wetlands, grasslands, and forests.

Despite all this, much of the public today has been led to believe that warming is dangerous. Many do not know of the Little Ice Age's threats to human existence.

In Europe during the 16th and 17th centuries, the Little Ice Age wreaked havoc on agriculture. Widespread food scarcity, economic unrest, and societal difficulties were brought on by extreme cooling, shorter growing seasons, and crop failures. Those troubled times underscore how crucial climate stability is to sustaining human civilization.

The lessons from the Little Ice Age are pertinent today as we grapple with the confused narrative of global warming. Rather than vilifying life-saving warmth, policymakers should be taking advantage of today's friendly climate by focusing on rational development of agriculture and industry, including the proper exploitation of fossil fuels and nuclear energy.

Teaching our youth about Earth's long climatic history would provide the right context for such an approach. Sadly, much of today's education, particularly in some public schools, has been corrupted by the pseudoscience of the global warming scare.

However, attempts to correct such lapses in critical thinking and scientific discipline are being made. One is a newly launched CO2 Learning Center offering to both students and educators books, videos, and lesson plans that present science free of a political agenda. It may be only a start, but it is an important one.

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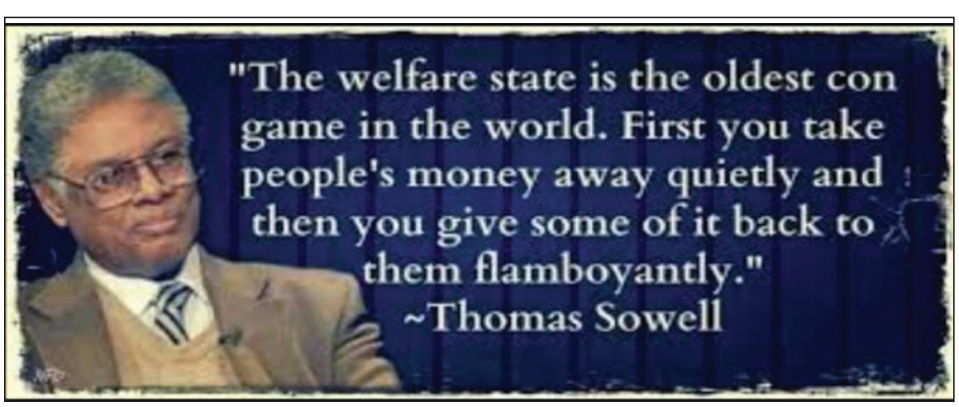

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No, Mr. Kirby and CNN, "All the severe storms" are NOT Caused by Climate Change

By Linnea Lueken

John Kirby, White House National Security Council Coordinator for Strategic Communications, told the audience at "CNN This Morning" that President Joe Biden is still considering declaring a climate emergency, and that "all" severe weather we have seen lately are "definitely" because of climate change. This is false. There is no way to link any individual storm to long term climate change, and severe weather events, contrary to mainstream media portrayals, have not become more numerous or severe.

Kirby told CNN This Morning anchor Poppy Harlow that the Biden administration is laser-focused on climate change. He also claimed that extreme weather like storms, as well as natural disasters like the ongoing deadly wildfires in Hawaii, are due to climate change.

Kirby said:

"All I can tell you is that, as an administration, we're going to stay focused on the climate crisis. It is front and center. It is right in front of us. And these wildfires and all the severe storms that we're — that we continue to see are definitely caused as a result of what's going on in the rising temperature across the globe. And so, we've got to treat this seriously."

This is exactly the kind of false narrative that "attribution scientists" have been cultivating for years, which Climate Realism refutes after nearly every major weather event.

First, climate scientists understand that weather is not climate. Climate is measured over thirty year periods of time, whereas weather occurs over the course of hours to days. If there were long term measured trends that showed increasing severity of weather events, Kirby and the Biden administration would at least have some evidence to hang their claims on, but real-world data show no such trends.

The data on wildfires, for example, show a declining trend. You read that right, wildfires aren't getting worse. In the Climate Realism post "Right, Wall Street Journal, Wildfires Are Declining as Climate Changes," H. Sterling Burnett points out that satellite data show a 25 percent decrease in acreage lost to fires since 2003.

For the recent fires that tragically claimed dozens of lives and destroyed much of Maui's town of Lahaina, again there is no evidence that a modest warming of the global average surface temperature was the cause. Instead, as detailed here by atmospheric scientist Cliff Mass, a combination of invasive dry grasses, poor land management, drought, strong winds, and the natural topological features of the Hawaiian islands, converged into a tinderbox scenario.



The trade winds that developed the day leading up to the fires were caused by an unlucky combination of low pressure from hurricane Dora to the south of the islands, and high pressure to the north.

Mass explains that conditions earlier this year likely led to more burnable grass that was dried out later, "[t]he situation this year on Maui was made even more dangerous on Hawaii because the past half-year was WETTER and COOLER than normal, which enhanced grass growth."

Extreme weather events not related to wildfires have likewise seen no "enhancement" from climate change.

Other recent weather events that the mainstream media blamed on climate change this year, claims dutifully refuted at Climate Realism, include, for example; heatwaves in the American southwest, a hot water temperature reading in Florida, flooding in Vermont, and "weather whiplash" in India. Long term data do not support the claim that any of these weather events are occurring more frequently or becoming more severe when they occur.

The claim that various storms and heat waves can be attributed to climate change comes from various groups that practice "climate attribution," which as Climate Realism has discussed in the past, here, here, and here, for instance, are not scientifically rigorous or honest.

Attribution groups compare real world data –sometimes while the weather event is barely even over yet—to computer simulations that try to estimate what the climate conditions would be like had humans never started burning fossil fuels. They start out by assuming that climate change played a role in enhancing the severity of the weather event — never the other way around—and then attempt to model it and assign a percentage "likelihood" for the event occurring. This is not science, but rather trying to shoehorn data to fit preconceptions about the consequences of climate change. Alarmists in the mainstream media never report on these attribution studies as though there is any uncertainty involved, despite them being more akin to sideshow crystal ball gazing than rigorously tested scientific claims.

As shown in Climate at a Glance, historical data is available for the range of weather events making headlines in recent years, and more often than not, there is no worsening trend. The Biden administration would more effectively help communities and people harmed by severe weather events, if they focused, not on climate change, but on the real causes of natural disasters and how to anticipate and mitigate them. Such efforts would help communities harden infrastructure, improve warning systems, and speed response and recovery, so when extreme weather events occur, they destroy fewer lives and properties, and so that disruptions from such events are less severe and long-lasting, regardless of climate change or fossil fuel use.

Trump Indicted for Citing Data From Ph.D.-Vetted Study to Challenge Election Fraud

By James Agresti

The recent indictment of Donald Trump alleges that he criminally lied about election fraud when contesting the 2020 presidential election. In the words of the indictment, Trump "spread lies that there had been outcome-determinative fraud in the election and that he had actually won. These claims were false, and the Defendant knew that they were false."

The indictment claims that Trump lied because he "was notified repeatedly that his claims were untrue—often by the people on whom he relied for candid advice on important matters, and who were best positioned to know the facts—and he deliberately disregarded the truth."

For example, the indictment accuses Trump of lying because he "said that more than 30,000 non-citizens had voted in Arizona" even though:

His "own campaign manager had explained to him that such claims were false."

"The Speaker of the Arizona House of Representatives, who had supported the Defendant in the election, had issued a public statement that there was no evidence of substantial fraud in Arizona."

The indictment creates the impression that Trump pulled the figure of "more than 30,000" out of thin air. In reality, it's from a rigorously documented study that was vetted by two Ph.D. scholars, published by the research institute Just Facts, and conducted by James D. Agresti, the organization's president and author of the present article. Reinforcing the integrity of the study, a Facebook-funded attempt by USA Today to "fact check" it fell flat.

In brief, a D.C.-based grand jury indicted Trump in part for citing a factual study instead of claims from people the jury deems to be reliable. These jurors were drawn from the politically stacked jury pool of Washington, D.C. where 92% of the population voted for Joe Biden. The indictment was obtained by Jack Smith, a prosecutor who was hand-picked by the Biden administration.

The Study

The figure cited by Trump is from a study conducted by Just Facts, a research and educational institute that has been cited by a diverse array of media outlets, universities, governments, think tanks, and peer-reviewed journals. By adhering to exacting Standards of Credibility, Just Facts has been presciently accurate about far-reaching issues that other organizations widely botched.

As with all studies from Just Facts, the study on voting by non-citizens is rigorously documented with fully transparent data and extensive hyperlinks and quotations of primary sources, including:

A study in the journal Electoral Studies conducted by three scholars, including two university professors.

A follow-up working paper by the same scholars.

A study by the Chief Actuary of the Social Security Administration.

An investigation by the U.S. Government Accountability Office.

Three surveys conducted by Harvard/ YouGov.

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Countering the World's Rigged Conversation About Energy and Climate

By Alex Epstein

Today's conversation about energy and climate is "rigged" with bad thinking methods, misleading terms, false assumptions, and anti-human values—all of which serve to promote deadly policies

I've been in Washington, DC this week speaking to major groups of legislators about how to effectively champion energy freedom, including the freedom to use fossil fuels. (Here's a story in Energy & Environment News covering one of my presentations.)

In preparation for my visit I put together this guide for how to discuss energy and climate issues in the face of a cultural conversation that is incredibly biased against fossil fuels. I think it's one of the most valuable things I've ever written. I hope you enjoy it.

Our rigged conversation about energy and climate

Just as legal systems can be rigged, so can cultural conversations

We are all familiar with the idea of a legal system that is rigged against certain types of people. For example, in the classic To Kill a Mockingbird, the legal system of (fictional) Maycomb County, AL, has a deep racist bias against black individuals that dismisses strong evidence of their innocence and embraces pseudo-evidence of their guilt.

A rigged legal system inevitably leads to immoral results—as captured by the saga of Tom Robinson in To Kill a Mockingbird, a good man who, after resisting the sexual advances of a white woman, was arrested, prosecuted, and convicted for rape.

Just as it is possible for a legal system to be rigged, so it is also possible for a culture's intellectual conversation to be rigged. To continue with the example of racism, it is unfortunately commonplace throughout history for the conversation about particular racial minorities to be rigged. One element this almost always involves is ignoring the positives of individuals in the disfavored group and exaggerating or fabricating negatives.

For example, in (the unfortunately numerous) anti-Semitic cultures it is commonplace to ignore any positive attributes and contributions of individuals of Jewish descent, while fabricating the idea that all Jews are miserly and uncaring.

4 common ways in which cultural conversations are rigged

4 common dimensions in which a culture's intellectual conversation can be rigged are:

Bad thinking methods. For example, with racist conversations, the aforementioned examples of ignoring positives and exaggerating or fabricating negatives.

Misleading terminology. For example, criticisms of Jews as "greedy" misleadingly associate 1) financial success earned by productive achievement, a good thing, with 2) getting money by uncaringly exploiting others, a bad thing.

False assumptions. For example, racist cultural conversations falsely assume that an individual's ideas and character are determined by their skin color.

Anti-human values. For example, racist cultural conversations treat some categories of human beings as intrinsically non-valuable.

Rigged conversations are common—no conspiracy required

To say that a conversation is "rigged" is not to assert a conspiracy in which a few people covertly decide to craft a cultural conversation with bad thinking methods, misleading terminology, false assumptions, and/or anti-human values. (Although this can happen.)

It is to recognize that very frequently, for whatever set of reasons, cultural conversations operate on bad thinking methods, misleading terminology, false assumptions, and anti-human values that rig them against coming to true and pro-human conclusions.

And the cultural conversation that I study, the conversation around energy and climate, is rigged to a degree that almost no one can imagine.

To counter the rigging you must first understand it

To help you counter the rigged nature of this conversation, I will identify 12 distortions that rig our global energy and climate conversation to reach the deadly conclusion that we should rapidly eliminate fossil fuel use to prevent climate catastrophe.

By making you aware of these distortions, I hope to

Help you point them out explicitly whenever they occur (which is all the time).

Help you lead and have energy/climate conversations without these distortions.

After explaining the 12 distortions I'll share some of my favorite "talking points" that reframe—de-rig—the conversation, so that we can make others see the truth.

12 distortions around which the energy and climate conversation is rigged

1. (Bad thinking method) Looking only at the negative side-effects of fossil fuels, while ignoring the massive and unique benefits of fossil fuels.

2. (Bad thinking method) Only looking at the positives of solar and wind while ignoring obvious negatives. E.g., praising solar and wind as "secure" because they don't depend on Russia like oil and gas do, when in fact they depend on China far more than oil and gas depend on Russia.

3. (Bad thinking method) Only looking at the negatives of CO2 emissions while ignoring the positives (such as greater plant growth and the prevention of cold-related deaths—which far outnumber heat-related deaths).

4. st accounting" for solar and wind—claiming they are cheap by only looking at some of their costs (e.g., solar panels, wind turbines) while ignoring other huge costs (e.g., the cost of 24/7 life support for an unreliable input that can easily go near-0).

5. (Bad thinking method) Ignoring the massive climate-related benefits of fossil fuels—their benefits in helping us master climate danger—even though these benefits have thus far overwhelmed any negative climate side-effects of fossil fuels.

6. (Misleading terminology) Using the vague term "climate change," which conflates some human impact on climate (which the vast majority of climate scientists agree with) with catastrophic human impact on climate (which is not supported by climate science and economics).

7. (Misleading terminology) Using "climate crisis" or "climate emergency" as the basic noun to refer to the state of today's climate—thereby asserting a catastrophe without needing to provide any evidence.

8. (Misleading terminology) Using the terms "energy" and "electricity" interchangeably, even though the vast majority of the energy that powers our machines is not electricity but the direct burning of fossil fuels for transportation, industrial heat, or residential heat. This (along with "partial cost accounting," helps promote the false idea that solar and wind electricity can rapidly replace all fossil fuel energy.

9. (False assumption) Treating climate (and, more broadly unimpacted nature) as a "delicate nurturer": a stable, sufficient, safe phenomenon that human impact ruins, when in fact climate (and more broadly unimpacted nature) is dynamic, deficient, and dangerous—and human impact makes it a lot safer (e.g., irrigation radically reduces drought-related deaths).

10. (Anti-human value) Treating today's global energy use as sufficient or even excessive, when in fact most of the world is desperately lacking in energy. E.g., 3 billion people use less electricity than a typical American refrigerator.

11. (Anti-human value) Treating human impact on climate, and more broadly human impact on nature, as intrinsically bad. E.g., assuming all "climate change" is bad even though rising CO2 clearly leads to beneficial greening and warming will clearly save many lives in many places (far more people die of cold than of heat).

12. (Anti-human value) Making eliminating human impact on climate at all costs (e.g., "net zero") our number one global climate, energy, and political goal—instead of embracing the proper, pro-human goals of maximizing climate livability, human empowerment, and human flourishing.

Countering our rigged conversation about energy and climate

Understanding the distortions around which our energy/climate conversation is rigged is one key to countering them, because once you understand these distortions you can explicitly and effectively point them out.

3 other keys are:

1. Explaining what you think is the right way to think about energy and climate issues—not just criticizing the wrong ways.

2. Explaining the essential facts about energy and climate that are relevant to policy-making—not just counters to various myths.

3. Advocating a positive energy and climate policy—not just negatively reacting to bad ones…

Another Climate Scientist With Impeccable Credentials Breaks Ranks: "Our Models Are Mickey-Mouse Mockeries of the Real World

By Paul Homewood

Dr. Mototaka Nakamura received a Doctorate of Science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), and for nearly 25 years specialized in abnormal weather and climate change at prestigious institutions that included MIT, Georgia Institute of Technology, NASA, Jet Propulsion Laboratory, California Institute of Technology, JAMSTEC and Duke University.

In his book, Dr. Nakamura explains why the data foundation underpinning global warming science is "untrustworthy" and cannot be relied on:

"Global mean temperatures before 1980 are based on untrustworthy data," writes Nakamura.

"Before full planet surface observation by satellite began in 1980, only a small part of the Earth had been observed for temperatures with only a certain amount of accuracy and frequency. Across the globe, only North America and Western Europe have trustworthy temperature data dating back to the 19th century."

From 1990 to 2014, Nakamura worked on cloud dynamics and forces mixing atmospheric and ocean flows on medium to planetary scales. His bases were MIT (for a Doctor of Science in meteorology), Georgia Institute of Technology, Goddard Space Flight Center, Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Duke and Hawaii Universities and the Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology.

He has published 20+ climate papers on fluid dynamics. There is no questioning the man's credibility or knowledge base.

Today's 'global warming science' is akin to an upside down pyramid which is built on the work of a few climate modelers. These AGW pioneers claim to have demonstrated human-derived CO2 emissions as the cause of recently rising temperatures and have then simply projected that warming forward. Every climate researcher thereafter has taken the results of these original models as a given, and we're even at the stage now where merely testing their validity is regarded as heresy.

Here in Nakamura we have a highly qualified and experienced climate modeler with impeccable credentials rejecting the unscientific basis of the climate crisis claims — the AGW Party's worst nightmare.

Climate scientist Dr. Mototaka Nakamura's recent book blasts global warming data as "untrustworthy" and "falsified".

Data Falsification

When arguing against global warming the hardest thing I find is convincing people of data falsification, namely temperature fudging. If you don't pick your words carefully, forget some of the facts, or get your tone wrong then it's very easy to sound like a conspiracy nut job.

But now we have Nakamura.

The good doctor has accused the orthodox scientists of "data falsification" in the form adjusting historical temperature data down to inflate today's subtle warming trend.

Nakamura writes, "The global surface mean temperature-change data no longer have any scientific value and are nothing except a propaganda tool to the public." And while climate models are useful tools for academic studies, "The models just become useless pieces of junk or worse (as they can produce gravely misleading output) when they are used for climate forecasting."

Climate forecasting is simply not possible, Nakamura concludes, and the impacts of human-caused CO2 can't be judged with the knowledge and technology we currently possess. The models grossly simplify the way the climate works.

As well as ignoring the sun, the modelling also drastically simplifies large and small-scale ocean dynamics; aerosol changes that generate clouds (cloud cover being one of the key factors determining whether we have global warming or global cooling); the drivers of ice-albedo ("Without a reasonably accurate representation, it is impossible to make any meaningful predictions of climate variations and changes in the middle and high latitudes and thus the entire planet"); and water vapor.

Climate forecasts also suffer from arbitrary "tunings" of key parameters that are simply not understood.

Nakamura On CO2

"The real or realistically-simulated climate system is far more complex than an absurdly simple system simulated by the toys that have been used for climate predictions to date, and will be insurmountably difficult for those naive climate researchers who have zero or very limited understanding of geophysical fluid dynamics," continues Nakamura.

"The dynamics of the atmosphere and oceans are absolutely critical facets of the climate system if one hopes to ever make any meaningful prediction of climate variation."

Additionally, solar input is modeled as a "never changing quantity," which is absurd.

"It has only been several decades since we acquired an ability to accurately monitor the incoming solar energy. In these several decades only, it has varied by one to two watts per square meter. Is it reasonable to assume that it will not vary any more than that in the next hundred years or longer for forecasting purposes? I would say, No."

Quote of the Week:

"The important thing is not to stop questioning. Curiosity has its own reason for existing. One cannot help but be in awe when he contemplates mysteries of eternity, of life, of the marvelous structure of reality. It is enough if one tries merely to comprehend a little of this mystery every day. — Albert Einstein

Number of the Week:

Minus 105 F (minus 76 C)

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.

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And thank you.

SCIENCE & ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY PROJECT

The Week That Was August 12, 2023

Scope: The Global Temperature Report for July is discussed. The fires in Maui and significant misrepresentations of cause are presented. SEPP's comments to EPA on its new rules for power plants are covered. Judith Curry's interview by John Stossel is presented, including how a consensus was manufactured. Some politicians appear to be becoming aware of citizen dislike of increasing electricity costs, and other failures in the green dream are discussed. The administration's latest proclamation of sacred lands is presented.

Atmospheric Temperatures: Last week, TWTW held off on commenting on the record high July atmospheric temperatures calculated by Roy Spencer and John Christy until the Global Temperature Report by Earth System Science Center at University of Alabama in Huntsville was issued. This week the report stated:

"The global atmospheric temperature anomaly increased quite a bit in July to +0.64°C (+1.15°F) above the 30-year average. The tropics continue to warm up from the ongoing El Niño with the atmospheric temperature anomaly increasing there from -0.03°C (April) to 0.87°C (July)."

"Along with the natural warming of the current El Niño event, we are analyzing the potential (and natural) warming impacts of the 2022 eruption of the Hunga Tonga submarine volcano and its injection of water vapor into the stratosphere.Normally, a major tropical eruption would send large amounts of gasses such as sulfur dioxide up that high which form sun-reflecting aerosols leading to a cooling of the Earth's lower atmosphere. However, the Hunga Tonga submarine volcano eruption injected large amounts of water vapor to that altitude which may be overriding any aerosol cooling effects and lead to a net warming of the atmosphere. These natural warming effects, which come and go somewhat irregularly, add to the warming influence of the gradually increasing greenhouse gas concentrations." [Boldface added]

So, the Earth System Science Center held off in drawing conclusions of cause until the researchers have the opportunity to fully analyze the data. Such prudence is noteworthy. No wonder Cheng-Zhi Zou, et al. of the Satellite Meteorology and Climatology Division of NOAA, published an article in JGR Atmospherespresenting a new version of the NOAA Center for Satellite Applications and Research (STAR) of the mid-tropospheric temperature (TMT) time series. This dataset independently verifies the work of Roy Spencer and Christy on atmospheric temperature trends and the adjustments they made for satellite orbital drift. Since 1979, the warming of the lower- and mid-troposphere is 0.14°C (0.25°F) per decade. A warming of one-quarter of one degree F every ten years is not an emergency.

Double-checking calculations before drawing conclusions is exceptional in today's highly politically charged media world. Virtually all the tropical atmosphere was warmer, indicating that an El Niño may not be the cause. Usually, El Niños show a pronounced warming abnormality off the coast of Peru, which is not the case for July. TWTW accepts the concept that regional Pacific Ocean warming elsewhere is probably the result of subsurface geothermal activity, separate from El Niños. See links under Measurement Issues – Atmosphere and Changing Earth for views about the Hunga-Tonga subsurface eruption.

Maui Fires: The death toll for these fires on the third most populated island is over 60, and of course "climate change" a warming of the earth from an increase of carbon dioxide is blamed. For example, The Hill published a report claiming: "Maui fires suggest dangerous new phase for disasters" and the article states:

"'People literally running for their lives, barefoot down the street and jumping in the ocean — that's how fast the fire spread down the slopes and into town,' Daniel Swain, a climate scientist at the University of California, Los Angeles, said during a Wednesday webinar.

'These look like disaster movie scenes, but these are real world events that just took place in Hawaii on the island of Maui,' he added.

'Swain, who is also a research fellow at the National Center for Atmospheric Research, [NCAR, a center for US climate modeling] described 'a catastrophic wildland urban interface firestorm' that spread under unusually dry and windy conditions, particularly on the western side of Maui.'"

Meteorologist Cliff Mass had a more balanced analysis. In "The Origin of the Hawaii Fires/ Preventing a Similar Tragedy in the Future" Mass wrote:

"Why did this event occur?

The origin of this disaster is now becoming clear: massive amounts of dry, dead fuel (mainly grass), strong downslope winds produced by strong trades interacting with local mountains, and human ignition, most probably from powerlines.

Dry grass and shrubs

Maui was a tinderbox ready to burn explosively. As noted in a number of articles and Hawaiian government websites, a large portion of Hawaii is covered by highly flammable, invasive, non-native grasses.

Western Maui is typically wet in the winter and quite dry (and warm) during summer. Grass grows during the winter and then dies/cures during the summer, leaving brown desiccated grass. This is not climate change...this is the normal situation." [Graph of rainfall omitted here.

"This year the winter was particularly wet, enhancing Maui grass volume, followed by a dry summer. A huge supply of dead fuel was ready to burn.

There has been a lot of talk in the media about drought and even "flash drought" driven by climate change (see Seattle Times headline below). This is all silly and irrelevant. The opposite of drought last winter resulted in lots of grass and even a normal summer would have resulted in the grass ready to burn now. Also important is that the grasses are 1-10hr fuels that dry within hours under the proper conditions (low relative humidity, winds, sun). The conditions earlier this week were optimal for drying with warm, dry, downslope flow. The grasses could have been drenched a few days before and burned under such conditions. Climate change is irrelevant in this situation."

Headline from the Seattle Times omitted here.

"The Winds

Lahaina was hit by powerful winds, with gusts exceeding 60 mph. Winds that provided oxygen to the fires pushed the fire quickly forward, and downed powerlines, helping spark the fires.

There is a lot of talk about the winds coming from hurricane Dora, which passed 800 km to the south of Hawaii.

The winds that hit Lahaina were NOT hurricane winds.

The winds that helped destroy Lahaina were caused by strong trade winds, produced mainly by enhanced high pressure to the north, interacting with Maui terrain to produce strong/ dry downslope winds.

These were localized strong winds that amazingly were well predicted by the NOAA HRRR model and others.

During the last day UW Research Scientist David Ovens, a member of my research group, ran the WRF weather prediction model at high resolution for this case.

The results are stunning. Below is the 27h forecast of wind gusts at 8 PM PDT on Tuesday, Aug. 8th. Gusts to around 65 knots (75 mph) around Lahaina (color shading). Pressure is also shown as are the wind vectors. A life-threatening prediction. [Wind map omitted here]

Moderate winds approached the mountains of West Maui and then accelerated down the western slopes of the terrain. A stable near crest level assisted.

Strong winds were also observed over central Maui west of Haleakala volcano: more grassfires occurred there.

Let me repeat these were NOT hurricane winds but local downslope wind accelerations, produced by the occurrence of perfect meteorological conditions, something I will review in a future blog.

An analog to such wind acceleration is the strong winds that can occur in Enumclaw, Black Diamond, and North Bend, Washington under strong easterly (from the east) flow."

As with many "wildfires" in Western US, it would be prudent to construct appropriate firebreaks, but this is not done because they upset environmentalists. Mass concludes:

"The combination of rigorous science, more observations, better use of models, stronger and more aggressive warnings, and powerline de-energization can ensure that a tragedy like this week will never occur again in the Hawaiian Islands." [Boldface in original]

Comments to EPA: In correspondence, Richard Courtney wrote:

"In my opinion the important point is that there is no agreed definition of how measurement sites should be selected, weighted, and combined to provide an average temperature of a region, the hemisphere, or the globe. In the absence of any possibility of an independent calibration standard the lack of definition means the data can be - and are - misused to support any desired narrative because measurement sites have different warming or cooling trends."

Keeping these in mind, SEPP's comments

continue reading at www.sepp.org

Number of the Week: The UK organization Sky News published a story that Antarctica is melting. On August 10 at 7:47 pm its time, the temperature of Vostok Station was minus 105 F (minus 76 C), with wind gusts of 13 mph, giving it a what Accuweather.com calls a "Real Feel" (how it feels on exposed skin) of minus 144 F (minus 98 C). It is doubtful that one would be really feeling that long.

Dry ice, frozen CO2, has a temperature of minus 109 F (minus 78 C). Above that, it sublimates (goes directly from solid to gas). Perhaps Sky News confused sublimation of dry ice (CO2) with melting ice (H2O). US DOE has announced a $1.2 billion program to pull carbon dioxide from the air. Perhaps it would make more sense to try to freeze CO2 out of the air at Vostok Station, then ship it to Mars in hopes of building a habitable atmosphere there. See links under Communicating Better to the Public – Make things up and Carbon Schemes.

The Big Green Lie Almost Everyone Claims to Believe

By Patricia Adams and Lawrence Solomon

Almost every member of Congress, Democrat or Republican, pays homage to the Big Green Lie. So do all the past and remaining Conservative candidates vying to be prime minister of the UK and every candidate currently vying for the leadership of the Conservative Party of Canada. So does virtually all of the mainstream press.

The Big Green Lie—that carbon dioxide is a pollutant—is so pervasive that even those considered skeptics—including right-wing NGOs and pundits—generally adhere to the orthodoxy, differing not in their stated belief that CO2 is a pollutant but only in how calamitous a pollutant it is.

Because everyone now participates in the "CO2 emissions are bad" lie, the debate over climate policy hasn't been over whether a CO2 problem exists but over how urgently CO2 needs to be addressed, and how it should be addressed. Do we have eight years left before Armageddon becomes inevitable or decades? Do we get off fossil fuels by building nuclear plants or wind turbines? Should we change our lifestyles to need less of everything? Or should we mitigate this evil—the view of those deemed climate minimalists—by shielding our continents from a rising of the oceans by enclosing them behind sea walls?

With almost everyone across the political spectrum publicly agreeing that curbing CO2 is a good thing, the debate has been between those who want to do good quickly by reaching net-zero in 2040 and sticks in the mud who want to slow down the doing of a good thing. With discourse careening down rabbit holes, almost everyone gets lost pursuing solutions to Alice-in-Wonderland delusions—and wasting trillions of dollars in the process.

Until the 2000s, when climate change was still called global warming and the mainstream media still noticed that none of the myriad predictions of a climate catastrophe were being borne out—the polar caps weren't melting, Manhattan wasn't about to be submerged, malaria wasn't infecting the Northern Hemisphere—many exposed man-made climate change as a hoax. The leaked Climategate emails revealed how scientists had conspired to "hide the decline" in temperatures that didn't conform to their models.

The claim that 97 percent of scientists supported the global warming theory was exposed as a fraud, as was the claim that the 4,000 scientists associated with the U.N. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) endorsed its report—those 4,000 hadn't endorsed it, and most hadn't even read it but had merely reviewed parts of the report and often disagreed with what they read.

The claim that the "science was settled" on climate change never withstood scrutiny. Scientists around the world signed a series of petitions to dispute that claim. The 2008 Oregon Petition, spearheaded by a former president of the National Academy of Science and championed by Freeman Dyson, Albert Einstein's successor at Princeton and one of the world's most preeminent scientists, was signed by more than 31,000 scientists and experts who agreed that "the proposed limits on greenhouse gases would harm the environment, hinder the advance of science and technology, and damage the health and welfare of mankind.… Moreover, there is substantial scientific evidence that increases in atmospheric carbon dioxide produce many beneficial effects upon the natural plant and animal environments of the Earth."

COP26 President Alok Sharma (C) speaks during the U.N. Climate Change Conference COP 26 in Glasgow, Scotland, on Nov. 13, 2021. (Jeff J Mitchell/Getty Images)

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What is settled is the abject failure of the three-decade-long attempt by the bureaucracies of the 195 countries of the IPCC to convince anyone other than themselves, a credulous media, and a relatively few gullible people that climate change represents an existential threat. Poll after poll over the decades shows the public gives climate change short shrift when asked to rank its importance.

A Gallup poll released last week that asked Americans, "What do you think is the most important problem facing this country today?" found that climate change didn't meet its criteria of the many issues worth listing. As Gallup noted: "Many parts of the nation have suffered record heat in recent weeks, and other regions have received record flooding. But a low 3% of Americans mention the weather, the environment or climate change as the nation's top problem."

So, too, last month, where "just 1 percent of voters in a recent New York Times/Siena College poll named climate change as the most important issue facing the country ... [and] even among voters under 30, the group thought to be most energized by the issue, that figure was 3 percent."

Although most elites continue to pay lip service to the urgency of curbing carbon dioxide, their actions belie their words, whether judged by their penchant for private jet travel or their disingenuous commitment to climate-related policies. According to an International Energy Agency (IEA) announcement last week, coal is once again king: Global coal demand this year will "match the annual record set in 2013, and coal demand is likely to increase further next year to a new all-time high." The IEA's assessment comports with a worldwide embrace of coal that includes the European Union, until recently the world's most zealous climate scold. The EU is now walking back its net-zero commitments.

In some countries, governments aren't so much walking back climate policies as unabashedly kicking them out. Calling wind turbines "fans" that harm the environment and cause "visual pollution" without providing much energy, Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador said the government will end the subsidies and stop issuing permits for new wind projects. Israel also is set to pull the plug on the country's wind industry, its environmental protection minister arguing that wind provides a "negligible contribution" to the country's power system "compared to the potential for harm to nature, which is high."

Recognizing renewables as economic and environmental boondoggles, as Mexico and Israel have done, is a step toward puncturing the lie that a fuel that emits carbon dioxide can be sensibly replaced. The other shoe to drop is the lie that carbon dioxide-emitting fuels should be replaced.

The fantastical claim that CO2 is a pollutant was cut out of whole cloth. The 2008 statement by the 31,000 experts—that "there is no convincing scientific evidence that human release of carbon dioxide, methane, or other greenhouse gases is causing or will, in the foreseeable future, cause catastrophic heating of the Earth's atmosphere and disruption of the Earth's climate" is as true today as it was then, and as it always has been. No scientist anywhere at any time has shown that manmade CO2 emissions—aka nature's fertilizer—do any harm to anything.



China Abandons Paris Agreement, Making U.S. Efforts Painful and Pointless

By Diana Furchtgott-Roth

It was a bad week for anyone who thought China would cooperate on emissions reduction. President Xi Jinping reiterated that his country would set its own path on the issue and not be influenced by outside factors, according to the Washington Post and Bloomberg. This contradicts Xi's 2015 Paris Agreement pledges to reduce its carbon emissions at the latest after 2030.

Xi's remarks came while climate envoy and former secretary of state John Kerry was visiting Beijing to reopen a dialogue. This was shortly after Secretary of State Antony Blinken arrived, and just before former secretary of state Henry Kissinger, the architect of opening China to the West 50 years ago, came for a visit.

The clear signals from China are a deliberate slap in the face to America and provide a rationale for a bill sponsored by Representative Chip Roy (R., Texas) to defund Kerry's climate-change office at the State Department. The bill is cosponsored by over two dozen other House Republicans.

This should not be news, because Xi gave the same message last fall. In October 2022, he said that China would not abandon coal-fired power plants before renewables could substitute for the lost fossil fuel. But this substitution will not occur because fossil fuels generate substantially more energy than renewables.

"Based on China's energy and resource endowments, we will advance initiatives to reach peak carbon emissions in a well-planned and phased way, in line with the principle of getting the new before discarding the old," he announced in an address to the Communist Party Congress, as reported by Time.

Xi's remarks should resound in the halls of the Environmental Protection Agency, which is planning to impose billions of dollars of costs on Americans to reduce U.S. emissions. China has repeatedly stated that it has no intention of going along with the Western push to net-zero.

In April, the EPA released a proposed tailpipe rule that would require 60 percent of new vehicle sales to be battery-powered electric by 2030, and two-thirds by 2032. And in May, the EPA proposed a power-plant rule that would require most power plants to sequester, or bury, 90 percent of their carbon emissions, or go out of business by 2040.

These rules would result in tens of billions of dollars in annual costs to the U.S. economy—and with no reduction to global emissions, if China replaces U.S. emissions with its own emissions.

Even if the United States were to get rid of all fossil fuels, this would only make a difference of two-tenths of one degree Celsius in the year 2100, according to Heritage Foundation chief statistician Kevin Dayaratna.

The tailpipe rule would raise driving costs for all Americans, and lower-income Americans would struggle more with those costs than higher-income Americans. New electric vehicles (EVs) cost about $10,000 to $25,000 more than the equivalent gasoline-powered vehicle, and the time it takes to recharge is inconvenient on long road trips, or if no in-home charging port is available.

Almost three-quarters of cars sold in America are used. Selling a used EV is difficult because the condition of the battery is uncertain and a new battery can cost over $10,000. EV batteries lose 20 percent to 40 percent of their range in cold climates, which is likely part of the reason why only 340 were registered in North Dakota and 510 in Wyoming at the end of 2021.

EVs are not emissions-free, because they need electricity to charge them, and electricity generation creates emissions. Even the EPA states in the proposed rule that "we expect that in some areas, increased electricity generation would increase ambient SO2, PM 2.5, ozone, or some air toxics."

The power-plant rule would raise the cost of electricity just as the EPA plans to have millions of new EVs access the grid. Sequestering 90 percent of carbon emissions on such a large scale has never been done before, and it is not an "adequately demonstrated" technology. The only proven option for a power plant to comply with the proposed regulation is to close down.

The rule would remove power from the grid at a time when America needs more power for planned electrification, and it would likely cause more blackouts. Blackouts can have serious consequences, including death, especially if they occur during periods of unusually high or low temperatures when power is most needed.

In addition, higher costs of electricity will have adverse economic effects. Prices will rise, manufacturing will go offshore, and layoffs and unemployment will increase. All this will lower GDP growth and reduce Americans' standard of living.

Because Xi has explicitly and repeatedly said that his country will not reduce emissions until energy from renewables replaces that from coal-fired power plants, all these costs will result in no reduction in global emissions. The EPA has America on a path to all pain and no gain.

This English Language of Ours



By Gary Wickert

We're all guilty of it. Shouting into the telephone when asked to press "2" for English or listening to the bus boys' banter back and forth in Spanish or Mandarin. Why don't they just learn to speak English. After all, it's America. Right?

Of course, we also get annoyed when traveling abroad and the desk clerk doesn't understand our request for an extra pillow. The ability to speak the language we know and love is neither the easiest nor the hardest skill to acquire, but it must be one of the most quirky and nuanced.

They say that Chinese is a difficult language to learn, but I'm not so sure. How difficult can it be? Instead of agonizing letters, they use stick men. But here's the rub, there are 47,035 such stick men in the Kangxi dictionary—while our dictionary has only 26 letters and it still takes us to the second grade to recite those. I'd hate to see a Chinese eye chart.

They say Polish is harder still to learn. With seven cases, seven genders and very difficult pronunciation, the average English speaker is fluent at about age 12, while it takes poles until age 16 to accomplish fluency. Finnish, Hungarian, and Estonian are also very difficult to learn, each with countless noun cases.

On the other hand, I am told English at the most basic level is relatively easy to learn, but to speak it like a native is quite difficult because of its "dynamic idiomatic nature." That is the understatement of the year. Take these sentences for example:

• The bandage was wound around the wound so he could produce produce.

• He decided to desert his dessert in the desert.

• There is no time like the present, so he decided to present the present.

English can be very strange indeed. For example, there is no egg in eggplant, no ham in hamburger, and neither apple nor pine in pineapple.

English muffins don't come from England nor French fries from France. Quicksand works slowly and boxing rings are square. A guinea pig is neither a pig nor from Guinea.

As a writer, I write, but fingers don't fing, grocers don't groce, and hammers don't ham. The plural of tooth is teeth, but if I have more than one booth do I have beeth? If the plural of mouse is mice, should there be three blind meece?

When I offend somebody with my columns, I can make amends, but I can't make just one amend. In the parochial grade school I attended, teachers taught so I guess preachers praught? It's enough to make your head spin.

Why do children recite at a play but play at a recital? WE ship by truck yet send cargo by ship. Our noses run and our feet smell. How can a slim chance and a fat chance mean the same thing? How can the weather be "hot as hell" one day and "cold as hell" the next? It makes no sense.

Christian Science is neither Christian nor science. We go "up north" to Rhinelander in the summer and "down south" to Florida in the winter, but never "left west" or "right east." What kind of a language is it where flammable and inflammable mean the same thing?

English is a crazy language, but I wouldn't trad it for any other in the world. It is not exact, but it reflects the creativity of the human race; which is not a race at all. Otherwise, not wanting to be in crowds would make you a racist. And if a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat?

We get dressed to go "out" shopping, but to do so we must go "in" to town. Going uptown means going to the upper part of town so what does going downtown mean? The downer part? The dictionary says downtown is the middle part of the city, but isn't that "midtown"?

Some say "uptown" isn't really geographical but refers to the ritzy part of town. To go there you not only need to be dressed, but "dressed up." If you're not, some haute couture critic will verbally "dress you down." I could really go to town about all these confusing idioms and expressions.

Speaking of "up", it seems one of the smallest words in our language has by far the most meanings. Waking in the morning is "waking up." We speak "up" when somebody can't hear us and politicians are "up" for reelection. Kids say they're "down" for something when they want to do it—but the rest of us would say we're "up" for it.

It's "up" to the policeman to write "up" a report when you're mixed "up" in an accident. We call up our friends. We brighten up a room. We clean up the kitchen after we're warmed up the leftovers. We lock up the house and some of us fix up old cars. What's up with that?

To clear things up, perhaps we should look the word "up" in the dictionary. We would then find that it takes up nearly an entire page. It took up a lot of my time to come up with lots of confusing uses of this word, but I didn't give up. I could come up with even more, but I think you're probably getting fed up reading them.

I could go on, but I'll wrap it up. My time is up. I'll shut up.

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A scientific bilingual survey of Hispanic adults conducted by McLaughlin & Associates.

The U.S. Census Bureau.

A legal brief by the Obama administration Department of Justice.

The Voter Registration Guide of the U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

A video of President Obama stating in 2016 that non-citizens would not be deported if they voted because "there is not a situation where the voting rolls somehow are transferred over, and people start investigating, etcetera."

A video of Democratic California Senate Leader Kevin De Leon stating in 2017 that "anyone who has family members who are undocumented knows that almost entirely everybody has secured some sort of false identification."

A ruling by the U.S. Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals.

A ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Just Facts asked two Ph.D. scholars who specialize in data analytics to critically review the study, and they assessed it as follows:

"I find this research of great value—clear in its assumptions, clear about the sources of data used, methodologically sound, and fair in its conclusions. Furthermore, it contains enough references to allow any interested person to 'fact-check' every aspect of it."

– Michael Cook, Ph.D. Mathematician, Scientific and Quantitative Researcher

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"Instead of adding politics, vitriol, and bias to this timely, heated topic, this study provides a credible data analysis that supports a strong hypothesis of non-citizens having a significant effect on this election. Any serious critic should try improving on these estimates, as opposed to dismissing them with unproven claims."

– Dr. Andrew Glen, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus of Operations Research, The United States Military Academy, and Award-Winning Researcher in the Field of Computational Probability

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The study estimated that votes cast by non-citizens—who cannot legally vote in federal elections—netted Joe Biden 51,081 ± 17,689 votes in Arizona. The lower bound of this range accords with the figure of "more than 30,0000" from the indictment.

Trump campaign attorney Rudy Giuliani cited another figure from Just Facts' study in a November 2020 hearing before the Arizona legislature. Giuliani stated that a study found "236,000 illegal aliens voted." This is the study's midpoint estimate for non-citizen votes netted by Joe Biden in the seven battleground states of the 2020 election.

Critiques of the Study

A week and a half after Just Facts published this study, USA Today attempted to debunk it with a "fact check" that was "supported in part by a grant from Facebook." Facebook then used the fact check—which contained 10 misrepresentations, unsupported claims, half-truths, and outright falsehoods—to suppress Just Facts' study.

Furthermore, USA Today altered its article 18 hours after publication to remove an embarrassing error—without issuing a correction. This is a breach of journalistic ethics that require reporters and media outlets to "acknowledge mistakes" and explain them "carefully and clearly."

Likewise, Snopes, PolitiFact, and the Huffington Post attempted to refute a 2017 study by Just Facts that used a similar methodology to estimate non-citizen votes in the 2008 presidential election. Instead of providing facts, all they could muster was mathematically illiterate notions, half-truths, and full-fledged falsehoods.

The total failure of the "fact check" brigade to poke even small holes in Just Facts' work is more evidence the studies are solid.

Other Aspects of the Indictment

Beyond voting by non-citizens, the indictment also accuses Trump of lying about:

"Dead voters" in Georgia.

"More votes than voters in Pennsylvania."

A "suspicious vote dump in Detroit, Michigan."

"Double votes and other fraud in Nevada."

Voting machines switching votes.

With the exception of the last of those items, the indictment presents no facts that Trump was wrong—much less that he lied. Instead, the indictment declares that Trump knew he wrong just because certain people said so.

Likewise, the indictment alleges that "Co-Conspirator 1"—who is probably Rudy Giuliani—lied because be "played a misleading excerpt of a video recording of ballot-counting at State Farm Arena in Atlanta and insinuated that it showed election workers counting 'suitcases' of illegal ballots." Here again, the evidence that Giuliani lied rests on the notion that he must have believed the claims of selected people—in this case—the Georgia Secretary of State's Chief Operating Officer.

One of the blatant flaws of such arguments is the common human foible of confirmation bias, which could have led Trump and Giuliani to make some honest mistakes. Britannica defines confirmation bias as "people's tendency to process information by looking for, or interpreting, information that is consistent with their existing beliefs." "This biased approach to decision making," explains Britannica, "is largely unintentional" and "results in a person ignoring information that is inconsistent with their beliefs."

Another flagrant weakness of the indictment is its assumption that specific people were telling the truth merely because they "were best positioned to know the facts." This presumes that such people are incapable of making mistakes or lying. The fallibility of this "trust the experts" mantra was frequently exposed during the Covid-19 pandemic.

The indictment also alleges that Trump "directed" his supporters "to the Capitol to obstruct" the presidential "certification proceeding" on January 6, 2021. The supposed proof of this is that he told them to "fight like hell," march to the Capitol, and show Congress "the kind of pride and boldness that they need to take back our country." These half-truths fail to reveal that:

Trump told his supporters to go "to the Capitol building to peacefully and patriotically make your voices heard."

The official Capitol Police timeline of the January 6th riot reveals that:

The Department of Defense—which was under the authority of Trump—suggested to the Capitol Police that the National Guard protect the Capitol.

Capitol Police Chief Steven Sund then asked the House Sergeant at Arms and the Senate Sergeant at Arms for "authority to have National Guard to assist with security for the January 6, 2021 event."

The House and Senate Sergeants at Arms—who were under the authority of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Leader Mitch McConnell—"denied" this request.

The transcript of Trump's speech on January 6th shows that he recurrently used the word "fight" in reference to legal and political fighting, not physical violence or even trespassing. For example, he said, "If they don't fight, we have to primary the hell out of the ones that don't fight. You primary them."

Highlighting the duplicity of those who voted to impeach Trump because he used the word "fight," Trump's attorneys showed videos of Congressional Democrats using the same word more than 200 times, including more than a dozen times in which they used the exact phrase for which they impeached Trump: "fight like hell."

Conclusion

The D.C. grand jury's indictment of Donald Trump accuses him and at least six other people of engaging in a "conspiracy against the right to vote and to have one's vote counted, in violation" of a federal law against obstructing people's Constitutional rights.

However, every illegal vote cast by a non-citizen cancels out the vote of a citizen, thereby infringing their right to vote. Thus, Trump and his allies—depending on their motives—may have been trying to protect people's right to vote, not thwart it, as the indictment claims.

Conversely, those who fought Trump's efforts to exclude illegal votes may be guilty of the very charges the indictment levels against Trump. The same applies to an array of politicians and judges who have left open large pathways to unlawful voting by non-citizens.



Faithful Catholics *cont. from page 1*

What is your personal opinion of your bishop's orthodoxy (consistency with the teachings of the Catholic Church)?

Respondents could then rank the prelate who leads their diocese on a scale of zero to five, with zero being "completely distrust" or "completely unorthodox," and a five being "completely trust" or "completely orthodox."

The prelates received an average vote of 1.97 for trustworthiness and 2.5 for orthodoxy.

"A total of 5,782 survey responses were received for 180 bishops (13 bishops had no responses)," Complicit Clergy, a project of the Lepanto Institute, explained in its findings. "Responses were limited to one survey per IP address to eliminate the possibility of multiple submissions." **SEE PIC 1**

"It is also noteworthy that the higher a bishop rises in the hierarchy, the lower their scores."

The same four bishops had the highest rankings for both trust and orthodoxy: Bishop Joseph Strickland of Tyler, Texas; Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone of San Francisco; Bishop Steven Lopes of the Anglican Ordinariate; and Archbishop Alexander Sample of Portland, Oregon. (One bishop, Bishop Benedict Aleksiychuk of the diocese of St. Nicholas of Chicago for Ukrainians, received a 5 in both categories, but only one respondent provided information about him. Complicit Clergy categorized the prelates with highest and lowest ratings based on those who received rankings from 20 or more people.)

Strickland is one of the most outspoken defenders of Catholic orthodoxy within the U.S. episcopate. In June 2023, he was subjected to an apostolic visitation from the Vatican – on the heels of his speaking out against the Los Angeles Dodgers' honoring of the "Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence," an anti-Catholic group of drag queens. Cordileone and Sample are well-known to LifeSiteNews readers for their defenses of Catholic doctrine and liturgy over the years.

Followers of Complicit Clergy tend to be faithful Catholics, although a small number of comments left by respondents showed that some heterodox individuals apparently took the survey and complained about certain bishops being too "conservative."

McElroy, Cupich, Gregory, Tobin, and Stowe receive worst ratings for trustworthiness and orthodoxy

The bishops with the lowest rankings for trust were Cardinal Robert McElroy of San Diego; Cardinal Blase Cupich of Chicago; Cardinal Wilton Gregory of Washington, D.C.; and Cardinal Joseph Tobin of Newark, New Jersey. McElroy, Cupich, and Tobin also received the lowest orthodoxy rankings along with Bishop John Stowe of Lexington, Kentucky. **SEE PIC 2**

In 2019, Stowe released a "prayer card" for homosexual "pride" month. The Catholic Church teaches that sodomy, as well as the inclination toward it, is intrinsically evil (CCC 2357). In 2020, Stowe released a "Pride Month" video lamenting "white privilege" and saying he is sorry "that the Church has not been as welcoming as it should be in many cases." Stowe has also taken part in an LGBT "blessing" ceremony alongside accused sex abusers. It was hosted by Dignity USA, which rejects Church teaching on several points of faith and morals. He has also broken with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops by supporting the anti-Christian Equality Act.

In 2021, when societal animosity toward "unvaccinated" people was at an all-time high, Stowe ordered at least two of his priests to reveal their COVID-19 injection status and forbade priests who haven't taken the jabs from ministering to the sick and housebound.

Cupich and Gregory, whose profiles have risen dramatically during the current pontificate, are both known for their hostility toward the Traditional Latin Mass. McElroy, Cupich, and Gregory were hand-picked by Pope Francis to participate in the October Synod on Synodality.

Tobin has floated the idea of female cardinals and personally welcomed an "LGBT pilgrimage" to his cathedral. In February 2018, Tobin tweeted and then deleted "nighty-night, baby. I love you." He said the tweet was "meant as a private communication with one of my sisters."

As the leader of one of disgraced ex-Cardinal Theodore McCarrick's dioceses, Tobin has also faced questions about how much he knew about McCarrick's predation before details of it became public.

Arlington Catholics repeatedly bring up 'unjust' suppression of Traditional Latin Mass

Complicit Clergy also invited survey participants to submit comments about their bishops, which were then published as part of the survey results. At least 14 comments mentioned the Society of St. Pius X (SSPX). Over 200 mentioned the Traditional Latin Mass.

Diocese of Arlington Catholics were divided in their comments about Bishop Michael Burbidge, who has overseen one of the harshest crackdowns on the Mass of the Ages in his diocese. Before Traditionis custodes, Arlington was well-known around the world for its large number of parish priests who offered the Old Rite.

"Bent over backwards to preserve TLM access, and got little credit for it," one respondent insisted.

"If he openly rebelled against the Pope the Bishop might have been replaced with someone like Cupich and we'd much worse off," another mused.

"Bishop Burbidge's moves to greatly restrict the TLM have all but destroyed my trust in his leadership," another Arlington Catholic wrote. "I have no confidence that he is more concerned about the spiritual health of his flock than in currying favor with Pope Francis."

Others commented:

Completely caved by canceling most of the thriving TLMs in the diocese, leaving the few remaining ones in makeshift, tiny locations. This is unjust and not shepherding the faithful. Sadly, he shows that he is more in support of the pope's cruel punishments to traditional Catholics than saving souls.

Conciliar bishop. Was pretty quick to send Latin Mass Catholics to their ghettos. Celebrated an "ecumenical service" in the spring with 2 heretics. Totally vanilla. Tweets in his name never comment on Church problems, Bergoglian apostasies, and fellow bishops' nonsense. Keeps his nose clean.

He persecutes the SSPX in the diocese while at the same time holding "ecumenical" prayer services with Protestants including female "pastors." He's conservative on moral issues like abortion and the trans stuff but theologically he's very much a modernist.

So very disappointed that he removed so many Traditional Latin Masses from our diocese and they will cease to be allowed in the future. Catholicism and the Deposit of Faith is all about passing on tradition. I pray for him every day that he will reconsider his decision.

Catholics remember 2020: 'I cried watching Mass on TV and not being able receive my Lord'

Many commenters from around the country criticized their bishops for shutting down churches and banning priests from offering public Masses during the draconian coronavirus lockdown in 2020.

The sentiment expressed by survey takers indicates that the laity have not forgotten that every bishop went along with coronavirus tyranny to varying degrees – every single U.S. bishop shut down public Masses in his diocese in 2020. **SEE PIC 3**

Some of the comments about bishops' handling of coronavirus hysteria included:

I'm still mad about the way the bishop handled the shutdown. Keeping people away from the sacraments — how did he even consider that? (Galveston-Houston – Cardinal Daniel DiNardo)

Always talking about need to get rid of nuclear weapons but little, if ever any leadership on faith issues. What little he does comment on is completely unorthodox. He vanished during Covid except to close down churches and Mass. Even when our governor allowed churches to reopen, he did not. (Santa Fe – Archbishop John Wester)

He's bought into the woke agenda. Completely shut down mass during the pandemic. Mandated Covid vaccines for all priests, parish staff, teachers, and volunteers. I would expect bishops to more wisely discern issues such as this than to appease overly tyrannical leaders. (Seattle – Archbishop Paul Etienne)

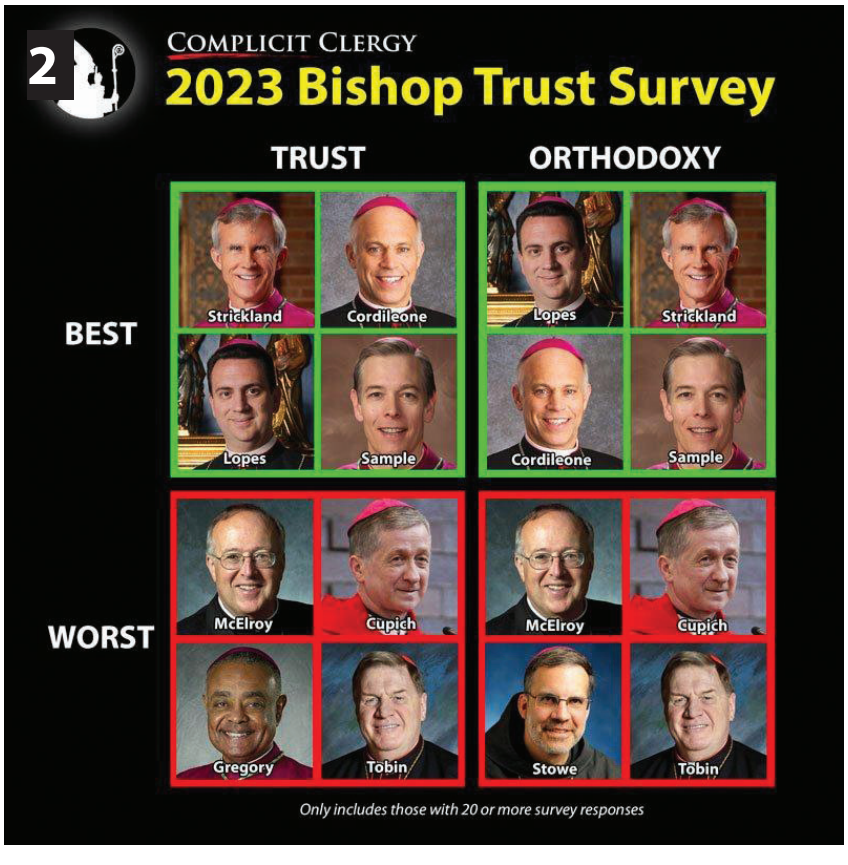
Failed to stand up for us during Covid. Shut everything down when what we needed was Mass and adoration. I was so depressed. Couldn't even "watch" Mass on Sunday mornings as there were a select group who were allowed in the church, and it killed me to watch them receive the Eucharist. (St. Paul and Minneapolis – Archbishop Bernard Hebda)

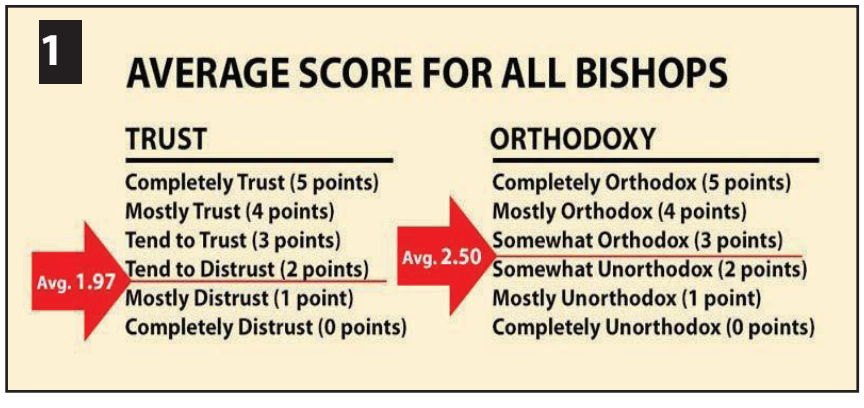
Things that mattered to me: 1. Coercion of his priests to get vaccinated. 2. Shutting down parishes during Covid. 3. Promoting the vaccines by posting picture of himself getting it on social media. 4. Restricting the TLM to only 2 parishes. 5. Focuses on social justice instead of salvation of souls. (Toledo – Bishop Daniel Thomas)

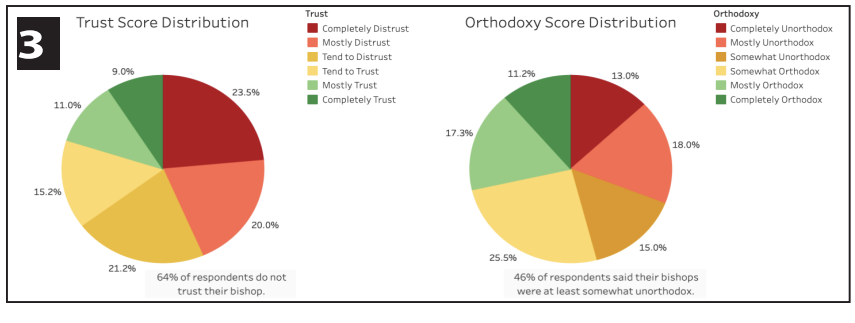
During COVID lockdowns, he did not do his job and administer the Sacrament of Confirmation. He had the parish priest at St. Ambrose Church do it. The Chrism was applied by cotton balls, ashes on Ash Wednesday by Q-tips, hand sanitizers but no holy water fonts. Now we have self-dispensing holy water (Allentown – Bishop Alfred Schlert)

Lost my support during Covid – disgusting how he pushed the vaccine! Was hostile to religious exemptions, no respect for individuals' right to freely choose what they place into their body. I'm also upset how the church acts in partnership with the US government in the human trafficking at border! (Atlanta – Archbishop Gregory Hartmayer)

I wish he wouldn't have given in so easily and closed our churches during COVID. It was very hard to not be able to have access to the sacraments. This was especially difficult during Easter and Divine Mercy. I cried watching Mass on TV and not being able receive my Lord. (Bismarck – Bishop David Kagan)





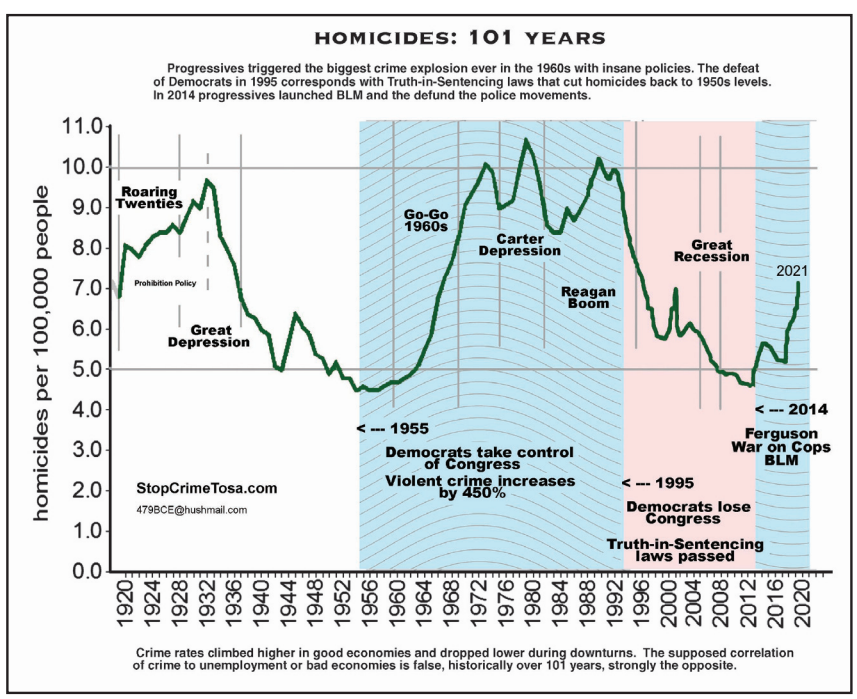


A Century of Homicides

By Chris Kemble

Republicans neither know nor care how crime got so bad, and unsurprisingly keep losing elections. The revolving door crime wave exploded in the 1960s, putting the criminals back on the street before the police could fill out the paperwork. Over the last year I talked to a thousand people about crime and not one, including criminal justice professionals and elected officials, could tell me how this revolving door started in the 1960s. Some suggested the Great Society, drugs, or the disintegration of the American family, but these came later. Crime shot up like a Saturn V rocket because it was deliberate policy to open up the jails and let criminals walk. Supreme Court justices, other top judges, intellectuals, criminologists, and the U.S. attorney general all proclaimed prison confinement a medieval idea and that behavioral 'scientists' would simply rehabilitate the criminals.

The results were disastrous. Homicides more than doubled and all other categories of crime quadrupled or more. Progressives refused to reverse course and fought against sentencing reform for decades. The defeat of Democrats in Congress in 1995 corresponded to Truth-in-Sentencing laws passed in the mid-1990s that cut homicides back to 1950s levels. In 2014 progressives such as BLM and Defund the Police movements launched the War on Police, now homicides are soaring. Since progressives opened up the prisons in the 1960s over one million Americans have been murdered and 1.2 million have died in opioid overdoses, more than in all U.S. wars combined.



Another lesson not learned is that crime rates climbed higher in good economies and dropped lower during downturns. Rampant crime drove thriving businesses and good jobs out of the inner cities. The supposed correlation of crime to unemployment or bad economies is false. A century of statistics strongly show the opposite. Homicide is the most reliable crime statistic -- missing persons and bodies are hard to overlook. But homicides are less than 00.18% of all reported crime in the last sixty years, a lagging indicator of overall crime. The graph shows murders soared in the Roaring Twenties and Booming 1960s, fell during the Great Depression and Great Recession and mendered through the Carter and Reagan economies. In the 1920s and 1930s homicides move opposite to what leftist dogma claims. The repeal of failed Prohibition is the trigger that flipped the murder rate. The follies of U.S. Prohibition, revolving door policies, and Defund the Police and the success of Truth-In-Sentencing can be seen in the data.

Progressives rode the crime wave they created to 40-year control of Congress starting in 1955. The U.S. prison rate barely ticked up from 1950 to 1980 and yet overall crime had exploded in the 1960s, up 400% by 1980. The progressives did nothing to protect the public from criminals. For sixty years leftists have undercut the courts and corrections, today they also undercut the police. The cost of policing and corrections is about $250 billion a year, but the economic devastation of crime is ten times higher at $2.6 trillion. Logic dictates fully funding the criminal justice system. Instead, progressives spend wildly on everything except effective criminal justice.

Republicans have failed again as the out-party in midterms, despite record crime and against extremist opponents. Most conservatives run the standard myopic campaign: police good, crime bad, and attack their opponent. In local elections where I live, conservatives did not attack open borders-fueled record opioid deaths or run on returning prosperity to the inner cities. They never documented decades of liberal failure and never mentioned Truth-In-Sentencing that lead to falling crime rates, that lead to falling incarceration rates too.

A truly astonishing number of conservatives never ask themselves what the payoff is, what the backend agenda is for leftists. For example, former US Attorney General William Barr said in the Wall Street Journal that progressives did not understand the relationship between incarceration and downward violent crime rates. "They missed the point" he said. Wrong, they are getting everything they want. Crime is the engine of progressive power to grow the government for purposes of largesse and for political gain. State and federal governments are forever expanded and spending shifts to more socialist redistribution.

Social spending dumps keep coming. Progressive bureaucracies keep failing as they undercut traditional criminal justice, but they create an army of partisans. The right of self-defense is whittled away. This extortion has been going on for sixty years yet most conservatives do not see or attack it. Ignorance of this history shows, for certain, that decades of failure are not used in campaigns as critical issues and the lessons of history are not learned.

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into accepting presidents can protect their people from being investigated for criminal conduct. Fortunes, however, can be reversed. If Republicans win the White House with a presidential candidate who sincerely wants to uphold the rule of law, restore justice to the legal system and hold the "Deep State" accountable, that president can make it happen.

The leading Presidential candidates for the Republican nomination have promised to fire the FBI director and clean house at the Department of Justice. If a Republican wins the presidency in November 2024, FBI Director Wary and AG Garland will resign long before they can be fired. So, candidates, please, stop pandering. No one will be fired. All pablum, worthless and oversimplified promises.

Suppose a new president truly wants to clean up the deep, dark, corrupt state at the DOJ and FBI. In that case, the Republican president need only waive Executive Privilege and issue an Executive Order declassifying all investigatory materials sought by the current Republican House of Representatives. Let Congress bleed the truth out of those subverting the Constitution.

Executive compliance is simple. When Congress requests documents, the Executive should order them produced. When testimony is sought, provide it without asserting objections. Cooperate with the Republican House to find the truth.

Since the Nixon administration, presidents have asserted Executive Privileges thirty times to block congressional investigations. Presidential assertions included protecting the president's brother (Billy Carter), girlfriends (Monica Lewinsky), mismanagement of funds (Solyndra), foreign affairs (Benghazi), gun running (fast and furious), and the Watergate tapes. Democrat and Republican administrations act as if providing Congress with requested information concerning an investigation will somehow diminish their manhood.

Finding and eliminating corruption is for the benefit of the nation. Hiding corruption does not assist the president in the faithful execution of the law. The DOJ/FBI's long-running minuet of never sharing information with congressional committees is a mechanism of deceit, not of protecting the independence and effectiveness of law enforcement, the identities of informants, avoiding pre-trial publicity, or interfering with prosecutorial discretion. The Supreme Court has long recognized the "…implied power [of Congress] to investigate and to compel the production of information" from the Executive branch.

"Executive Privilege for presidential communications is limited to the quintessential power and nondelegation of Presidential power, and those are the core functions in the Constitution." It should only be asserted to preserve those core constitutional functions. Claiming it beyond the core constitutional functions is a delaying tactic that often allows illegal conduct to continue.

As to declassifying all documents related to alleged criminal activity in the Executive branch, no president should ever be intentionally or unintentionally covering it up. The American Bar Association writes, "Under the U.S. Constitution, the president as commander in chief is given broad powers to classify and declassify such information, often through executive orders." While there are procedures for declassifying the materials, a president, except for certain materials such as nuclear secrets, has almost total control to declassify records by Executive Order. Presidents at all times have the power to put sunlight on government corruption. When they choose not to expose corruption, it is an intentional coverup.

Unfortunately, since the Nixon administration in the early 1970s, the Executive branch has forced Congress to issue subpoenas to secure requested documents. Presidents achieve their goal of protecting corruption by requiring years of legal battles to enforce the subpoena.

Hopefully, there will be a Republican Congress, or at least a Republican House sworn in on January 3, 2025, and on January 20, 2025, a Republican president. Between January 3, 2025, and January 20, 2025, the Republican Congress can prepare the appropriate investigative letters to the incoming president requesting the information needed to root out corruption in the DOJ/FBI. On January 20, when the Republican president enters the White House, his first order of business should be to issue an Executive Order waiving Executive privilege and formally declassifying the documents relating to all congressional investigations. These waivers should encompass all alleged DOJ/FBI corruption as described in the Durham Report, Mueller and Horowitz Reports, payments received by Joe and Hunter Biden from foreign countries, all matters associated with the development of a two-tier system of justice, efforts by the federal government to force social media companies to manipulate information distributed to the public and all other matters of high-level DOJ and FBI corruption.

By taking this approach, the president will tremendously assist the congressional investigation of the DOJ/FBI misconduct without investigating the departments he leads. If Congress finds evidence of criminal activity, it will refer the evidence to new appointees at a DOJ for appropriate prosecution.

Suppose Executive branch personnel refuse to testify or take the Fifth to protect their constitutional rights. In that case, Congress can grant the Use Immunity, which compels their testimony but provides immunity to the witness for the new information provided. A witness that refuses to testify after being given Use Immunity can be cited for contempt of Congress and imprisoned.

It's time the federal government gets serious about corruption in government. More intriguing would be if a president followed this advice. The nation might uncover who is running the Deep State.

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Swing State Sued for Establishing 'Clearinghouse' Online Absentee Ballot Application Process in Violation of State Law

By Benjamin Wetmore and Patty McMurray

A lawsuit against the Wisconsin Elections Commission filed Friday alleges the agency is violating the law by allowing residents to apply for absentee ballots online rather than through the individual municipal clerks' offices.

Additionally, the suit charges that the WEC is unlawfully failing to comply with election law by not maintaining an accurate voter registration list, but rather a database that contains over 3 million ineligible voters.

In his motion for summary judgment, Wisconsin voter Scott Sid ney states, "WEC is failing to comply with Wisconsin law by extralegally operating an online clearinghouse for the collection of absentee ballot requests via its website myvote.wi.gov."

"According to the WEC website, the use of absentee ballots increased approximately 72% between November 2018 to November 2022. 14. However, Wisconsin law explicitly endeavors to prevent fraud and abuse in the absentee ballot process, as stated in Wis. Stat. § 6.84(1)," the court filing continues.

The statute provides, in part, "The legislature finds that the privilege of voting by absentee ballot must be carefully regulated to prevent the potential for fraud or abuse."

Some primary methods for applying for an absentee ballot under the law are either by mail or in person at the municipal clerk's office or through an authorized third-party representative.

"Wisconsin law provides no option for a voter to request an absentee ballot via filling out a form on a website, whether that website is maintained through WEC, a clerk, or anyone else. Nor does section 6.86 allow for persons to request an absentee ballot through an intermediary. Yet, that is exactly the function of the online clearinghouse," Sidney's brief in support of his motion for summary judgment states.

The Wisconsin voter calls on the judge to command WEC "to cease operation of the clearinghouse, and that clerks may not issue absentee ballots unless they receive a written request directly from a voter via one of the methods identified in section 6.86."

Sidney argues such a ruling would be consistent with the Wisconsin Supreme Court's decision in Teigen v. WEC in 2022 declaring the use of absentee ballot drop boxes illegal.

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Drop boxes were used widely in the Badger State in the 2020 election.

"Just as in this case, where there is no statute authorizing the maintenance of an online absentee ballot clearinghouse," Sidney's court filing says.

Conservative commentator Barry Farah told The Western Journal, "The lawsuit asks the Court to command WEC to quit providing people with access to an absentee ballot outside the confines of the law. Wisconsin law explicitly endeavors to prevent abuse and fraud that can result from increased absentee ballot availability."

In addition to the online absentee ballot application website, Sidney is also calling on the judge to direct WEC to create and to maintain an accurate voter registration list.

"Wisconsin law provides that WEC must maintain a 'Registration List' that contains only "electors that are properly registered to vote."

"WEC has not created, and is not maintaining, a registration list as defined by Wisconsin law consisting solely of persons that are 'electors properly registered to vote," Sidney said.

"Instead of doing so, WEC maintains a database that contains voters it admits are ineligible to vote because they are deceased, have been adjudicated incompetent and had their right to vote revoked, are felons, and/or are not properly registered or ineligible to vote for other reasons," the court filing continued.

"Over the years WEC's failure of duty in this regard has resulted in the [WisVote] database swelling to over 7.4 million names, when there are only 4.2 million Wisconsin residents of voting age."

The lawsuit calls on WEC to "migrate all properly registered, eligible voters found in the WisVote Database to a new, completely separate electronic list that consists solely of these voters and "provide only this new list to clerks for use in administering future elections."

Further clerks should not be allowed access to the WisVote databases containing the over 3 million ineligible voters.

Farah said about 633,000 of these names are people who are dead.

"The 1812 election clerks should not have access to any list but a clean valid list of eligible registered voters," the host of "The Barry Farah Show" added.

Riley Vetterkind, a WEC spokesman, responded by writing the agency does not generally comment on ongoing litigation, but provided links on its website where questions regarding the voter registration database have been previously answered.

WEC conceded the WisVote Database contains over 3 million ineligible voters, but explained they are listed as inactivate and therefore cannot vote without re-registering.

In response to the question why not just delete inactive voters, WEC answered, "Wisconsin law requires that there be an active and an inactive voter list. There are several reasons for doing this.

"First, it's a historical public record, and cannot be deleted. But primarily, it allows your voter history to follow you when you move and reregister, even if there is a gap because you move out of Wisconsin for a few years and then return and register again."

WEC added, "if someone is dead and if the clerk gets a registration form for that person, the clerk would see that the person is deceased and would not register them."

The agency did not answer why it cannot maintain a registered voter database in addition to its current WisVote one with both eligible and ineligible voters.

The conservative group Judicial Watch reported in May that it has successfully sued multiple states and localities since the 2020 election in its effort to clean up state voter registration rolls.

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By Benjamin Wetmore and Patty McMurray

On October 8, 2020. only one month before the 2020 general election, Muskegon, MI City Clerk Ann Meisch noticed a black female (whose name was redacted from the police report), dropping off between 8,000-10,000 completed voter registration applications at the city clerk's office.

The Muskegon Police Department was contacted and asked to investigate. On 10/21/20 First Lieutenant Mike Anderson was contacted by Tom Fabus, Chief of Investigations for Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel's Office. According to the MI State Police report, Mr. Fabus asked for Michigan State Police assistance with a joint investigation of alleged voter fraud being conducted by the Muskegon Police Department and the AG.

An investigative task force was formed, and an investigation was initiated.

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The following is from the MI State Police report:

On 10/16/20 Muskegon City Clerk Ann Meisch and Deputy Clerk Kimberly Young contacted the Muskegon Police Department after noticing irregularities in voter registration applications received both in person and by mail.

The Muskegon city clerk became suspicious when the female, (whose name is redacted in the first part of the police report, but then later, is unredacted), hand-delivered thousands of voter registrations to her office, many of them in the same handwriting.

On 10/20/20 (deadline day for in-person voter registration applications) the suspect retumed to the *Muskegon City Clerk's office to deliver additional registration forms in person. Meisch estimated that (suspect) brought an additional 2500 forms. Meisch contacted the Muskegon Police Department and Detective Logan Anderson and Captain Shawn Bride conducted a non-custodial interview with the suspect.

Meisch's opinion was based on the fact that numerous forms appeared to have been completed by the same writer and upon initial examination, addresses on multiple forms were invalid or non-existent.

Meisch investigated further and found that phone numbers on multiple forms were erroneous and signatures on multiple forms didn't appear to match signatures on file with the Department of

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Paul Krugman Is an Arrogant Idiot and He's Worried. Good!

By Jim Lakely

New York Times columnist Paul Krugman is an idiot when it comes to economics, his supposed area of expertise. Who can forget these doozies: the stock market will "never recover" from Trump's election (2016); the internet will have "no greater impact than the fax machine" (1998); we need "a housing bubble to replace the Nasdaq bubble" (2002).

But Krugman is an even bigger dolt when the subject he tries to cover is climate. Krugman's August 7 column titled "Climate Is Now a Culture War Issue" contains glaring errors in virtually every paragraph. Again, this is not surprising, coming from Krugman. But here's a proper fact check that his editors (does he even have any?) at The New York Times let slip through, or maybe they kept in because it serves their leftist climate agenda.

Paragraph 1: Understanding climate denial used to seem easy: It was all about greed. Delve into the background of a researcher challenging the scientific consensus, a think tank trying to block climate action or a politician pronouncing climate change a hoax and you would almost always find major financial backing from the fossil fuel industry.

False. The Heartland Institute has featured hundreds of climate scientists and policy experts at our 15 International Conferences on Climate Change. The strongest and most-esteemed scientists who have lectured at them – people like Richard Lindzen, William Gray, Robert Carter, Sebastian Lüning, Patrick Michaels, Stephen McIntyre, Ross McKitrick, Ian Plimer, and I could go on and on – have no "major backing from the fossil fuel industry."

But, even if they did, an intellectually honest person would relish debating and disputing their research and opinions on the merits. Many climate alarmists and their outfits get funding from green energy sources, or government agencies with a vested interest in pushing panic and "green energy." But that is apparently not a problem. How about we declare it not a problem on both sides and hash out the science and policy? (I make that offer knowing the other side would never accept it, but I make it with all sincerity.)

Paragraph 3: True, greed is still a major factor in anti-environmentalism. But climate denial has also become a front in the culture wars, with right-wingers rejecting the science in part because they dislike science in general and opposing action against emissions out of visceral opposition to anything liberals support.

False. Greed is also a factor in what passes for environmentalism these days. American "green energy" oligarchs have their paws all over the "Inflation Reduction Act" for the hundreds of millions in handouts to see who can be the next Solyndra – cash in and cash out while producing nothing of value.

"Right wingers" don't "dislike science in general." They oppose junk science as well as the economy- and freedom-killing "climate remedies" liberals support such as banning gas stoves, outlawing the internal combustion engine, and mandating expensive electric cars. Liberals insist we must electrify everything while at the same time shutting down reliable and affordable coal and natural gas plants and not replacing them with sufficient baseload energy. Wind and solar cannot ever produce enough reliable energy to sustain our economy and quality of life.

Paragraph 4: And this cultural dimension of climate arguments has emerged at the worst possible moment — a moment when both the extreme danger from unchecked emissions and the path toward slashing those emissions are clearer than ever.

False. There is no "extreme danger from unchecked emissions," though the path he advocates is clear: expensive "green energy" that doesn't work, is exponentially more expensive, and will destroy the U.S. economy.

Paragraph 5: Some background: Scientists who began warning decades ago that the rising concentration of greenhouse gases in Earth's atmosphere would have dangerous effects on the climate have been overwhelmingly vindicated.

False. No, they haven't. To cite just a few prominent examples, the snows of Kilimanjaro are still there, the West Side Highway in New York City is not underwater, and the world is not 3 degrees Celsius warmer in 2020 than it was in 1987. For a regular examination of failed climate predictions, browse ClimateRealism.com and JunkScience.com

Paragraph 6: Worldwide, July was the hottest month on record, with devastating heat waves in many parts of the globe. Extreme weather events are proliferating. Florida is essentially sitting in a hot bath, with ocean temperatures off some of its coast higher than body temperature.

False. July was not "the hottest month on record." Extreme weather events are not proliferating, they are declining – whether you're talking about heat waves, hurricanes, tornadoes, or even wildfires. And Florida is not "sitting in a hot bath."

Paragraph 7: At the same time, technological progress in renewable energy has made it possible to envisage major reductions in emissions at little or no cost in terms of economic growth and living standards.

False. The proposed methods to achieve "major reductions in emissions" would come at enormous cost to economic growth and living standards.

Paragraph 8: Back in 2009, when Democrats tried but failed to take significant climate action, their policy proposals consisted mainly of sticks — limits on emissions in the form of permits that businesses could buy and sell. In 2022, when the Biden administration finally succeeded in passing a major climate bill, it consisted almost entirely of carrots — tax credits and subsidies for green energy. Yet thanks to the revolution in renewable technology, energy experts believe that this all-gain-no-pain approach will have major effects in reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

False. The "Inflation Reduction Act" was not only a lie in its title and a Trojan horse for the Green New Deal, it is laughable to call it "all gain, no pain." And this sacrifice by America – while we have for years been reducing our carbon dioxide emissions more than any large economy on earth – will not reduce global greenhouse gas emissions because China and India, to name just two countries, are dramatically growing their emissions. China's emissions alone now surpass that of the United States, United Kingdom, Canada, and all of the European Union combined.

Paragraph 10: What's behind this destructive effort? Well, Project 2025 appears to have been largely devised by the usual suspects — fossil-fueled think tanks like the Heartland Institute and the Competitive Enterprise Institute that have been crusading against climate science and climate action for many years.

False. The Heartland Institute is not a "fossil-fueled" think tank. Our annual budget is around $4 million a year – which is the amount Big Green nonprofits lose in their couch cushions – and only one percent of our 2022 funding came from any corporations at all. None of those were fossil fuel companies. The New York Times needs to retract that lie, which is designed to signal to their ignorant readers that any information from the likes of us that counters their preferred climate alarmist narrative is to be discounted.

Whew! Debunking this Krugman piece is more exhausting than usual. As I take this breather, let me point out that out of the first 10 paragraphs of Krugman's garbage column, fully eight of them have blatant lies, mistakes, or smears. I believe that's called "misinformation" in the corporate media parlance. Maybe Facebook should ban it and Google should stop it from showing up on searches.

Literally, the only paragraphs Krugman has written at this point so far in his fantastical narrative that are not soaking with blatant misinformation are the second one in which he pines for the "simpler, more innocent times" when "climate denial" was simply "all about greed," and his description of "Project 2025" in the ninth paragraph – an effort led by Heartland's friends at The Heritage Foundation to have a ready-made agenda for a new Republican president.

Krugman has a good streak going in paragraphs 11 and 12 describing how climate science has "become a front in the culture war" and how conservatives' trust in science has plunged. Those two phenomena are related to the politicization of science by the leftists who run our institutions. Climate scientists, almost all funded by government, have made predictions for decades that have not come true.

But right-leaning people were not reluctant to get their COVID-19 shots because it was "something 'experts' and liberal elites wanted you to do," as Krugman writes. It's obviously more complicated than that, and Americans in a free society should be allowed to have their reasons to be "vaccine hesitant" and not have to explain why.

Some of the most pressing reasons were the fact that the vaccine was rushed, the messaging from bureaucrats was confusing and contradictory, and President Biden immediately imposed an unconstitutional mandate. Let's not also discount the disgraceful behavior by the lefties who control our institutions and culture who bullied and "otherized" anyone who had legitimate questions and doubts about the vaccine – questions and doubts that have been largely vindicated.

Alas, Krugman's "no lies" streak lasted all of two paragraphs. He goes on to characterize broad skepticism of climate alarmism among Republicans as just a way to "offend the elites."

Paragraph 14: Look at the hysterical reaction to potential regulations on gas stoves, and while it's clear that special interests were, um, fueling the fire, there was also a strong culture-war element: The elites want you to get an induction cooktop, but real men cook with gas.

Well, yes. The blowback to the news that elites in our federal bureaucracy have set their disapproving gaze at the humble gas stove was strong. But it's not hysteria. Not when instead of backing off, the Biden administration doubles down with talk of regulating out of existence even more appliances while communities in Krugman's preferred liberal areas like New York and California ban gas appliances in all new construction and renovations.

Krugman writes in Paragraph 15, with some relief: "The fact that the climate war is now part of the culture war worries me, a lot." But Krugman is confident that "special interests" can be "bought off or counterbalanced with other special interests" as we continue "the green transition." Well, Heartland is not bought off, and neither are our allies in the think tank world.

Krugman finally finishes with Paragraph 16:

But such rational if self-interested considerations won't do much to persuade people who believe that green energy is a conspiracy against the American way of life. So the culture war has become a major problem for climate action — a problem we really, really don't need right now.

Green energy might not be a "conspiracy" against the American way of life, but it will destroy it. The push for "green energy" will, for starters: make energy unreliable and prohibitively more expensive; make personal transportation increasingly a luxury of the wealthy; take away the freedom of consumer choice in even the appliances one wants in their home; and more.

If we need to loop climate realism into the "culture war" to push back at that on all fronts, so be it. That's what you get when you smugly think the majority of Americans are living their lives wrong, incorrectly think they are destroying the planet, and arrogantly think you can force the desires of an incompetent elite on the whole of society.



Short Takes

By Ken Van Doren

"Not only is the Universe stranger than we think, it is stranger than we can think." - Werner Heisenberg

"To surrender to ignorance and call it God has always been premature, and it remains premature today."
- Isaac Asimov

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

"A thinker sees his own actions as experiments and questions--as attempts to find out something. Success and failure are for him answers above all."
- Friedrich Nietzsche

"Do you know what we call opinion in the absence of evidence? We call it prejudice."
- Michael Crichton, State of Fear

"We are stuck with technology when what we really want is just stuff that works." - Douglas Adams

"Men occasionally stumble over the truth, but most of them pick themselves up and hurry off as if nothing ever happened." - Winston S. Churchill

"Art is the lie that enables us to realize the truth." - Pablo Picasso

"The truth isn't always beauty, but the hunger for it is." - Nadine Gordimer

"Go to heaven for the climate and hell for the company."
- Benjamin Franklin Wade

"I refuse to answer that question on the grounds that I don't know the answer"
- Douglas Adams

Wisdom to Live By

"Our courage reflects our faith in God. Cowardice confirms a lack of faith in Him."

-Trevor Loudon, spoken during his presentation at the Golden Mast, Okauchee, WI on August 9, 2023



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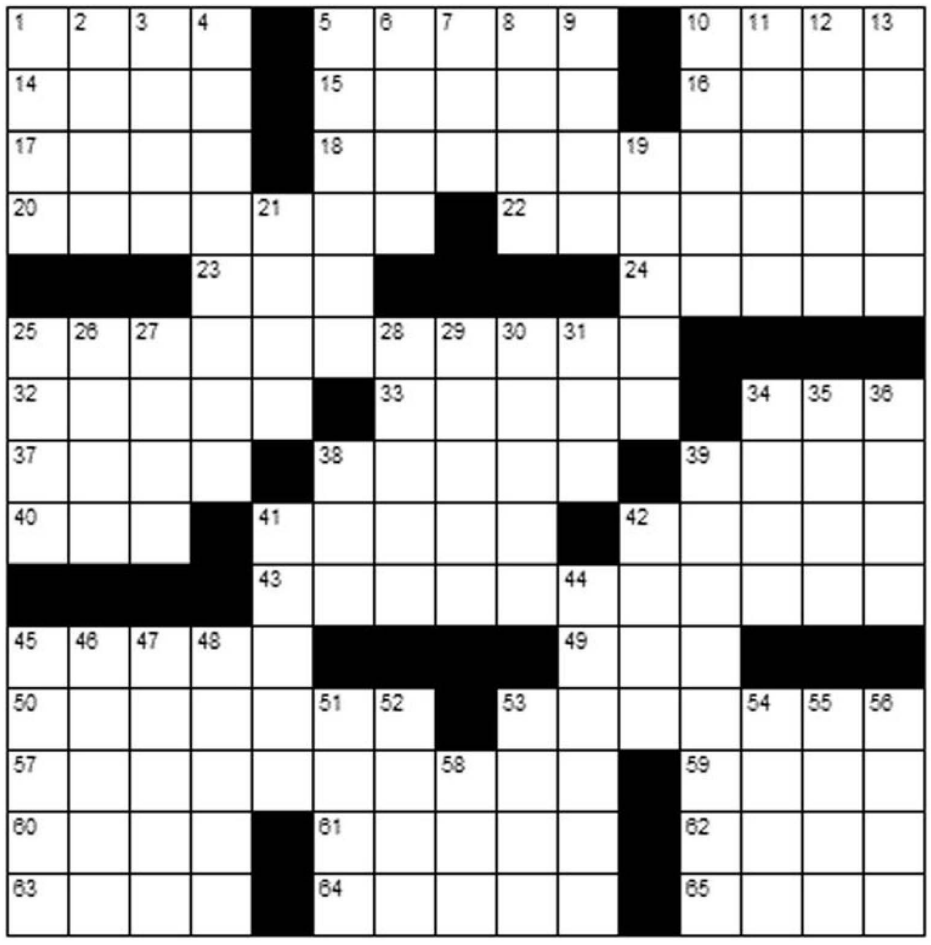
Crossword Puzzler

ACROSS
1. Complain whiningly
5. Unit of capacitance
10. Risqué
14. Food thickener
15. Lyric poem
16. Hodgepodge
17. Graphic symbol
18. Embroidery
20. Climb down
22. Quiet
23. Female sheep
24. Anagram of "Aside"
25. Not stated explicitly
32. Leans
33. Feel
34. Mayday
37. Cards with 1 symbol
38. Tribes
39. The thin fibrous bark
40. Cut down
41. Ganders
42. Femme fatale
43. Confining
45. Muse of love poetry
49. Feline
50. Orgy
53. Progressive
57. Powered by electricity
59. Fully developed
60. Kiln-dried grain
61. Agitated
62. Being
63. Chopping tools
64. Type of knife
65. Bambi was one

DOWN
1. 36 inches
2. Chills and fever
3. Sickens
4. Principles
5. African foxlike animal
6. Copied
7. Caviar
8. Contributes
9. Sandwich shop
10. Propelled with oars
11. By oneself
12. Approximately
13. Pairs of oxen
19. Leave out
21. Female sheep (plural)
25. A D-Day beach
26. Agreeable
27. Killed
28. Small islands
29. Banquet
30. Not outer
31. S
34. Indian dress
35. Not closed
36. Warbled
38. C
39. Giggled
41. A thin mortar
42. Anagram of "Cabs"
44. "Stick" of frozen water
45. Swelling under the skin
46. Unwind
47. Poplar tree
48. Sensitivities
51. Fourth sign of the zodiac
52. Vagabond
53. 53 in Roman numerals
54. Ascend
55. Church alcove
56. Lascivious look
58. At this time



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New Green Energy analysis tears down beliefs about renewables, reveals solar panels to be carbon-intensive



There really isn't any such thing as "green energy," and a new analysis from "Twitter Files" researcher Michael Shellenberger exposes the lies about renewable energy sources in epic fashion.

"People say solar panels don't produce carbon emissions, but they do. And now, a major new investigation by Environmental Progress, drawing on the research of @enricomariutti , finds that solar panels made in China produce at least 3x more carbon emissions than IPCC claims," his Twitter thread begins.

Shellenberger goes on to provide several sources that prove how energy intensive the mining and manufacturing processes are for solar panels and, for that matter, electric vehicles, whose tires produce 20 percent more pollutants than gas-powered vehicles because they are so much heavier.

A rteport cited by Shellenberger noted:

But the majority of experts consulted by Environmental Progress agree that China's competitive advantage did not lie in an innovative new technological process, but rather in the very same factors the country has always used to outcompete the West: cheap coal-fired energy, mass government subsidies for strategic industries, and human labor operating in poor working conditions.

Basic reasoning suggests the manufacturing shift must have added to solar's carbon intensity. But as Environmental Progress has learned, nobody in the carbon counting world

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Dominion hides huge offshore wind cost risk

By David Wojick

The offshore wind industry is suffering a runaway cost crisis, but Dominion Energy says the cost of its monster project will not go up. Apparently, there is not even a risk of it going up. This preposterous claim is worth exploring.

On the crisis side, I recently wrote about it in general terms. See my https://www.cfact.org/2023/07/26/offshore-wind-has-a-cost-crisis/.

The financial magazine "Barrons" has done some work on this crisis situation. Here is a telling quote from a recent article:

"But behind the scenes, the news about wind power is more sobering. Financially, the industry is teetering, with a parade of companies planning to renegotiate or pull out of contracts, jeopardizing plans for projects that were expected to provide electricity for millions of homes. Inflation is erasing profits, causing some of the largest energy firms in the world to back away. "Returns on offshore wind are becoming more and more challenged," Shell CEO Wael Sawan told Barron's last month, just days after a Shell joint venture said it would pull out of a power contract in Massachusetts. Shell won't build renewable projects that can't earn initial returns of 6% to 8%, he said.

At least eight multinational companies in three states have quietly started to back out of wind contracts or ask to renegotiate deals in ways that will pass more costs to consumers. Beyond Shell (ticker: SHEL), they include BP (BP), Denmark's Orsted(DNNGY), Norway's Equinor (EQNR), Spain's Iberdrola (IBDRY), Portugal's Energias de Portugal (EDPFY), and France's Engie (ENGIY) and state-owned Electricite de France. The projects those companies are building will collectively cost tens of billions of dollars to construct and connect to the grid. The cost problems they're facing make offshore wind a dicey investment proposition today, with the potential for substantial write-downs ahead."

"Financially, the industry is teetering" has an ominous ring to it. This is truly serious for the companies involved in offshore wind, especially the developers.

Dominion Energy is developing one of the biggest American offshore wind projects, a 2,600 MW monster. It will lie out from Norfolk Naval Base (the world's largest), and Virginia Beach, the state's biggest city.

Dominion has estimated the project cost at just under $10 billion. One would expect the cost crisis to increase substantially. In fact, the cost increase typically cited by other industry players is a whopping 40%.

But in Dominion's latest 6-month status report, submitted just this May, they amazingly predict no cost increase at all. This astounding prediction is then repeated in a July submission (or basically right now), which incorporates the May report by reference.

Thre is no public discussion of risk in the May status submission. There may be some admission of risk, but most of that submission is kept secret.

Here is how veteran Dominion watcher Steve Haner reported this strange secrecy in the great Virginia-focused blog called "Bacon's Rebellion":

"Dominion Energy Virginia's first wave of offshore wind remains on schedule, and within the announced capital cost of $9.8 billion; and the cost per unit of the energy from the turbines will be lower than initially projected, the utility reported last week."

"Details? Well, many of those are secrets. Much of the brief report the utility filed with State Corporation Commission remains redacted, with large blocks covered by black ink. The redacted data involves reports from an affiliate corporation, Blue Ocean Energy Marine LLC. There apparently is also another document 'filed under seal under separate cover.'

"Finally, Dominion refers to an Excel file that includes all the data on the new levelized cost of energy (LCOE) calculations which was posted to a shared eRoom. The password is available only to the SCC and case parties who signed non-disclosure agreements, reports the SCC's communications director in response to a query about access for Bacon's Rebellion."

Potential cost overruns are a sensitive topic for this monster project because there are rules over who will pay for them. Any increase taking the cost up to $10.3 billion is split 50-50 between Dominion and their customers. But beyond and up to $13.7 billion, Dominion pays it all. Beyond that, who pays what will be up to the SCC.

By an amazing coincidence, $13.7 billion is a 40% increase in cost, which now looks entirely possible. If that happened, Dominion would be on the hook for almost $4 billion, a big risk indeed.

I can find no public disclosure of this risk to the public, to investors, or to the Virginia or Federal Authorities that oversee this monster project.

Even if Dominion already has fixed-price future contracts for all the construction and equipment, the risk is still there. As Barrons says: "Financially, the industry is teetering, with a parade of companies planning to renegotiate or pull out of contracts, jeopardizing plans for projects…"

Under these dire circumstances, all long-term, big-dollar contracts are risky. Companies go bankrupt or renege to keep from going bankrupt. Contracts rendered ruinous by cost increases will simply not be met.

I understand this kind of big-dollar risk must be publicly disclosed to stockholders and potential investors. Maybe the SEC should be looking at Dominion's handling of this huge risk. So should Virginia.

Cobalt Carnage *cont. from page 1*

Demand will reach stratospheric heights if governments remain obsessed with climate change and Net Zero. States and nations would have to switch to electric cars, trucks, buses and tractors; end coal and gas electricity generation; convert gas furnaces, water heaters and stoves to electricity; and provide alternative power for windless, sunless periods. Electricity generation would triple or quadruple.

Weather-dependent wind turbines and solar panels would require billions of battery modules, to stabilize power grids and avoid blackouts every time wind and sunshine don't cooperate.

All that Net Zero transformation equipment – plus transmission lines, substations and transformers – will require billions of tons of cobalt, lithium, copper, nickel, graphite, iron, aluminum, rare earths and other raw materials at scales unprecedented in human history. That will necessitate mining, ore processing, manufacturing, land disruption and pollution at equally unprecedented levels.

Just President Biden's first tranche of US offshore wind turbines (30,000 megawatts by 2030) will require some 110,000 tons of copper, for the turbines alone. Transmission lines, transformers and batteries are extra. Based on average global ore concentrations, getting that copper would require extracting 40,000,000 tons of surface rock (overburden) and 25,000,000 tons of copper ore.

But those 2,500 12-megawatt 800-foot-tall turbines would provide barely enough electricity to power New York state on a hot summer day, if the wind is blowing, and before its Net Zero mandates kick in.

However, the Biden Administration opposes mining in the United States – even for essential Net Zero materials; even under stringent US pollution, workplace safety and mined-land reclamation regulations. The President's horse-blindered Secretary of the Interior has vetoed mining for materials in Alaska, Minnesota and almost anywhere critical metals and minerals might be found.

The Administration is laser-focused on ending the "climate crisis" by switching to "clean" energy. It has few qualms about importing the critically needed materials from foreign countries, primarily China – regardless of economic, defense, national security, ecological or human rights implications. It just wants the dirty aspects of "clean" energy far away and out of sight.

Cobalt mining involves unimaginable horrors. Cobalt Red, by Nottingham University associate professor of modern slavery Siddharth Kara, exposes the excruciating realities that Stop Oil and Net Zero campaigners strive to keep buried – along with the bodies of parents and children killed in cave-ins or dying slowly and painfully after being maimed or poisoned in cobalt mines.

Professor Kara took multiple trips to the Democratic Republic of Congo, risking his health and life to document conditions for desperate Africans in a region that holds 72% of the world's known supplies of cobalt. He estimates that 70% of this cobalt (half the world's entire supply) involves some measure of child labor, while much of the rest involves near-slave labor.

The DRC's once-verdant southeastern corner hosts the largest, most accessible, highest grade cobalt ore deposits known on Earth. For EV buyers, Net Zero aficionados, and corporate and government elites, the land is blessed with cobalt interspersed with copper, other Net Zero metals, uranium, chromium, gold and silver. For those toiling at the bottom of the Congo food chain, the land is cursed with those metals.

In DRC mines, "labor is valued by the penny, life hardly at all," Kara says. Miners in its big industrial mines get somewhat decent working conditions, medical care and pay (perhaps $10 per day).

But almost one-third of Congo cobalt is gouged from the earth by artisanal miners: men and women, and boys and girls as young as six. They and their families live and work in a treeless "hellscape of craters and tunnels patrolled by maniacs with guns."

Noxious clouds of gas permeate air that even infants must breathe. Families fish, play and bathe in – and drink from – rivers and lakes contaminated with metals and industrial chemicals.

They labor ten to twelve hours a day in sweltering heat and toxic mud, water and dust, in enormous pits hundreds of feet deep – hacking at rocky walls and in long, narrow tunnels that collapse with frightening frequency. Injured miners may get initial medical care; then nothing.

In some areas, their clothing and skin are covered with mustard-colored dust – dried sulfuric acid from processing the ores. Almost everywhere, breast, kidney and lung cancers are rising, because adults, children and babies are exposed constantly to heavy metals and uranium in everything around them. High lead levels cause permanent neurological damage.

15-year-old Muteba hobbled on crutches, his shattered, mangled legs dangling below his skinny waist. He was the only survivor from a cave-in that buried his brother and six others alive. 16-year-old Makano fell into a pit, broke and gashed his leg and hip, and was left with a festering, infected wound that desperately required antibiotics and medical attention he was unlikely to

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"Save the whales" CFACT boats protest offshore wind construction



By Craig Rucker

The coalition, organized by the Committee for a Constructive Tomorrow, sent out three boats to South Fork Wind Farm, roughly 20 miles from both Martha's Vineyard and Montauk, NY, holding signs that read "STOP WINDMILLS SAVE WHALES" while shouting through a bullhorn at machinery operators to halt construction.

"Since offshore wind operations began in 2016, there is a disturbing number of whales washing up dead on beaches along the Eastern shores, and it is shocking to see how quickly utilities are willing to rush to construct them," the group's president, Craig Rucker, told The Post in a statement. "Their motto is almost like, 'Damn the Whales, full steam ahead.'"

"In addition, these wind farms could wreak havoc on fishermen and their industry by disrupting the ecosystem from which they derive their livelihood," he said. "We're calling attention to all this by going on-site to the location of these destructive monstrosities and urging the operators to cease and desist in their reckless mission to deface our Eastern shores."

The Biden Administration's rush to spend billions on offshore wind is a colossal mistake.

Federal regulators are blowing right past their watchdog roles without fully understanding the threat wind platforms pose to endangered whales and other precious marine life. They are blind to the unusual sight of whale carcasses washing up on our beaches.

Massive offshore wind construction is industrializing our unspoiled coast, to the detriment of marine life, fishermen, boaters and all who treasure our oceans.

To top it all off, these monstrosities are short-lived and generate mountains of waste that cannot be recycled. Their footprint is massively dirty. In addition, Europe has already proven that wind turbines are a TERRIBLE way to generate electricity! Wind power is intermittent and inefficient. When the wind does blow, the capacity to store any power they produce does not exist.

CFACT calls on federal regulators to halt offshore wind construction and fully evaluate the harm offshore wind can cause to whales, marine life, people and our power grid.



CFACT's offshore save the whales from wind turbines protest

By Craig Rucker

It is crucial to call immediate attention to the Biden Administration's tragic offshore wind folly.



The rush to cash in on billions in wasteful spending and energy mandates is full on. Federal regulators are acting not as cautious watchdogs, but as reckless spendthrifts. The Biden Administration has no regard for the damage they are doing to our marine environment, our economy and our power grid.

CFACT boarded boats plastered with pleas to stop the madness and protect endangered whales and headed out to the behemoths despoiling the ocean.

We engaged the construction crews and hit them with the hard facts about the harm they are causing of which they may well have been unaware.

"NOAA fisheries have given out thousands of 'takes' for marine mammals, this is ludicrous!" We informed them.

"Are you trying to kill the planet to 'save' it? It makes no sense! This is insanity. Please stop!"

"Stop pile driving now! It is inexcusable! There are only 350 right whales left and your operation is putting them in harm!"

"STOP WIND, SAVE WHALES!"

Together we must spread the word and wake the public up to the damage being done up and down America's previously unspoiled East Coast.

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receive.

There are thousands more like them – maimed, paralyzed, disfigured or dead.

"Fair living" wages? Male artisanal miners receive around $2-4 a day – for output that might reach two 90-pound (40-kilogram) sacks of heterogenite cobalt ore. Women and children are typically paid half that, regardless of how much they produce or the purity of the ore they mine.

Those who disobey mine overseers can get "locked in a shipping container with no food or water for up to two days." At Kanina, two boys who tried to get more than the usual pittance for their 65-pound bags of ore were gunned down – murdered – by security guards.

"Here it is better not to be born," a mother lamented. A miner reflected, "Here we work in our graves." Of course we fear the dangers, said another, "but if we do not work, we do not eat."

And still mining, tech and EV companies, ESG investment firms, politicians and climate zealots tell us they require and ensure "responsible sourcing" of Net Zero supply chains, good wages, safe working environments, and prevention of child labor and slavery. What indifferent, self-serving fraud.

No DRC buyer knows or cares where a quantity of cobalt ore came from, under what conditions it was mined, or whether children dug it out. The entire marketplace is designed to collect and mix ores from formal industrial mines and legal or illegal artisanal operations – making it impossible to trace sources or tell whether child slaves or brutal militias were involved.

At least one marketplace is a remote night operation that can have no other purpose "than to launder artisanally mined cobalt into the formal supply chain completely our of view." Every mixed load of ore is then thrown into acid baths for initial processing – before being sent out of country, mostly to China.

We hear much about reparations for descendants of American slaves – but little about reparations for Native Americans, and zilch about compensating these modern-day slaves.

Nor do we hear from billionaires like Bill Gates, John Kerry, Mark Zuckerberg, George Soros and Michael Bloomberg. They lavishly fund "climate crisis" and "clean energy" campaigns. Have they spent one dime bringing decent wages, working conditions, living standards and medical care to Congo's miners?

These human rights issues should top their charitable giving – and the agenda for anyone promoting the climate crisis, ESG, Net Zero and batteries, especially President Biden, Senator Sheldon Whitehouse and UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres.

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Spontaneous Combustion: A Serious Product Defect



By John Hinderaker

Why do electric car batteries frequently burst into flame? In my opinion, EVs are essentially an obsolete technology even without this glaring flaw. But those who are trying to force them down our throats should be made to explain why this isn't a serious issue.

Most recently, a cargo ship called the Fremantle Highway burned out of control in the North Sea due to a fire caused by an electric battery:

The race is on to prevent the sinking of a cargo ship off the Dutch coast which is carrying almost 3,000 vehicles, including 350 Mercedes-Benz, as it burns out of control with an electric car believed to be behind the deadly fire.

At least one crew member died and others were injured after fire ripped through the Fremantle Highway, a 18,500-ton car-carrying vessel. Rescue helicopters and boats evacuated 23 crew members from the Panamanian-registered ship.

Officials have said there are 'many' wounded.

Other ships rescued crew members, sprayed water on the fire to try to put it out, and attempted to tow the Fremantle Highway to safety.

Early reports described the ship's cargo:

The cargo ship was transporting 2,857 cars from Bremen, Germany to Port Said, Egypt, 25 of which were electric cars. It was one of the electric cars that caught fire, a spokesperson for the coastguard told Reuters.

But that turned out to be wrong:

Not only are there more cars aboard than previously reported, revised to up to 3,783 from the previous figure of 2,857, but Fremantle Highway's electric vehicle (EV) contingent of 498 is far higher than the 25 initially reported.

This is not the first time a cargo ship transporting electric vehicles has caught on fire:

This means batteries made up a higher proportion of the vessel's cargo than on Felicity Ace, a car carrier which sank mid-Atlantic after catastrophic fires last year carrying only 281 EVs.

It is sometimes said that EV batteries are likely to spontaneously combust if they have been damaged, but that apparently isn't what happened here:

Following the loss of Felicity Ace, safety measures were taken throughout the car carrier sector, including K-Line compatriot MOL refusing to load used or damaged electric cars. This, however, would not have saved Fremantle Highway as all the vehicles on the ship are reportedly new.

The latest word is that the fire on the Fremantle Highway is pretty much out, and authorities are trying to find a destination to which the ship can be towed.

Meanwhile, one person is dead and considerably more injured, and the financial loss will be large. Normally it would not be possible to market a product that carries a material risk of spontaneous combustion. Regulatory authorities wouldn't permit it, and if the product found its way into use its manufacturer would be deluged with lawsuits. Are EVs such political favorites that this kind of risk will be tolerated? Perhaps by regulators and government authorities, but not by plaintiffs' lawyers.



Druze residents protesting a wind project near the village of Majdal Shams in the Golan heights, June 21, 2023. Photo credit: Israel police.

Massive Riots, Renewable Resentments

By Robert Bryce

The warnings about the landscape-destroying sprawl of wind and solar energy have been coming for nearly two decades. The warnings have come from some of the world's most prominent scientists, government agencies, and energy analysts.

Unfortunately, those warnings were ignored. And now, all over the world, rural people are reacting with fury at the encroachment of large wind and solar projects on their homes and neighborhoods. The backlash has been ongoing for years and can be seen from the Golan Heights to Oahu. Of course, the backlash against the energy sprawl that frequently comes with large-scale renewable projects doesn't fit the narrative being pushed by climate activists, anti-industry NGOs, and their myriad allies at legacy media outlets.

Despite the dearth of honest reporting from outlets like the New York Times and National Public Radio, the backlash is irrefutable, it's growing, and it's happening on multiple continents. In June, thousands of Druze residents in the Golan Heights rioted to stop the installation of a large wind project on their traditional lands. Last month, Australia's largest farmers union said it wanted a moratorium on new solar projects. In May, a wind project in Colombia being pushed by the Italian company, Enel, was canceled after it met fierce opposition from the indigenous Wayuu communities.

Meanwhile, here in the U.S., over the last 10 days, local governments in Illinois, Ohio, and Iowa have rejected or restricted wind and solar projects. Those moves bring the total number of rejections or restrictions in the Renewable Rejection Database to 574.

I'll dive into the details of what's happening in Israel, Australia, Colombia, and places like Erie County, Ohio, in a moment. First, it's essential to put these land-use conflicts into historical context. And that requires a review of the warnings about renewables and land use that have been made over the past two decades. For instance, in 2004, Jesse Ausubel, the director of the Program for the Human Environment at Rockefeller University, declared that "Solar and the so-called renewables are not green when considered on the large scales required."

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Arguably its most insane element is the plan to introduce batteries to backup wind and solar power for windless periods or when it is cloudy (or at night). In its all-encompassing and nonsensical plan to 'stop global warming,' the City has adopted short, mid, and long-term greenhouse gas reduction targets based on 2012 levels. The brain trust at the city actually think they can, and will, reduce Community emissions by 100 per cent by 2050, and city operations emissions by 100% by 2040. All this in a city of one million souls with temperatures often down to minus 30 degrees Celsius.

The magnitude of the "renewable" energy projects that Ottawa plans to engage in to meet its net-zero targets are astonishing: 36 square kilometres of rooftop solar will be required, a 161,485% increase over today's levels, 710 industrial wind turbines, each taller than the Peace Tower, and 122 large shipping containers of lithium batteriesfor power storage. Each of these projects will be devastating to the City.

To reduce emissions by 100% by 2050, we would need enough electricity storage for renewable power to meet demand and offset emissions on the provincial power grid. The model relied upon by the City indicates that the following will be needed:

Solar photovoltaic (PV) reaches 1,060 MW by 2050 (approximately 36 km2 of solar PV47)

Wind generation reaches 3,218 MW by 2050 (approximately 710 large scale turbines)

310 MW of local energy storage by 2030 and 612 MW by 2050 (122 large shipping containers of lithium batteries)

It is extremely expensive to provide bulk electricity storage using batteries as well as inefficient. David Wojick, a Virginia-based Ph.D. in the logic and philosophy of science, explains in his article "California secretly struggles with renewables" (January 19, 2021):

"California has hooked up a grid battery system that is almost ten times bigger than the previous world record holder, but when it comes to making renewables reliable it is so small it might as well not exist. The new battery array is rated at a storage capacity of 1,200 megawatt hours (MWh); easily eclipsing the record holding 129 MWh Australian system built by Tesla a few years ago. However, California peaks at a whopping 42,000 MW. If that happened on a hot, low wind night this supposedly big battery would keep the lights on for just 1.7 minutes (that's 103 seconds) …The U.S. Energy Information Administration reports that grid scale battery systems have averaged around $1.5 million a MWh over the last few years. At that price this trivial piece of storage cost just under TWO BILLION DOLLARS. At 103 seconds of peak storage that is about $18,000,000 a second. Money for nothing."

These huge expenses are not only unwarranted, but futile in providing power to a large city. While California can benefit from air conditioning in its hot summers, Ottawa requires dependable very high-quality heat in its bitterly cold winters. It truly becomes a matter of life or death, especially for the elderly or those with illnesses who are susceptible to the cold.

Moreover, storage of renewable energy has never been achieved on a large scale before, and it would thus be irresponsible to attempt it without further research. Professor Jacques Treiner, Associate researcher at LIED (Université Paris-Diderot), says that:

"Today when it comes to using renewable energies on a large scale, we don't know how to store energy. If we knew how to do it, on the days of high production, we would stock it and we would use it during moments of low production. But we do not know how to do that on a massive scale. And so, we cannot, at the moment, envisage an electrical mix that is 100% renewable energy."

The low-capacity contributions for wind and solar power mean that large quantities of back-up power are require if we are to avoid daily blackouts. With today's technology, significant bulk battery storage of electricity is impractical and extremely expensive. Currently, the use of bulk energy storage by batteries increases the cost of delivered electricity by 10 times the cost of the renewable generation itself. We have to ask if the citizens of Ottawa, and indeed, any city introducing similar climate change plans, are prepared to cover this expense.

Most electric batteries are lithium based and rely on a mix of rare earth metals and cobalt, manganese, nickel, and graphite. Such materials require massive amounts of energy to mine, transport, process, and refine, far greater than the extraction and transport of oil and natural gas. Mining and mineral processing also require large volumes of water and can pose contamination risks from mine drainage and wastewater discharge.

When mining rare earth metals, about 90% of what is pulled up from the ground contains uranium, thorium, and other radioactive nuclides. This radioactive waste can pose serious risks if it is not properly disposed of. In China, for example, champion of rare earth metals, in Heilongjiang province, a carpet of toxic dust covers agricultural regions.

China controls most of the lithium and cobalt, both important components of solar panels, wind turbines, and batteries, which are often produced with child labor and near-slave labor, with practically no health, safety, or environmental safeguards.

ICSC-Canada Economics/Policy Advisor Robert Lyman explained:

"A recent United Nations report warned that the raw materials used in EV batteries are highly concentrated in a small number of countries where environmental, labor and safety regulations are weak or non-

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Are Greens Overplaying Their Hand?

By Craig Rucker

The Green movement has a long history of rubbing people the wrong way. In some cases, it was perhaps for the public good, like starting campaigns to stop littering and save whales. In other cases, it was just plain patronizing, like telling parents to ditch disposable diapers and keep their thermostats set to 65 degrees in winter.

These days, however, the eco-crowd has taken everything to a whole new level of busybody.

The "climate crisis" is the purported justification cited as to why we all need to change our behaviors – and there can be no deviation. Citizens are expected to acquiesce to their whims simply because they shout "the world will end in five years", as Greta Thunberg did in 2018. In many respects, Green extremists feel the public should submit to the same way they bowed to two-year COVID masking and lockdown diktats.

But their list of demands has gotten overbearing. So much so, in fact, that one must believe they will soon overplay their hand and face considerable public backlash. Indeed, they already have in many instances, but it's worth taking a look at just a few of their recent irksome moves that have made news.

Ditch gas stoves, water heaters and furnaces – In some cases, like gas stoves, Greens want them banned outright. In other cases, like water heaters and furnaces, they want the appliances regulated under new federal rules for nearly impossible 95% efficiency. Many electric replacements will require expensive rewiring of homes and neighborhoods, and heat pumps that don't work well in frigid weather.

Ban wood-burning pizza ovens – Politicians in the Big Apple want to force popular restaurants and pizzerias to install outrageously expensive "pollution" controls systems to reduce their "excessive carbon footprint" and reduce air pollution. Environmentalists don't seem to care this is enormously unpopular with average New Yorkers. They seem intent to push their agenda or the common Joe, even if data suggests each oven would have to bake pizzas 24/7 for nearly 850 years to equal the annual carbon dioxide emissions from the private jets that Biden Climate Emissary John Kerry uses to avoid commercial airlines.

Eliminate short-range domestic flights — France is already doing what climate activists in other countries have long demanded, namely to bar people from taking domestic flights if they can make the same trip by train in under two-and-a-half hours. Similar restrictions may be coming soon to an airport near you!

Put the kibosh on fireworks – The city of Los Angeles canceled this year's Fourth of July fireworks along the Pacific coast to reduce smoke, greenhouse gas emissions, and plastic debris that might pollute ocean waters. For environmentalists, there's apparently no time to celebrate when their computer models forecast the end is neigh.

Put a freeze on using ice cubes — Scientific American magazine says cocktails should be made with less ice. Current recipes are "unsustainable," it asserts, because making 200-300 pounds of ice per bar each day requires too much water and energy, and flying or shipping limes and liquors from around the world wastes carbon-spewing fuel.

Scrap your vehicles — All new cars and trucks, they insist, should be electric by 2030 or 2035. But despite subsidies, resistance to electric vehicles has shown itself to be stubborn. Maybe that's because EVs cost far more than conventional vehicles and can only travel relatively short distances on hours-long charges. But all that is irrelevant to the extremists. No, we must all make the changes they demand for the sake of our future, even if it means EV batteries are produced using child and slave labor and can catch fire if damaged or overheated.

Climate autocrats are clearly attacking our lifestyles. But why shouldn't they be emboldened to do so? For years they've also been attacking and insulting our intelligence and have never been rebuffed.

They've sold many to believe we face an unprecedented climate crisis – on a planet that's survived repeated ice ages, decades-long droughts and extreme-weather catastrophes for billions of years.

They've hoodwinked many to believe unilateral U.S. actions will stabilize Earth's temperature and weather –all the while giving a pass to China, India, and other emerging economic powerhouses that continue burning more oil, coal, and natural gas every year at record levels.

And they've gotten many to accept that our nation should lock up its bounteous fossil fuels, and make our energy, economy, and military almost totally dependent on metals and minerals from China.

Yes, to be sure the current situation is a bit aggravating. But perhaps there's a light at the end of the tunnel. If the Greens actually do succeed in implementing their intrusive agenda, maybe then, and only then, will the public finally rise up and begin to question their baseless claims and harebrained schemes. Well, at least one can hope.

Biden's new crackdown on another appliance will be worse than gas stoves

By Ben Lieberman

We have seen a big consumer backlash in 2023 over Biden administration bureaucrats targeting gas stoves, but that could pale in comparison to the coming anger over costly air conditioning regulations.

In fact, that has already begun, making this unusually hot summer even more unpleasant for homeowners needing air conditioner repairs. And things could get downright ugly starting next summer.

The Environmental Protect Agency (EPA) just announced a 40% production cut in 2024 for hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), the widely used class of refrigerants being targeted for their claimed contribution to climate change. As it is, the modest 10% cut in force today has already caused many HFCs to triple in price, including HFC-410a which is used in most home air conditioners.

EXPERTS WARN BIDEN ADMIN'S WATER HEATER CRACKDOWN WILL HIKE PRICES, REDUCE CONSUMER CHOICE.

As a result, replacing refrigerant lost from a leak has cost millions of homeowners at least $150-$200 more than it used to. But next summer, stricter production quotas will be in effect, likely sending refrigerant costs through the roof — and repair costs with them.

EPA regulators are targeting new systems too. A pending rule would outlaw all but the most climate-friendly, new central air-conditioners by 2025. Doing so is strongly supported by the air conditioning equipment makers who see an opportunity to skew the market towards their pricier models.

It would be bad enough if EPA were the only federal agency that has it in for affordable air conditioning, but the Department of Energy (DOE) is just as bad. DOE has a track record for concocting energy efficiency regulations for air conditioners and other appliances that boost a homeowner's up-front cost so much that it may never get earned back in the form of energy savings.

Perhaps the worst of them, created at the end of the Obama administration and taking effect on January 1 of this year, has caused prices for new central air conditioning systems to spike by up to $1,000, according to several installers.

And the agency is already in the early stages of devising an even tougher rule. Separate rulemakings also target window unit air conditioners and other categories of cooling systems.

What explains the anti-homeowner tilt? Like much of the nonsense coming from Washington these days, it's based on the Energy Department's "need to confront the global climate crisis."

Indeed, beyond air conditioners and stoves, Biden's regulators are going after furnaces, incandescent light bulbs, washing machines, refrigerators, dishwashers, ceiling fans, water heaters and other home appliances.

Hardly any room in your house will be spared, and each proposed new regulation asserts that the climate-related benefits help justify the extra cost. All of this meddling is bad news for consumers, but the measures targeting air conditioners will likely prove to be the worst of the bunch.

The one-two punch of both EPA and DOE aiming their red tape at air conditioners has already boosted the cost of staying cool this summer, and starting next year the homeowner pain could be every bit as unbearable as the heat.

Think megawatt hours of gasoline

By David Wojick

The energy content of gasoline and other fuels is usually measured in Btu, or kilojoules if you are metric. But it can also be done in kilowatt or megawatt hours. Fuel energy and electric energy are both energy, after all.

Given the Biden rush to electrify all fuel use, this way of measuring helps make clear the fantasy of that policy. The amount of electricity required to replace ordinary fuel uses is enormous.

In fact, this conversion issue is staring us in the face. A recent CFACT article points out that EPA proposes to regulate at cross purposes. They want to force us to switch to electric cars while at the same time shutting down fossil-fueled power production.

See https://www.cfact.org/2023/07/30/epas-power-grid-assumptions-are-disconnected-from-reality/.

As my regular readers know, I am focused on Virginia, so let's take it as our example. The reality is complex, but we will keep it simple enough to see the stark general picture.

According to EIA, Virginia's estimated 2021 gasoline consumption is around 440 trillion Btu. The conversion is 3,412,000 btu = 1 MWh. So that is about 130 million MWh in gasoline energy. Also, in 2021 Virginia's electric power generation is 93.5 million MWh.

So the gasoline energy is 1.4 times the total power generation. That's a lot, right? If it takes this much energy to power our cars and light trucks, then we need to build generation capacity that is almost one and a half times our present generation to make the transition. We also need to build the costly transmission, distribution, and charging capacity to deliver all that juice to the EVs.

I have yet to see the cost estimate for all of this, but clearly, it is huge. And if we are also supposed to shut down most of our existing generating capacity because it is fossil-fueled, that is surely impossible. I have seen no plan that even begins to seriously address this issue, just a lot of empty arm-waving.

Mind you, a real analysis would get pretty technical pretty fast. For example, car engines are only around 40% efficient. So one might argue that only 40% of that 130 million MWh, or 52 million, is needed to run the electric version. That is still well over half of the present generation.

But the electric power and electric car system is also far from 100% efficient. There are line losses, storage losses, motor losses, etc. So if 52 million MWh has to be used, then a lot more has to be generated. Plus EVs are a lot heavier, so take more energy.

Then too, there is the unanswered question of where all this new juice is going to come from if fossil-fueled generation is not allowed, or only allowed with energy-intensive carbon capture bolted on. This absurd target is a separate issue that megawatt hours of gasoline clearly raises.

And this is just gasoline. The Biden goal is to electrify as much fossil fuel use as possible, including that used to generate electricity.

Natural gas is a real whopper. EIA says Virginia's 2021 consumption was about 700 trillion Btu, or getting toward twice as much as gasoline. And many gas uses are efficient. Distillate oil, including diesel and heating oil, is another 200 trillion Btu or so. Even coal is around 70 trillion Btu.

One can do this megawatt-hour analysis for every State (or Country). The consumption data for each State is here: https://www.eia.gov/state/. The power generation data is here: https://www.eia.gov/electricity/state/.

These are enormous numbers. As the Beatles sang: We'd all like to see the Plan.



BOMBSHELL: FDA Admits Guidance on Ivermectin was Illegal, Invokes 'Sovereign Immunity' for Misleading Statements (& Crimes Against Humanity)

By 2nd Smartest Guy in the World

This Substack has chronicled the illegal war on PSYOP-19 early treatment therapies by the very perpetrators of the "pandemic," and their associated criminal mandates. It is no surprise that the most vilified early treatment repurposed drug Ivermectin has also been by far the most effective:

Ivermectin is perhaps the single best treatment not just for PSYOP-19, but for the spike protein damage that is induced by the slow kill bioweapon injections. Since the rollout of the "pandemic," ivermectin was savaged by the quisling MSM, the various illegitimate Federal government agencies and their CDC, WHO, UN, WEF, Rockefeller and Gates "nonprofit"…

The reason that the captured FDA along with their partners-in-crime the CDC, WHO, UN, WEF, CFR, DoD, Pentagon, CIA, the illegitimate Federal government, Rockefeller and Gates "nonprofits," et al. have targeted Ivermectin is threefold: it is exceptionally effective as an early C-19 treatment, mass administration would have resulted in plummeting global (turbo) cancer rates, and this wonder drug attenuates and reverses the slow kill bioweapon DEATHVAX™ damage.

A landmark lawsuit filed against the FDA by doctors Mary Talley Bowden, Paul Marik, and Robert Apter was heard in the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals yesterday. Part of this lawsuit against the FDA was specific to fraudulent and illicit claims made by the agency against Ivermectin.

Basically, the FDA lawyer is now making mendacious claims that it did not prevent doctors from prescribing off-label Ivermectin, and yet they put tremendous pressure on the entire medical establishment and pharmacists to under no circumstances prescribe this drug. The FDA even tweeted their propaganda to put further pressure on doctors, illegally subverted with the Hippocratic Oath in plain sight, and were harming those they claim to protect with their social media posts:

After decades of committing various fraud on behalf of their BigPharma owners, the FDA's true reason for existing was fully revealed during PSYOP-19. And now the FDA's lawyer is most conveniently invoking 'Sovereign Immunity:'

If the FDA is legally (under color of law, and certainly not constitutionally) granted the right to offer general, more at sweeping, medical advice, then how would that not interfere with the doctor patient relationship? In other words, there is no room for an unconstitutional Federal government agency to meddle in the intimate and individualized practice of doctoring.

Of course, the FDA always knew that it's statements were outright lies. Lies, mind you, that cost lives; in fact, the FDA's guidance was in no small part the actual driver of the "pandemic" in democidal hospital protocols, murderous nursing home policies, and subversion of early treatments like Ivermectin.

The statements were anything but partially misleading. They deliberately lied in order to push the wholly unsafe and grossly ineffective slow kill bioweapon injections on behalf of their One World Government handlers.

But it gets worse, way worse:

The FDA lawyer was absolutely lying about the political process in order to cover up the their initial messaging crimes: Ask yourself, what kind of "political process" resulted in the following?:

With this latest lawsuit, the FDA has now been completely exposed and implicated in actual crimes.

The Mockingbird MSM will obviously dare not touch this vitally important story.

Because there can never be immunity for Crimes Against Humanity.

Now that "vaccine" uptake is collapsing, with the bivalent poison booster uptake at around 17%, the last big moneymaker for BigPharma is cancer. And the FDA will do everything in its power to prevent exceedingly effective and inexpensive repurposed drugs from being deployed against any and all diseases, not limited to their upcoming PSYOP-24 "X-pandemic."

Which is precisely why you need to familiarize yourselves with the following article:

Synergistic pairing of ivermectin and fenbendazole found HIGHLY EFFECTIVE at preventing and treating cancer

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Trial Date Set in Landmark Lawsuit on Medical Killing and Informed Consent
Following Defense's Failed Motion to Dismiss, Schara v. Ascension Health et al. Scheduled for Three Week Jury Trial Coinciding with the 2024 Presidential Election

FREEDOM, WI — A standing-room only crowd packed the Outagamie County Circuit Courthouse in Appleton, WI last Friday for a make-or-break hearing on the fate of a bellwether case with national, and increasingly political, ramifications. At stake was an issue of life or death: should healthcare workers have the right to unilaterally, and with limited liability, label patients as "Do Not Resuscitate" (DNR), effectively killing them under the pretense of "Standards of Care" protocols?

The nationally-watched wrongful death suit, *Schara v. Ascension Health et al.* (Case Number 2023CV000345), alleges that Appleton's Ascension St. Elizabeth Hospital bears responsibility for the death of the plaintiff's daughter, Grace Schara—a 19-year-old with Down syndrome—who was killed on October 13, 2021 after medical personnel fraudulently labeled her as a DNR patient, administered a combination of lethal and unnecessary drugs, and then refused the pleas of the patient's family to perform life-saving measures such as CPR.

The lawsuit names Ascension Health, five medical doctors, four John Doe medical providers, two registered nurses, and the WI Injured Patients and Family Compensation Fund as defendants.

A critical moment in the case, Friday's hearing saw the defense motion to dismiss the wrongful death charges, arguing that the plaintiff's claim should be subsumed under medical malpractice—so as to best limit their liability. The defense also motioned to dismiss Schara's request for a declaratory judgement regarding the illegal DNR, arguing that "the issue is moot, because Grace Schara, the subject of the order, is deceased."

As more than 100 supporters of the Schara family watched from the crowded courtroom, Judge Mark J. McGinnis granted neither motion—instead electing to set a fast-track date for a three week jury trial. *Schara v. Ascension Health et al.* will begin trial on November 4th, 2024, just one day before the 2024 Presidential Election.

Trial Date Set in Landmark Lawsuit Concerning Wrongful Death During Pandemic Hospitalization

By Peter McCullough, MD

One of the most important rights stripped from Americans during the pandemic was the 7th amendment right to a jury trial. Devastated families lost loved ones due to therapeutic nihilism in the hospital and in some cases negligent care or even personal injury. Many are disheartened by corrupt courts and judges who dismiss cases out of hand. Finally a case is moving forward thanks to the diligence of Scott Schara, father of the late Grace Schara. Grace had Down's syndrome and died of respiratory depression after she was given three sedatives in the setting of acute COVID-19 pneumonia. This is dramatic case and you can hear all the details from the father on the McCullough Report Grace Under Pressure – A Father's Courage to Face the Biopharmaceutical Complex by Dr. Peter McCullough | Apr 10, 2023 | Health, Politics.

The first page of the press release about the case is the image on the left.

You can read the full disclosure below. This case could open the door for a floodgate of litigation where families believe one or more breaches in the standard of inpatient care occurred:

1. Failure to continue outpatient multidrug protocols like the McCullough Protocol (no medication reconciliation)
2. Lack of informed consent
3. Denied access to family members
4. Denied adequate food and water
5. Failure sufficiently treat with viricidal nasal sprays and gargles, full dose oral antivirals, full dose steroids, aspirin, anticoagulants and adjunctive drugs
6. Use of remdesivir after the WHO recommends against the use of remdesivir in COVID-19 patients 20 November 2020
7. Unnecessary intubation for low oxygen saturation without failure of respiratory drive, mechanics, or other indication

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the loss of their reputation — all because their professional, scientific opinion as to what was in the best interest of their patients, was different than the political agenda of the FDA. (Here is a bit of background.)

What is at stake here could not be more significant, and it applies across the board to EVERY federal agency. The question is: do federal agencies have the unsupervised right to replace Science with political science? Put another way: can they act dishonestly, incompetently, etc. with essentially no meaningful consequences?

Here is the doctors' Complaint. Although it was filed a year ago, it is now being appealed this week — and some fascinating audio clips have emerged. There are three judges on a panel, asking the attorney representing the FDA some probing questions.

Five of these short audio clips (3-5 minutes each) are posted here. (The recording of the full proceeding is here.)

IMO some of the key takeaway revelations (so far) are:

1 - The FDA seems to claim that their published warnings are little more than offhand observations. For example, their slamming of Ivermectin was evidently just casual commentary (what the FDA calls "informational").

Note the title here, on this FDA page which is STILL up! It says "Why You Should Not Use Ivermectin to Treat or Prevent COVID-19".

Note 1: This is a deceptive headline because that article is mostly saying: a) citizens should not self-medicate, and b) using any veterinary medications can be dangerous. Both of these are legitimate concerns. So, if the FDA was honestly trying to benefit the public their heading should be: "Why You Should Not Self-Medicate Using Veterinary-Grade Ivermectin to Treat or Prevent COVID-19". BIG DIFFERENCE!

Note 2: This FDA page has changed quite a bit over time. Here is the 2021 version.

Note 3: The current page makes outright false statements like: "Ivermectin has not been shown to be safe or effective for these indications." I'm one of the few people who has taken the time to put together a spreadsheet of ALL the studies on ALL the major COVID early treatment therapies: see it here.

There have now been 99 Ivermectin scientific studies, and the overall early treatment effectiveness is 62%. IVM's extensive safety record is extraordinary, with adverse effects (e.g., see here) in the ballpark of only one in a million usages!

Now, also on my spreadsheet, compare what the FDA has approved for early treatment of COVID-19 therapy: Paxlovid = 32% effective with these adverse safety issues, and Molnupiravir = 16% effective with these problematic safety issues!

Despite these LARGE benefits of Ivermectin in effectiveness and safety, the FDA continues to say that "Ivermectin has not been shown to be safe or effective" for early treatment of COVID-19. This is stunningly inaccurate.

Note 4: Even though the FDA now has access to 99 Ivermectin studies, their statement against Ivermectin is stronger now than when the page originally appeared in 2021! IMO this is what happens when a federal agency feels that there is no meaningful oversight, so effectively they can say anything they want.

2 - The FDA says that Courts have no business in reviewing anything they say or do!

Considering the above facts in #1, it's obvious why this would be their self-serving position. Listen carefully to the second short audio clip, where the FDA's attorney appears to say that the FDA's communication to the public can be knowingly false, dishonest, etc. with no oversight or consequences — even when deaths result!

Regretfully, to date, the courts have played along with this game of charades. For example, the Chevron case is frequently cited by non-aggressive attorneys to say that courts will stay out of determining whether FDA processes, documents, and claims are legal, accurate, honest, warranted, etc.

However, that is an oversimplified opinion. Even the Chevron case states that the FDA's actions must be "reasonable" — but that is rarely argued. BTW, the case we are discussing here would never have been filed if the doctors' attorneys bought into the bogus idea that federal agencies have unlimited deference. Kudos to them that they did not accept that absurd argument!

Maybe I'm overly optimistic, but based on the judges' questions and comments in these clips, it seems to me that this case might eventually upend Chevron. That would be EXTRAORDINARILY beneficial for US citizens, as it would apply to all national policies: from immigration to education, energy to climate change, etc.

3 - The FDA asserts that the only recourse that US citizens have about even egregious errors and deceptions by the FDA is through the "political process." Astounding!

4 - The FDA indicated that the "political process" means that citizens need to elect a competent and attentive President, whose responsibility it is to see that the FDA acts responsibly — or else. The flip side is that when we do not have such a President, all federal agencies have a four-year time period to wreak whatever political havoc that suits them — again, across the board, and *continued on page 24*

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Secretary of State.

Those addresses do not exist in the Muskegon City house numbering system. Another form listed 80 W. Southern Ave which is the address for Muskegon High School and is clearly not a residence.

The MI State Police investigator assigned to the case spoke with the female suspect who explained that she was being paid $1150/week "to find un-registered voters and provide them with a form so they can get registered to vote or obtain their absentee ballot." The only problem is, the handwriting on the voter registrations was the same on several of the registrations and many of the addresses were non-existent or fake.

MI Attorney General Dana Nessel, who is currently attempting to prosecute 15 senior citizens and the former MI GOP co-chair for casting an alternate set of electoral votes in the 2020 election, asked the MI State Police to join the Muskegon Police and AG's investigation of the potentially massive, multi-city voter fraud operation.

Two members of AG Dana Nessel's Criminal Investigation Division were assigned to the operation, yet curiously, she failed to mention the investigation to the public. To this day, Dana Nessel is still claiming there was no evidence of widespread voter fraud in Michigan, despite the fact that she knew her office and the office of her friend, Michigan's crooked SOS Jocelyn Benson, were involved with the MI State Police in a large scale investigation that took place across the state before it was taken over by the FBI.

Corey Ames, a MI SOS analyst CONFIRMED "a quantity of the forms they found in their investigation "are clearly fraudulent." MI SOS Jocelyn Benson also claimed there was no widespread voter fraud in Michigan and neglected to mention the investigation to the public.

Today, The Gateway Pundit and our close friends from Michigan are exposing this damning report. The evidence from this investigation exposes criminal election fraud involving thousands of fraudulent ballots in Michigan by an organization that set up temporary offices in several swing states prior to the 2020 election.

This explosive investigation was covered up and buried from the public, until today.

It should be noted that after documenting these crimes and investigating for weeks, the Michigan police turned their investigation over to the FBI who promptly buried the findings. Once again, the FBI apparently took no action—more on that in an upcoming report.

The police in Muskegon were investigating voter fraud in October 2020, a month prior to the general election. The FBI failed to follow-up on the alleged election crimes according to Michigan election investigator Phil O'Halloran. O'Halloran is now the Election Integrity Chair of the Michigan Republican Party.

The police report has redactions throughout, but not all names were redacted. The police report names 'GBI Strategies' as the organization running the scheme. The Tennessee-based group is heavily connected to the Biden campaign and various Democrat campaign committees. The released report also names "Brilus" as a primary person involved.

The police report from 2020 revealed that GBI Strategies has been in operation since 2014. And, the investigators found that GBI Strategies was paid $1,571,386 by the Doug Jones for Senate campaign back in 2018. That was just one race they were involved in.

The investigators also found that GBI Strategies was paid $188,000 by the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee in 2018.

The employees at GBI Strategies were being paid $15 an hour or $120 a day. (paragraph 8)

A woman interviewed by police said she was paid $1150 per week and given a rental car. She said she was given a "reloadable pay card." (paragraph 3)

Police reported that hundreds of pre-paid cards from "different" companies, along with "dozens of new (burner?) phones were found in the Southfield raid in Michigan.

The police report noted that there were numerous job openings listed in Flint, Michigan and Regional Field Manager postings in Washington DC and Chicago, Illinois. This group had branches across the nation.

During their investigation, the police also found partially completed voter registration forms and police found "pelican cases in the room with semi-automatic rifles joined with suppressors and optics and customized pistols." One case had "4 rifles and 4 pistols."

The police report claims these weapons were determined to be legal and lawful after calling in the ATF to inspect the weapons.

The affiant (witness who filled out the affidavit) first witnessed minivans moving from a hotel in Grand Haven to the location of the business, a former California Eyecare location. The next day Detective Luker was notified. He went to the address where he found a bag of trash filled with information on employee agreements.

The affiant believed the records found at the location were crucial to determining the crime of Election Fraud Forgery and determining who may be criminally liable and who may have profited from the fraud.

The affiant later obtained a copy of the Mukegon PD Report 2020-19124 authored by Officer Foster with a supplemental report by Detective Logan Anderson along with a copy of the search warrant of the business location.

This next paragraph from the police document reveals that Muskegon City Clerk Ann Meisch and Deputy Clerk Kimberly Young first contacted the police on October 16, 2020.

Meisch and Young contacted police after receiving multiple "State of Michigan Voter Registration Application" forms which in their opinion appeared to be fraudulent. According to the report, Meisch based her opinion on the fact that some of the addresses on the applications appeared to be invalid or non-existent. Also, some of the phone numbers were invalid and some signatures did match those on file.

Meisch also noted that the handwriting on the ballots appeared to be the same with a similar signature and ALL OF THE BALLOTS appeared to come from the same company with two locations in Southfield and Auburn Hills.

Meisch told police some of the forms were dropped off in person to the Muskegon City Clerk's office by a black female who identified herself as Brianna Hawkins. Miss Hawkins said her employment entailed registering voters and helping them obtain absentee ballots.

Meisch estimated that the leftist organization delivered approximately 8,000-10,000 voter registration forms to the Muskegon City Clerk's office and provided a sampling of 42 suspected fraudulent applications to Officer Foster for examination. Meisch stated they identified by viewing her Facebook profile.

Employee Brianna Hawkins dropped off between 8K -10K registrations in ONE day!

The investigators found that "a number of voter applications forms were clearly fraudulent."

The report notes that police found, "Dozens of new phones" and "Hundreds of pre-paid payment cards" – these items were clearly considered suspicious by the police in the report.

Also in the report: the left-wing ballot organizing group had suppressors (Silencers) and automatic weapons for some odd reason.

Nearly three years later, President Trump faces multiple prosecutions because he 'fraudulently' pursued 'baseless' claims of voter fraud according to prosecutors and the mainstream media. Trump won the Michigan vote in 2016 by 15,000 votes but suspiciously lost to Joe Biden by 150,000 votes four years later, despite increasing his vote share in neighboring Ohio. 16 Trump Presidential electors in Michigan are being prosecuted by far-left Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel, because, according to Dana Nessel the controversial Michigan AG, they 'fraudulently' believed that there was systemic voter fraud that was not being properly investigated.

The released police report has redactions throughout, but not all names were redacted. The police report names 'GBI Strategies' as the organization engaged in what the report suggests is widespread, systemic, voter fraud in multiple locations around the state. The Tennessee group is heavily connected to the Biden campaign and various Democrat campaign committees. The released report also names "Brilus" as a primary person involved.

The police report also notes that the organization used rental cars around the state as part of its deployments, naming several of the field locations for their operations. On election night, a

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That legislation was originally intended as an emergency measure to prevent looting on Native American lands, with designations limited to "the smallest area compatible with the proper care and management of the objects to be protected."

And while 16 presidents have established 152 national monuments, few have done so in defiance of state and local lawmakers.

Bill Clinton dramatically changed all that, setting aside 1.9 million acres, larger than the state of Delaware, for a Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument in Utah to block proposed mining. Barack Obama added another 1.6 million, creating and expanding more monuments than any other president in history.

One Obama EO monument designation quadrupled the size of the Papahanaumokuakea Marine National Monument originally created by President George W. Bush in 2006 to 582,578 square miles, nearly double the size of Texas.

President Trump regarded this 20-year trend as a government land grab, an assessment largely triggered by Obama's designation of a 1.35 million-acre Bears Ears National Monument site in Utah just prior to leaving office to prevent oil and gas drilling which sidestepped opposition by the governor and state officials.

Without officially stating this, the transparent true purpose of Joe Biden's latest national monument designation, his fifth, extends his administration's war on fossil fuels to nuclear energy.

What Democrats, including Arizona Rep. Raul Grijalva, couldn't block this and other mining through Congress, Biden is doing by decree.

Whereas the cover story claims that uranium mining could contaminate water and wildlife, a 2021 U.S. Geological Survey found that springs and wells in the region met federal drinking-water standards despite decades of this activity.

America already imports 95% of the uranium used to power nuclear reactors, with most of it coming from Kazakhstan, Canada, Australia and Russia (the third largest source at 12%).

Flash back again here to the Obama administration when a Russian-backed company, Uranium One, bought a 20% stake in U.S. Uranium through transfer to a Canadian company.

A young Republican U.S. Representative at the time, Ron DeSantis, reported having received information from a confidential informant regarding FBI evidence of bribery and extortion involving Uranium One investors and their relationship with former President Clinton and the Clinton Foundation before the deal was consummated … a time when Hillary Clinton was Secretary of State.

Rep. DeSantis reported that the FBI started gathering evidence in 2009, including recordings, emails, and witnesses. The witnesses they talked to said that Russian nuclear industry officials used bribes, kickbacks, money laundering, and other illegal tactics to expand Russia's influence over America's uranium market.

Suspicions of the Clintons' involvement ran high as Bill had recently received $500,000 for a speech presented to the bank in Russia that was working on the Uranium One deal, and all told, the Clinton Foundation reportedly collected $145 million from people linked to Uranium One.

Hillary admitted that she approved and signed off on the Uranium One transaction, and the Obama DOJ under then-Attorney General Eric Holder chose not to act in pursuance of FBI evidence.

Which brings to mind a special irony of Hillary's Trump-Russia collusion canard that dogged President Trump throughout his presidency and even got him impeached.

Now flash forward — back to the present — to our current president who has worked to kill U.S. fossil energy — now uranium as well.

Meanwhile, as the Wall Street Journal board points out, "Progressives want to block all mining in the U.S., including for critical minerals such as lithium and nickel that are needed to power their green-energy transition. But that means mining will occur in countries with fewer environmental protections."

In short, this latest land grab is but another monumental act of far-left fraud on America.

Puzzle Answers

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in science remains widespread among the public, and, as a result, scientific voices are often ignored or discarded in favour of other perspectives. Though superficially "democratic", such a demotion of science in fact hinders democratic societies in effectively tackling their problems. Worryingly, some philosophers have provided ammunition to this distrust and scepticism of science. They either portray science as an institution that has unrightfully seized political power, or they claim that science constitutes only one voice among many and that scientists should know their proper place in our societies. As philosophers of science, we believe that it is potentially dangerous to undermine trust in science in this way. Instead, we believe that philosophers should help people to understand why science, even though it is far from perfect, deserves our trust and its special standing in modern societies."(emphasis mine). [2]

The article goes on: "Potentially dangerous to undermine trust in science in this way"? We older people were taught to think, to question everything, especially in science; that was how we "would eventually" arrive at the correct conclusions. And that is what scientists used to believe. Today, as this article goes on to tell us, we just need to listen to the politically correct sources.

As the authors tell us it is "demonstrated by means of numerous empirical studies that humans are far from the ideal of rational actors who, when making a judgement or decision, calculate probabilities and objectively weigh the pros and cons of each option." [3] That is true today of those 'graduating' from our universities where they have been deliberately dumbed down.

Here is a good example of the programming of those in the seats of 'higher learning':

"When faced with severe problems and challenges such as climate change and the COVID pandemic, modern societies often rely on the authority of science, both to diagnose the problem and to find solutions, on the assumption that science provide us with the most reliable picture of the world. And indeed, this expectation has not been disappointing, since science has been quite successful in helping us overcome many societal and global challenges. Think, for instance, of the incredibly rapid development of vaccines against COVID or the diagnosis and consequent solution for the growing hole in our ozone layer." [4] Yes, think about those two things! And their sources.

Under "The Goal of Science Education" they write, "By giving them a flavour of how biases and intuitions have distorted our reasoning in the past, students will learn to appreciate that intuitions and appeals to "common sense" are extremely unreliable when it comes to understanding anything about the world outside of the ecological environment our minds are adapted to. If people realize that, for instance, we tend to interpret the world in "essentialist" terms, and such intuitive essentialism can lead us seriously astray (e.g. race pseudoscience, creationism), this might make them a bit more sceptical about their own "common sense" and about the way they usually obtain information about the world." (Blancke et al., 2018) [5]

Agriculture

"Santiago, Chile – Today, the Global Methane Hub announced that agriculture and environment ministers and ambassadors from 13 countries, including the United States, have issued a commitment to reduce methane emissions in agriculture. Last month, the Global Methane Hub collaborated with the Ministries of Agriculture of Chile and Spain to convene the first-ever global ministerial on agricultural practices to reduce methane emissions." [6]

We all are aware that CO2 is the GE's boogeyman to ban oil and gas usage worldwide, but now we are hearing that methane (produced by fracking, cows and other ruminants, termites, and others), is almost equally as evil. But, as William Happer, PhD tells us: "…even if regulations on U.S. methane emissions could completely stop the increase of atmospheric methane (they can't), they would likely only lower the average global temperature in the year 2222 by about 0.2°C. This is a completely trivial amount given that humans have adapted to a much larger change over the past century while reducing climate deaths by over 98%. And U.S. regulations will have little influence on global emissions, where producers are unlikely to be as easily cowed." [7]

Methane "…degrades in the atmosphere relatively quickly—it has a half-life of about 10 years—whereas CO2 is cumulative; that is to say a single emission of CO2 will remain in the atmosphere for many hundreds of years, and a series of them will accumulate…." [8] Thus they are talking apples and orangutans here.

Yet, some of the world's largest producers of meat signed on to this commitment – US, Brazil, Argentina, and Australia. Why? The National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA), the organization many in the beef industry trusted to represent them, climbed into bed with the World Wildlife Fund, a UN non-government organization (NGO), a leader of UN Environmental Program (UNEP). NCBA says they just want a seat at the table, but we all know what happens when you sit down with the devil. Even Friends of the Earth, a radical environmental group, and 50 other environmental organizations said in a letter "on June 27,2018, 'This USRSB includes over 100 members from the retail, civil society, producer, processor and allied industry sector who are falsely portraying themselves as promoting a 'US beef value chain' that is 'environmentally sound, socially responsible and economically viable.' Key USRSB leaders include JBS (the world's largest beef processor) McDonald's, Arby's Merck and Elanco; the very same companies that for years have opposed or undermined numerous policies that would bring us closer to sustainability in the bee sector. Nature Conservancy is also part of the Executive team and WWF is a founding member.

"The groups are especially concerned that member retailers and restaurants like Walmart, Costco, McDonald', Darden, Arby's Culver's and Wendy's will use the framework's meager and misguided metrics as a basis for 'sustainable' beef claims – as McDonald' did last year -- thereby undercutting truly sustainable, organic and/or regenerative beef producers." [9]

City Planning

The 15-minute (in some places 20 minute) city is the hot new issue to attack climate change. It is neither hot nor new. Well, maybe hot – from the heat gathered in the city heatsink, but certainly not a place that any global elite will live in.

And it is not new. It comes straight out of The Ideal Communist City, ^by Alexi Gutnov written for East Germany after the USSR took it over. "The chaotic growth of cites will be replaced by a dynamic system of urban settlement. This system will evolve out of an integrated and self-sufficient nucleus: the NUC (now the 15-minute city). The goal is to transform the whole planet into a unified sociological environment." [10]

The region is formed by the economic interdependence of its development… The region has a single system of transportation, a centralized administration, and a united system of education and research." [11]

That was written in the late 1950s and translated from the Italian printing in 1968. Now let's look at the 15-Minute City. Having written a number of articles about them, The Expose describes some of the first cities to be called 15-Minute Cities which are in Great Britain. "Designed after a system used in the Belgian city of Ghent, the proposal is part of the council's revised draft Local Plan. In the five zones, major roads will be closed, forcing drivers to ditch their cars or use the bypass. ANPR cameras will be at the entry and exit points of each zone so drivers can't move between neighbourhoods.

"The amenities and services that you would need are all in your neighbourhood. You wouldn't have all the rat running, so it'd be fantastic if we could achieve it."

"In 20 years' time, you're likely going to have your groceries delivered or you're planning to go to a different supermarket or a new local shop in your own neighbourhood." [12]

What is a 15-Minute City? According to The Urbanist, "a 15-minute city aims to provide everything you need within a short 15-minute walk or bike: jobs, schools, food, parks, community, medical and more. Building on the principles of New Urbanism and popularized by Parisian Mayor Anne Hidalgo this urban design concept may be a solution to create more sustainable, equitable, and healthier cities." Straight out of The Ideal Communist City.

And the U.S., being one of the top dogs of the Global Elite isn't about to be left behind. Cities are vying to become the first. To qualify they must score high in

walkability and bikability;
Labor force participation;
Number of social associations;
Food environment index (determines level of access to healthy foods);
Access to exercise opportunity;
Density of health and safety providers (hospitals, emergency medical services, mental health providers, primary care physicians, nursing homes, fire stations, and local law enforcement);
Severe housing problem index (measures overcrowding and properties in urgent need of repair); and
Housing to income ratio.

Cities in the running are:

Miami, San Francisco, Boston, Oakland
Minneapolis, Cincinnati, Baltimore
Pittsburgh, Long Beach, Buffalo, Seattle, Chicago and 12 more.

And, of course, our federal government is going whole-hog:

The Biden administration has been active in addressing this issue (net-zero), both in terms of decarbonizing federal buildings and encouraging states and cities to take action. Last year, it signed an executive order directing the federal government to use its powers to achieve net-zero emissions throughout its entire building portfolio by 2045, including a 50% emissions reduction by 2032. [13]

The Climate Smart Buildings Initiative "is an integral part of the President's Federal Sustainability Plan, which aims to reduce emissions from Federal buildings by 50 percent by 2032 and achieve net-zero emissions by 2045. These actions build on the Administration's efforts to improve the Nation's building energy and climate performance by updating energy codes for Federal buildings, building better school infrastructure, spurring ambition among major U.S. companies and health sector leaders through commitments to slash buildings emissions by 50 percent by 2030, and launching of the first-ever Building Performance Standards Coalition of more than 35 states and cities." [14]

This is not new; the 1960s American Institute of Planners "makes no bones about its socialist stance regarding land; its constitution states AIP's 'particular sphere of activity shall be the planning of the unified development of urban communities and their environs and of states, regions, and the nation as expressed through determination of the comprehensive arrangement of land uses and land occupancy and the regulation thereof.[4] . . .The present-day crew of planners, drawing no line between public and private property, believe that land-use control should be vested in government and that public planners should have sole right to control the use of all land." [15]

Backers of these urban hubs are gung-ho. C40 Knowledge Hub wrote a piece on "How a pandemic can help us build back green," [16] that "In a '15-minute city', everyone is able to meet most, if not all, of their needs within a short walk or bike ride from their home. It is a city composed of lived-in, people-friendly, 'complete' and connected neighbourhoods. It means reconnecting people with their local areas and decentralising city life and services. As cities work towards COVID-19 recovery, the 15-minute city is more relevant than ever as an organising principle for urban development. It will help cities to revive urban life safely and sustainably in the wake of COVID-19 and offers a positive future vision that mayors can share and build with their constituents. More specifically, it will help to reduce unnecessary travel across cities, provide more public space, inject life into local high streets, strengthen a sense of community, promote health and wellbeing, boost resilience to health and climate shocks, and improve cities' sustainability and liveability." [17]

What it's all about – Climate Change

Author Ted Trainer in Transition to a Sustainable and Just World spells it out. "Simply shutting down the economy is not going to get us to our goal. So, just like we need innovation for COVID-19, we also need to get rid of emissions from all the different sectors and bring down climate change… This crosses many areas, transportation, industry, electricity, all those things, and agriculture – contribute to emissions…" [18]

And there you have it. It's all about a non-existent threat to humanity that is dressed up as the "end of the world as we know it" – if we don't bow to the globalists seeking one world government under the guise of saving humanity from boiling heat.

We should be welcoming more carbon dioxide, it is good for people, animals, plants, and the planet.

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existent. 'Artisanal' cobalt production in the Democratic Republic of the Congo now supplies two-thirds of the global output of the mineral. Many of the mines employ child labor in extremely dangerous tasks. Up to 40,000 children are estimated to be working in extremely dangerous conditions, with inadequate safety equipment, for very little money in the mines in Southern Katanga."

This is just a sample of the injustices to meet current raw material requirements for wind and solar power. Imagine the raw material demands, Third World mining, child labor conditions and ecological destruction, under the huge demands of the planned "green" energy expansion.

We can see that, as large-scale wind and solar power must rely on large-scale lithium battery storage, they are entirely infeasible and, indeed, immoral to introduce in our society. We need to supply our citizens with inexpensive, reliable and plentiful energy, which cannot be achieved with renewable energy no many how many batteries are hooked up to these flimsy power sources.

The City of Ottawa's Climate Change Master Plan is doomed to failure. However, it does have one bright side. As Ottawans freeze in the dark because of our useless virtue signalling, politicians in other jurisdictions may very well take heed to not fall into the same environmental extremism trap. Let's hope they learn from our mistakes.

Patriot News

Patriot Events and Activities

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

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nation scored very highly on the environmental components of ESG standards. But in 2022, the government faced a coup and massive protests due to food and fuel shortages spurred by a lack of development. By overemphasizing environmental factors and neglecting economic growth, ESG investing hurts the poorest members of their society. Protests in the Netherlands point in a similar direction, where farmers have seen their livelihoods threatened by new environmental policies.

The continent of Africa stands as a stark reminder of what we stand to lose by embracing erroneous ESG standards. As more African nations and people strive for a path to sustainable development and flourishing, international treaties and alliances threaten to rob them of their opportunity for growth. All developed nations have relied on cheap and abundant energy to achieve economic growth, but they are now threatening to close the door behind them and leave Africans in the cold. Climate activists argue that because Africa is at greater risk of climate-related events, it is in their best interest to forgo abundant energy sources. This ignores the fact that without propane, between 1-2 million women die each year from indoor air pollution caused by cooking with charcoal or biomass.

Africa has some of the highest levels of inequality and societal challenges, but it is also one of the most exciting and opportunity-laden regions in the world. Rather than addressing these challenges, ESG investing worsens inequality and creates a troublesome double standard by which some nations continue to prosper while withholding the benefits that come from cheap and safer fuel from the people who need them most.

We propose a new ESG investment strategy focused on equality of opportunity, shareholder value, and growth.

Entrepreneurship and business creation are the ultimate tides that lift all boats. Everywhere in the world, employment is the main way people can climb the income ladder. A dynamic economy fosters greater opportunity by providing more employment prospects, more goods and services to society, and diverse paths to flourishing. To support entrepreneurship and dynamism, we need to remove barriers to business creation and innovation. We need to help places like Africa access affordable energy to spur high levels of economic growth. Equality of opportunity leads to less international inequality and more social mobility.

When it comes to shareholder value, we don't want to engage in the wearing discussion that says companies must choose what to care about most: people or profit. We are more partial to the notion that businesses and entrepreneurs exist to fulfill market demands or find solutions to pressing problems. This imbues entrepreneurs and workers with a sense of meaning and purpose.

Companies that care about shareholder value are worried about the long-term value of the business, not just short-term profit. And when they are worried about the long-term value of the company, they focus on creating opportunities for their employees and providing goods and services that both improve their bottom line and serve others in society. Long-term shareholder value is aligned with the idea that businesses create value for themselves and for society.

Finally, and maybe most important, growth matters. As research and data clearly show, economic growth and economic development lead to less environmental degradation, less energy consumption, and better adaptation to climate change. Instead of strong-arming developing nations to get on board with the climate agenda, developed countries should help promote the type of growth that will eventually lead to less pollution and better environmental standards. Developed countries can do this by removing barriers to trade, reducing aid that destroys local markets and opportunities for work, and stopping foreign aid that contributes to corruption and bad governance by undemocratic regimes.

A new investment agenda that embraces equality of opportunity, shareholder value, and growth will lead to more international development, less inequality, more social mobility, and increased human flourishing. It will also lead to better environmental conditions, fewer societal problems, and improved governance.\

ESG investing has gone too far. The time to change direction is now.

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‘Like a miracle’: Catholic church untouched by Maui wildfires as surrounding buildings burn down

By LifeSite News

LAHAINA, Hawaii (LifeSiteNews) — A Catholic church in Maui, Hawaii, appears to have been spared by wildfires that destroyed most of the surrounding town.

A viral video posted by a local man on TikTok shows the Catholic church Maria Lanakila (“Victorious Mary” or “Our Lady of Victory”) and its rectory still standing. At the same time, the surrounding buildings in the town of Lahaina on the island of Maui were burnt to the ground by the wildfires.

“Nothing else but Maria Lanakila,” the man filming the viral clip said in the TikTok video.



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Other users also posted pictures online that show the intact church of Maria Lanakila.

“For us, it’s like a miracle,” Msgr. Terrence Watanabe, the vicar of Maui and Lanai, told the Star Advertiser. “When we saw the news and saw the church steeple rise above the town, it was a great sight to see.”

Watanabe told The Pillar, “Basically what we know is the fact that all of Lahaina Town has been consumed by fire. It’s all gone.”

“The church, Maria Lanakila, is still standing, as is the rectory. The school’s been a little bit affected,” he continued.

While the Catholic church was still standing after the intense wildfires, the Protestant Waiola Church, which had just celebrated its 200-year anniversary, was razed entirely, according to Star Advertiser and other media reports.



“It’s gone, the social hall, the sanctuary, the annex, all of it,” lay minister Anela Rosa told USA Today. “It is totally unimaginable.”

The recent wildfires have destroyed hundreds of buildings and killed dozens of people. Aerial pictures of Laihana show the flames engulfed most of the town’s buildings.

According to the New York Post, as of August 12, over 1,000 homes and other structures have been destroyed, and at least 67 people have been confirmed dead, while the safety status of more than 1,000 residents remains unclear at this point.

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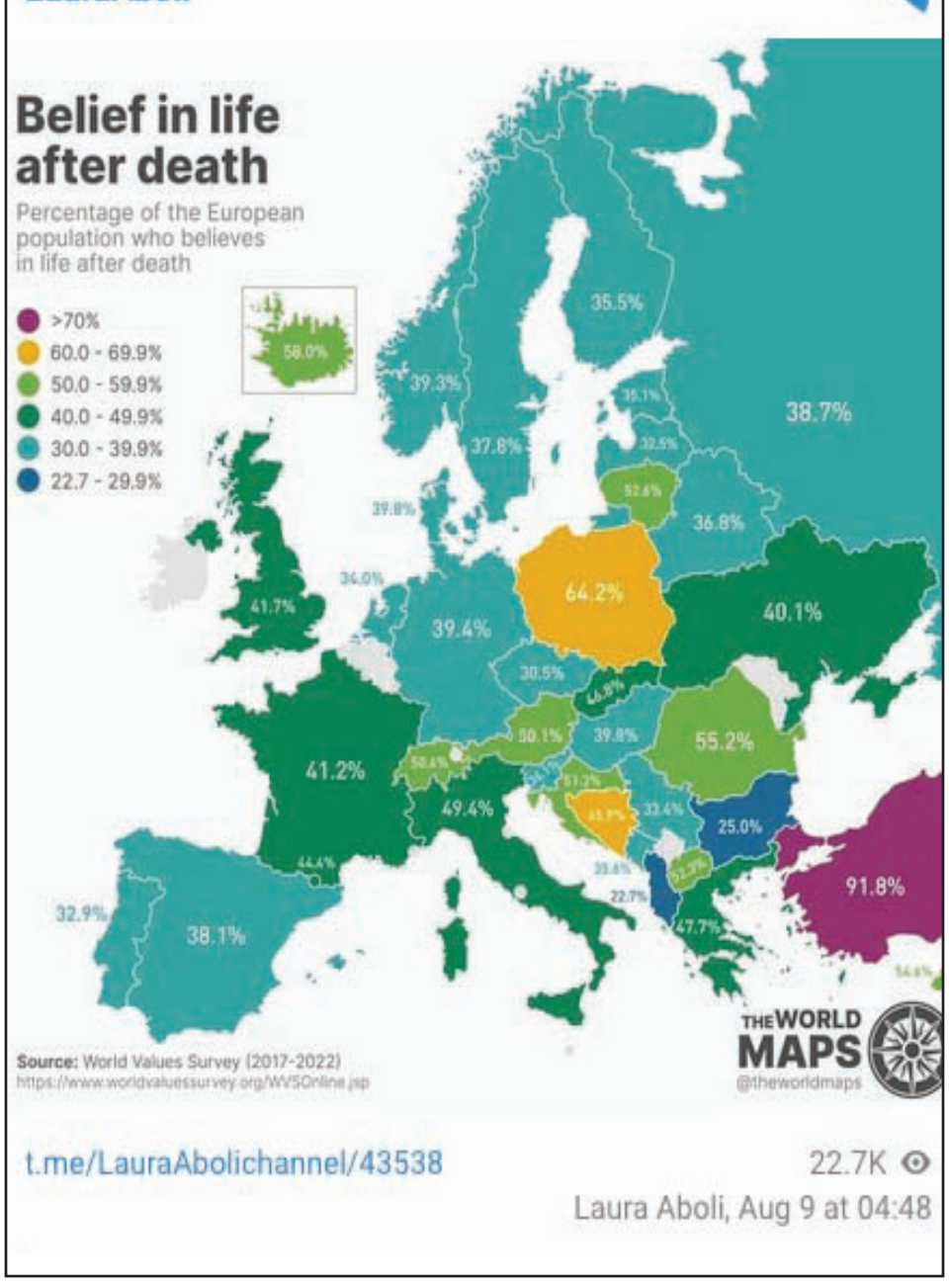


VOICE OF JERUSALEM

Israel and the New America

By Caroline Glick

On the surface, Israeli President Isaac Herzog's visit to the White House on Tuesday felt like old times. U.S. President Joe Biden warmly greeted Israel's ceremonial head of state and repeatedly stated that the U.S.'s commitment to Israel is "ironclad." Biden mentioned that he spoke with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu the day before and arranged a visit for Israel's actual leader.

So, are we back to normal? Were the last seven months of unprecedented U.S. hostility towards Israel, its elected government, its parliamentary deliberations, its senior ministers and its prime minister a blip on the screen, now undone?

Apparently not. Shortly after Herzog left the White House, New York Times columnist Tom Friedman wrote that Biden met with him at the White House after Herzog departed and claimed that Biden read Netanyahu the riot act in his conversation with the premier on Monday.

Biden did so because of the Netanyahu government's intention to pass parts of its judicial reform program without the support of its political opponents. The White House also told reporters that Biden didn't invite Netanyahu to the White House, he just agreed to meet him somewhere.

Israeli National Security Adviser Tzahi Hanegbi told reporters that Friedman's report of the Biden-Netanyahu conversation is simply wrong. It probably is. All the same, it's hard to imagine Friedman invented the story out of whole cloth. In all likelihood, Biden decided to put out a hostile readout of the conversation at odds with both the White House account and the Israeli Prime Minister's Office's account of the phone call.

In other words, the hostile policy geared towards undermining the Netanyahu government at home and abroad remains in place.

For close observers of the Biden administration, this is not surprising. From the outset, like the Obama administration, the Biden administration has distinguished itself for its institutional hostility to Israel and other U.S. Middle East allies, particularly Saudi Arabia.

In an important analysis by the Endowment for Truth in the Middle East (EMET) published this week under the title, "Robert Malley and the Call from the Third World," EMET demonstrated two important aspects of the Obama-Biden foreign policy worldview.

The analysis focused on Robert Malley, Biden's envoy for negotiations with Iran and Obama's chief Middle East strategist, who was recently compelled to leave his position due to undisclosed security breaches.

The article showed first that Malley is the product of a radical anti-American upbringing. Second, it demonstrated that Malley's radical views have become the establishment views of the Democratic Party.

Malley's father Simon Malley was a leading advocate and true believer in Leninist anti-imperialism, which perceived the U.S. and its allies—as well as the Jews of Israel—as evil corruptors of mankind. Malley's father championed anti-American Third World dictators and terrorists including Yasser Arafat as paragons of the new humanity who would purify the world of its Western imperialist roots.

In his key roles in both the Obama and Biden administrations, Malley transformed his father's anti-American belief system into U.S. policy.

Until Obama rose to power, a man with Malley's pedigree and professional record would never have received a security clearance, much less serve as the architect and chief executor of U.S. Middle East policy. But under Obama and in the intervening years, Malley's positions became the establishment position of the Democratic Party. As the EMET analysis noted, Malley was even made a fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations, ground zero of the liberal foreign policy establishment in America.

Malley is not a fringe figure in the administration. His childhood friend is Secretary of State Antony Blinken. Malley's views are shared by every senior administration official responsible for Middle East policy. Even after Malley was forced out for unnamed security violations—and is allegedly the subject of an FBI investigation—U.S. National Security Adviser Jake Sullivan stood by Malley and defended him in an appearance on CBS's "Face the Nation" last weekend.

Malley's radical, anti-imperialist worldview guides and shapes the Biden administration's analysis of events in the Middle East. Under these circumstances, temporary political conditions may force the administration to drop its boycott of Netanyahu and reaffirm its "ironclad" commitment to the U.S.-Israel relationship before elections. But the fundamentals of the policies and the hostility that informs them won't change.

In practice, this means the administration's Iran policy entails empowering the Iranian regime through nuclear appeasement and sanctions relief. With the Biden administration not enforcing U.S. economic sanctions against Iran, Iran's energy exports rose to a five-year high in 2023. According to The Wall Street Journal, Iran shipped 1.6 million barrels per day in May and June, up from 250,000 barrels per day in 2019 and 2020 after the U.S. imposed sanctions on its oil and gas exports.

The money has made no impact on Iran's economic woes. So, there is reason to believe that Iran is spending its oil wealth on its proxy armies and terror groups—first and foremost Hezbollah in Lebanon and Palestinian Islamic Jihad and Hamas in Judea, Samaria and Gaza—as well as its nuclear program.

Last week, for example, the Associated Press reported that Iran is building a nuclear installation a hundred meters underground in the Zagros mountains in central Iran near Natanz. The site is allegedly so deep that it is immune to conventional bombing. These actions are enabled by the Biden administration's non-enforcement of sanctions.

In Lebanon, the Biden administration continues to skirt U.S. law prohibiting funding of foreign terrorist organizations in order to pay the salaries of Lebanese soldiers and officers in the Hezbollah-controlled Lebanese Armed Forces. The U.S. similarly pays the salaries in cash of members of Lebanon's intelligence service, whose chief occupation is rooting out Israeli spies and spy networks.

In response to Hezbollah's cross-border penetration of Israel and other provocations on the border, Biden's envoy Amos Hochstein has begun pressuring Israel to bow to Hezbollah's territorial demands, just as he coerced the Lapid-Gantz government to surrender to Hezbollah's maritime border demands following Hezbollah's drone assaults on Israel's Karish gas platform last July.

As for the Palestinians, in recent weeks, the Palestinian Authority's security forces and Fatah faction terrorists have bragged on their official media outlets that their personnel carry out the majority of terror attacks against Israel from northern Samaria. All the same, after the IDF carried out a brief counterterror operation against the growing terror infrastructure in Jenin two weeks ago, the administration demanded that Israel agree to carry out no further operations in the terror hub and stand back as those same P.A. forces "assert control" over the city.

In his remarks at the Oval Office, Herzog played up Israel's close military and intelligence ties with the United States and used them to send a message to Israel's enemies.

"There are some enemies of ours that sometimes mistake the fact that we may have some differences as impacting our unbreakable bond. And I truly believe that had they known how much our cooperation has grown in recent years, and it's achieved new heights, they would not think that way," he said.

Statements like Herzog's made sense a generation ago. At the end of the Cold War, Israel's position as Washington's favored client state was the basis of an unprecedented diplomatic upgrade. Nations like China, Russia and India, who believed that the road to Washington went through Jerusalem, reinstated diplomatic relations with Israel that they had abrogated in the 1960s and 1970s in submission to the Arab boycott.

Today, the situation is different on many levels. First, Israel is much more powerful than it was a generation ago. In terms of what it has to offer the states of the Middle East and the world, Israel is far more comparable to Japan than to Taiwan.

Second, under the Biden administration, the U.S. has lost its strategic credibility as an ally in the eyes of its spurned Arab allies—first and foremost Saudi Arabia. Saudi Arabia agreed to have China mediate its dispute with Iran because it does not trust Washington to protect it from Iran.

The more Israel behaves as a U.S. client, the more profusely Israeli leaders thank the U.S. for its military support and "ironclad" commitment to Israel's security, the less the Saudis and others view Jerusalem as a credible ally against Iran.

Likewise, to the extent that China believes the U.S. has Israel under its thumb in relation to Iran, the regime in Beijing will be unwilling to take Israel's concerns and warnings about Iran's nuclear weapons program into consideration as it expands its strategic ties with the Islamic Republic.

Clearly recognizing this state of affairs, speaking at a memorial ceremony for Zionist leader Ze'ev Jabotinsky on Tuesday, Netanyahu said, "Like Jabotinsky, who believed that the Jewish state's natural alliance was with the Western powers—so we believe that our first and most important alliance is with the U.S. However, we always remember that the ultimate responsibility for our destiny and our security lies with us—with the sovereign Israeli government in Jerusalem."

The path forward in U.S.-Israel ties was carved out this week by authors Jacob Siegel and Liel Liebowitz in an article in Tablet magazine calling for an end to U.S. military aid to Israel. As Siegel and Liebowitz demonstrated, the opportunity costs of the $3.8 billion annual assistance outweigh its benefits across the board. Not only does Israel take a direct and devastating hit to its military industries and strategic independence, the aid is tied to U.S. platforms like the F-35 that are ill-suited to Israel's threat environment.

The aid is used as a weapon by anti-Israel lawmakers and policymakers to coerce Israel to toe the line on U.S. policies in relation to the Palestinians, Iran and Lebanon that are antithetical to Israel's security and national interests. Rather than empower Israel, particularly in light of the Biden administration's foundational hostility towards Israel, Israeli dependence on U.S. military aid undercuts Israel's standing as a regional power and empowers its enemies to attack, with the knowledge that the U.S. stands with them against Israel.

The U.S. veto on Israeli technology and arms sales owing to the aid constrains Israel's freedom to develop security ties with states like India.

Just as importantly, Israel and the U.S. have complementary capabilities and interests. To maintain healthy relations, Israel must end its position as client state and act instead like a junior partner, along the lines of Britain, in its cooperative dealings with Washington.

Such a transformative shift would shield Israel from sudden shocks to its long-term strategic planning and procurement goals that are currently vulnerable to election results.

On Wednesday, The Wall Street Journal declared that "vilification of Israel has gone mainstream in the Democratic Party." Israel's challenge is to adapt its relationship with the U.S. in a manner that factors in this state of affairs. The first step towards accomplishing that goal is to quickly wean Israel off U.S. military assistance.

We Have Proof *cont. from page 19*

suspicious 3:30 AM van delivering the Biden Ballot Dump in Detroit at the facility formerly known as the TCF Center was accompanied by a vehicle registered to a rental car company.

The Gateway Pundit has always reported that there were unanswered statistical anomolies within the absentee data. Repeated trends across the state of Michigan that appear to show systemic voter fraud among absentee ballots.

Michigan State Senator Ruth Johnson, who is a former Secretary of State, told the Gateway Pundit: "My estimate is over 800,000 ballot applications were sent to non-qualified voters in Michigan, including many individuals who moved or died, and even some individuals who were underage or non-citizens. Many were sent to people who had moved out of state." These ballot applications, if turned back in, would cause a live ballot to then be sent to that address by the clerk. Both the ballot applications and the live ballots were not seriously checked for a 'signature match' because Democrat Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson purposefully advised clerks to illegally assume and presume the signatures were a match.

This tip from Muskegon clerk Ann Meisch, who has been the City Clerk of Muskegon since 2007, was referred to the FBI. Clerk Meisch has been a City Clerk for other Michigan cities for 17 years before that. There's no evidence the FBI did anything with this investigation. And in fact, the Bill Barr appointed DOJ attorney overseeing election fraud cases was notorious for political persecution against conservatives.

We have more coming on our investigation. Stay tuned.

Again, special thanks to Phil O'Halloron and Lori Skibo for their help with this report.

Hawaii Wildfires Spark Conspiracy Theory About 'Directed Energy Weapons'

By Katherine Fung

The devastating wildfires in Hawaii have brought a new conspiracy theory from climate change deniers who suggest that the destruction was orchestrated by the federal government's directed energy weapons (DEW).

Social media users are circulating photos of light beams and lasers that they claim were taken from Hawaii before this week's deadly fires burned down historic landmarks and killed at least 55 on the island of Maui.

"If the fires in Hawaii were natural, what in the h is this?" one user captioned a photo on X, formerly Twitter. The platform flagged the post with a warning that read, "Image captures an event that occurred in Michigan in 2018, not a current event in Hawaii."

"The Directed Energy Weapons (DEWs) being used on Hawaii are powerful enough to set the Pacific Ocean on fire," far-right online personality Stew Peters said.

DEWs involve "high energy lasers and other high power electromagnetics" that "use concentrated electromagnetic energy to combat enemy forces and assets," according to the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO).

Although the Defense Department has spent $1 billion annually on developing these weapons to take down missile and drone threats, an April 2023 GAO report says the department has had trouble deploying these technologies outside of labs because of a lack of transition planning.

Hawaii Wildfire Sparks Conspiracy Theory: 'Directed EnergyWeapons'

Burned cars sit on Friday in front of homes destroyed by fire in Lahaina, Maui. Dozens of people were killed and thousands displaced after a wind-driven wildfire devastated the Hawaiian town on Tuesday. Justin Sullivan/Getty

The new conspiracies seem to arise from the fact that the Air Force Research Laboratory had devoted a whole wing to developing DEWs "for all air traffic intersecting Hawaiian airspace and territorial waters" in 2007, according to a Wired story. The Directed Energy Directorate is located at the Kirtland Air Force Base in New Mexico.

Newsweek reached out to the Air Force Research Laboratory via the press inquiry form on its website for comment.

State officials have said that various forms of extreme weather, like dry conditions, low humidity and high winds, set Hawaii up for the extreme wildfires, but their exact cause remains to be determined.

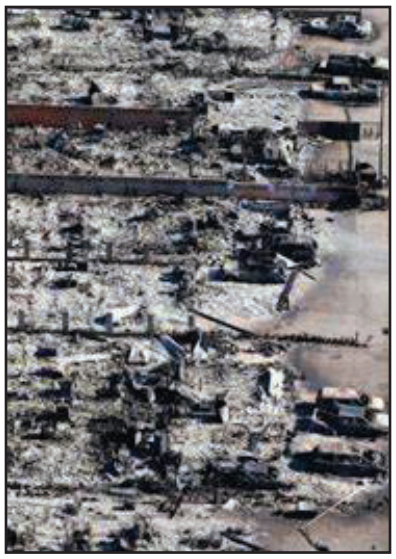
"We don't know what actually ignited the fires, but we were made aware in advance by the National Weather Service that we were in a red flag situation. So that's dry conditions for a long time—so the fuel, the trees and everything was dry," Major General Kenneth Hara of Hawaii's Department of Defense said.

The blazes began as scattered brush fires at the beginning of this week, but a rapid spread fueled by the lack of humidity and strong winds from Hurricane Dora turned them into the most lethal wildfires seen in the U.S. since 2018.

Tens of thousands of people have been evacuated, and the death toll is expected to rise as rescuers continue their search and recovery efforts. With Dora, a Category 4 storm, moving farther away from Hawaii and 80 percent of the fires contained, people are expected to be allowed to return by the weekend.

"What we saw was likely the largest natural disaster in Hawaii state history," Governor Josh Green said Thursday in a social media post.







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objects and disrupt an enemy's power source, sensors and other electronics.

Cash burn?

Whether such weapons are worth the money is an open question, and the answer likely depends on whom you ask. For defense contractors, of course, a new generation of powerful military hardware could provide vast new revenue streams.

For the U.S. armed services, directed-energy tech could mean stronger national security. According to a 2022 analysis by the Congressional Research Service (CRS), a nonpartisan agency that explores topics for lawmakers, high-energy lasers and microwave weapons might be useful for short-range air defense, against drone swarms, and to counter rocket, artillery and mortar fire.

The report found that such systems, some of which can cut through steel and aluminum in seconds, may be cheaper and more effective than traditional munitions. For instance, weapons that use lasers, microwaves, gamma rays and other kinds of electromagnetic energy don't need to be loaded mechanically and can be fired repeatedly, according to the GAO.

"Light from a laser beam can reach a target almost instantly, thereby eliminating the need to calculate an intercept course, as interceptor missiles must do," CRS noted in its report. "By remaining focused on a particular spot on the target, a laser can cause disabling damage to the target within seconds, depending on the laser power."

Some military analysts also contend that high-energy weapons are potentially more accurate than conventional munitions, reducing the risk of collateral civilian deaths.

Different U.S. military branches have tested a range of directed-energy weapons. For example, the Air Force has developed a high-energy laser than can be affixed to aircraft, while the Navy has tested lasers to disrupt drones and small boats. The Defense Department also expects to produce a powerful prototype laser weapon this year that could soon be used in demonstrations of anti-cruise missile systems, GAO said.

"Gone to waste"

Yet directed energy weapons also have legal and functional limitations. For instance, some types of laser systems are restricted by international treaty; the United Nations bans laser weapons specifically designed to cause permanent blindness. Previous prototypes have also shown to be affected by rain, fog, sand, smoke or other atmospheric conditions, while simply powering such devices remains an ongoing challenge.

Notably, new weapons also require new ways of using them.

"As a novel technology, [directed energy] weapons require the development of new tactics, techniques and procedures — processes by which the warfighter knows how best to use a particular technology in an operational environment," GAO said.

The upshot: High-energy weaponry may work better in the lab than in the field. And to date, the billions of dollars the U.S. has plowed into developing such defense systems have largely gone to waste, according to CRS.

"The United States has been researching directed energy since the 1960s, yet some experts have observed that 'actual directed-energy programs … have frequently fallen short of expectations,' with the DOD investing billions of dollars in programs that failed to reach maturity and were ultimately canceled," the agency said.

The FDA Can Say *cont. from page 18*

without real consequences to the guilty parties.

5 - The FDA's attorney implied that there would be no compensation given for inaccurate or knowingly false FDA statements — including those that lead to Americans unnecessarily dying — other than an FDA person may lose their job.

6 - Based on these select audio clips, the fact that hundreds of thousands of Americans likely died needlessly due to the FDA's COVID actions and inactions (see here), was not fully addressed. Hopefully, this will be brought up in this trial.

7 - In clip #3, the FDA attorney makes the startling claim that the FDA has the authority to give citizens medical advice! How is that possible when they know nothing of the medical history of any American citizen? Further, once they assert that right, how is a conflict resolved between what the FDA says and what a citizen's medical provider says? That is one of the major issues in this important case.

8 - In clip #4, the FDA attorney acknowledges that doctors have lost their jobs, etc. due to their scientific conclusions on such matters as Ivermectin, and their science-based actions that they believed were in the best interest of their patients. However, the FDA attorney then stated that no losses, etc. were due to anything the FDA did. (!)

Note that a lot of the bad behavior with the FDA (and CDC) would be reduced if the Medical Establishment refused to play politics and instead supported real Science for the public. Regretfully, that has not happened and the COVID-19 fiasco exposed this ugly underbelly. See my Report on the COVID failings of the Medical Establishment.

In another Report, I compared the FDA's approval process for Remdesivir to Ivermectin. This appears to show stunning incompetence at the FDA.

I have made this point before, but it's worth repeating. The war we are engaged in is that powerful Left-wing forces (exterior and from within) are trying to take America down. One of their primary strategies to do this is to replace Science with political science. That is what this case is about, as the FDA is specifically arguing that they have the right to scrap Science and substitute political science — with impunity!

Draw your own conclusions, but to me, this case is like a Molotov cocktail thrown into the Federal Government bureaucracy. Astoundingly, all three branches of our government are complicit with this nonsense.

Some obvious questions that need to be answered and fixed are: 1) How did Congress give pharmaceutical companies such broad protections against self-serving unscientific actions? 2) How did the Executive branch allow agencies like the FDA to be run by parties that they are supposed to regulate? 3) How did our Judicial system allow bad actor agencies to arrange to have no real legal oversight?

Considering that these failings are applicable to multiple federal agencies, is there any question why such things as COVID policies (and energy, and climate, and education, and immigration, and elections, etc., etc.) are a disaster?

Hopefully, this lawsuit will crack open the door to fixing this horrific mess…

PS — What needs to be done now :

1) Competent attorneys should file friend of the court briefs to support this nationally important case. Overturning the Chevron precedent would have extraordinarily positive benefits for almost ALL US citizens.

2) Competent federal legislators should introduce a "Save America" bill (aka Agency Oversight Act). This legislation will reign in ALL federal agencies, by providing timely and meaningful oversight (plus real penalties) to them all.