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



Era of 'Unquestioned and Unchallenged' Climate Change Claims Is Over

By Alex Newman

Leading voices in the climate science community are in an uproar as their warming hypothesis is coming under fresh assault by new scientific papers.

The authors of the papers are being attacked and say that "activist scientists" threatened by the new findings are "aggressively conducting an orchestrated disinformation campaign to discredit the papers and the scientific reputation of the authors."

Indeed, from insults on social media and furious blog posts to Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests demanding emails from a journal editor and federal scientist, the controversy is getting heated.

Several scientists who spoke with The Epoch Times expressed shock at the tactics used against those whose latest research is casting renewed doubts on the official climate narrative.

William Happer, Princeton professor emeritus of physics and former climate adviser to President Donald Trump, wasn't surprised by the response to the new findings.

"Of course, the climate cult will be dismissive of any information—no matter how scientifically correct—that is politically incorrect," he told The Epoch Times, noting that the new findings made important and valid points.

The reason that climate activists are so upset is that the findings of the new papers—a trio of peer-reviewed studies by

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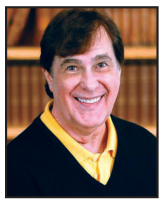
Setting the Agenda for Freedom's Comeback

By Tom DeWeese

For more than 100 years the free market economy of the United States has been used to prop up the failures of socialism throughout the world. Over-taxed Americans have been forced to pay for it through foreign aid schemes and leftist pretend charity cartels. Armed with plundered American capital, global looters have had free rein to pillage some of the naturally richest nations in the world, now destroyed by socialism. Yet, all the while the



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Electric Vehicles Are Much More Costly than Commonly Claimed

By H. Sterling Burnett

Electric Vehicles (EV) have been much in the headlines recently, from stories detailing the difficulties with charging them to losses suffered by major automakers pushing them at the behest of the Biden administration, to EV fires, the dependence on China for critical components used in EVs including their batteries, range and function issues, and beyond.

I have discussed the myriad problems with EVs on multiple occasions in recent months. For instance, I addressed a range of concerns in detail in a Liberty & Ecology

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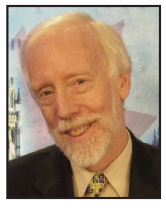
Asteroid Impact Model the Best Approach to Climate Change Policy

By Tom Harris

For two weeks starting on November 30th, we will be inundated with the avalanche of climate change alarmism that always accompanies the annual United Nations Climate Change Conferences. This year the event, officially called the 28th Conference of the Parties (COP28) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change



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The Myth of Global Westernism

Strong nationalist governments cannot outsource its sovereignty, self-determination and remain free

By Chris Kemble

How ironic, that the international elites have re-polarized the world. This disaster starts with the progressive war against Western civilization. Academics have praised 'globalism over nationalism', calling it inevitable and necessary. But this is upside-down, a failure to understand that Western civilization is strictly and innately nationalist; and that internationalism must have the voluntary, measured and controlled involvement of nation-states.

The internationalists claim they are building a more cooperative world.

In reality, they are trafficking involuntary servitude to elites with utopian delusions

For 2500 years, Western civilization has been characterized by trial by jury, equality before the law, free speech, rational science, classical art & architecture, philosophy and democracy in nation-states that protect their citizens, their rights and liberties. International cooperation is a choice,

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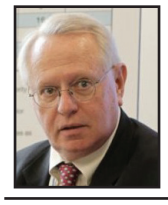
Memo to Climate Skeptics: You're Losing, Change Strategies

By Williams Kovacs

The Progressive Left is winning the climate war it should be losing.

Those skeptical ("climate skeptics") of the Progressive Left's claim that the world is coming to an end due to manmade greenhouse gas emissions are a dwindling group. They are fighting the good fight with few supporters and little financial assistance. To prevail, the skeptics need to gain visible support from common-sense citizens who are unwittingly



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The Fleecing of our Seniors

By Alti Nunio

In the past two years, the number of seniors who have died or have been admitted into some type of long-term care facility have skyrocketed. Is there any coincidental worldwide issue they may be a contributing factor to this? Covid perhaps?

Conveniently, the CDC and FDA continue to ignore, bury, and manipulate VAERS data on adverse reactions, such as death and disability. Since the roll-out of the Covid shots in 2021 and through November 1, 2023, the number of post-Covid vaccination adverse reaction VAERS reports have exceeded 1.6 million. Compare that with the post-vax average annual VAERS total before Covid which was 60,000.

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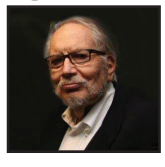
Are Hunter Indictments Just a Prelude to the Worst?

By Lary Bell

After his sweetheart deal that included only two misdemeanor tax charges fell apart following IRS whistleblower exposures of political meddling, the DOJ has belatedly indicted Hunter Biden on three felony and six misdemeanor tax evasion-related charges prospectively intended to de-link him from foreign influence peddling involving his father.



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Steve's Say . . .

Focusing in on our Freedom in Christ

I love Christmas decorations. All of them. Both indoor and out. And I know most of you feel the same way.

The blessings of what Christmas means to the salvation of mankind touches the hearts of all people, even the ones that refuse to admit it. Joy, sincere fellowship and honest goodwill cannot be smothered.

Some choose to denounce the spirit of Christmas by focusing on the real probability that Mary did not bear Jesus on December 25th. Supposedly that happened on September 11th. Having examined this claim in significant detail, the evidence I've seen has not convinced me of their accuracy or methodology.

But in the end, why would this matter? God appearing in flesh incarnate, that's what matters. The heavens clearly marked the event as we know from the Gospel of Matthew. The Gospel of Luke provides the historical context. Christmas celebrates the coming of Christ, the Son of the Most High, among us. Does the day really matter? I don't think so.

Those that say the date we celebrate Christmas does matter normally point out that the December 25th date coincides with an old pagan holiday honoring the solstice or even a demonic celebration on December 25th. Those articulating this conjunction do provide evidence supporting their claims. To this I say, "So what?"

I'm not dismissing the fact that those intending evil attempt to pervert celebrations and distort its meaning and/or significance. Certainly the case has been made for both Christmas and Easter among other holidays. But God created all seasons and days. How we reckon them continually changes. Our God owns all days and dates. The Evil One can only steal and pervert.

My research into all of this points to numerology. The Devil cannot create so he steals and weaves webs of deception. He convinces those he can that he can govern events and outcomes through numbers, claiming such to be magic digits or spells. In order to provide his followers proof of his power, Satan mandates his minions to wreak havoc on his chosen dates, numbers chosen specifically for ridiculing God, His promises, His works and His law.

As Christ continually reiterates in the Gospels, what resides in your heart is what matters. I've celebrated Christmas my whole life on December 25th, never knowing or caring about any of this numerology stuff or intended perversion of mocking the incarnation of our Lord and Savior. I'm certain most of my fellow Christians celebrating the Christmas season would say the same. We celebrate Glory to God in the Highest! And Peace to His People on Earth on Whom His favor rests! The Savior, the Christ, has come into the world!

Easter presents a different approach. Here dates DO matter. Because He is the Lamb of God, Christ had to die on the Cross at the appropriate time by the appropriate people during Passover week. Thus His death and subsequent Resurrection God recorded unequivocally in His heavenly signs. The fact that some claim the word Easter derives from an old Anglo-Saxon name of the goddess of the dawn I see as not relevant to anything meaningful.

The numbers God sets into His creation guide us and help us utilize His creation per His holy directive. He created the week, the cycles of the moon for months and cycles of the Sun for seasons. Anything beyond that, as Christ tells us, comes from the Evil One.

So embrace your family, the Love of God and the Savior fully during this Christmas season. Keep pure your reverence of the mystery of the Incarnation and the image of the Holy Family emblazoned in your heart.

Christ and His Holy Angels told us many times not to be afraid. His protection transcends all time, space and dimensions. Freedom comes from truth, God's Word is truth, and Christ is the Word. Anyone who believes in the One sent by God frees himself from this world. What happens in the world no longer governs their mind and spirit, even if Venezuela claims huge parts of Guyana and mobilizes for war, with Brazil responding in kind. The only freedom available here on Earth comes when we proclaim Christ as our Savior. Then we are truly free.

Then paying taxes in the criminal fiat money system we've lived our entire lives in doesn't matter. Let's face it, despite the globalist cabal stealing a huge portion of our efforts, God has not allowed them to take away the things we need, and much of what we want. Their dream of confiscating all property and micromanaging all of the little people's lives from conception to death (earlier the better in there eyes) has been a miserable failure despite non-stop efforts to achieve just that. Enslaved as they think we are to their subversive system of control, they still can't believe that we believe that we are free.



We are free because we believe that we are, because we've embraced the Love of Christ in our hearts. And that, my friends is what Christmas is all about.



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Ninety-Nine Percent Consensus? Not so, Says New Analysis

By H. Sterling Burnett

A new study published in the journal Climate by a group of researchers from various universities and research institutes in Israel (Dentelski, et al.) debunks a study in another journal that claimed support for the theory humans are causing dangerous climate change "anthropogenic global warming" (AGW) tops 99 percent.

A 2021 study (Lynas et al.) claimed a review of a random sample of 3,000 publications discussing climate change, out of "a dataset of 88125 climate-related papers published since 2012," found fewer than one percent, four or 28 depending upon the methodology used to identify the papers, disputed that humans were causing climate change.

Ignoring the fact consensus is a political exercise to establish strong agreement on a goal, not a scientific method to establish facts or truth, numerous scholars have refuted previous claims of a purported 97 percent consensus "established" using similar methodologies—examining abstracts and then subjectively categorizing them into consensus or skeptical. Indeed, international surveys of scientists working in climate-related fields have repeatedly shown that no such consensus exists.



The new Dentelski et al. study examining the methodology and conclusions of the Lynas et al. paper claiming a 99 percent consensus supporting the AGU theory finds the methodology used in the 2-21 paper is flawed and biased, and its conclusion unjustified.

Describing why it is important to carefully analyze any assertion that an irrefutable AGU consensus exists, the Israeli scholars write:

> The extent of the consensus among scientists on the anthropogenic origin of modern global warming has become a key issue in the "anthropogenic global warming" … While a consensus alone clearly does not serve as scientific proof or substantiate a specific scientific hypothesis, it is nonetheless influential in bolstering the reception of a particular thesis within the broader public sphere. This influence is amplified by the inherent trust that society places in scientists, who provide informed opinions grounded in empirical evidence. … The well-defined scientific hypothesis that "humans, through the emission of CO2, are responsible for most of the recent (since the mid-20th century) changes in global average temperature" (dubbed the AGW hypothesis hereafter) is typically linked with various, somewhat less quantifiable, statements, such as that humanity is facing an imminent climate crisis, and are followed by calls for action on individual, community, country, and global levels.

The Climate paper points out that the 2021 paper was flawed from the outset because its authors failed to precisely define the AGU hypothesis they claimed represented a consensus.

"By blurring the hypothesis, Lynas et al. leave room for a subjective decision on supporting some version of the hypothesis," write Dentelski et al. "[Yet because] consensus, in the context of the climate discussion, can mean different things and has different dimensions … within each dimension, the specific consensus statement must be as specific, and quantitative, as possible."

Starting from an ill-defined, vague notion of the AGU hypothesis being tested for consensus, Lynas et al.'s paper then examined the abstracts of 3,000 climate-change-related papers out of more than 88,000 published since 2012, sorting them into categories: (1) explicit quantitative support of the AGW hypothesis, (2) explicit non-quantitative support, (3) implicit support, (4) no position or uncertainty, (5) an implicit rejection of the AGW hypothesis, (6) explicit rejection without quantification, and (7) an explicit quantitative rejection.

It turns out that by their own standards, more than two-thirds of the papers they analyzed either took no position or there was uncertainty about their position. So, what did Lynas and his colleagues do? After tossing 282 papers as not being climate-related, after all, they counted the remaining neutral and uncertain papers as accepting the AGU hypothesis. Voila, you have a 99 percent consensus.

As Dentelski and his colleagues point out, one could just as easily have counted the neutral/uncertain category papers as skeptical and, as a result, concluded that just 32 percent of the published research supported the AGU hypothesis, however defined.

Adding insult to injury (to the scientific method and logic), Dentelski et al. found a number of papers categorized as neutral were actually disputing or proposing alternative explanations for measured and modeled warming, like papers from Soon et al. In the end, the new paper in Climate shows that absent a clearer definition of AGU to be tested for consensus and a more accurate methodology in treating papers, there is no justification for the claim there is a 99 percent (or 97 percent) consensus humans are causing dangerous climate change in the published literature.

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Indonesia Shelves Decarbonization for Prosperity and Security

By Vijay Jayaraj

Over the past few decades, Indonesia, an archipelagic nation made up of over 17,000 islands, has seen amazing economic progress. The strategic utilization of fossil fuels is a key factor at the center of this growth.

Indonesia is a significant user of coal and the world's third-largest producer of the mineral.

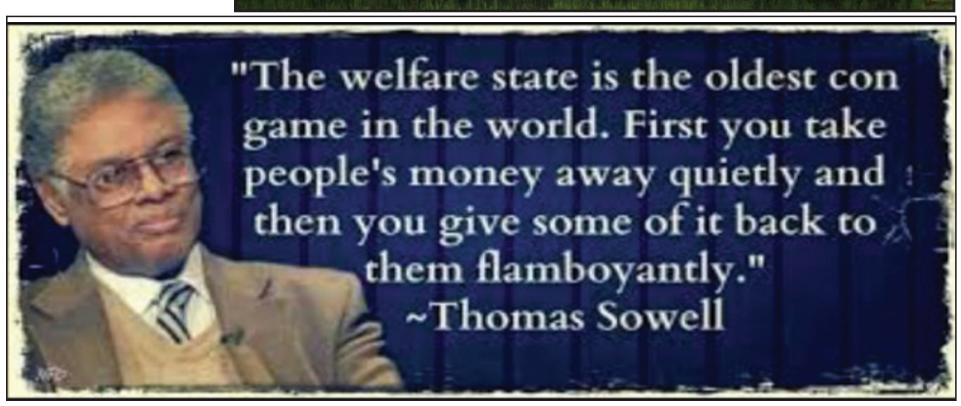
But just like other countries, it faces immense pressure from entities like the United Nations and anti-fossil fuel leaders in the West to reduce the carbon dioxide emissions of industrial activity.

Rich countries led by the U.S. and Japan offered Indonesia a $20 billion package in 2022 to persuade the coal-dependent nation to transition off fossil fuels. In November 2022, the country's leadership signed the agreement known as the Just Energy Transition Partnership, which was expected to formally ratify the nation's move away from coal.

However, almost a year later, the island nation appears to be going in the opposite direction as it embraces fossil fuels for energy security. In 2022, Indonesia used more coal than ever and is looking to produce even more this year.

Indonesia's coal consumption will rise steadily until 2029 due to the construction of new coal-fired power plants. As per Global Energy Monitor, nearly 19 gigawatts of coal power were under construction at the end of 2022. If the status quo prevails, the country is expected to retain its ranking as the sixth-largest emitter of CO2 in the world.





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Biden's Restrictions on Critical Minerals Harm America

By Miles Pollard / Austin Gae

It's no secret that China subsidizes its own companies to dominate the global markets in rare earth minerals.

This dominance is both an economic and national security issue for America and her allies because so-called critical minerals are crucial not only for producing electronics and renewable energy technologies but also for the defense industry.

Yet, as the world becomes increasingly dependent on these minerals, the Biden administration panders to those who oppose mining rather than use America's domestic resources in this new Cold War.

For starters, China has a virtual monopoly on rare earth elements because it controls 38% of the global rare earth reserves, 60% of rare earth mining, 85% of rare earth processing, and 90% of the manufacturing of rare earth permanent magnets. These high-powered rare earth magnets, often neodymium-iron-boron magnets, are used in 76% of offshore wind turbines and 32% of land-based ones.

What's more, China controls 80% of both the world's solar and electric vehicle battery production.

This makes three green-centric industries dependent on Communist China's geopolitical whims.

According to the U.S. Geological Survey, China is the leading country in producing critical minerals such as antimony (55%), bismuth (80%), fluorspar (69%), gallium (98%), graphite (65%), indium (59%), magnesium (90%), tellurium (53%), tin (31%), titanium (58%), tungsten (85%), and vanadium (70%).

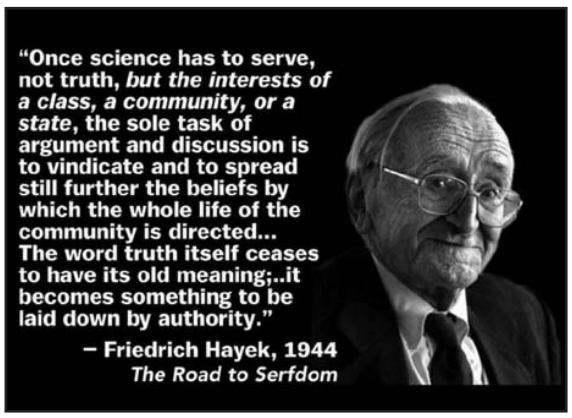
Whether it is mining, processing, or forging, China has placed itself strategically into these vital industries to leverage other countries to suit its interests and authoritarian preferences.

The environmental consequences of China's dominance are equally worrying. Leeching ponds used in the extraction process in China produce a staggering 2,000 tons of toxic waste for every ton of rare earths.

Not only does this tarnish the "green" credentials of many technologies so proudly flaunted by advocates, it wreaks havoc on local environments and communities. Because China refuses to line leeching and tailing ponds, toxic water from rare earths is slowly approaching the Yellow River, the main source of drinking water for millions of Chinese.

America shouldn't be surprised that China flexes its rare earth muscles. Back in 2010, a dispute over a Japanese fishing trawler metastasized into China's levying an embargo on rare earths bound for Japan. Consequently, Japan took the prudent solution of diversifying supply chains so that it could better survive future shocks.

Mountain Pass in California, however, America's single rare earth mine, shut down in 2002 and only recently was brought back online. Today, that mine produces about 15% of global rare earths.



Unfortunately, the Biden administration has held up several critical mineral projects this year alone. In January, the Environmental Protection Agency blocked development of a proposed billion-dollar copper- and gold-rich Pebble Mine in Bristol Bay, Alaska, ostensibly to protect the fishing rights of 68 Native Americans.

That same month, the Environmental Protection Agency blocked Twin Metals, a proposed copper and nickel mine in Minnesota, with a 20-year moratorium despite the looming closure in 2025 of the last U.S. nickel mine. U.S. District Judge Christopher Cooper rejected Twin Metals' appeal in September. Twin Metals has appealed to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia.

In May, the EPA lobbied against Polymet's NewRange Copper Nickel mine in Minnesota, citing mercury being released into rivers. However, Polymet contended that mercury levels actually would be lower because the company would clean up a waste water pond from a defunct iron mine.

The Army Corps of Engineers bowed to the EPA, though, and the next month ruled against allowing the NewRange mine.

In August, President Joe Biden used the 1906 Antiquities Act to declare unilaterally that about 1 million acres of public lands in northern Arizona would become a national monument, blocking extraction of uranium. Considering that America produces only 5% of its own uranium and imports 60% from Russia, Kazakhstan, and Uzbekistan, these moves reek of pandering to green mining opponents rather than securing America's future.

Finally, in October, the Biden administration blocked a road connecting Dalton Highway to the Ambler mining district in northwest Alaska, citing concerns about the impact on Native American communities.

Instead of constantly blocking U.S. supply chains, Biden should allow projects with lawful environmental safeguards to continue. In addition, the president should focus on innovative approaches, such as research in Florida aimed at extracting rare earth elements in the production of fertilizer.

Allowing investments in Montana's Sheep Creek site, which holds the world's purest concentration of rare earths at almost 90,000 parts per million, also could help decouple America from China.

In an era when economic might increasingly is tied to technological prowess, surrendering control over strategic resources such as rare earths and critical minerals is short-sighted at best and reckless at worst.

The path forward is clear. America needs a comprehensive strategy for rare earth minerals that doesn't subject companies to political vacillation, balances economic concerns with legitimate environmental concerns, and provides for the nation's national security interests.

Fighting for Truth in Climate Science Is Important

By H. Sterling Burnett

Over more than 30 years of studying climate change, reading hundreds of reports, studies, white papers, commentaries, and news stories on the topic, during which time I've written hundreds of thousands of words on the issue, I have come to a few firm conclusions: Climate change is happening—slowly, modestly, but happening; humans may be contributing to it, though whether they are the dominant or even a primary cause is an open question; and there is no evidence so far that climate change is producing dangerous results.

In addition, there is no reason for believing—outside of flawed computer models projections and mantra-like repeated claims from those who in some form or fashion profit from stoking climate fear, in terms of money, resources, power, or all of them combined—that climate change or the human greenhouse gas emissions (and associated fossil fuel use) that are supposedly causing it, pose an existential threat to humankind or the environment.

I don't claim mine is the majority view on this point. Indeed, my life would be easier—and based on offers that have been made to me, my living standard higher—if I conceded the science and joined with those pushing draconian restrictions on greenhouse gas emissions and profiting from various green energy boondoggles. All I have to do to receive higher pay, accolades, and to bring an end to the abuse and threats from those who think I'm "worse than the Nazis" (something said and written to me a number of times), is to play the game and join the consensus. All that's holding me back is my stubborn, arguably foolish, belief that I should speak the truth on this and other matters of public import of which I am knowledgeable as I see fit, let the chips fall where they may.

I'm not the only skeptical laborer in the field of climate research and policy. Based on conversations that I have had, most if not all of my colleagues at one time or another have been confronted with the same question or proposal: Why not concede "the science" and fight for rational policies? Some people, whom I generally respect, have done just that. They have over time accepted, or at least have become unwilling to argue about whether, humans are causing dangerous climate change, and now spend their time trying to ensure that policies developed/imposed to fight climate change are economically efficient. I'm not there, yet.

It would be easier to eschew the science and just talk climate policy, but it wouldn't be honest, and if I began doing so, I would be conceding what I believe to be the moral high ground. Sound science shouldn't dictate energy policy, but it should inform it. If skeptics concede the science when the causes and consequences of climate change are truly still open questions, then I and my realist colleagues will just be negotiating how much liberty to give up to big government and international bureaucrats, unrestrained by constitutions or democratic representation. In point of fact, all options to reduce fossil fuel emissions have

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The Net Zero Lemmings Rush

By Viv Forbes

Australia's ALP/Green government and their media mates are using subsidies, taxes and propaganda in a suicidal attempt to move the whole country to 82%

"renewable" energy by 2030 and "Net Zero Emissions by 2050". Canny Aussies are buying diesel generators.

If they persist in their rush to Net Zero, we have a few "Net Zero" suggestions for them.

1. "Net Zero Immigration".

Every migrant adds to Australia's emissions by consuming food, electricity, transport fuels and housing. Thus, to reach net zero emissions, the rest of us must be rationed further to cope with these additional emitters.

2. "Net Zero Tourists".

Every tourist adds to our emissions for transport, food, electricity and accommodation. To achieve net zero emissions in the face of millions of immigrants, tourists and foreign students will need slick carbon accounting, or penury for the rest of us. Victoria's Dan Andrews was accidentally right for once - he cancelled the Commonwealth Games.

3. Net-zero growth of welfare rolls and the bureaucracy.

Net Zero will not allow us to import hundreds of foreign workers for our mines, factories and farms while we maintain battalions of bureaucrats shuffling files in air-conditioned ivory towers in the capital cities. Nor can we accept growing armies of able-bodied idlers sipping green smoothies at the beach.

We must get all healthy Aussies into real jobs.

4. Net-zero-growth in locked-up land.

Wind and solar energy are sterilising huge and growing areas of land to produce their intermittent electricity. This greatly reduces the land available to grazing, forestry, fishing, exploration and mining.

It's time to call a halt.

There must be net-zero increase in land devoted to national parks, marine parks, world heritage playgrounds, locked-up black homelands or carbon credit and green energy wastelands.

5. Net zero lies about electric vehicles.

They have a fanciful plan to replace our petrol and diesel cars, trucks, dozers and tractors with fleets of yet-to-be-built battery or hydrogen powered vehicles. Where are the fast-refuelling stations for them all? And who has counted the extra emissions to mine and refine the metals for batteries, electric motors, turbines and power lines? And where will we get the extra electricity for overnight re-charging of battery-powered vehicles as coal generators close, the sun sets and the wind drops? (They have discovered the answer in ever-green California - electric powered trucks are being recharged with diesel generators.)

6. No Subsidies for Hydrogen

In this unplanned rush to all-green energy some extol the coming of hydrogen powered vehicles. To produce green hydrogen requires large amounts of electricity plus nine tonnes of water for every tonne of hydrogen produced by electrolysis. Some even think that it makes sense to use large amounts of electricity to desalinate sea water to make green hydrogen. Such a process is not even "net zero". It is hugely energy negative. Obviously the main goal is to harvest green subsidies or votes.

7. No Subsidies for "Pumped Hydro"

Greens think taxpayers should fund giant dams and turbines to generate electricity when green energy is on strike - at night, on cloudy days and during wind droughts.

Does that mean that Greens believe we can steal water from every river system for green energy stabilisation while reducing the water stored for towns, farms, and orchards?

Let's have the first dam on the Franklyn River in Tasmania (they want to be "the battery of the nation").

8. Full Accounting of all Emissions

Who is counting all the emissions being generated to manufacture, transport and erect an ugly intrusive spider-web of roads and power lines to collect intermittent solar and wind energy from mountains, flats, seas and roof-tops? Where is the carbon and dollar accounting for the metals, concrete and hydrocarbon fuels that are needed?

We must also count the emissions to manufacture and erect all their planned green energy stabilisation schemes involving pumped hydro and giant

batteries. All of this is a dash into the unknown without a coherent plan of how it will all work, or its full cost.

9. We need a Climate-Exit Referendum.

We are locked into never-ending climate conferences and all the costs and eco-babel generated by Paris Climate Agreement.

They want us locked into 15 minute cities with bicycles, walking shoes, oat-milk coffee and fake meat burgers while they jet off to a new well-fed tourist destination every year. We have copped these annual climate-fests for 26 years now. The last one catered for about 40,000 delegates and hangers-on for 2 weeks of talk-fest that achieved NOTHING useful (as usual). Even Saint Greta Thunberg said that COP27 was a scam.

Let's have a Clexit (Climate Exit) Referendum and abandon all liabilities under the Kyoto and Paris Climate Agreements.

10. The Net Zero Prize

Our reward for reaching our 2030 Net Zero Emissions targets will be a precarious population with industry operating on the whims of the weather and an angry, urbanised, locked-down population faced with food, fuel and electricity rationing.

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There is no global warming crisis, but Blackouts Bowen (Australia's Minister for Climate Panics and Zero Energy) is determined to create an electricity crisis. Power grid failure will be followed quickly by failure of food and water supplies to cities. Hopefully Canberra, (Australia's Green Capital) will be the first to suffer.

The rest of Australia must vote NO to this dangerous Net Zero delusion.

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impacted by the increased costs of green technology. To achieve this feat, climate skeptics should move away from their current lobbying strategy that relies on well-documented science and technology briefing papers that discuss the technical inadequacies of the green agenda and focus on the adverse economic and community impacts of the Biden administration's policies.

The transition from regulatory oppression to costly giveaways.

The Progressive Left's change in its climate lobbying strategy between the Obama and Biden administrations illustrates why the Progressive Left is winning the climate fight to limit fossil fuels to "stop the rise of the oceans." While both administrations initiated aggressive attacks on the use of fossil fuels, their strategies are radically different. Obama went the traditional route of complex legislation to regulate most industries in the economy. The Biden administration gives away lots of money, which makes all the difference.

The climate skeptics in 2008-2016 organized the business community and used data in eye-catching, easy to understand charts to illustrate the complexity, costs and burdens of Obama's legislative and regulatory agenda on business and citizens. By explaining how business, jobs, citizens, and communities were adversely impacted, the skeptics defeated Obama's major proposals in Congress, even in years when Democrats controlled both Houses of Congress.

The Biden administration changed strategies in 2021. It recognized giving away taxpayer money is a proven path to the heart of the business community. Giving away money for a "public purpose" is also unreviewable by the courts. As such, it is easier for spending legislation to pass. Moreover, it also avoids a regulatory conflict with industry, as happened to Obama's Clean Power Plan. Using giveaways, Biden enacted the Inflation Reduction Act ("IRA") to build more green technology than can be absorbed by the grid or afforded by consumers. Additionally, by placing such a massive amount of green technology into the economy, Biden makes reversing his policies very difficult.

Beginning in 2021, climate skeptics challenged Biden's climate agenda by developing excellent policy papers explaining the technological flaws in achieving zero emissions with green technology. Unfortunately, for the climate skeptics, business prefers subsidies over well-reasoned technical reports that might upset their gravy train., Moreover, most common-sense citizens do not read technical policy papers, nor are they persuaded by them.

American business is Congress' Pavlov's dog, and tax credits are its treats.

With a massive national debt approaching $34 trillion and annual combined deficits and interest payments approaching $2 trillion, Congress fails to understand how it is wasting the taxpayer's money. Worse, when it spends by enacting tax expenditures, it has no control over how much is wasted.

Tax expenditures are defined by law as "revenue losses attributable to provisions of the Federal Tax laws which allow a special exclusion, exemption, or deduction from gross income or which provide a special credit, a preferential rate of tax, or a deferral of tax liabilities." When Congress enacts these expenditures, it creates public policy by changing behavior, i.e., rewarding corporations that do what the government wants done. It transforms American businesses from defenders of competitive markets into the government's Pavlov dog. The government offers a treat, and business gets rewarded if it does what Congress wants done.

Unlike policy determinations that must be authorized and subsequently funded by Congress, tax expenditures are not viewed as direct spending programs since Congress places them outside of the budget process. As such, they are an unlimited charge on the federal treasury since anyone who conforms to the government's desires gets credits that reduce their income tax. For example, taxpayers purchasing an electric vehicle can receive up to $7,500 in credits to reduce their federal income taxes.

Additionally, the IRA includes a $ 400 billion loan guarantee fund that allows green energy developers to secure lower interest rates on loans that the federal government guarantees in case of default. These unfunded liabilities are also off budget.

The cost of dog treats is expensive.

The IRA gives tax credits for activities legislatively deemed to reduce emissions causing climate change. Those activities include battery storage, energy efficiency, residential green energy, hydrogen, carbon capture, solar and wind generation, and electric vehicles. The Congressional Budget Office ("CBO") initially estimated these tax credits would cost the treasury $391 billion between 2022 and 2031.

The IRA tax credits for anything "green" incentivized more pigs to show up at the trough than CBO estimated. Within months after the program started, Goldman Sachs raised its estimated cost of the credits to $1.2 trillion for the same period. The original forecast missed the cost of the credits for electric vehicles by $379 billion; energy manufacturing, $156 billion; renewable electricity production, $82 billion; energy efficiency, $42 billion; hydrogen, $36 billion; biofuels, $34 billion; and carbon capture, $31 billion.

These federal tax credits create few jobs. "Total [cost for each green job created] range from $ 2 to $ 7 million per job." Unfortunately, the jobs created will have an average annual wage of $45,000. Where have all the billions gone? Into corporate pockets everywhere!

Tax credits are only one type of government gift. The tax code is stuffed with over 2000 subsidy [gift] programs. Companies that receive the gifts are given a competitive advantage over non-recipients in the market. Farming is an excellent example. The federal government distributes $30 billion a year in subsidies to the farm industry. "The largest 15 percent of the farm businesses receive 85 percent of the total farm subsidies."

The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities estimates that in 2019, IRS tax expenditures carried a value of $1.3 trillion for the recipients. Additionally, the IRA tax credit adds another $1.2 trillion. None of these $2.5 trillion tax credits is part of the appropriations process. No wonder Congress cannot control spending. These same companies also received $3.5 trillion in subsidies in 2020 from state and local governments.

As long as green technology is infused with unlimited tax credits, businesses will take the credits until the government stops giving them or the project suffers losses the government will not cover. It is up to the skeptics to educate the public on these costs.



Quote of the Week:

"It ain't what you don't know that gets you into trouble. It's what you know for sure that just ain't so" – Samuel Clemens, better known as Mark Twain [H/t John Mikkelsen, Quadrant]

Number of the Week:

1 trillion kWh.

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 December 9, 2023

Scope: The issues discussed below include an interview of Richard Lindzen by Jan Jekielek of the Epoch Times. The latest report by the US EPA on its calculated social cost of greenhouse gases is discussed emphasizing what is omitted, especially the benefits of greenhouse gases. Francis Menton brings us some calculations that those who promote Net Zero emissions avoid, the necessary storage of electricity if fossil fuels are abandoned. Although links are provided, TWTW is avoiding discussing COP 28 until the hurley-burley is done (noisy disorder and confusion).

Changing Meanings: Jan Jekielek of the Epoch Times begins his interview of atmospheric physicist Richard Lindzen by asking is the science settled? Lindzen response and the beginning follow up discussion was: [From the transcript. Boldface added]

"Of course not. The minute you hear that the science is settled, you know something is wrong, because science is never settled. When you claim it's settled, you want to shut off all disagreement, because you don't have much to present.

Mr. Jekielek: You said that science is one of the few words that when you add the word, "the," in front of it, it means the exact opposite.

Mr. Lindzen: Sure. Science is a mode of inquiry. "The science," is science as authority. Political figures, people not in science, have often noticed that science has a certain authority with the public and they want to co-opt it, so they bring in the term, the science, which is how they view science. But that isn't what science is. Science is always open to questioning. Science depends on questions and depends on being wrong. When you say science cannot be wrong, you've choked off science.

Mr. Jekielek: I want to explore this realm. Some of the people that are citing science really have no idea how science is supposed to work in the first place. I want to talk about the actual science around climate change and what the current state of that science is, as you understand it.

Mr. Lindzen: You're asking for a lot. Climate is a complex subject. We treat it in the press as though it's one number, and that's what climate is. But before this issue, climate science was primarily to understand the Earth's climate at present. The reason that is complicated is represented by something called the Köppen classification."

[First published by German-Russian climatologist Wladimir Köppen in 1884, the Köppen classification has been changed several times. The latest changes are those by Rudolf Geiger 1954 and 1961, and Glen Trewartja in 1966 and 1980. The classification applies to plant life on land. The system has three levels of classification. The first level has five main climate groups: A (tropical), B (arid), C (temperate), D (continental), and E (polar). The second level divides the climate groups by seasonal precipitation and the third level divides these levels by levels of heat (hot, warm, cold) and summer or winter.] Lindzen states:

"We have dozens of climate regimes on the earth right now, not one, and they all behave somewhat differently. The notion that there is one number, a temperature of the earth that they all work in lockstep with, is absurd. But that number itself, people don't understand what it is. I could ask you, "What is the temperature of the earth?" How do you answer that?

Mr. Jekielek: My answer is that people are taking temperatures in different places around the world and pulling an average out of that.

Mr. Lindzen: You average Mount Everest and the Dead Sea, and what do you get?No, they don't do that. They realize that doesn't work. The first thing is they take what's called the temperature anomaly. At each station, they take a 30-year mean, roughly 1950 to 1980 let's say, and they then look at the deviation from that mean and they average the deviations at each station. You're getting the average temperature change and that's what you see in this graph. [Not shown here]

You see this graph. It has been going up since 1800, and certainly by 1880, it's going up by one and a fraction degree, which isn't a heck of a lot. But there's something wrong with that diagram. What's wrong with that diagram is you don't see the data points. You should always see the data points. If you plot that and show the data points, this little thing going up a degree or so is surrounded by dense clouds of data that are ranging from minus 10 to 10, 20 degrees.

The mean anomaly on that looks like a horizontal line. Your first estimate is that it's constant. There's a couple of things to be said about that. You take away the data points and then you expand the scale so that one degree or two degrees occupies your whole graph. Now, it looks big. People don't look at the numbers, and they don't know the data. The data itself says that at any given point, almost as many stations are cooling as they are warming.

That is saying that it's not telling you about any place, which is consistent with the fact that we have many climates. You're right. Then you smooth it out because you don't want to show the wiggles each year. But if you don't have the wiggles, you don't know what's called the variance, which is about 0.4 degrees, which means anytime the media bloviates about a 0.1-degree increase, they're talking about an insignificant increase.

The whole issue at that level depends on a public that is utterly innumerate [numerically illiterate] and cannot read a graph. Unfortunately, when it comes to most politicians, I think that's correct. I've occasionally watched a Senate hearing and somebody comes, Al Gore was often doing this when he was in the Senate and shows a graph. I thought, "Maybe he's trying to point something out because the graph didn't look right."

No, he wasn't doing that at all. He was showing his colleagues he had a graph as if to say, "Don't screw around with me." It wasn't that this was information. Coupled with ad infinitum repetition, a la Goebbels, and coupled with the media repeating this, most people just can't deal with it. They assume this can't happen unless there's really something there, but there isn't.

Mr. Jekielek: There's a general understanding that there has been a temperature increase and there's a general understanding that humans have been involved to some extent. How much do we actually know around that?

Mr. Lindzen: It is true there is a greenhouse effect. It is due primarily to water vapor and clouds. CO2, methane, and nitrous oxide are minor, minor constituents.Roughly speaking, if all other things are kept constant and you double CO2, you would get a little under one degree of warming. Now, underlying that statement is some other material in a sense.

For instance, you said all things kept equal. There is something called Le Châtelier's principle, which says long-lasting natural systems will resist change, which is to say, feedback would be negative. Now, in most models today, water vapor and clouds are positive feedback.

There's the underlying assumption that nature will take whatever we do and make it worse. That is kind of an odd assumption, and there's no basis for it, but it does give the models more than a little under a degree. It may even bring it to as high as three degrees.

The next point is that even three degrees isn't that much. We're dealing with changes for a doubling of CO2 on the order of between breakfast and lunch. The thought that people can't handle that is a little bit strange. Where does it come from that this is an existential threat?

Interestingly, it comes from no place except the propaganda. Even the UN's IPCC [Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change] scientific report doesn't speak about an existential threat. They speak about a reduction of GDP [Gross Domestic Product] by 3 percent by 2100, assuming the GDP has increased several times by then. That doesn't sound existential to most people. So, it's a little bit weird.

The other thing they point to is: if we went to major changes in the past, the last glacial maximum when you had two kilometers of ice over Illinois; or 50 million years ago when you had a warm period with alligator-like critters in Svalbard (north of Norway), the mean temperature change was only five degrees.

They said, "Three degrees could be something serious." The trouble is with the change in the warming of the last 150 years or so, there's no resemblance to the changes during the major change. What happened during the major changes was that the temperature difference between the tropics and the pole, in the case of the last glacial maximum, increased by 20 degrees Celsius [C]. During the warm period, it decreased by 20 degrees [C]. Today, it's about 40. It [the difference between the tropics and the poles] was 20 during the warm and was about 60 during the glacial period. Of course, that gave a large change in the [statistical] mean.

During those periods, the tropics remained almost constant. On the other hand, the greenhouse change and the observed change since 1800 or 1880, it doesn't matter, almost all occurred in the tropics and there was no change in the tropics to pole, which is exactly different. Now, why is that important?

The tropics to pole temperature difference depends on the dynamics of the heat transport by motion. To some extent, the equator depends on the greenhouse effect.The change we are seeing could be due to CO2 about a degree, but it is not changing from the tropics to pole. Three degrees is not something amplified at the pole. It's three degrees or one degree or a half degree every place.

The thought that this is existential and requires massive changes is unreasonable. It's absurd. In a way, CO2 is the dream of a regulator. If you control CO2, you control breathing. If you control breathing, you control everything. This always is one temptation.

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Number of the Week: Using the 25% storage requirement calculated by Fekete, et al. above, and the total electricity consumed by the US in 2022 by the EIA, Menton calculates that the storage requirement for net zero for the US would be 4 trillion kWh (kilowatt hours). The cost – pick a number but several times the entire Gross National Product of the US. See links under Challenging the Orthodoxy.

Time for Climate Exit

By Viv Forbes

The world's rich and famous, plus an army of publicists, hangers-on and mendicants, are attending the COP28 meeting in Dubai, the ostentatious 7-star play-ground capital of United Arab Emirates where even the police drive luxury sports cars.

We peasant classes sitting at home note that climate royalty, including King Charles from UK, John Kerry from USA and Blackouts Bowen from Australia, are all flying there burning vast amounts of carbon fuels. Fittingly, these hypocrites chose to meet in the richest and most wasteful artificial city in the world wallowing in wealth derived from oil, gas and air-travel tourists.

UAE has already been accused of using the meeting to organise oil and gas sales 'on the sidelines', so for them it will be doubly profitable.

We wonder how John Kerry will explain how the green new deal is falling apart in USA.

The sinister hidden agenda of COP28 in Dubai is about rationing and depopulation - they want to ration energy, reduce meat production and eliminate wasteful driving and "useless eaters".

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Only stupid western politicians from places like UK, USA and Australia think they can force-feed wind-solar energy sufficiently to keep the lights on as coal and gas plants close. Naturally Greens are also opposed to building dams for hydro energy and they do not like nuclear.

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There is no global warming crisis. And politicians cannot control the climate.

However King What's-is-name, John Kerry (the US Presidential Envoy for Controlling Climate) and Blackouts Bowen (Australia's Minister for Climate Panics and Zero Energy) are determined to create an electricity crisis. Power grid failure will be followed quickly by failure of food and water supplies to cities.

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benefits and costs, penalizing some and rewarding others, but the best assessments indicate that prematurely ending the use of fossil fuels will leave the world in general worse off, on balance, economically, than if we adapt to climate change regardless of the cause—which means some people will die and remain poor when they don't have to.

There is no realistic replacement for fossil fuels in transportation or the thousands of products they are critical to the production of, in the near and medium term. As for electricity, eschewing fossil fuel use in the near and medium term means less reliable power, energy outages, and higher prices. Year after year over the past two decades these statements have been borne out as facts on the ground, academics, progressive politicians, and green energy profiteers' claims to the contrary. Check your electric power bills and any data on outages.

I have often said that when the science changes, so will my views. If I become convinced that humans are causing dangerous climate change, and that the effects of said change will be more harmful to human freedom and prosperity than the harms that result from restricting fossil fuels, then I'll support such policies. However, at present, I remain convinced that even if I'm wrong on the science, I'm right about the policy. Increasing wealth, adaptability, and societal resilience—all of which are made possible more quickly through the use of fossil fuels than by banning them—are critical to effectively and beneficially responding to climate change.

As I said, I'm not the only person who holds this point of view. My comments above were sparked most recently by an article by Edward Ring, a contributing editor and senior fellow with the California Policy Center, which he co-founded in 2013. In that article he writes:

If you concede the science, and only challenge the policies that a biased and politicized scientific narrative is being used to justify, you're already playing defense in your own red zone. You're going to lose the game. Who cares if we have to enslave humanity? Our alternative is certain death from global boiling! You can't win that argument. You must challenge the science, and you can, because scientists like John Christy and others are still available.

Ring cites as an example of playing defense, at a great cost to society, the response of big oil companies to the various lawsuits filed in multiple political jurisdictions by cities, states, and various activist groups. Oil companies have largely conceded the science, saying in effect, "Our products have been beneficial, producing a lot of good, but are also changing the climate for the worse, so we agree we must phase them out in a timely fashion. Not now, but over time, and in the meantime, we're investing in lower carbon solutions."

That's like a popular but abusive spouse saying, "Look, I'm a pretty good guy and contribute to society, but along the way, I beat my wife. But I'm doing it less now than in the past, and in the future I expect to stop doing it entirely." That's not a very compelling argument.

Big oil decided not to fight for truth in science despite, for example, The Heartland Institute providing a friend of the court brief, in one case, clearly demonstrating that at present no climate catastrophe is evident or in the offing. Rather than fight for their lives, oil companies are fighting for a slower execution. Oil doesn't want to pay off the various groups trying to extort them, while still conceding the justification for the extortion. Such a strategy doesn't work, never has, and never will.

As Ring writes:

An aggressive defense against [these] lawsuit[s] by ExxonMobil, Shell, Chevron, ConocoPhillips, BP, and the American Petroleum Institute would attack the core premise of the plaintiffs, the alleged evidence of global warming and extreme weather. Because what is being presented as "evidence" supporting a climate "crisis" is consistently misleading and often outright fraudulent.

Philosopher, novelist, and screen- and play-writer Ayn Rand is reported to have said, "[i]n any compromise between food and poison, it is only death that can win. In any compromise between good and evil, it is only evil that can profit."

The fight for sound science, per se, but climate science, specifically, is a fight for truth and all the progress science can provide. It's a moral fight. That is why I continue to fight for what I believe to be the truth about climate change, even in the face of ad hominem attacks in print, through email, and online, attempted and sometimes successful censorship, and the occasional threat of physical violence and death.

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astrophysicist Willie Soon and dozens of other scientists from around the world—are casting further doubt on the narrative of man-made global warming.

The papers are also fueling even more public skepticism about the U.N Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), which the authors say ignores the facts as well as climate science more generally.

The rhetoric employed by taxpayer-funded scientists with a vested interest in the climate change narrative to attack the new research was profoundly unscientific, multiple scientists told The Epoch Times.

Atmospheric science professor Michael Mann of Pennsylvania State University, for instance, denounced the authors of one of the new papers as "a group of climate deniers [clown emoji]" on X.

Mr. Mann, famous for the now-widely ridiculed "hockey stick" graph purporting to show massive man-made warming, also described the editor of the journal Climate as a "denier clown."

Gareth S. Jones, a senior scientist at the UK Met Office, ridiculed the new studies as "nonsense," while smearing the journal's publisher for supposedly being "popular with the science denial community."Mr. Jones also denounced the guest editor of Climate's special issue, Ned Nikolov, for having a "bit of a reputation, so much so that other climate contrarians distance themselves from him."

Mr. Nikolov authored an earlier paper arguing that atmospheric pressure, not greenhouse gases, plays a primary role in temperatures on Earth and on other celestial bodies.

Also chiming in to attack the new papers and the scientists behind them was Gavin Schmidt, director of the NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies, who's using a FOIA request to demand all of Mr. Nikolov's emails with relevant scientists.

Mr. Schmidt mocked Greenpeace co-founder Patrick Moore, one of the authors, saying on X that there was "mo[o]re [expletive] going around" before posting a highly edited version of Mr. Moore's post on social media.

"The only point of this paper (which every climate denier and their dog has jumped onto), is to launder dirty 'science' into a clean made-for-Fox meme," Mr. Schmidt wrote on X, before publishing a more detailed rebuttal on his blog Real Climate.

"The latest contrarian crowd pleaser from Soon et al (2023) is just the latest repetition of the old 'it was the sun wot done it' trope[1] that Willie Soon and his colleagues have been pushing for decades," argued Mr. Schmidt, whose federal salary is almost $200,000 per year. "There is literally nothing new under the sun."

Scientists Respond

The blog post by Mr. Schmidt "is dismissive in an insubstantive way," said climatologist Judith Curry, who wasn't involved in the new papers but previously served as chair of the School of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences at the Georgia Institute of Technology.

"The response by Schmidt, Mann, and others, particularly with regard to the FOIA request regarding editorial discussions on this paper, reflects their ongoing attempts to control the scientific as well as public dialogue on climate change," she told The Epoch Times. "In my opinion, their behavior not only reflects poorly on them but is damaging to climate science."

Ms. Curry, author of "Climate Uncertainty and Risk," who has a post by the lead authors on her blog Climate Etc. to provide a forum for discussion, said the new paper raises "an important issue that is swept under the rug by the IPCC and many climate scientists."

In particular, it has major implications for how 20th-century climate records are interpreted, she said.

"Further, the issue of the urban heat island effect on global land temperatures remains unresolved, which is also highlighted in the Soon et al. paper," she said, calling it "a useful contribution to the climate science literature."

Mr. Soon, the main author of the paper and a principal with the Center for Environmental Research and Earth Sciences (CERES), explained that the three new papers by CERES scientists are a major threat to powerful vested interests.

"For over three decades, the claims and conclusions by U.N. IPCC reports reigned supreme, unquestioned and unchallenged," Mr. Soon, who was previously with the solar and stellar physics division of the Harvard–Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, told The Epoch Times. "Our latest series of three published papers show that those claims are scientifically empty.

The new paper shows "very strong evidence" that a global "warming bias is built into the records from urban areas," according to an expert. (Victor He/Unsplash)

"Our results appear to rock the weak foundation of IPCC, and this must be the reason why you are seeing such instantaneous rejection and outright complaining by activists like Schmidt and Mann."

Mr. Soon and some of the other scientists involved in the new papers published another groundbreaking study in 2021 showing that solar activity could explain all observed warming.

In a highly unusual development for complex scientific studies, that paper has been downloaded more than 55,000 times since it was published.

"The high level of attention to this paper by people hungry for truth might be the real threats that Schmidt and Mann are worrying about," Mr. Soon said, pointing to a detailed response to the attacks from critics published on CERES-Science.com, titled "The orchestrated disinformation campaign by RealClimate.org to falsely discredit and censor our work."

Mr. Happer noted that the new paper by Mr. Soon and the other authors, headlined "The Detection and Attribution of Northern Hemisphere Land Surface Warming," is indeed significant.

The two important and valid points are that there are "huge uncertainties" surrounding how much warming there has been since 1850 and how much of that might be due to human activities, he said.

"The paper presents very strong evidence that a warming bias is built into the records from urban areas," Mr. Happer told The Epoch Times after reviewing the paper, which

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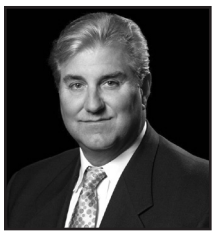
Antitrust: Anti-Capitalism's New Secret Weapon



By Gary Wickert

Revisionist history isn't limited to Howard Zinn and "A People's History of the United States." Revising American history to fit a political narrative is par for the course on today's Progressive and ideologically bankrupt colleges and state universities. These spider-holes of woke propaganda believe the lies they are spewing. In Stanley Ridgley's new book, "Brutal Minds: The Dark World of Left-Wing Brainwashing in Our Universities", he exposes the ugly phenomenon of using state-run colleges to turn young students into America-despising zealots, the organizations that are behind this covert operation, and the tactics they use. It is a must read for anybody who desperately wants to reverse the insanity our society has slowly sunken into.

In the wake of the Great Depression and with the ubiquitous despair over "income inequality", today's politicians have dusted off the cover of a very old playbook and resorted once again to blaming their favorite bogeyman—corporate America. In the process they longingly look back and the destructive presidencies of two 20th Century American presidents. But Teddy Roosevelt and Franklin D. Roosevelt were not the anti-corporate superheroes that they are being portrayed as in American universities and left-leaning political circles.

Republican Teddy Roosevelt took the time to carefully distinguish between "good" and "bad" trusts. In a 1905 speech to Congress he said, "I am in no sense hostile to corporations. This is an age of combination, and any effort to prevent combination will not only be useless, but in the end, vicious, because of the contempt for law which the failure to enforce law inevitably produces. We should, moreover, recognize in cordial and ample fashion the immense good effected by corporate agencies in a country such as ours, and the wealth of intellect, energy, and fidelity devoted to their service, and therefore normally to the service of the public, by their officers and directors."

Teddy's cousin, FDR, is also mistakenly memorialized as an enemy of big business. When running for office in 1932, FDR made fun of the populists who supported antitrust, and reminded people that Teddy's answer was regulation, not breaking up big corporations. FDR reminded America that "you should not abandon the principle of strong economic units called corporations, merely because their power is susceptible of easy abuse."

History repeats itself, and a bankrupt Democratic Party, bereft of ideas and issues, has once again began to stoke the populist flames of anti-corporatism, levelling its taxpayer-funded weapons (including the Justice Department and the FBI) at conservative organizations and those who simply don't toe the party line. It's musty and anachronistic credo is the belief that the activities and impacts of U.S. corporations are detrimental to the good of the public and democratic process. Never mind the fact that they provide a living to 120 million Americans—nearly 85% of U.S. employment. Never mind the fact that 0.4% of all companies with over 500 employees employe over half of America's private sector workforce. They are under attack because a 125-year-old playbook says they are evil. And millions believe it.

Joe Biden's White House is still knocking cobwebs off of and calling plays out of this ancient playbook. On September 26, 2023, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) filed an antitrust lawsuit against Amazon, the American multinational technology company focusing on e-commerce, cloud computing, online advertising, digital streaming, and artificial intelligence which employs over 1.5 million employees. It seems that Biden's appointment of the youngest-ever and most progressive FTC chief and antitrust zealot in history, Lina Khan, may have checked many of the diversity, equity, and inclusion boxes, but it failed to check the unbiased and competency boxes.

Back in 2017, Kahn, only 29 years old, wrote an article in the Yale Law Journal about how the U.S. antitrust system wasn't doing its job because it allowed the rise of companies like Apple, Google, and Amazon. But federal agencies with antitrust oversight have for generations been operating under what is referred to as the "consumer welfare standard." Companies were only sued if consumers were being harmed by the company. Enter Khan, who argues that Amazon has been able to keep prices low and stifle competition because of its market share. "[Amazon] has evaded government scrutiny in part through fervently devoting its business strategy and rhetoric to reducing prices for consumers," she wrote. In Khan's world, this is an "abuse" of their market share. To the rest of the world, it is low prices, large selection, and almost instant delivery. When Khan joined the Biden anti-capitalism team, she claimed to be bringing a different set of rules to the table. In reality, she was just dusting off an ancient playbook and ushering in a new era of wokeism and progressive which doesn't make a lot of sense unless you hate capitalism.

Robert Bork, Jr., a prominent conservative activist who is currently president of the Antitrust Education Project and whose father was nominated to the Supreme Court by Ronald Reagan, notes that in law school, Khan accused Amazon of using low prices as a predatory practice while now she is accusing them of forbidding sellers on other platforms from having prices lower than Amazon's. She claims that Amazon's conduct causes online shoppers to face artificially high prices even when they're shopping somewhere other than Amazon. Yet, the accusation makes no sense. Khan is claiming that a company which has succeeded by offering the lowest prices is at the same time the leader in raising prices.

The FTC's lawsuit is also claiming that Amazon uses data from other retailers on its site to give it a competitive advantage. But if Ms. Khan is allowed to weaponize the FTC in attacking a company which consumers love and offers the lowest prices and widest variety of products, by arguing its actions are "illegal", the progressive environmental, social, and governance (ESG) movement will have armed itself with the equipment of a political nuclear weapon. The FTC is on the cusp of abandoning the consumer welfare standard which has been at the forefront of antitrust determinations. Bork has written a book entitled "The Antitrust Paradox: A Policy at War with Itself." In it he writes, "Except when responding to advertisements and sale promotions, the people are stupid; their indolent and fickle representatives in Congress are no better; the courts are unable to recognize the narrow limitations on their competence or to resist the temptations to power provided by the antitrust statutes; FTC and Antitrust Division bureaucrats are guilty of an untrammeled pursuit of the pet theories of the moment at the expense of consumer welfare."

Bork hits hard on the fact that the only legitimate goal of antitrust is the maximization of consumer welfare. He says that this concept "provides a common denominator by which gains in destruction of monopoly power can be estimated against loss in efficiency, and economic theory provides the means of assessing the probable sizes of the gains and losses." Sadly, the Biden Administration has decided to weaponize another arm of the federal government in its progressive fight against capitalism, the United States, and our way of life. And another successful American corporation must defend itself against its own government. No sooner had the antitrust suit been filed than attorneys general from 17 of the most left-leaning states joined the suit. Coincidence? Hardly.

The ESG war on American life is ear-marked not only by what they are doing—but also by what they are not doing. No FTC suit has been brought against the monopolization of the meat processing sector which has resulted in skyrocketing prices of boxed meat but falling prices for live cattle. No FTC suit has been brought against the ESG movement itself, which pushes companies through a concerted effort to make politically motivated investment decisions. ESG is restraining trade in the energy sector, but it is being ignored because the brainwashed elites in Washington believe it is saving the planet.

How a Few Billionaires Manipulated the World

By Raymond Ibrahim

What is ultimately behind so many of the (manufactured) ills currently plaguing the West, from leftist lunacy and gender insanity to unnecessary lockdowns and wars?

In a word, the ultra-rich — the billionaire elite. So argues bestselling author Hanne Nabintu Herland, in her latest book, "The Billionaire World: How Marxism Serves the Elite."

In a series of brisk chapters, Herland — an African-born historian of religions and founder of The Herland Report in Scandinavia — traces all of the world's major problems back to the billionaire elite and their use of Marxist repression and social engineering.

While this may seem counterintuitive, Herland makes — and documents — several powerful arguments.

The fact that a tiny elite controls much can be seen in that even seemingly opposing and competing brands, such as Coke and Pepsi, are usually owned by the same company, says Herland. The same applies to supposedly opposing "leftist" and "rightist" media. A paltry six corporations control 90% of all U.S. media. As for the political arena, the "richest 0.01% have accounted for 40% of all campaign contributions through corporate donations."

In short, "These mastodonte private companies completely dominate our way of life, what we eat, drink, watch on TV, what we wear, and who we vote for."

Little wonder that, no matter what happens in the world, and no matter how such developments are detrimental to the average person, the ultra-rich tend only to get richer. According to Herland, "82% of all wealth generated in 2017 went to the richest 1% among us, while the poorest world population of 3.7 billion saw no increase in wealth."

But it's worse than that; there seems to be a direct correlation between how much poorer the average man gets and how much richer the billionaires get. Writes Herland:

[T]he richest among us made billions of dollars on the COVID-19 world tragedy, while the world's poor plunged into unimaginable poverty… The shutdown strategy made the billionaires' profit soar. In the span of just a few months in 2020, Bill Gates made $75 billion, Jeff Bezos $67.9 billion, Mark Zuckerberg $37.8 billion, and Elon Musk $33.6 billion.

Meanwhile, 48% of small business owners in America experienced severe economic turmoil — with fully one-third of them going bankrupt and with black-owned businesses suffering disproportionately — due to this lockdown that otherwise profited the billionaires.

From a macro-historic perspective, the West is slowly regressing, and the ultra-rich are becoming "the globalist version of feudal lords, as the new Western slave class emerges beneath them."

But how did this lamentable state of affairs come to pass in the first place? Marxism — in its myriad forms and iterations — is Herland's answer. Since the 1960s, beginning with the "free sex and drugs" movement, Marxism, especially in the guise of godless materialism, has wormed its way into Western culture, poisoning, corrupting, and destroying everything that originally made the West great, and therefore making it ripe for the most powerful — meaning the richest — to manipulate and control.

Writes Herland:

The Marxist attack on historic Western values has weakened the very core of our culture, destroyed social stability and the family, quenched free speech and silenced the people—and thereby removed the obstacles for the billionaire class to gain centralized control.… The combination of strong private corporations coupled with political socialist ideologies has pushed for a radical groupthink model in which the population is expected to agree with the consensus—not unlike that which we witnessed during the National Socialism in Germany before and during World War II.

Environments where freedom and liberty erode and are replaced with groupthink are especially ripe for Marxist exploitation. As Vladimir Lenin, who admired Marx, once wrote:

We must be ready to employ trickery, deceit, law-breaking, withholding and concealing truth …. We can and must write in a language which sows among the masses hate, revulsion and scorn towards those who disagree with us.

More than a century after these tactics were first written down, surely it needs no great expounding to see how they now dominate Western discourse and politics — especially through the media, most of which are owned by a handful of elites.

There is much more to recommend about Herland's "Billionaire World." Almost every pressing topic — including the politicization of science, the rise of (openly Marxist) groups such as Black Lives Matter, the global persecution of Christians, the stoking of racial tensions, and the rewriting of history — is connected to the overlooked role of the billionaire elites and their self-serving agendas.

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

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

What Is Anarcho-Capitalism?

By Jeffrey A. Tucker

The presidential victory of Javier Milei in Argentina puts at the head of state the first self-proclaimed "anarcho-capitalist" in modern history—or probably the first person ever to win an election at this level to identify with that term.

In the meantime, I've had many people ask me precisely what this is. So here is the explanation as I understand it.

Central to the idea is that society does not require an entrenched entity of legalized compulsion and coercion called the state in order to enjoy the enforcement of property rights, contracts, defense, and commercial society generally. The fusing of the terms anarchism and capitalism is not a plan for the social order but rather a prediction of what would happen in a civilized community in the absence of the state.

Myth one: it is not "right-wing," contrary to the New York Times, the Guardian, and a thousand other venues. The "right" in Prussia was for the unity of church, state, and business. The "right" in France was for the divine right of the monarchy to rule. The "right" in America is all over the place in U.S. history but hardly consistent for liberty as a first principle of socio-political life. The notion of "anarcho-capitalism" is outside the left-right binary.

Myth two: the "anarcho" part has nothing to do with Antifa or chaos. The use of the term anarchism here means only the abolition of the state and its replacement with property relationships, voluntary action, private law, and contract enforcement as provided by free enterprise. It does not mean lawless; it means law as an extension of human volition and social evolution rather than imposition from above. Order is the daughter of liberty, not the mother, said Proudhon, and anarcho-capitalists would agree.

Myth three: not everyone who proclaims himself to be an "anarcho-capitalist" speaks for the school of thought, not by a long shot. The designation represents a broad ideal with thousands of iterative applications and a huge diversity of views within, same as any other ideological camp. I'm aware of some who favored COVID lockdowns and shot mandates, and others who keep finding ways to justify war and mass redistribution schemes, for example. Thus should Milei not be held responsible for every cockamamie thing ever said or written by a self-described adherent.

The term originates in the work of American economist (and my beloved mentor) Murray Rothbard, who was strongly influenced in his libertarianism by novelist Ayn Rand in the 1950s. (One of Milei's dogs is named Murray.) But as Rothbard examined Rand's work closely, he began to develop doubts about the institution Rand insisted was necessary and essential, namely the state itself. If we are to have property rights, why is the state alone permitted to violate them? If we are to have self-ownership, why is the state the only institution allowed to trample on people via conscription, segregation, and otherwise? If we seek peace, why do we want a state to wage war? And so on.

In Rothbard's view, a consistent rule in society prohibiting aggression against person and property would have to apply also to the state itself, which has been historically the most socially damaging violator of human rights that there is. We tolerate states to defend our rights only to find out that the state is the main threat to our rights. This way of thinking also observes that no one has ever come up with a technology or system that has successfully restrained the state once it is created. (Highly recommended for deeper understanding: Rothbard's "Anatomy of the State," a free download.)

Many anarchists of the socialist left have made similar observations but Rothbard's spin was one of an analytical prediction concerning what would take the place of the state in its absence. Rothbard said that a society without a state would not be a community governed by perfect sharing of resources and egalitarian sameness, much less some magical elevation beyond human nature, as the left-utopians said. Rather, it would be one of ownership, commerce, the division of labor, investment, private courts, stock markets, private ownership of capital, currency, conscript, and murder. He believed that markets and the creativity of peaceful human cooperation would always produce better results than institutions cobbled together by elites and enforced by compulsion. That applies even to courts, security, and law, all of which he believed to be better provided via market forces within the framework of universal norms governing ownership and human action.

In this Rothbard was revisiting a debate from 19th-century France. Frédéric Bastiat (1801–1850) was a great economist and classical liberal who wrote some of the most compelling writings for freedom of his generation or even ever. But he always held out in his mind the belief in the necessity of some state to keep the system functioning lest society descend into chaos. Opposing him in this was the lesser-known intellectual Gustav de Molinari (1819–1912) who wrote that all functions necessary for social operations under freedom can be provided via market forces. In many ways, Molinari was the actual first "anarcho-capitalist," though he never used that term.

To be sure, high-level theory originating in Paris salons during the Belle Epoque or New York City intellectual circles in the 1950s are one thing. But putting all this into practice is



and all the rest. In other words, a free economy would thrive more than ever without the state, and we would see an ordered liberty brought to its highest possible level of realization.

Keep in mind that pushing forward this idea put Rothbard at odds with practically everyone from the Marxists to the Trotskyites to the Randians to the conservatives and old-style classical liberals who believed that states are necessary for courts, law, and security. It even put him at odds with another one of his mentors, Ludwig von Mises himself, whose only conception of anarchism came from European intellectual circles: they were surely among the least responsible minds on the Continent.

Rothbard's anarchism was American to the core: more influenced by Colonial times than the Spanish Civil War. He believed that communities could manage themselves without an overlord with the power to tax, inflate the another. Here is where the test for Milei really is. At this point, his theory is just that, perhaps an inspiration to give courage of conviction but it is hardly a blueprint. He faces a massive administrative state that is deeply entrenched, a collapsed currency, a corrupted court system, a hostile legislature, an enemy media, and 100 years of egregious pension liabilities.

How does one man take all this on? We don't really know the answer to this question. No leader of a Western democratic developed nation has ever attempted a full-scale routing of a corrupted establishment on this level. Neither Reagan nor Thatcher, as far-reaching as their reforms were, ever cut the budget overall much less really abolished whole agencies. They were reformers within the framework. Milei is being called to do something never done before, in the midst of a grave crisis for the nation.



Newly elected President of Argentina Javier Milei of La Libertad Avanza looks on after the polls closed in the presidential runoff in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on Nov. 19, 2023. (Tomas Cuesta/Getty Images)

You don't have to accept anarcho-capitalism fully to appreciate the drive and hope here. Who would you trust most to beat back the state, someone who strongly believes in some features of it or someone who opposes the whole structure root and branch? This much is clear: this ideological orientation is going to infuse any statesman with a fiery opposition to every corruption, every compulsion, every racket, every scam pushed by the administrative elite. The anarcho-capitalist orientation at least provides a guiding light that could end in more liberty for everyone.

The internal and external forces allied against his success are unthinkably vast. And he is racing against the clock. In a year, the whole of elite media is going to be yelling that "anarcho-capitalism" in Argentina has failed. Promise. That's how absurd things have become.

Let's say that Milei gets diverted by neoliberal globalists and pursues reforms that only follow the neo-liberal playbook of the late 20th century and following 2008. Can that be blamed on anarcho-capitalism? Absolutely not.

Anarcho-capitalism is not granting freedom to the largest corporations under oligarchic control to pillage and profit at the people's expense. It is not "privatizing" functions of the state that should not exist in the first place. It is not selling off state resources to cronies and bandits. It is not contracting out lame public services to the highest bidder. It doesn't mean allowing tech companies to become state partners in citizen surveillance and control. These are all corruptions of a more pure idea of capitalism. And it certainly is not complying with the dictates of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the World Bank, the Word Economic Forum (WEF), much less the U.S. State Department.

There is every reason to be encouraged by Milei's victory if only because it shows there is a populist demand out there for radical reform and this can in fact win elections. We should hope that GOP candidates in the United States are watching and listening. They seem to have defaulted back to canned speeches and scripted answers, which only bore a public that is fed up with the status quo and ready for someone with the vision and energy of a Milei to get serious.

This might only be round one of many more to come. He might fail. But the desperate need for fundamental and far-reaching reform and revolution in all industrialized democracies to put the people back in charge can hardly be doubted anymore. And if he fails, after a valiant effort, at least we will have had, as Rothbard once said, a temporary but "glorious holiday" from the political and administrative status quo we live with every day.

There is every reason to believe that Milei is just the beginning of a new trend that could spread all over the world. People are fed up and are ready for a radical new direction. Something has to be done to stop the relentless march of the forces of tyranny in Western nations.

There are over 100 years between the two photos. You can see the ever rising sea levels very well, can't you?





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article. I examined problems with EV fires and resulting insurance problems in CCWs 486, 481, and 427, among other posts.

Recent surveys show that more important than their limited range and hauling capacity, their tendency to fail in bad weather and spontaneously combust, or any other issue, the upfront price of an EV is the factor driving automobile and truck consumers' decisions concerning whether to purchase an electric vehicle. Car buyers enter the market knowing EVs, even with generous taxpayer-funded tax credits, carry an up-front price premium. But it turns out the higher up-front costs are only part of the story. In fact, a new study from the Texas Public Policy Foundation (TPPF) indicates EVs are even more expensive—much more expensive—to drivers, taxpayers, and the economy as a whole than anyone previously calculated, much less publicized.

"Major selling points promoted by EV advocates are lower maintenance and fueling costs over the life of the vehicle and the common claim reductions in battery prices will eventually make EVs less expensive to own than ICEVs [internal combustion engine vehicles]," writes the TPPF. "For example, a study conducted by a group at the Argonne National Laboratory estimated that while an average EV is about $22,000 more expensive to purchase than a comparable ICEV, they cost about $14,000 less to fuel, insure, and maintain over a 15-year period, making their lifetime cost only $8,047 more than an ICEV. …"

The authors of the TPPF study express skepticism concerning whether the Argonne lab's cost estimates are accurate or optimistic, based on favorable economics driven by the Biden administration's EV promotion efforts. Those concerns aside, TPPF points out, "no one has attempted to calculate the full financial benefit [or cost] of the wide array of direct subsidies, regulatory credits, and subsidized infrastructure that contribute to the economic viability of EVs."

The TPPF's research indicates an "average model year (MY) 2021 EV would cost $48,698 more to own over a 10-year period without $22 billion in government favors given to EV manufacturers and owners." And when the subsidies for the EV charging network are considered, the costs of EVs are even higher.

Among the hidden or unaccounted for costs TPPF details vis-à-vis EVs are:

· Direct state and federal subsidies for EVs average $8,984 per vehicle over 10 years.

· Home and public charging stations used by EVs put a significant strain on the electric grid, resulting in an average of $11,833 in socialized costs per EV over 10 years, which are shouldered by utility ratepayers and taxpayers.

· Regulatory credits with bonus EV multipliers from federal fuel efficiency and greenhouse gas emissions standards and state EV sales mandates provide an average of $27,881 in benefits per vehicle for producers of EVs.

Concerning the last cost item—typically unaccounted for when discussing the subsidies for EVs—auto manufacturers get Corporate Average Fuel Economy credits they can resell on the market for every EV sold that are seven times higher than the actual fuel savings the vehicles provide. In 2021, Tesla would not have reported a profit except for the sale of those credits (totaling more than $1.78 billion in 2022). Automakers Ford, GM, and others already cross-subsidize the cost of their EVs to keep the prices down by boosting the price of the ICEVs they sell. It turns out they also add much of the cost of the fuel economy regulatory credits sold to them by Tesla and others to the sticker price for ICEVs. The fact they are losing tens of thousands of dollars on each EV sold indicates that even with the cross-subsidies, they can't recoup the full costs of the vehicles and the regulatory credits they must purchase for each popular, relatively low mileage ICEV they sale.

The bottom line, per the TPPF, is:

EV advocates claim that the cost of electricity for EV owners is equal to $1.21 per gallon of gasoline…, but the cost of charging equipment and charging losses, averaged out over 10 years and 120,000 miles, is $1.38 per gallon equivalent on top of that. Adding the costs of the subsidies to the true cost of fueling an EV would equate to an EV owner paying $17.33 per gallon of gasoline.

But, of course, these true fueling costs aren't borne by the EV owner alone. They are spread across all taxpayers. Since the vast majority of EVs are purchased by those in the highest income and tax brackets, it means the poor and middle class are providing welfare for wealthy people's EV fetish. Now that's a regressive tax policy!

And that's just the costs the TPPF study calculated. The TPPF notes, "These estimates do not include the hundreds of billions more in subsidies in the Inflation Reduction Act (2022) for various aspects of the EV supply chain, particularly for battery manufacturing."

Other hidden or unaccounted for costs related to federal and state efforts to rapidly expand the adoption of EVs include, but are not limited to:

· Billions of dollars in taxpayer-funded subsidies for electric buses, trucks, and truck stops, plus the addition of charging infrastructure at public facilities such as ports and airports;

· Billions in state and city taxpayer-funded subsidies other than state buyer credits, such as credits from California's low-carbon fuel standard, which is a cross-subsidy from gasoline buyers to EVs;

· The unaccounted cost of EVs in terms of additional emissions from power plants, and the embedded environmental costs of the EV supply chain.

· The cost of allowing EVs to use managed lanes, such as high-occupancy vehicle lanes, and the cost of parking spaces given to EVs and EV charging stations.

· The [opportunity] cost to consumers of additional time spent charging EVs relative to fueling gasoline/diesel vehicles.

· Disproportionately high road damage from heavier EVs compared to gasoline/diesel vehicles.

· Disproportionately high EV recall costs compared to gasoline/diesel vehicles, which are socialized to buyers of gasoline and diesel vehicles from the company initiating the recall.

Discussing the study's findings, Jason Isaac, a former Texas state legislator and the study's co-author, told The Center Square, "The real cost of a Ford Lightning is closer to $172,00 and no one would buy them at that. I know their sales have tanked. The [electric] Silverado sold 18 electric trucks last quarter."

In the end, the indirect subsidies and costs related to EVs—costs unaccounted for in normal calculations—dwarf the $15,000 to $20,000 premium auto manufacturers charge for each EV they sell, paid for directly by the vehicles' purchasers. Everyone is paying dearly for climate scolds' increasingly successful efforts to get ever more EVs on the road, premised upon displacing ICEVs in order to reduce the transportation sector's greenhouse gas emissions.

Figure 1(b)

Subsidies and Excess Charging Costs Accrued by a MY2021 Electric Vehicle Over 10 Years, Expressed in Terms of the Cost per Equivalent Gallon of Gasoline



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he wasn't involved with.

"This extra warming of urban versus rural areas is not caused by increasing concentrations of CO2 and other greenhouse gases. It is caused by humans, but it cannot be reversed by ruinous net-zero policies."

A groundbreaking study in 2021 had shown that solar activity could explain all observed warming. (David Gannon/AFP via Getty Images)

Mr. Happer, who believes that human CO2 emissions are responsible for "a relatively small contribution" to the "modest warming" that has been observed, agreed with the paper's conclusion that available data isn't good enough to determine how significant the various factors, such as volcanoes, solar irradiance, and greenhouse gas emissions, are to the warming.

Marc Morano, editor of the popular website Climate Depot, told The Epoch Times that the aggressive reaction to the new papers was an effort to silence dissent from the U.N.-backed narrative.

"The climate establishment is mimicking the same coercive tactics that we saw in COVID," he said. "If you present any scientific challenge to the official narrative, you are deplatformed, canceled, censored, and silenced."

Indeed, the United Nations and other powerful groups are actively working to silence other views on the issue. U.N. Undersecretary-General for Global Communications Melissa Fleming is waging war on what she calls climate "disinformation."

During a World Economic Forum event last year, Ms. Fleming, claiming "we own the science," boasted of the U.N. partnership with Google to suppress information online contradicting the U.N. perspective on climate issues.

Mr. Morano, one of the leading communicators in the climate skeptic community, sounded the alarm.

"We are witnessing scientific research being distorted to support only 'The Science'," he warned.

The IPCC, which describes itself as the U.N. body for "assessing the science related to climate change," declined to comment on the new papers.

"The IPCC does not comment on individual studies or on matters outside the scope of IPCC assessment reports," the U.N. body's media team told The Epoch Times in an email. "At the beginning of the assessment process, each IPCC Working Group sets cut-off dates by which time literature has to be accepted for publication by scientific journals, if it is to be included in the current assessment."

Why the Fierce Reaction?

The new papers that have scientists such as Mr. Mann and Mr. Schmidt speaking out so vociferously show that almost half of the warming recorded in recent decades is actually the result of what's known as the "urban heat island" effect.

Because so many temperature stations around the world are in areas that have become urbanized over time, the temperature records that they produce show artificial, localized warming, while rural stations show far less warming.

The rest of the recorded warming can be explained by changes in solar activity documented by NASA, according to the papers.

Scientists behind the new studies, who led a team of almost 40 researchers from 18 countries, told The Epoch Times in a series of interviews that their findings undermine the fearmongering being pushed by governments and the media.

The studies also jeopardize the massive policy changes and trillions of dollars' worth of government spending worldwide that have been justified by the warming narrative, experts said.

This isn't the first time that these questions have been raised. The new studies build on an earlier paper published by a coalition that includes some of the same scientists that shows that changes in solar activity, as recorded by NASA, can account for as much as 100 percent of the observed warming of recent decades.

All of that contradicts the hypothesis that human emissions of carbon dioxide, which make up a fraction of 1 percent of all "greenhouse gases" present naturally in the atmosphere, are primarily responsible for the observed warming of recent decades.

The man-made warming hypothesis is supported by the United Nations and many of its member governments, including the current U.S. administration. It's being cited to justify sweeping public policy changes across a range of fields along with spending hundreds of billions of tax dollars per year.

Led by scientists including Mr. Soon and Ronan Connolly of CERES, the global team behind the papers and their findings represent a mortal threat to the entire climate industry.

Already, polling data show that most American adults reject the man-made warming hypothesis.

Less than half of Americans believe that climate change is caused by human activities, according to an AP-NORC survey released earlier this year.

The same poll showed that just 38 percent of the adults surveyed would accept paying even $1 extra per month on their energy bill to fight alleged man-made global warming.

With the climate community and the governments that fund it seeking trillions of tax dollars and a total restructuring of energy systems and even the global economy to deal with climate change, the stakes couldn't be higher.

A number of climate scientists contacted for comment by The Epoch Times declined to respond on the record.

Saying that what passes for climate science had been deeply corrupted, several warned that advocates of the

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Counsel David Weiss issued a 56-page indictment charging the president's son with evading $1.4 million in federal taxes from 2016 through 2019 through failures to file and filing "false business deductions" and "willfully" ignoring tax obligations in preference of an "extravagant lifestyle."

These charges add to a September indictment in Delaware for three felony gun charges.

Some suspicious souls among us — this writer included — hypothesize that timing of the recent indictments may have much to do with providing Hunter with attempted legal arguments to dodge questions during subpoenaed House Oversight and Judiciary Committee depositions scheduled for Dec. 13.

Whereas Hunter's attorney Abbe Lowell has said that Biden is willing to sit for a public hearing but not for the private questioning, failures to comply are entirely certain to initiate contempt of Congress proceedings.

The latest indictment incorporates sidelined recommendations that had previously been submitted by IRS investigators on the case in late 2021, which came to public light only after IRS whistleblowers Gary Shapley and Joe Ziegler testified before Congress that the Justice Department, its Tax Division, and the Delaware U.S. Attorney's Office "provided preferential treatment and unchecked conflicts of interest."

Shapley also noted that his team found evidence of several illegal business expenses during the course of the investigation, and suggested the alleged crimes perpetrated by Hunter totaling $2.2 million of owed taxes likely would've quickly landed "any other person" in prison.

Nevertheless, DOJ political interference allowed the statute of limitations to lapse on Hunter's 2014 and 2015 tax returns, which Shapley says contained the most egregious conduct, including a possible Foreign Agents Registration Act violation.

Rep. James Comer, R-Ky., chairman of the House Oversight Committee, who is leading the congressional probe into Hunter and President Biden, has accused Weiss of recently bringing the minimum possible charges to shield both father and son from potentially more damaging revelations.

Comer told CNN's Jake Tapper, "We think that this is just the tip of the iceberg," adding, "We think there are many more crimes, and my concern is that Weiss may have indicted Hunter Biden to protect him from having to be deposed in the House Oversight Committee."

When Tapper skeptically responded that Hunter was potentially facing 17 years in prison, Comer shot back: "Jake, this whole thing's been about a cover-up… You indicted him on the least little thing, the gun charge, and not paying taxes."

As Comer said, "Anybody else in America would already be in prison. You say he owes $2 million. He may owe $7 (million) or $8 million, if these loans are fraudulent loans. I mean, a loan means you are going to pay it back."

All of this has potentially huge implications — including tax consequences — for Joe Biden as well.

As lead IRS investigator Shapley told CBS reporter Jim Axelrod, "There were certain investigative steps we weren't allowed to take that could have led us to President Biden."

A recently released June 2018 email to a bank executive from an internal investigator who was monitoring Hunter's accounts as a "politically exposed person" (PEP) identified "suspicious account activities" and "negative News" indicating Hunter to be a "high risk."

As reported by Kimberly Strassel in The Wall Street Journal, the investigator was specifically concerned with the description of a $5 million deposit in August 2017 from Northern International Capital Holdings, a company affiliated with Chinese-government-linked energy firm CEFC. The investigator notes the money was listed as a "business loan," yet "there was no loan agreement document submitted."

Up to that time 16 wire transfers totaling more than $2.9 million were indicated to be management fees and reimbursements without identifying what services were rendered.

Meanwhile, bank records obtained by the House Oversight Committee, show that at least $40,000 of that $5 million quickly ended up in a Joe Biden bank account — via his brother James, who recorded it as a loan repayment.

Despite contrary evidence on Hunter's laptop, published photographs, and witness accounts, Joe Biden has denounced as "lies" reports that he met while vice president with son Hunter Biden and brother James Biden's Chinese, Kazakhstani, Mexican, Russian and Ukrainian associates.

"I did not. And it's just a bunch of lies" Joe Biden said in response to a question from the New York Post.

Instead, as House Speaker Mike Johnson (R-La.) responded on X:"The President just lied again to the American people. FACT: There are at least 22 examples of Joe Biden speaking with or meeting with Hunter Biden's foreign business associates."

We have also learned that former V.P. Biden had sent or was privy to hundreds of emails to Hunter's former business partner Eric Schwerin, director of his Rosemont Seneca Partners firm, under false surnames including "robinware456," "JRBware" and "RobertLPeters."

Why, after all, with no evident business services, would the Biden family and associates need more than 20 shell companies who reportedly raked in over $24 million dollars between 2015 and 2019 by selling Joe Biden as "the brand?"

Expect a likely House vote later this week to convene a Biden Impeachment Inquiry seeking lots of answers.

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Is There Evidence for God?



By Joseph Best

A review of Is There Evidence for God? An economist searches for answers, by Robert Genetski (RGA/classicalprinciples, 2023).

Why would a distinguished economist write a book about religion? Who would even care what he thinks?

Robert Genetski, Ph.D., probably knew when he sat down to write this book that readers would ask these questions and so would hesitate to buy copies. I'm glad he didn't let that deter him because I truly needed this book. It helped change my life. I can't recommend it highly enough.

Genetski came from the same place I do, a "cradle Catholic" who fell away from the faith when he went to college and then never seemed to find time to go back and revisit that decision. Having turned 80 years old recently, he says "I've lived a long, wonderful, fulfilling life." He has only a few regrets, "the main one is my failure to search for God when I was much younger, when answers could have helped me deal far more effectively with the ongoing challenges in life."

Shortly before she died, Genetski's mother confided in him that she didn't think God was real or that there is an after-life. "I was stunned!" he writes. "The incident may have been the spark I needed to begin taking a serious look into God and religion."

Genetski says he began by studying the work of prominent atheists such as Richard Dawkins, Christopher Hitchens, and Sam Harris. He found "not only do they reject God: they seem to have an intense hatred for him. … It seems a bit odd for anyone passionately to hate something they don't believe exists. It would be like hating Santa or the Easter Bunny. Who does that?"

Atheism, he says, is appealing because "it can empower us and feed our egos. When we reject God, we get to take his place. We become the highest existing lifeform, beholden and subservient to no one." But the downside is that atheists are often miserable, living lives without meaning and fearing death.

Genetski's take-down of atheism is masterful and succinct. He ends it by saying atheists are simply "not interested in evidence. Without an inclination to examine evidence, the atheist case for rejecting God rests entirely on their personal opinions and beliefs. Atheists assume their beliefs reflect reality. … Their initial bias against God's existence was so great, they appeared blind to any evidence to the contrary."

Genetski then examined the evidence for God himself, starting with evidence of life after death revealed by near-death experiences. Raymond Moody, M.D., in 1970 published accounts of more than a hundred incidents in his book, Life After Death. Sometimes there was corroborating evidence, as when the person knew things that they could not have known without an out-of-body experience. Moody's work "opened the door to an outpouring of scientific analysis of what is now known as 'near-death experiences.'"

In a chapter titled "It's a Miracle!" Genetski writes: "A miracle is said to occur when God suspends the laws of nature to increase our faith and knowledge of him. Miracles assume God is real. Since atheists believe there is no such thing as God, they also believe there is no such thing as a miracle." He recommends Charles Keener's two-volume study titled Miracles, which I've bought and am reading. It's very impressive.

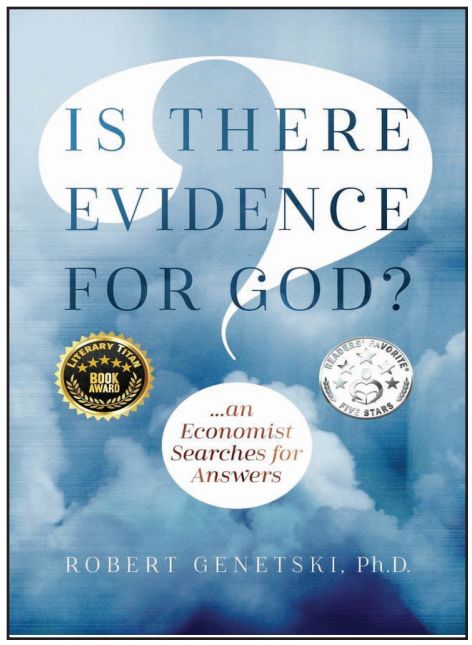
Having concluded that God exists, Genetski proceeded to look for evidence of what He expects from humanity. Readers familiar with the work of Huston Smith and other famous historians of religion might anticipate lengthy treatises on "the great religions of the world," but Genetski needs only a few pages to discuss their essential features and put them in context. Hinduism, Buddhism, and New Age Religions, he says, rely on introspection and meditation, which may be beneficial for their practitioners but "produce a lot of different answers. … [T]hey aren't going to be much help in our search for evidence of God."

Judaism, Christianity, and Islam "all claim their beliefs come from God. All three claim God's revelations are described in sacred books…" He identifies what they have in common: accepting the Old Testament as the inspired work of God; one all-powerful, all-knowing God, who wants us to "worship him, recognize the temporary nature of the material world and material possessions, behave with honesty and integrity, help others who are less fortunate than us, and live peacefully with one another. These religions are almost unanimous in agreeing that each person has a soul whose eternal destiny depends on us doing God's will."

Given the central role of the Old Testament in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, Genetski searched for evidence of its authenticity. He found it in archeology and Biblical scholarship. He cites Who Wrote the Bible? by Richard Elliott Friedman, who maintains the first five books of the Bible, known as the Pentateuch, were created by an ancient and unknown "redactor" who combined three original sources labeled P, J,and E, the first advancing ideas about God and his relationship to man that are "virtually the opposite" of the other two. The result is a "new dynamic between Yahweh's justice and his mercy." "Whatever its origin, whatever combination of authors and editors contributed to it, the end product turned out to be part of the most magnificent, most impactful book ever written."

Genetski then tackled the New Testament and looked for evidence of Christ's resurrection. "If it weren't true, how could his followers believe it? How could more than 500 eyewitnesses believe it? How could millions of people over the past two millennia be so certain it's true that they're willing to devote their lives to spreading the word, and even die for their beliefs?"

He evaluated the evidence for Jesus as God starting with the Turin Shroud, citing a book by Mark Niyr titled The Turin Shroud and a website, shroud.com, which "lists thousands of books and articles offering expert opinions on this amazing relic."



According to Genetski, the shroud reveals that it "once held the body of a well-proportioned man, almost 5'-11" tall, weighing 175 pounds. The man was fully naked when wrapped in the cloth. The marks, wounds, and body characteristics are anatomically correct. The person wrapped in this cloth was definitely a real person." The shroud, he says, is compelling evidence of Christ's resurrection.

Genetski then discusses Marian apparitions, the "dancing sun" in Fatima, Portugal (1917), reports of stigmata, bleeding Eucharists (citing a 1986 book on the subject by Joan Carol Cruz titled Eucharistic Miracles), and bleeding statues.

"God left evidence all over the place," he concludes, "much as a child who plays in the mud and then wanders into his home. God left his footprints everywhere — in historical events, stories long forgotten, and places few might think to look."

Genetski's search for answers, starting from a place of skepticism and doubt and using tools acquired during a long career spent finding and analyzing evidence, ends with a declaration of faith. "The good news is — atheists are wrong. God not only exists, he loves each and every one of us."

Genetski ends his book with these inspiring words:

My great hope is others will take a journey similar to mine. Search for God. Find Him. Then, experience the incredible love, peace and serenity only God can provide.

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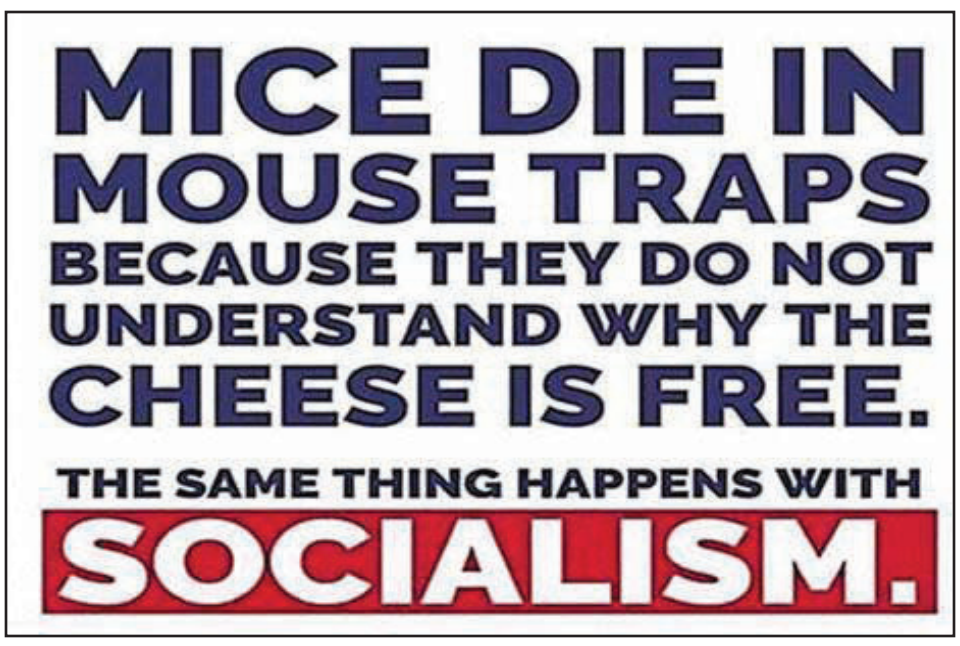

Short Takes

By Ken Van Doren

Russia: The deepest hole ever drilled by man is the Kola Superdeep Borehole in Russia. It reached a depth of 12,261 meters (about 40,226 feet or 7.62 miles). It was drilled for scientific research and gave up some unexpected discoveries, one of which was a huge deposit of hydrogen – so massive that the mud coming from the hole was boiling with it.

Waterfalls: The water of Angel Falls (the world's highest) in Venezuela drops 3,212 feet (979 meters). It is 15 times higher than Niagara Falls.

"Problem is (follow me closely here, the science is pretty complicated), if I cut a hole in the Hab, the air won't stay inside anymore." -Andy Weir

"Magic's just science that we don't understand yet." -Arthur C. Clarke

"He who is not satisfied with a little, is satisfied with nothing ." -Epicurus

"No, our science is no illusion. But an illusion it would be to suppose that what science cannot give us we can get elsewhere." -Sigmund Freud

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

"A friend is someone who knows all about you and still loves you." -Elbert Hubbard

Wisdom to Live By

Honesty build strength; When you lie you become weak. - Tucker Carlson



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Crossword Puzzler

ACROSS
1. African virus
6. Renegade
11. Kidney-related
12. Hard rubber
15. Fervent
16. Not amplified (music)
17. Petrol
18. Idle
20. Mistake
21. Ear-related
23. With competence
24. German for "Madam"
25. Boorish
26. Wicked
27. Blue dye
28. So be it
29. Obtain
30. Young woman
31. Indicated
34. Renders senseless
36. Not in
37. Midmonth date
41. Ripped
42. Swear
43. No
44. Sexual assault
45. Circuit breaker
46. Happy
47. Website address
48. Position of an earl
51. Pull
52. Mundane
54. Manly
56. Yearner
57. Licoricelike flavor
58. Garden tool
59. Illuminate

DOWN
1. Typographical error
2. The side of a bed
3. Half of a pair
4. Territory
5. Countertenor
6. Summon to return
7. Hard wood
8. Match
9. N N N N
10. Genuine
13. Rant
14. Beige
15. Ancient Greek marketplace
16. Determinedly
19. Large black bird
22. Reprimand
24. Creasing
26. Hens make them
27. Tiny
30. Morsels
32. Hotel
33. Melded
34. Go without food
35. Half-naked
38. Cloddish
39. Shoulder board
40. Marsh plant
42. Neuromuscular blocking agent
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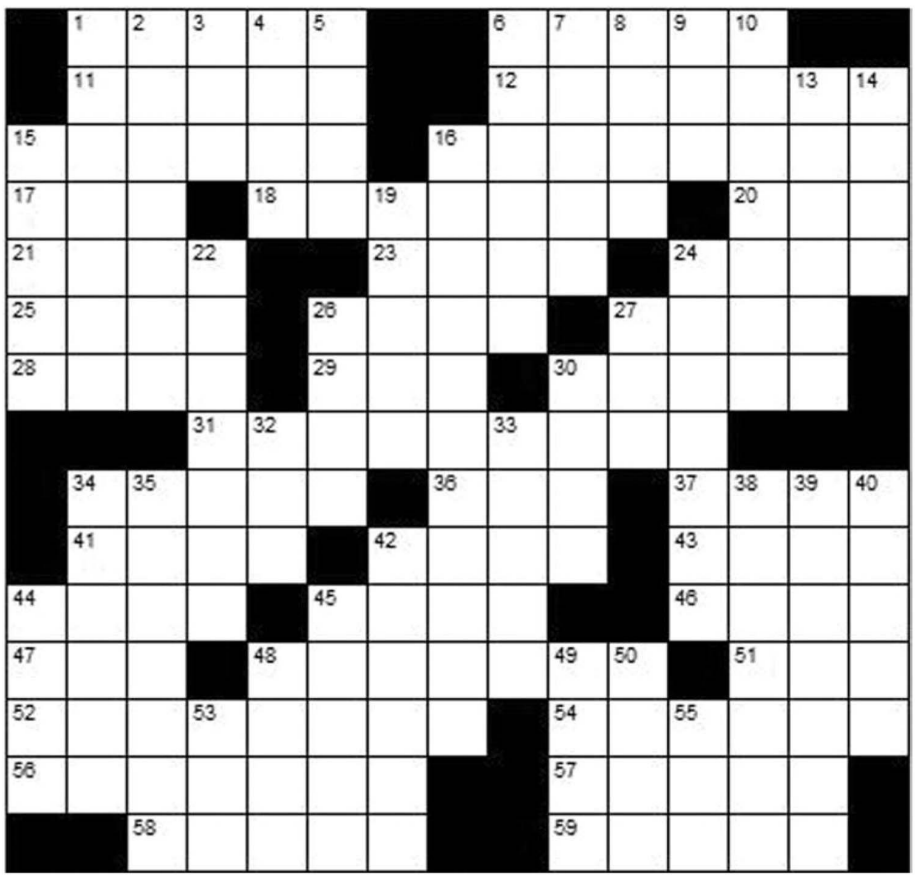

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Technocracy: Critics Slam UN "Climate" Scientists' Bid for Dictatorial Power

By Alex Newman

DUBAI — Top leaders at the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) are seeking the power to prescribe "climate" policy at the international level and then potentially even oversee its implementation and enforcement. Critics, however, warned that the demands were not just unscientific, but would undermine self-governance while ushering in an "insane" totalitarian technocratic form of government.

Speaking to the U.K. Guardian, one of the largest newspapers in the British Isles and perhaps the most alarmist on "climate" issues, almost half a dozen IPCC officials suggested that these UN "scientists" needed vast new powers. The supposed goal: Save humanity from itself and carbon dioxide (CO2), known to scientists as the "gas of life" despite being demonized as "pollution" by man-made global-warming theorists.

"At some point we need to say that if you want to achieve this aim set by policymakers then certain policies need to be implemented," explained UN IPCC Vice Chairman Sonia Seneviratne, who has served as coordinating lead author of the UN "climate science" body for over a decade. "As climate change becomes worse and worse, it is becoming more difficult to be policy relevant without being prescriptive."

Leading scientists in the field, however, ridiculed the calls. Princeton University Physics Professor Emeritus Will Happer, who served as climate advisor to President Donald Trump and is a vocal critic of the UN's alarmism, paraphrased well-known conservative pundit William F. Buckley, telling The New American he would "rather have climate policy set by the first 1,000 people in the telephone directory than by IPCC 'scientists.'"

Top astrophysicist Dr. Willie Soon with the independent Center for Environmental Research and Earth Sciences (CERES) was similarly dismissive of the proposed IPCC power grab. Soon, who recently worked with dozens of scientists to publish three scientific papers in peer-reviewed literature showing that observed warming could be explained by changes in solar activity and the "urban heat-island effect," was appalled.

"This is a rather appalling, [though] not unexpected, development for all the 'humble' scientists at [the] UN IPCC to now call for IPCC to violate its own founding 35-year principle for their reports to never be policy prescriptive but merely policy relevant," he told The New American.

"The bad weather and extreme climate were all imagined in those scientists' computer climate model toys," continued Dr. Soon, who retired last year from the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics. "It is sad and dangerous for those non-elected scientists to go this far to stretch their daily dramas to the epic levels that they can literally now be permitted to stop anyone from enjoying a fine filet mignon or cooking their food with gas. This is what the 'power' to prescribe policy that they have demanded means."

For her part, Seneviratne of the IPCC expressed "shock" about what The Guardian referred to as the "discrepancy" between the supposedly "scientific" findings of the scandal-plagued (and frequently wrong) UN climate body and the policies being pursued by governments around the world. "It's very difficult for us to understand as scientists because it doesn't seem to make any sense," she was quoted as saying.

The policies that Seneviratne and other IPCC leaders said the UN climate body should be allowed to dictate are enormously significant. They would alter the lives of everyone on the planet. For example, one she mentioned was phasing down or even eliminating humanity's use of "fossil fuels" (hydrocarbon energy such as oil, gas, and coal). Those sources currently provide well over 80 percent of all the energy people use around the world.

In short, the UN climate body would become the global master of all energy use, with deadly implications, critics observed.

Asked about "fossil fuel" elimination in 2019, Greenpeace co-founder and former Greenpeace Canada President Dr. Patrick Moore, an environmental scientist, said eliminating hydrocarbon energy would be a "recipe for mass suicide." "It's amazing that somebody in government would propose that we eliminate all fossil fuels in 12 years," he told The New American, saying that if done globally it would result in the "decimation of the human population" and the cutting down of virtually every tree.

Speaking of the IPCC being allowed to dictate and even enforce policy under the guise of stopping climate change, Patrick Wood, author of several books on technocracy and the leading critical expert on the movement, warned of disastrous consequences. If such a scheme were to move ahead, it would mean the end of freedom and the emergence of a new form of government dreamed up almost a century ago and pushed by David Rockefeller's Trilateral Commission.

"That a single group of deluded technocrat scientists should declare themselves to be the sole enforcers of their own 'science' is patently insane," he told The New American. "If they are not summarily stopped, it will give them the dictatorial power to implement every facet of Agenda 21, the UN 2030 Agenda, Global Biodiversity Assessment, and more — in other words, total scientific dictatorship."

Wood noted that when the idea of "technocracy" — rule by scientists and experts — was originally hatched by scientists at Columbia University in 1932, they had a vision similar to that hinted at by the IPCC. "They basically called on FDR to declare himself dictator, to summarily dismiss Congress and to appoint scientists to run all of society," explained Wood.

Pointing to the infamous Club of Rome's 1991 book The First Global Revolution, Wood also noted that these would-be tyrannical technocrats openly discussed "searching for a common enemy," as they put it. That led to the idea of "the threat of global warming," ultimately allowing them to claim the "real enemy" was "humanity itself." "In other words, it was a scam made up as a pretext for implementing Technocracy," Wood said.

Commenting on the IPCC scientists' calls for more power, Climate Depot editor Marc Morano, one of the world's leading "climate skeptics," suggested there was a link between their latest pronouncements and governments' Covid power grabs of recent years. "The UN scientists were jealous when they saw how public health officials could implement authoritarian policies during COVID and now they want Fauci-like powers!" he argued, describing the advocates as "scientist dictators."

As if to confirm that, another IPCC coordinating lead author, Gert-Jan Nabuurs, blasted the fact that governments and people — often through democratic mechanisms such as voting — were able to withstand the UN body's demands. "The IPCC's critical, independent and guiding roles seem to be less and less evident," he said. "As they decline, countries seem to be exerting a larger and larger influence."

If "countries" should not be exerting influence, the alternative would be the increasingly aggressive UN or its legions of IPCC scientists acting in defiance of nations and their governments. For Nabuurs and other IPCC "experts," the problem is that "we can't be policy prescriptive." In other words, they cannot make demands and "hard statements" about what should be done.

Nabuurs lamented that, despite the UN continuing to produce "assessment reports" warning of imminent doom, governments are not doing what he believes is required. "We already know that in five to six years' time the message is not going to be very different, the problem will still be there, emissions will still be going up, there will be more evidence of impacts and less time to try to stay under 2 degrees Celsius [of warming]," he complained.

And yet, in reality, the IPCC has consistently been wrong. Noting failures ranging from debunked predictions about Antarctic ice and snow fall to outlandish "climate" models predicting massive warming and sea-level rise that never happened, numerous scientists have told this magazine that the UN body cannot be trusted.

In a 2018 interview with The New American, former UN IPCC sea-level scientist Dr. Nils-Axel Morner, chairman of the geophysics and geodynamics department at Stockholm University, suggested the IPCC was deliberately lying. "There is no big sea-level rise going on, and there will not be," said the late scientist, widely considered one of the top experts in his field before he passed away. "On the contrary, if anything happens, it will go down a little bit."

When Dr. Morner tried to force the IPCC to remove its demonstrably fraudulent claims from its "assessment report," the IPCC refused, so he resigned, he explained.

As has become typical, the IPCC did not respond to multiple requests for comment or interviews from The New American — requests made both in person and by email. However, a statement provided to The Guardian said: "It is important to note that the IPCC assessments are policy relevant but not policy prescriptive: they may present projections of future climate change based on different scenarios

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man-made-warming position would retaliate against them if they spoke out publicly.

Retaliation and Debate

One of the scientists facing what critics believe is retaliation is Mr. Nikolov, a federal scientist who also served as guest editor of the journal that published one of the key new studies.

Mr. Nikolov expressed surprise and dismay when Mr. Schmidt and Dan Vergano, a senior opinion editor at Scientific American, demanded his emails under FOIA.

"I was rather surprised by the content of the request, since it's quite unusual to ask to examine the email correspondence between authors and the guest editor of a special issue of a science journal, when there has been no indication of a malpractice or a dispute between authors and the editor resulting in an unfair treatment of a manuscript," Mr. Nikolov told The Epoch Times.

At first, Mr. Nikolov thought Mr. Schmidt was simply upset by the topic of the special issue of Climate that focused on "natural drivers" of climate, "since his views are heavily biased toward anthropogenic (human-caused) climate change," Mr. Nikolov said.

Based on the email, it's clear that Mr. Schmidt is hoping to investigate his "activities" to seek out evidence of unethical or biased behavior, Mr. Nikolov said.

"However, I later realized that this FOIA request was part of a much bigger smear campaign conducted by Mr. Schmidt against a research group called Center for Environmental Research and Earth Sciences."

Apparently, Mr. Nikolov said, Mr. Schmidt didn't like the findings because they "refute the claim by IPCC that the warming of the past 150 years was primarily due to human emissions of 'greenhouse gases.'"

But instead of engaging the authors of the paper in a scientific debate using the normal peer-review publication process, Mr. Schmidt "decided to embark on a disinformation, smear campaign against the CERES group through his non-peer-reviewed blog RealClimate.org," Mr. Nikolov said, adding that the blog "uses condescending and ridiculing language that is reprehensible with respect to academic standards."

Mr. Nikolov also accused Mr. Schmidt of misrepresenting the CERES papers to "discourage curious readers" from reviewing the actual findings.

"It's disappointing to see a government scientist and director of a NASA research institute engaging in distortion and misrepresentation of scientific information published in the peer-reviewed literature through a non-peer-reviewed blog," he said, calling it a "violation of accepted academic standards of ethics."

"If Dr. Schmidt has objections to the results published by the CERES group, a normal response would be to write and publish a paper that refutes these results through new and improved data analysis. Trying to discredit the authors and the guest editor of a journal by finding 'dirt' through a FOIA request is definitely not a part of the standard scientific process."

Professor Demetris Koutsoyiannis with the National Technical University of Athens, who has also published findings contradicting the man-made warming hypothesis, told The Epoch Times that if he didn't know the context and history, he would welcome the recent critique by Mr. Mann and Mr. Schmidt.

However, considering the context and history—especially the infamous "ClimateGate" emails that exposed leading climate scientists conspiring to silence opponents and hide data as well as flaws in their own models—Mr. Koutsoyiannis believes that the critics are being "hypocritical."

"They resort to critique only when the attempts to silence and censor different views fail," he said, noting that the same tactics exposed in the ClimateGate revelations continue to be used.

"It is ironic that such cliques present themselves as world saviors from climate threats. What they do, either intentionally or unintentionally … is to promote a politico-economic agenda that is very dark."

Neither Mr. Schmidt nor Mr. Mann responded to a request for comment by press time.

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We need power to prescribe climate policy, IPCC scientists say

By Arthur Neslen

Senior climate experts are calling for an overhaul of the structure and powers of the UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change in despair at the slow pace of climate action.

Five lead authors of IPCC reports told the Guardian that scientists should be given the right to make policy prescriptions and, potentially, to oversee their implementation by the 195 states signed up to the UN framework convention on climate change (UNFCCC).

Their call came after it emerged that the United Arab Emirates had been planning to use its position as Cop28 host to strike oil and gas deals .

Sonia Seneviratne, an IPCC vice-chair and coordinating lead author since 2012, said: "At some point we need to say that if you want to achieve this aim set by policymakers then certain policies need to be implemented.

"As climate change becomes worse and worse, it is becoming more difficult to be policy relevant without being prescriptive."

Scientists should be able to call for fossil fuel cuts and phaseouts, she said. The discrepancy between IPCC science and action on the ground was "very difficult for us to understand as scientists because it doesn't seem to make any sense".

Gert-Jan Nabuurs, a coordinating lead author on three IPCC reports, said: "The IPCC's critical, independent and guiding roles seem to be less and less evident. As they decline, countries seem to be exerting a larger and larger influence."

The problem for authors was that "we can't be policy prescriptive, so we can't make hard statements on what should be done", he said.

Nabuurs questioned the value of continuing to produce assessment reports when "we already know that in five to six years' time the message is not going to be very different, the problem will still be there, emissions will still be going up, there will be more evidence of impacts and less time to try to stay under 2C [of heating above pre-industrial levels]".

Greenhouse gas emissions are on track to rise by 9% by 2030, despite years of warnings from scientists that climate tipping points may be near. Emissions would need to fall by 43% by the decade's end to meet the Paris climate agreement goal of capping global heating at 1.5C.

Julia Steinberger, a coordinating lead author on climate mitigation pathways on the IPCC's most recent, sixth assessment report, known as AR6, said: "Right now, not only is the IPCC prevented from making strong, clear, commonsense statements – like the need to urgently move away from fossil fuel use and investment – but many scientists have personally taken being 'non policy prescriptive' to be part of their communication in general, not just the IPCC's. This self-silencing is counterproductive, in my opinion."

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UN targets America

By Craig Rucker

"Make no mistake," COP 28, the big UN climate conference in Dubai, is "targeted at America."

That's what CFACT's Marc Morano told the Fox News audience, reporting live from Dubai.

Watch Marc's hard-hitting Fox report now at CFACT's Climate Depot.

Thanks to the best supporters any organization ever had, CFACT's team of policy experts is hard at work advocating freedom in the halls of UN climate power. We are right inside the belly of the beast.

As Marc reports, Vice President Kamala Harris just pledged $3 billion American dollars to the UN's "Green Climate Fund." When precisely did Congress appropriate that?

John Kerry took the UN stage and promised to shut down ALL "unabated" American coal power plants. Meanwhile China is building 182 new ones!

The UN is not only targeting American energy and tax dollars, they are coming for our food supply as well. They aim to eliminate fifty percent of American meat consumption and ninety percent of American beef!

Policy analyst Peter Murphy, an essential member of CFACT's team in Dubai, reports that COP 28 got off to an embarrassing start when conference chairman Sultan Al Jaber spoke hidden truths out loud, saying:

There is no science out there, or no scenario out there, that says that the phase-out of fossil fuel is what's going to achieve 1.5°C" above preindustrial levels … Show me a roadmap for a phase-out of fossil fuels that will allow for sustainable socio-economic development, unless you want to take the world back into caves.

Thanks for the honesty, Sultan! Let's hope the UN does not succeed in silencing you before you reveal again.

Murphy further reports on another moment of revealing candor when Isabela Tagomori, who works on integrated assessment of carbon dioxide removal (CDR) at Utrecht University, told a UN panel that, it is essential to inject "fairness principles" and "distributional justice" into climate policy.

"Murph" pulled no punches. He took the microphone and told the speaker that her redistribution talk smacked of "Marxism."

You should have seen how fast she backpedaled!

"Oh, no," she countered, rather her organization's effort was merely to collect "many different dimensions."

When threatened with the facts, climate campaigners retreat to vague, opaque language.

Senior policy analyst Bonner Cohen explains at CFACT.org that COP 28 is... you guessed it... all about the money.

Who is lining up to pocket the billions of dollars Kamala Harris and the rest are throwing at climate?

Investors, dictators, and incredibly well-funded left-wing climate pressure groups.

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These numbers should trigger a statistically significant safety signal that should require action by both the CDC and FDA to warn people of the dangers related to Covid shots. Instead of warning people of the risks, why does the Covid jab marketing campaign continue to grow? How many more advertisements will we be exposed to encouraging more jabs? And who is paying for the commercials?

The list of symptoms, diseases and disorders continues to increase in the VAERS database from myocarditis to pericarditis to dementia, Alzheimer's, Bell's Palsy, Parkison's, Lewy Body, and different cancers. It's simply overwhelming. Have you or a family member become a victim of post-Covid vaccine illness? If so, have you reported it to VAERS?

Have you noticed the cost of health care and basic life necessities increasing exponentially over the past two years? Are you or your family members concerned about how you are going to continue to cover the monthly rent in these long-term care facilities? This appears to be an epidemic of retirement fund robbery and nest egg obliteration.

If you take the time to conduct some basic research, you will find that the senior housing and care market was overrun some 15 years ago and consolidated by real estate investment trusts (REITs) and then private equity firms. In many business market mergers, the consolidation of companies can lead to more efficient service and sometimes even a reduction in costs. However, it appears that many large firms have become opportunistic, even on our most vulnerable class, the elderly. The elderly have become victims, not only trapped in a long-term care facility with some odd disease, but then swindled out of their life savings. Consider these examples.

In one case that emerged around the 2008 real estate crash, a judge recently ordered repayment of over $79 million dollars to investors who were defrauded by Sunwest Management, one of the largest assisted living operators in the U.S. In another case in 2016, Brookdale Senior Living (Brookdale) was ordered to pay $979,000 to settle claims that, they failed to refund to the U.S. government overpayments it received for Medicaid services. This was for a company it purchased in 2014, Emeritus Senior Living.

In another case in 2021, DHHS disclosed that Medicare made approximately $3.3 million in overpayments to Brookdale for claims that were incorrectly billed for home health services provided to assisted living residents. DHHS recommended that Brookdale return the Medicare funds related to claims within the 4-year reopening period. Shortly after DHHS audit findings, Brookdale announced its plans to sell its majority stake in Brookdale Health Care Services for a large sum of money.

In 2022, Brookdale conceded to a judge's decision and entered into a $3.25 million settlement over the doctoring of records to increase profits. The allegations consisted of claims of negligence toward residents, transferring or discharging residents without proper notice, manipulating reports to Medicare for nurses' care hours as well as other records for better ratings to increase the number new residents and revenue, a type of marketing fraud.

More recently this year, people came forward to report that Brookdale increased their fees 40% or more over the last 2 years, and they have informed residents that another 10% increase is due upon the 2024 New Year. When they inquiries were made about the reason for the cost increase, the facility's response was "labor and food". An increase of 50% in a two-year period for labor and food seems highly unlikely, especially when caregivers complain of stagnant wages. Many resident's spouses are wondering "how will I continue to pay for these services?" Albeit that in our post Covid world, the labor and food costs have risen slightly, but not as significant as other fraudulent factors exposed above.

However, there appears to be a correlation between senior housing operating portfolios (SHOPs) traded on the stock market and their impending financial duress. Brookdale and other operators may fall under Diversified Healthcare Trust, traded as DHC. A recent review in 2022 considered DHC to be one of the worst performing healthcare REITs and criticized its faulty business model. It also mentioned their inability to close any facilities without termination fees, which put them in a very helpless situation.

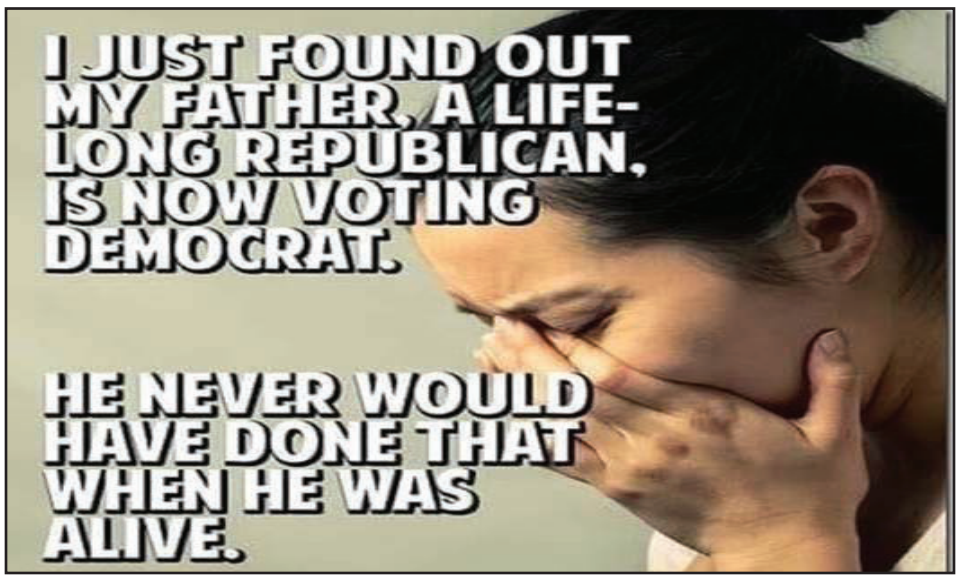
Is there a form of white-collar robbery going on here? Are our seniors, that is our parents, grandparents, and great grandparents, being fleeced of their life savings? Where is John Stossel when we need him to expose this fraud? Better yet, what is our government doing about it? More importantly, why are the numbers of disorders and diseases skyrocketing 2-years after the roll-out of the COVID vaccines? Have we put too much trust in our government?

It appears that our government may be allowing agencies and corporations to create health and fiscal issues on the front end and then cashing out on taxpayer's life savings in the back end by investors on the stock market. It appears to be time for We the People to awaken and object against these crimes against humanity, both fiscal and more importantly physical!

To explore data used to create this essay, please acccess the following articles at: file:///Users/iMac/Desktop/why-do-so-many-people-hate-vaers-DrM%2012-1-23.pdf AND file:///Users/iMac/Desktop/COVID%20DEATHS%20vaccine-cover-up-VAERS%20DrM%2011-25-23.pdf

"It will be of little avail to the people that the laws are made by men of their own choice if the laws be so voluminous that they cannot be read, or so incoherent that they cannot be understood."
-James Madison

"I believe there are more instances of the abridgment of the freedom of the people by gradual and silent encroachments of those in power, than by violent and sudden usurpations."
-James Madison



Fauci is ABOVE and BEYOND God

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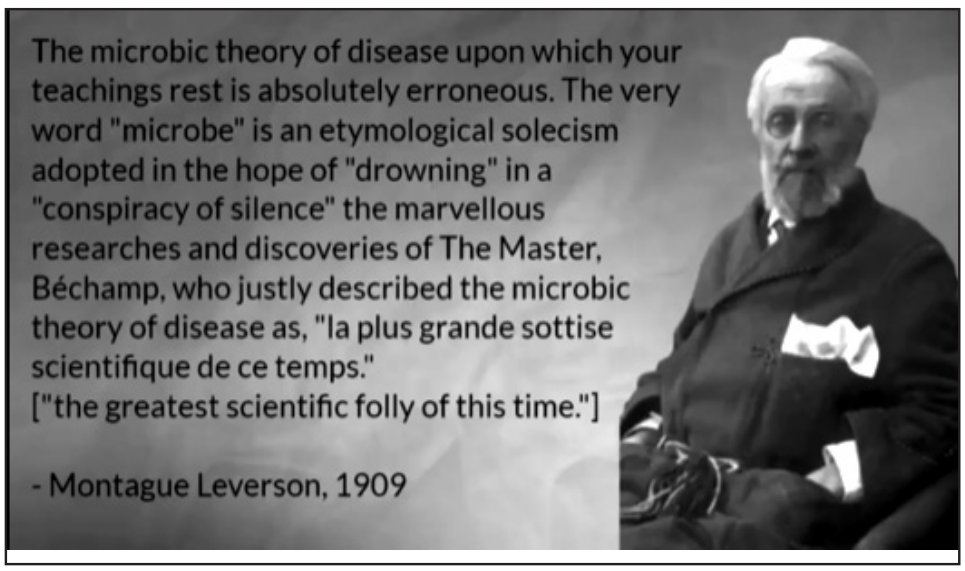
Anthony Fauci explains that although he identifies as Catholic, his "personal ethics on life" are so strong that he has no need to practice the religion. "It seems like a pro forma thing that I don't really need to do."





U.S. Senate Expert Witness Testimony States That There Are 410,000 Unexplained Deaths In Americans.

Insurance company data shows a 40% increase in deaths of people under 64.

This is the worst coverup in human history.

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and the risks that climate change poses and discuss the implications of response options, but they do not tell policymakers what actions to take."

But as the UN and its members are becoming more and more extreme in their demands, a global rebellion of sorts is brewing. In the United States, recent polls show the vast majority of Americans do not even believe the man-made global-warming theory underpinning it all. During the COP28 summit, Tucker Carlson — the most significant voice in U.S. media today by far, with shows on X viewed by tens of millions — slammed Biden "Climate Czar" John Kerry and the whole climate agenda.

As the 80,000 or so attendees at the "climate" summit were buzzing around Dubai working on "solving" the alleged crisis, U.S. Senator Mike Lee (R-Utah) introduced a bill to get the United States out of the UN entirely. Calling it the "DEFUND" ("Disengaging Entirely From the United Nations Debacle") Act, Sen. Lee said the global organization is an "enemy of Judeo-Christian beliefs," a "usurper of sovereignty," and a "voice for Marxism" costing U.S. taxpayers almost $20 billion per year for its "anti-American agenda."

"No more blank checks for the United Nations. Americans' hard-earned dollars have been funneled into initiatives that fly in the face of our values — enabling tyrants, betraying allies, and spreading bigotry," Lee said in a news release. "With the DEFUND Act, we're stepping away from this debacle. If we engage with the UN in the future, it will be on our terms, with the full backing of the Senate and an ironclad escape clause."

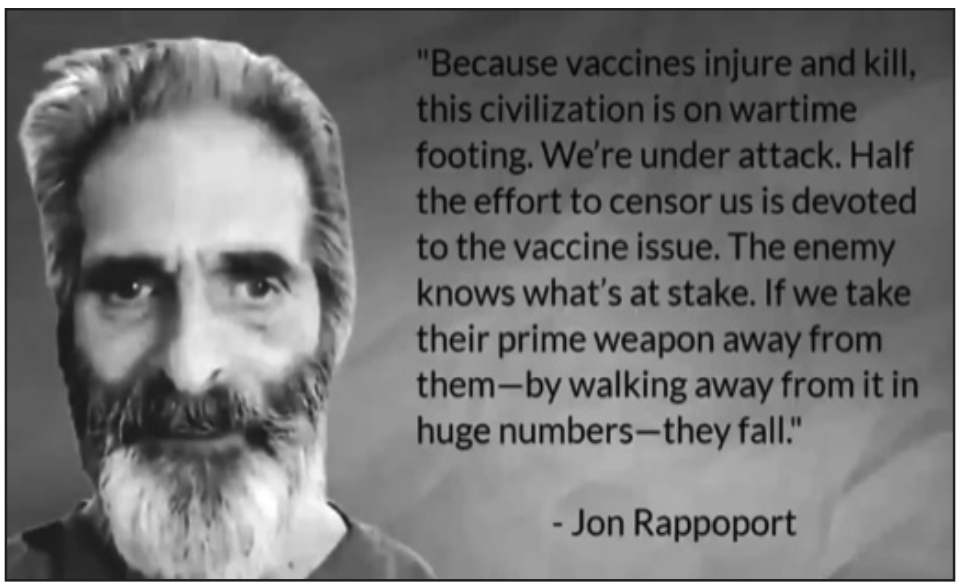
With pushback growing, the UN and leaders of the climate movement are also sounding more autocratic, claiming that nothing can stop them now. UN banners on giant screens around the conference boldly proclaimed victory. "The transformation is unstoppable," they blared, even as political leaders from Holland and Argentina to the United States threaten to upend the whole agenda. Trump has repeatedly referred to the man-made warming hypothesis as a Chinese Communist Party "hoax."

Separately, when Kerry was asked at COP28 about the prospect of Trump coming back to power and derailing the "progress" made on "climate," he responded arrogantly. "They're not going to stop this," he told the world after making faces. "This economic transformation is going to be the biggest transformation in human history — it's bigger by far than the industrial revolution — and it is going to happen."

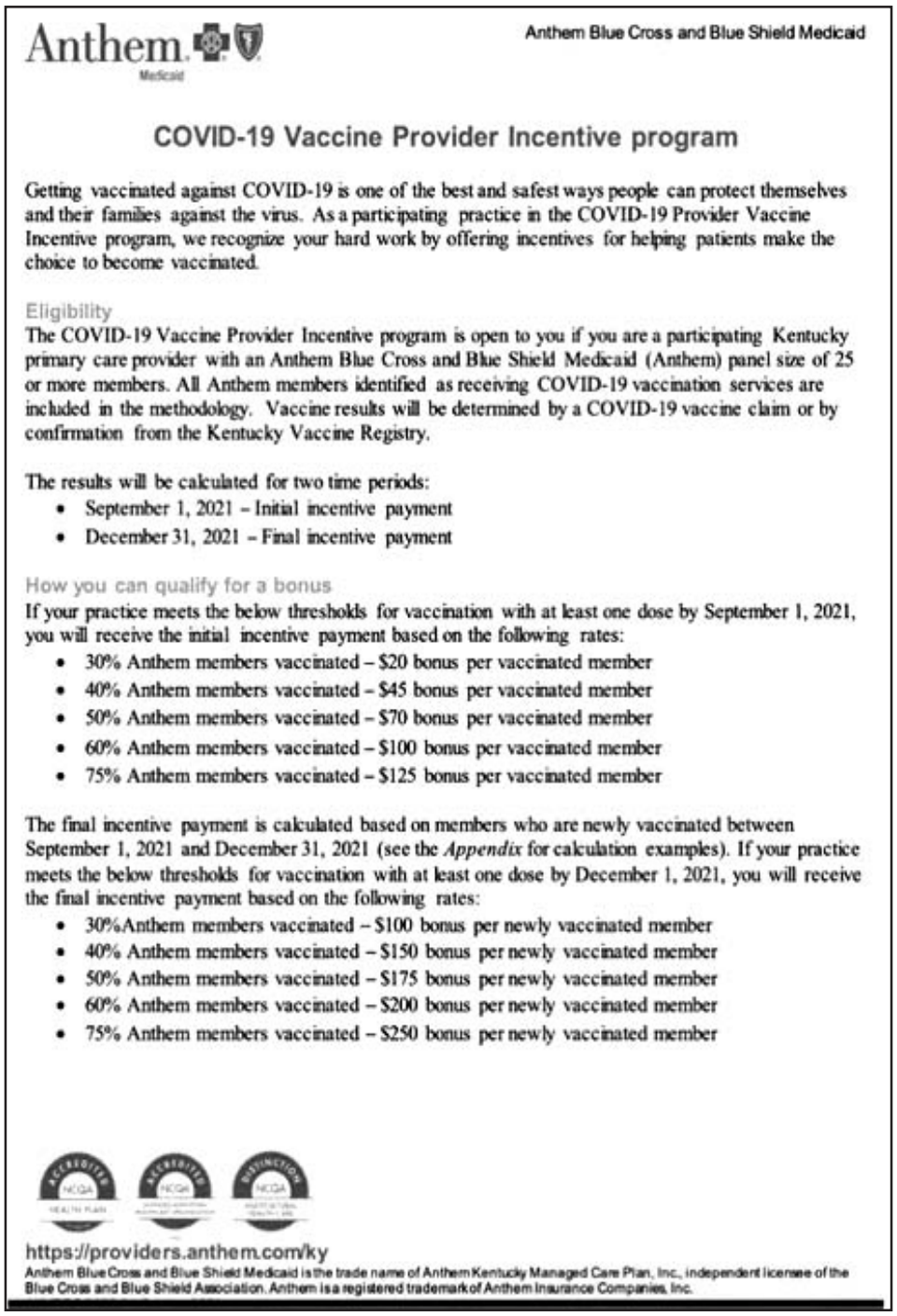
The New American asked seven U.S. senators at the UN summit about the prospect of Trump's return to power and the fact that most Americans reject the man-made global-warming theory, with just over a third being willing to pay even one single additional dollar on their electric bills to "fight climate change." Senator Chris Coons (R-Del.) sounded just as confident as Kerry that nothing could stop the agenda.

Boasting that the "Inflation Reduction Act," described as the largest "climate" bill in world history, had already hooked conservative states with tens of billions of tax dollars, he painted it all as unstoppable. "Am I suggesting that were the former president to be our next president that everything would be fine? Not at all," he said. "But I am saying that there is broad enough and deep enough support for continuing investments to combat climate change and for the Inflation Reduction Act and bipartisan infrastructure law; in particular that we will continue — we'll continue to move forward regardless."

As UN IPCC leaders and other technocrats seek more and more power at the expense of national sovereignty, democratic norms, individual rights, and self-government, opposition is growing in tandem. Americans and people around the world are clearly rejecting the agenda as costs and reality begin to hit home, with few Americans willing to fork over even a dollar a month for the cause. The prospect of voluntary submission to an all-powerful pseudo-scientific climate dictatorship under the IPCC is zero. But the battle is just getting started.







You Are the Last Line of Defense

By Bari Weiss

Months ago, I was asked to give a lecture at the Federalist Society's National Lawyers Convention. It was a surprising invitation for a number of reasons.

First, I am not a lawyer.

Second: I am not a member of the Federalist Society—the libertarian and conservative legal organization. (If the name rings a bell it's probably because you've heard of it in the context of the hearings of any of the conservative justices who currently sit on the court.)

Third: if you look at the people who previously gave this particular lecture—Supreme Court Justices, attorneys general, people like Bill Barr, Don McGahn, and John Roberts—the idea that I would be on that list seemed nuts.

But I accepted. Mostly because I was being asked to give the Barbara K. Olson lecture.

Olson was 45 years old, a lawyer and a political commentator at the top of her game when she boarded American Airlines flight 77 on September 11, 2001.

She was flying to Los Angeles that day so she could appear on Bill Maher's show, Politically Incorrect, and because she had changed her flight to have a birthday dinner with her husband, Ted. Barbara was murdered along with 3,000 other Americans that day. She managed to summon the composure, courage, and clarity to call her husband twice in those horrifying moments before the plane slammed into the Pentagon.

Her husband, Ted Olson, has among the most impressive résumés you'll find. But most important to me and my family: he argued in support of gay marriage in front of the Supreme Court.

I had many ideas for this lecture before October 7. But after the world-transforming events of that day, I felt there was only one thing to talk about: the fight for the West.

You can watch the video here. The transcript of the speech follows just below. Later today we'll also make it available on Honestly, if you prefer to listen. —BW

When Gene Meyer gave me a list of the people who had previously given the Barbara Olson lecture, I was sure you guys had made a mistake in inviting me. I am not a lawyer or a legal scholar or a former attorney general. I have, in my time, edited dozens of op-eds about Chevron deference, but I'm still not quite sure what that means.

Nor am I a member of the Federalist Society. My parents, who probably couldn't afford the local country club, raised us on the Groucho Marx line: I don't want to belong to any club that would have me as a member.

Then there's the question of my politics. I hear you guys are conservative. Forgive me, then: I'd like to begin by acknowledging that we are standing on the ancestral, indigenous land of Leonard Leo. ProPublica tells me that Washington is his turf.

Then I googled Barbara Olson.

I had the privilege of editing some op-eds by Ted when I worked at the Wall Street Journal. I knew that his wife was murdered by al-Qaeda on 9/11. But over the past weeks I spent time reading about Barbara herself.

I read about a Texas girl, the daughter of German immigrants, who was ferociously independent. I read about how she, a Catholic, wound up at Cardozo Law School at Yeshiva University. And I read about how, when she was an intern at the Department of Justice, she was apparently the only person with enough chutzpah to personally serve papers to the PLO Mission at the UN telling them they were being expelled from the country because they were terrorists.

I learned that she was on American Airlines flight 77 because she was headed to L.A. to be on Bill Maher's show. . . and because she had changed her flight to have a birthday dinner with Ted.

And I learned that she had the composure and clarity and courage to call him not once but twice in those horrifying moments before the plane slammed into the Pentagon.

There is a phrase Jews say to mourners when a person dies: may their memory be for a blessing. It is an expression of hope. It is so clear in the case of Barbara Olson—the way the force of her life and her character echoes on—that it is very much a blessing fulfilled.

To say that I am honored to give a lecture in the name of this exceptional woman would be an understatement.

It is also, since the massacre of October 7—a date that will be seared into the memory of civilized peoples, alongside September 11—profoundly fitting. I do not think it is a coincidence that Israel is the only country, outside of America, that is home to a 9/11 memorial bearing all of the victims' names.

Of course that is what we must talk about tonight. The civilizational war we are in. The war that took the life of Barbara Olson and 3,000 other innocent Americans on that morning in September 2001. The war that came, hideously, across the border from Gaza into Israel on that Shabbat morning a month ago. The war that too many had foolishly thought was over.

The physical war currently raging in the Middle East—with its questions about the way to defeat Hamas and other members of the jihadist death cult; the kind of operation Israel should currently be prosecuting in Gaza; how America should abandon its fatal appeasement of Iran; and a hundred other similar strategic questions—that is a subject for another speech, one for which there are many more qualified people to deliver.

Tonight, I'd like to talk about the war of ideas and of conviction and of will that faces us as Americans. I want to talk about the stakes of that war. About how we must wage it—fearlessly and relentlessly—if we seek to build a world fit for our children, and if we want to save America itself.

By the time Americans woke up on October 7, 2023, it was clear that what had unfolded while we slept was not like previous wars or battles Israel has fought in its 75-year history. This was a genocidal pogrom. It was a scene out of the many places Jews had fled—a scene from the history of the Nazi Holocaust and of the European pogroms before that and of the Farhud, the 1941 massacre of Jews in Baghdad, a city that, it's hard to believe now, was 40 percent Jewish at the beginning of the twentieth century—all of which remind us of Israel's necessity.

The Hamas terrorists came across the border into southern Israel on foot and on motorbike. They came by truck and by car and by paraglider. And they came with a plan. They came to Israel to murder and maim and mutilate anyone they could find. That is what they did.

These Cossacks had smartphones. They called their families to brag that they had murdered Jews. Dad, Dad, I killed 10 Jews! Others filmed the slaughter with GoPros. Some used the cellphones of their victims to upload the footage of their torture and murder to their Facebook pages. In all of this, the terrorists are euphoric. No one who has watched the unedited footage fails to note the glee of the butchers.

Some Israelis were literally disappeared on October 7—burned at such high heat that volunteers are still sifting through the bones and the remnant teeth to identify them. But we know that more than 200 people are currently being held hostage by Hamas and that more than 1,400 were murdered in those terrible hours. Among the dead are some thirty American citizens. There are at least ten Americans among the hostages.

All of which is why the immediate analogy the world reached for was to 9/11.

As with 9/11, the terrorists caught their victims by surprise on a clear blue morning.

As with 9/11, the spectacle and the savagery were the point.

As with 9/11, the terrorists notched points on their sadistic scoreboard, taking from us not just precious lives, but our sense of our safety and security. They changed something within us.

The difference between 9/11 and 10/7—two massacres of innocent people, symbols to their killers of Western civilization—was the reaction to the horror.

The difference between 9/11 and 10/7 was that the catastrophe of 10/7 was followed, on October 8, by a different kind of catastrophe. A moral and spiritual catastrophe that was on full display throughout the West before the bodies of those men and women and children had even been identified.

People poured into the streets of our capital cities to celebrate the slaughter.

In Sydney, crowds gathered at the Sydney Opera House cheering "gas the Jews." People rejoiced on the streets of Berlin and London and Toronto and New York.

Then came BLM Chicago using the paraglider—a symbol of mass death—as a symbol of freedom. Then came posters across our campuses calling for Israel to burn. Then came our own offices in New York City being vandalized with "Fuck Jews" and "Fuck Israel." Then came Harvard's task force to create safe spaces for pro-Hamas students.

Then, as thunder follows lightning, more dead Jews. An anti-Israel protester in Los Angeles killed a 69-year-old Jewish man for the apparent sin of waving an Israeli flag, though NBC's initial headline made it hard to know: "Man dies after hitting head during Israel and Palestinian rallies in California, officials say."

In lockstep, the social justice crowd—the crowd who has tried to convince us that words are violence—insisted that actual violence was actually a necessity. That the rape was resistance. That it was liberation.

University presidents—who leapt to issue morally lucid condemnations of George Floyd's killing or Putin's war on Ukraine—offered silence or mealy-mouthed pablum about how the situation is tragic and "complex" and how we need to think of "both sides" as if there is some kind of equivalence between innocent civilians and jihadists.

But the most alarming of all were the young people who threw their support not behind the innocent victims of Hamas terrorism, but behind Hamas.

At George Washington University, a few miles from here, students projected the words "Glory to Our Martyrs" and "Free Palestine from the River to the Sea" in giant letters on campus buildings.

At Cooper Union in Manhattan, Jewish students had to hide in the library from a mob pounding on the door.

At Columbia, Professor Joseph Massad called the slaughter "awesome." At Cornell, Professor Russell Rickford said it was "energizing" and "exhilarating."

At Harvard, more than 30 student groups signed a petition that found a way to blame Jewish victims for their own deaths—saying that they "hold the Israeli regime entirely responsible for all unfolding violence."

At Princeton, hundreds of students chanted, "globalize the intifada" which can mean only one thing: open season on Jewish worldwide.

At NYU, students held posters that read "keep the world clean" with drawings of Jewish stars in garbage cans.

Hip, young people with pronouns in their bios are not just chanting the slogans of a genocidal death cult. They are

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socialists were gleefully accepting the cash to finance their failures, Americans were derided for being so rich. Now, many see America as the last source of funds for the plunder. When the lights go out in America's once shining abundance of freedom and riches, what will these locusts have left but darkness?

Years ago, someone said to me, "One day freedom may rush to our shores from somewhere else." It's possible that the first drops of such a flood have begun.

Shockwaves are rushing through the international Deep State. It seems there are cracks opening in their well-planned drive for global control. The cause? Javier Milei, a limited government, free enterprise candidate was just elected president of Argentina and news reports tell us, "The red caste is shaking."

For decades Argentina has been controlled by the same cabal that has set its sights on global control. Beginning with Juan Peron and his wife Evita, continuing with the regional influence of communist Fidel Castro, and ultimately the strong, destructive influence of Venezuela's Hugo Chavez, Argentina has suffered all the usual socialist casualties to freedom.

President-elect Milei declared, "We want to be the moral beacon of the continent. We want to be the defenders of freedom…" He has called socialist leaders, "trash" and "human excrement", and said, "Now, Argentina's administration will be an ally to the U.S. and Israel administrations, to Europe, and to free countries. We'll no longer see Argentina's foreign service siding with dictators."

Most exciting for freedom lovers around the world, who have hungered for a revolutionary voice of reason, Milei, sounding much like Ronald Reagan, stated, "The state is not the solution, the state is the problem." Then he announced his proposal to eliminate eleven of the nineteen federal agencies, These include the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development; the Ministry of Women, Gender, and Diversity; and the Ministry of Education, which he called "the Ministry of Indoctrination."

The people of Argentina, facing over 159% inflation, have spoken as they rallied, demonstrated, and turned out at the polls, shaking the globalist foundations as they delivered 55.7% of the votes to Milei. There is joy amid the rusting structure of a once free society. But caution must be added to firm determination for success.

Now Milei faces his greatest challenge as he takes office on December 10th and challenges the entrenched globalist political establishment. Like Donald Trump in 2016, he's new to the office and is the direct target of the all-powerful cabal which has no intention of surrendering power. As we have seen with Trump, no stone will be left unturned, no tactic is out of the question in stopping this interloper from succeeding in his promises to the people. Milei appears to be a dedicated freedom fighter, well prepared for the fight. Time will tell if he succeeds.

But freedom advocates in the United States must take heart in what has been achieved in Argentina. For it represents a growing mood as many citizens, internationally and nationally, have finally felt the blunt forces of tyranny and are fed up with the corruption of those in power. Now is not the time for Americans or citizens of other nations to look down in defeat, but to take heart that tyranny, rather than growing,

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Down with housing

The Verge gives us the views of "Carlos Martín, the project director for the Remodeling Futures Program at the Joint Center for Housing Studies of Harvard University" which certainly makes one wonder, again, what they're teaching in schools nowadays. Remember when universities had Departments of English, Mathematics, History and, dare we say it, Theology? Now it's the "Remodeling Futures Program". But we digress because the big issue here is remodeling the present. Apparently the housing crisis has nothing to do with high interest rates, regulation, supply shortages or whatever else you thought. It's…climate change. Because of course.

According to The Verge:

"As the frequency and devastation of disasters increase, we're starting to realize how infrastructure, climate, and longtime institutions interconnect. And as the climate changes, our housing is uniquely vulnerable. As the world emerges from a record year for climate disasters, damages have reached a new peak. This year, there were 24 disasters that each incurred more than $1 billion in damages, claiming 250 lives and displacing hundreds of thousands of others to shelters and temporary housing."

As any economist can tell you, inflation means that more and more disasters now incur more than $1 billion in nominal damages without them getting worse. And that as more and more people own more and more nice stuff, any disaster that does hit will do more harm. It might even kill more people, although in countries where the government doesn't totally run people's lives and ruin them it has done the reverse because when left to their own devices people build or buy "nice" homes and other structures and "nice" of course includes safe. There's a reason a heavy rain in Libya is far more lethal than the same rain in Canada.

Martín begs to differ, having spent more time remodeling the future than studying the past:

"The reality is that people have been going through disasters since time immemorial, but now the frequency with which we're going through them and the severity of damages is becoming more disconcerting".

Also, he and the author of that piece think ordinary people are chumps and suckers and live in unsafe shacks due to the injustice of capitalism or some such. The article tells us:

"While there are a number of cutting-edge designs as well as building and retrofitting techniques that can be used to make our homes more climate-resilient and prevent such disasters from taking a massive toll, it's going to take a lot of time and money to protect US housing stock and do it without forcing the most vulnerable populations to live in disaster-prone areas."

Actually many people in those houses know the story of the three little pigs, and the Bible verse about building on rock not sand, and create dwellings that are far better able to resist a windstorm than the shacks of yore. Although "the most vulnerable populations" have often had less attractive dwellings and despite the contorted language of the piece, it's not a matter of "forcing" them to move to, say, a downscale neighbourhood in New Orleans but of their already living there because all things considered it was the best they could afford.

Martin further insults the proles thusly:

"'The majority of housing in the United States is going to experience at least climate-related hazard in some way or another,' Martín said, noting that these could present as acute incidences, like hurricanes and wildfires, or chronic events, like an extended heatwave or drought. 'It's going to mean we have to start thinking much more about not just building a generic house that we think of historically in this country,' he continued."

Who ever told a contractor or realtor "I just want a generic house"? Rubbish. In fact houses are remarkably well adapted to, what's that thing outside, oh yeah, the climate, including deep basements in places where it freezes in winter, cooler layouts in places with "extended" hot summers to which the populace has been migrating since roughly the 1940s, solid brick walls, double-glazed windows, air conditioning, furnaces burning reliable fossil fuels and so on. Even Auntie Em and Uncle Henry had a storm cellar, which would have kept Dorothy safe had she managed to reach it in time. Imagine that.

No. They can't. According to the article:

"There are around 144 million homes in the US (as of 2022), according to the latest data from the 2021 American Community Survey, built mainly along the coasts and in areas prone to flooding, hurricanes, and wildfires as the climate changes. Around 85 million of those are owner-occupied. Slightly less than half were built before 1980, and roughly 35 percent were built before 1970, according to the National Association of Home Builders. Only 8.3 million new units of housing were added from 2010 to 2021."

Which if you had a brain and paid attention to it buzzing would lead you to the realization that people have always built in areas prone to blah blah blah, partly because they are in other ways nicer than rural Nevada and partly because all areas are prone to some or all of these things, not "as the climate changes" but because the weather has always been nasty much of the time, what with floods, glaciations, hurricanes whisking girls from Kansas to Oz and so on.

OK. The last one is made up. But it was based on a very real phenomenon. Unlike, say:

"As we transition to greener, more sustainable power, homes need upgrades that include everything from solar power to new, more efficient electrical panels and battery backups to store energy. While solar systems aren't new, and the sector has had issues, experts still believe that solar-powered homes will continue to increase our climate resilience."

Yeah. As the hurricanes rip the panels right off your roof.

Meanwhile, down with capitalism:

"Building new, ultra-luxury, climate-resistant homes with advanced technologies is much simpler than retrofitting aging housing and multifamily dwellings in underprivileged communities to survive the next big climate event. Martín argues that when climate disasters occur, the government often tells Indigenous and low-income people that they're living in the wrong place."

Oh yes. Ultra-luxury. The sort of houses Harvard professors have custom-built and then start changing reality with woke terminology. For instance:

"'I think it's completely disrespectful and, in some cases, racist, to say this is the wrong place,' he [Martín] said, noting everything from housing costs to zoning, NIMBY-ism, and our housing institutions plays a significant role in preventing the US from creating equitable, climate-safe housing."

So capitalism makes non-white people live in nasty places but it's racist to say they're the wrong place for your kind of person? Is that what you mean? Or do you mean anything at all? Not really. He babbles:

"We have a history in this country of not letting certain kinds of people buy time against climate change. They've been forced to live in certain places, not of their own choosing."

But quite apart from nobody forcing Guiseppe Martini to live in a certain place, unlike how they did it in, say, the Soviet Union, how can we have a long history of not letting people buy time against climate change when it only hit very recently? Still, the future will be nothing like the past:

"What I envision happening isn't a breakdown in housing, but transformation, and if it's one thing Americans do, we pivot. We can reinvent ourselves. We've been able to do it. So the question is, what does that look like that doesn't revert to our previous issues around housing."

Well, we could reinvent ourselves as underground metal cacti or something. Or just as sensible individuals who don't believe projectors.

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may be starting to crumble. Let me give you some recent examples right here in the U.S.

I've already reported on the developments in Iowa and South Dakota where local citizens succeeded in blocking powerful corporations and NGOs from taking their property for the idiotic carbon capture pipeline. Many said it couldn't be stopped, but the local farmers refused to be intimidated, and forced the state legislatures to take action on their behalf. It's a great start in the national plight of farmers.

As China plots a determined drive to buy and control vast amounts of American land, unchecked by the U.S. Government, Arkansas became the first nation to pass a law to block it. More states are considering such legislation. Texas Congressman Chip Roy has offered legislation in Congress to ban China's land drive nationwide. It's called, "Securing American Land from Foreign Interferences Act" (H.R. 344). Finally, some in Congress are starting to stand for American sovereignty and independence, in defiance of the drive for global governance! Meanwhile, local citizens in the tiny rural community, Pataskala, Ohio, are rising up to stop a Chinese company from building a massive plant to build solar panels. Others are rising up in Michigan and Illinois for the same purpose in their areas. Stopping China is a growing movement.

Tennessee has become the second state, behind Alabama, to pass significant legislation to ban enforcement of Agenda 21 policy in state legislation. More states are looking into similar legislation. This could lead to the ultimate death of the Green New Deal and the Great Reset.

In a direct blow to the climate change agenda, which is determined to replace oil, gas and any reliable energy source with worthless wind and solar, a major campaign is underway to block this threat to society. CFACT, the Committee for a Constructive Tomorrow, is leading efforts along the East Coast to stop the construction of offshore wind turbines. And it's working. CFACT has revealed the hypocrisy of the radical environmental movement that spreads propaganda about saving endangered whales, yet they support the offshore wind turbines that have resulted in a disturbing amount of whales washing up dead on beaches. As a result, CFACT launched the STOP WINDMILLS SAVE WHALES campaign. In recent months more than one third of the offshore wind mill projects supported by the Biden administration have been stopped.

As many believe that the Republican Party is a lost cause, a major victory for the forces of freedom was achieved in the recent election in the state of Louisiana where every single elected statewide office fell to the Republicans. These included Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, Treasurer, Secretary of State, and Commissioner of Agriculture. In addition, Republicans hold a 2/3rds super majority in both the House and Senate.

In addition, in Oklahoma at the national convention of the National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW), a few dedicated activists showed what can be done when determination and principle are employed. As the organization prepared resolutions to be considered at the convention, two vital resolutions were blocked for consideration by the NFRW president. One dealt with men's and women's sports and the other defined what a woman is. When the president refused to include them, 4 brave, smart women prepared ahead of the convention for a floor fight. They had a platform; they were determined; and they worked together. They won. Their victory has now inspired others to run against their leadership in state conventions, and 99% have been successful.

Meanwhile, common citizens across the nation are making their feelings felt against the WOKE corporations which are working to enforce radical change in our culture. Bud Lite beer, once number one in the nation, has dropped to number 14; the movie Sound of Freedom, exposing the horrible details of child trafficking, has become the most successful film of the year; the country song, "Try This In a Small Town" became number one on the charts; Disney has lost over $900M on their last eight movie releases; and Electric Vehicles, promoted as the replacement of gas-powered vehicles, have crashed and burned in the marke

All of this shows that the time has come for local activists to take action at home. As I have told my audiences across the country, we are not outnumbered – we are out organized. It's time to fix that. People are ready for our solutions.

I've been teaching citizens across the nation to build Freedom Pods in their communities. Too many lack the confidence to get started. Here are a few suggestions to get the ball rolling. Keep it simple. Work against school district tax increases; demand protection of property rights; get your county council to cut county money to outside agencies; get your people to run for several county boards and make sure to sit on special committees

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Demanding Solutions From Others To Cure the World's Ills Is Cowardice in the Presence of Tyranny

By Gary D. Barnett

"Most civilisation is based on cowardice. It's so easy to civilize by teaching cowardice. You water down the standards which would lead to bravery. You restrain the will. You regulate the appetites. You fence in the horizons. You make a law for every movement. You deny the existence of chaos. You teach even the children to breathe slowly. You tame."

~ Frank Herbert, God Emperor of Dune

The seemingly easy path to dependency is thought to be a way to hide from reality, but in essence, it is the epitome of cowardice. This new world order being sought is based on dependency for a reason, because the more dependent is any society as a whole on others or the State apparatus, the easier the masses are to control. Dependence breeds laziness, irresponsibility, and indifference, and those pitiful traits are fatal to the idea of freedom. These attitudes are greatly enhanced when a victim mindset is present, as has happened with the collective horde that make up the bulk of this population, and most of the rest of the western world as well. What is missed by the vast crowd of plebeians, is that this gross dependency and cowardice has been purposely constructed by the ruling class through long-term brainwashing and indoctrination over decades. This plot has been successful in turning a more responsible, independent, vital, and courageous people, into groups of victims awaiting a savior who will never appear.

This is heavily manifested in the now ludicrous behavior norm of the herd demanding solutions from others for their self-created plight of voluntary enslavement. They have no courage or desire to help themselves, but expect those who fearlessly identify and expose the basis of the tyranny and totalitarian nature of the State they created and support, to fix everything for them, or give them the easy solution to their self-imposed problems. Any critical thought whatsoever would reveal the idiocy of such an impossible demand, but when so many expect to be taken care of instead of being responsible for their own lives, the only result is a pathetic and useless societal mob awaiting their next order to obey. They have not the guts or brains to figure out that in order to save themselves from the abuse they have voluntarily accepted, and restore the freedom they have abandoned, they have to help themselves instead of expecting others to do it for them.

Cowardice is common, but much misunderstood, and in many cases, false 'courage' and 'bravery,' while seen as heroic, are actually cowardice in disguise. We do live in an era of opposites, where most everything is reversed, where inversion of reality is the norm. What is at the root of these inversions, is mass confusion as to actual reality as opposed to perceived reality. It comes down to a moral question. For example, refusing to support nation-state aggression by not accepting orders to war against and kill innocents, is seen by many as cowardice, whereas military killing of innocents on orders, is seen as brave and heroic. This is evidenced by the military worship that grips this nationalistic, war-loving country. This is of course backward, for it takes much more courage to combat and fight against State evil, than to participate in it.

Those who remain silent in the face of the terror wielded by their claimed 'country,' (government) or want others to take the risk of speaking out and 'curing' the world's ills for them, exacerbate greatly the massive problems of brutal rule. They tend to blame any attempting to expose the tyranny and totalitarian nature of our existence, because they want an easy, although impossible remedy that does not include them helping themselves. They want someone else to do the work necessary, and are not willing to take any risk that may put them in physical or psychological jeopardy in order to fix what they themselves created. They blame and criticize, instead of using the information given them to increase their knowledge of the horrors they hide from and ignore. In answer to these people, I have stated it this way:

"The ridiculous notion of stating that I do not give any solutions is an outright misstatement based on total ignorance of all that I have written, and of the crisis we face. First, no one can give others "the" 'solution,' because no cure-all solution exists. I, nor any other human, can simply say this is the solution, and expect others who do not have any desire whatsoever to help themselves, take any risk, or face any adversity head on, to act on some so-called 'solution' coming from one man out of 8 billion. To believe such hogwash is madness. Each individual has to come to his own conclusions, decide what is right, and act on that regardless of consequences. If done en masse, as individuals of course, and not part of a collective herd, positive change would result."

"In order to gain freedom, you have to want it badly enough to do whatever it takes to gain enough self-respect to understand the importance of your life. No one can 'give' you freedom, you have to demand it unconditionally. You have to rebel within yourself, and not rely on any other to give you something that they have no power to give. This is an individual struggle, based on the cooperation of many who desire the same thing. It is not and cannot be accomplished by hiding in the crowd, cowering in fear, expecting others to give you an impossible easy solution, and avoiding the pain of becoming free. You, each of you, has to decide for yourself."

If you continue to do nothing to help yourselves, what will be your fate? If you continue to worship the State, and to participate in its worthless elections meant only to decide the choosing of your master, how many lords will rule over you? If you continue to support government's terroristic policies here and around the world, where will the terror end? If you cower behind a curtain of ignorance, hoping for a magic answer, what will happen to the future of your children and grandchildren due to your cowardice? If you are not willing to do anything to take and secure your own freedom, why would you expect any other to do it for you?

The results of this immoral behavior, are misery and suffering. It is economic ruination, and the confiscation of all property. It is violence, torture, and maiming. It is democide and genocide, which are both being aggressively pursued here and around the world every single day. It is State-manufactured sickness, war, famine, and the herding of sheep together for slaughter to bring about mass depopulation. It is hideous human lockdowns, concentration camps, 15 minute cities, and transhuman technocratic control.

If you acknowledge the truth, you must act on it. If you hide from the truth, and take the easy path, you will suffer great consequences at every level of your being. There are a few thousand evil monsters who have designed this plan, and now rule over you. There are 335 million people here in the U.S., and 8 billion people on earth, who are all being controlled by these few thousand psychopaths. How can this be? How can so many be ruled by so few? If you answer this question honestly, be prepared to come out of hiding, take a stand, and act like a free man instead of a slave.

"But often life asks much of you, and you either honor life by answering with all your heart, or you cower your way into your grave."

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not a mandate.

Sovereignty remains with citizens and their nation and is not to be outsourced to elites and supra-international organizations. Failure to retain control, choice and self-determination is a surrender to totalitarianism. But today the world is inverted, dominated by woke elites and liberal governments. What the globalist Left pushes is an impossible myth with built-in contradictions. The internationalists claim they are building a more cooperative world. In reality, they are trafficking in involuntary servitude to elites with utopian delusions.

Leftists in the 1960s started their long march through the institutions with war on nationalism, westernism and classic institutions. They effectively killed the teaching of Western civilization across most universities and did it with racist explanations that it was all about dead white men and Eurocentrism. Here is an example of the poor understanding, a basic democracy quiz that no one ever passes.

Try it yourself. Origins of Democracy: When, Where, Why, Who and How? Answers: 508 BCE. At the Agora market site where debates and voting took place, or the standoff at the Acropolis religious sanctuary. Threats by aristocrats forced the populist leader to flee Athens, which triggered an uprising of the people. Cleisthenes, known as the father of Athenian democracy. Athens was divided into balanced voting districts, a kind of republican gerrybmandering. How do you defend your culture without knowing the history?

The BRICS Summit Is A Dark Turning Point

The BRICS Summit is a dark turning point. In short order, BRICS went from a coined term to a world power. And twenty more countries want to join it. The anti-western BRICS Alliance is now the biggest economic bloc in the world, with five times the population and a bigger GDP than the G7. The US partners in the G7 have a tiny ten-year growth rate of one percent, while BRICS is booming. And now Europe has no Russian natural resources to build with; instead these resources are going to communist China.

Other than Marxist spendthrifts, no one wants to trade in the high inflation currency of a massive debit spending, sanctions-abusing and dysfunctional government. So the sanctions power of the US dollar is gone when half the world has an alternate trade and currency group. Think of it as if the US just lost twenty army divisions. The schemes and overreach of the internationalists have achieved what the Soviet Union, Maoist China and Castro's Cuba could not: unite America's enemies and dethrone the US dollar.

The Sham 'Western' world is getting its comeuppance

The sham 'western' world is getting its comeuppance. In reality, the pretenders of Western civilization are now all countries controlled by internationalists and their out-of-control global organizations. Any two NATO countries could have prevented the war in Ukraine. All they had to do was declare, 'NATO is not going to militarize Ukraine'. But of course they did not, they are globalists too. Secretary of State Anthony Blinken says that under current administration policy. NATO will expand at every opportunity. "I can't be more clear. NATO's door is open, remains open, and that is our commitment".

Not defend NATO members, not protect US interests, not keep the peace. The pro-war globalists, pouring more gasoline on the fire, avoid any mention of the Cuban Missile Crisis because they would have to repudiate JFK's planned second invasion, repudiate the Monroe Doctrine and repudiate JFK's removal of missiles in Turkey that kept the peace. So who is supposed to push back on this folly when we have no nationalist leaders?

Leftist financier George Soros laid the groundwork—NATO as the basis of a New World Order, NATO to be made strong enough to project its power and influence for collective security. Mission result: a reckless expansionist NATO deliberately projected into ruinous war and a Biden Curtain schism that makes the Cold War look like the good old days. Ronald Reagan, Pope John Paul II and the Beatles won the Cold War; militarily, spiritually and culturally. Now it is all squandered and lost by globalist failure.

The 'Western' World Is Looking More Like Communist China

The 'western' world is looking more like communist China, a totalitarian social credit-score police state. Big Bro Tech and its leftist minion moderators control most speech. The Deep State is the enforcement arm of the liberal elites. Banana Republic dysfunction is the norm. The corporate globalists fund the revolution and get free reign. WHO and Big Pharma locked everyone up with a pack of lies and got rich by it. US law was circumvented without penalty to finance gain-of-function. Reckless spending gives the government more power, and Marxists love inflation as the foundation of their equity socialism. Radical revolution tears at every institution. All international organizations are woke and out-of-control because the anti-western globalists in power want it that way.

International westernism is an oxymoron, a false choice. Mandated or even uncontrolled global governance is a direct path to serfdom. Those who are not nationalists are not western. The elitist New World Order is illegitimate. Brexit showed that unelected bureaucrats are tyrannical; the globalists proved they never respected national sovereignty when they tried to keep the Brits from leaving. Nationalism is the bedrock of Western civilization and is as fundamental as free speech and democracy. Strong nationalist governments must control international organizations, not the other way around. You cannot outsource your sovereignty and self-determination and remain free.

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when citizen input is required. Above all, get your people on the local Board of Elections! Be heard! Be consistent. And keep it direct and simple.

Juan Milie is now President of Argentina. He intends to lead his people to protect property rights, free markets and smash the Great Reset power cabal in his country. Incredibly, I've also just received this news, hard-right firebrand Geert Wilders has just been elected Prime Minister of the Netherlands. He is known as the "Dutch Donald Trump."

If Donald Trump can find a way to assure honest ballot counting and is elected, more shock waves will rush through the entire world. The Great Reset will be splintered. Break the back of the global power elite and other nations will respond. More freedom leaders will be elected. You can feel it in the air. The whole world is watching and waiting. Now is the time.

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Patriot Events and Activities

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tearing down the photographs of women and children who are currently being held hostage in the tunnels that run under the Gaza Strip. They do so with pleasure. They laugh. They mock the 9-month-old baby who was stolen from his parents.

In doing so, they are tearing down—or at least trying to tear down—-the essence of our common humanity, or even the reality that hostages were taken at all. Or maybe it's that they are trying to extinguish the memory of the hostages, who to them are not worth saving … or actually had it coming to them.

Or maybe—and I say this as the mother of a young child whose face I see in the face of every captive—they are trying to tear down the divine image that is at the root of our civilization's conception of the dignity of every human life.

What could possibly explain this?

The easy answer is that the human beings who were slaughtered on October 7 were Jews. And that antisemitism is the world's oldest hatred. And that in every generation someone rises up to kill us. "They tried to wipe us out, they failed, let's eat" as the old Jewish joke goes.

But that is not the whole answer. Because the proliferation of antisemitism, as always, is a symptom.

When antisemitism moves from the shameful fringe into the public square, it is not about Jews. It is never about Jews. It is about everyone else. It is about the surrounding society or the culture or the country. It is an early warning system—a sign that the society itself is breaking down. That it is dying.

It is a symptom of a much deeper crisis—one that explains how, in the span of a little over 20 years since Sept 11, educated people now respond to an act of savagery not with a defense of civilization, but with a defense of barbarism.

It was twenty years ago when I began to encounter the ideology that drives the people who tear down the posters. It was twenty years ago, when I was a college student, that I started writing about a nameless, then-niche worldview that seemed to contradict everything I had been taught since I was a child.

At first, things like postmodernism and postcolonialism and postnationalism seemed like wordplay and intellectual games—little puzzles to see how you could "deconstruct" just about anything. What I came to see over time was that it wasn't going to remain an academic sideshow. And that it sought nothing less than the deconstruction of our civilization from within.

It seeks to upend the very ideas of right and wrong.

It replaces basic ideas of good and evil with a new rubric: the powerless (good) and the powerful (bad). It replaced lots of things. Color blindness with race obsession. Ideas with identity. Debate with denunciation. Persuasion with public shaming. The rule of law with the fury of the mob.

People were to be given authority in this new order not in recognition of their gifts, hard work, accomplishments, or contributions to society, but in inverse proportion to the disadvantages their group had suffered, as defined by radical ideologues.

And so, as an undergraduate, I watched in horror, sounding alarms as loudly as I could. I was told by most adults I knew that yes, it wasn't great, but not to be so hysterical. Campuses were always hotbeds of radicalism, they said. This ideology, they promised, would surely dissipate as young people made their way in the world.

They were wrong. It did not.

Over the past two decades, I saw this inverted worldview swallow all of the crucial sense-making institutions of American life. It started with the universities. Then it moved beyond the quad to cultural institutions—including some I knew well, like The New York Times—as well as every major museum, philanthropy, and media company. It's taken root at nearly every major corporation. It's inside our high schools and our elementary schools.

And it's come for the law itself. This is something that will not come as a surprise to the Federalist Society. When you see federal judges shouted down at Stanford, you are seeing this ideology. When you see people screaming outside of the homes of certain Supreme Court justices—causing them to need round-the-clock security—you are seeing its logic.

The takeover of American institutions by this ideology is so comprehensive that it's now almost hard for many people to notice it—because it is everywhere.

For Jews, there are obvious and glaring dangers in a worldview that measures fairness by equality of outcome rather than opportunity. If underrepresentation is the inevitable outcome of systemic bias, then overrepresentation—and Jews are 2 percent of the American population—suggests not talent or hard work, but unearned privilege. This conspiratorial conclusion is not that far removed from the hateful portrait of a small group of Jews divvying up the ill-gotten spoils of an exploited world.

But it is not only Jews who suffer from the suggestion that merit and excellence are dirty words. It is every single one of us. It is strivers of every race, ethnicity, and class. That is why Asian American success, for example, is suspicious. The percentages are off. The scores are too high. The starting point, as poor immigrants, is too low. From whom did you steal all that success?

The weeks since October 7 have been a mark to market moment. In other words, we can see how deeply these ideas run. We see that they are not just metaphors.

Decolonization isn't just a turn of phrase or a new way to read novels. It is a sincerely held political view that serves as a predicate to violence.

If you want to understand how it could be that the editor of the Harvard Law Review could physically intimidate a Jewish student or how a public defender in Manhattan recently spent her evening tearing down posters of kidnapped children, it is because they believe it is just.

Their moral calculus is as crude as you can imagine: they see Israelis and Jews as powerful and successful and "colonizers," so they are bad; Hamas is weak and coded as people of color, so they are good. No, it doesn't matter that most Israelis are "people of color."

That baby? He is a colonizer first and a baby second. That woman raped to death? Shame it had to come to that, but she is a white oppressor.

This is the ideology of vandalism in the true sense of the word—the Vandals sacked Rome. It is the ideology of nihilism. It knows nothing of how to build. It knows only how to tear down and to destroy.

And it has already torn down so very, very much. The civilization that feels as natural to us as oxygen? That takes thousands of years, thousands of nudges of progress, thousands of risks, thousands of forgotten sacrifices to build up. But vandals can make quick work of all that.

Reagan used to say that freedom is never more than one generation from extinction. The same can be said of civilization.

If there can be anything good that has come out of this nightmare that began on October 7 it is this: we have been shaken awake. We know the gravity of the stakes. And they are not theoretical. They are real.

So what do we do?

First: look. We must recover our ability to look and to discern accordingly. We must look past the sloganeering and the propaganda and take a hard look at what's in front of our eyes.

Look first at what just happened. At the barbarism that Hamas carried out.

Look at the reaction to it. Take stock of how profoundly the lies and the rot have traveled. How badly the forces of civilization are faring in this battle. How it is the most educated, the most pedigreed who have become the most morally confused. The suspect in the killing of Paul Kessler is a college professor.

To see the world as it is, we must prize the distinctions between good and bad. Better and worse. Pain and not pain. Safety and danger. Just and unjust. Friends and enemies.

I do not need "context" to know that tying children to their parents and burning them alive is pure evil, just as I do not need a history lesson on the Arab-Israeli conflict to know that the Arab Israelis who saved scores of Jewish Israelis that day are righteous.

Look at your enemies and your allies.

And I say this more to myself than to you. Many of you have no doubt understood this longer than I have. But for many people, friends and enemies are likely not who they thought they were before October 7. Looking at who your friends and enemies are might mean giving up nice things. Giving up Harvard. Or the club. Or your New York Times subscription. . . wait, wrong crowd.

You get the point. The point is that things—that prestige—aren't the point of our lives. Harvard and Yale don't give us our value. We do. And something beyond ourselves. Something visible in those faces so many of our fellow citizens are determined to rip off the wall. And in the faces before me now.

In recognizing allies, I'll be an example. I am a gay woman who is moderately pro-choice. I know there are some in this room who do not believe my marriage should have been legal. And that's okay, because we are all Americans who want lower taxes.

But seriously: I am here because I know that in the fight for the West, I know who my allies are. And my allies are not the people who, looking at facile, external markers of my identity, one might imagine them to be. My allies are people who believe that America is good. That the West is good. That human beings—not cultures—are created equal and that saying so is essential to knowing what we are fighting for. America and our values are worth fighting for—and that is the priority of the day.

The other thing to look for is the good. Look hard for the good and don't lose sight of it.

New York coffee shop owner Aaron Dahan had all of his baristas quit

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One Nation Under God

Somali parents hoping for better life for their kids are now fighting 'woke' Minnesota schools teaching 'sexualized topics' and pushing pro-transgender books on their grade-school children that violates their religion



- **Somali-Muslim families are asking to be notified before their children are instructed on LGBTQ issues, because they say it violates their religious beliefs**
- **Several books that their children have already been exposed to includes 'My Shadow is Pink,' a story touching on 'gender identity'**
- **One mother brought up the book 'Our Subway Baby' that she says introduced her child to the concept of having two gay fathers**

By Kelly Laco

A handful of Somali parents who hoped to provide better lives for their children in Minnesota are now battling it out with their public school district for teaching 'sexualized topics' without their consent.

First Liberty Institute is representing six Somali-Muslim families who are asking to be notified before their children are instructed on LGBTQ identities, because they say it violates their religious beliefs.

Their children are all aged seven to nine years old, and the majority are in the third and fourth grades.

Attorneys sent a letter Thursday to the school district first obtained by DailyMail.com, saying the district has failed to 'provide notice to parents before controversial issues are taught, or to give an opportunity for parents to review curriculum in advance.'



According to Minnesota state law, the school district must provide parents with notice before 'sexualized topics' will be covered in class. In addition, parents must be allowed to determine if the curriculum is 'consistent' with their religious beliefs, and if it is not, they can choose to exclude their kids from the curriculum.

Several books that the children have already been exposed to against the wishes of their Muslim parents includes: 'My Shadow is Pink, Our Subway Baby, and Ho'onani: Hula Warrior.'

My Shadow is Pink is a rhyming story 'that touch es on the subjects of gender identity, self acceptance, equality and diversity,' according to the book's description on Amazon.

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when he placed an Israeli flag in the window and began fundraising for Magen David Adom—the Israeli Red Cross.

But his café didn't close—quite the opposite. Suppliers sent him free shipments of beans and cups. Community members picked up shifts for free. There were lines around the block to buy a cup of coffee. The cafe made $25,000 in a single day.

Just this week, American cowboys from the Great Plains and the Rockies traveled to Israel to tend to the fields and animals of Israeli farmers who were killed in the past month. This is the opposite of the cheap solidarity of standing with Hamas that we see across our campuses and city centers. This is the essence of the West—of the idea that free societies must stand together.

It is not just, as I believe James Woolsey said, that we are all Jews now. The reverse is also true. Israel is a mirror for the West, and for the United States—whose founders saw a version of themselves in the biblical nation that also inspired modern Zionists whose grieving descendants today are looking toward America with gratitude, but also with alarm, sensing a shared struggle ahead.

Second: we—you—must enforce the law.

The wave of elected so-called "progressive prosecutors" has proven to be an immensely terrible thing for law and order in cities across America. It turns out that choosing not to enforce the law doesn't reduce crime. It promotes it.

It is no coincidence that many of the same activists who have pushed to "defund the police" are also now publicly harassing Jews. Everyone needs equal protection, not only of the law but from the forces of chaos and violence. In Brooklyn, there have been an unconscionable number of violent attacks against Orthodox Jews over the past decade, correctly identified as hate crimes. But they are also simply crimes that, if the law were upheld, would be far less likely to happen—whatever their motivation.

Masking at a protest is illegal in many states so that it does not become an attempt at mass-intimidation, à la the KKK. Now maybe that's a good idea—maybe it's a bad one. But in nearby Virginia, it happens to be the law. And yet, as David Bernstein recently pointed out in Eugene Volokh's blog, at George Mason University's Fairfax campus nearly all the protesters at a recent Students for Justice in Palestine rally were masked and covered. Were they punished for breaking the law? I suspect if they had we would have read about it.

The rallies would likely be less susceptible to erupting in violence if the attendants weren't hiding their faces. So don't allow selective enforcement of this law, or any others. If white supremacists can't do it, then neither can antifa or Hamas sympathizers.

Third: no more double standards on speech.

Public universities are constitutionally forbidden from imposing content-based restrictions on free speech. And yet, that's precisely what they've been doing.

Ask any conservative—and I now know a few—who's tried to speak at a public university and had a "security fee" imposed on them or had their speeches quietly moved off campus and into small, restrictive venues whether there aren't brazen content-based restrictions on their speech imposed by public universities.

Private universities can legally restrict speech. But their restrictions may not be enforced discriminatorily. And yet, they are.

Take Yale Law School. In 2021, law student Trent Colbert invited classmates to his "trap house," in his announcement of a "constitution day bash" hosted by FedSoc and the Native American Law Students Association. It took 12 hours for administrators to process discrimination complaints, haul Colbert in for a meeting, and suggest his career was on the line if he didn't sign an apology they penned on his behalf. The law school's dean also authorized a message condemning Colbert's language. Why? Because trap house was a term some claimed had racist associations with crack houses.

But when Jewish students wrote to that dean some two weeks after the Hamas attacks, detailing the antisemitic vitriol they have received, they got a formulaic reply from her deputy, directing them to student support services.

For certain students, kid gloves. For others, the maw of whatever hate their classmates and professors can think of. The universities play favorites based on the speech they prefer, and the racial group hierarchies they've established. It's a nasty game and they need to be called to account for it.

Fourth, accept that you are the last line of defense and fight, fight, fight.

If you study history and if you look at where Jews stand, for better and usually for worse, you will understand where a culture, where a country, where a civilization stands. Whether it's on the way up or whether it's on the way down. Whether it's expanding its freedoms. Or whether it's contracting them.

Where liberty thrives, Jews thrive. Where difference is celebrated, Jews are celebrated. Where freedom of thought and faith and speech are protected, Jews tend to be, too. And when such virtues are regarded as threats, Jews will be regarded as the same.

As goes Ohio, so goes the nation. The Jews—please don't quote me on this—are Ohio.

But nothing is guaranteed. The right ideas don't win on their own. They need a voice. They need prosecutors.

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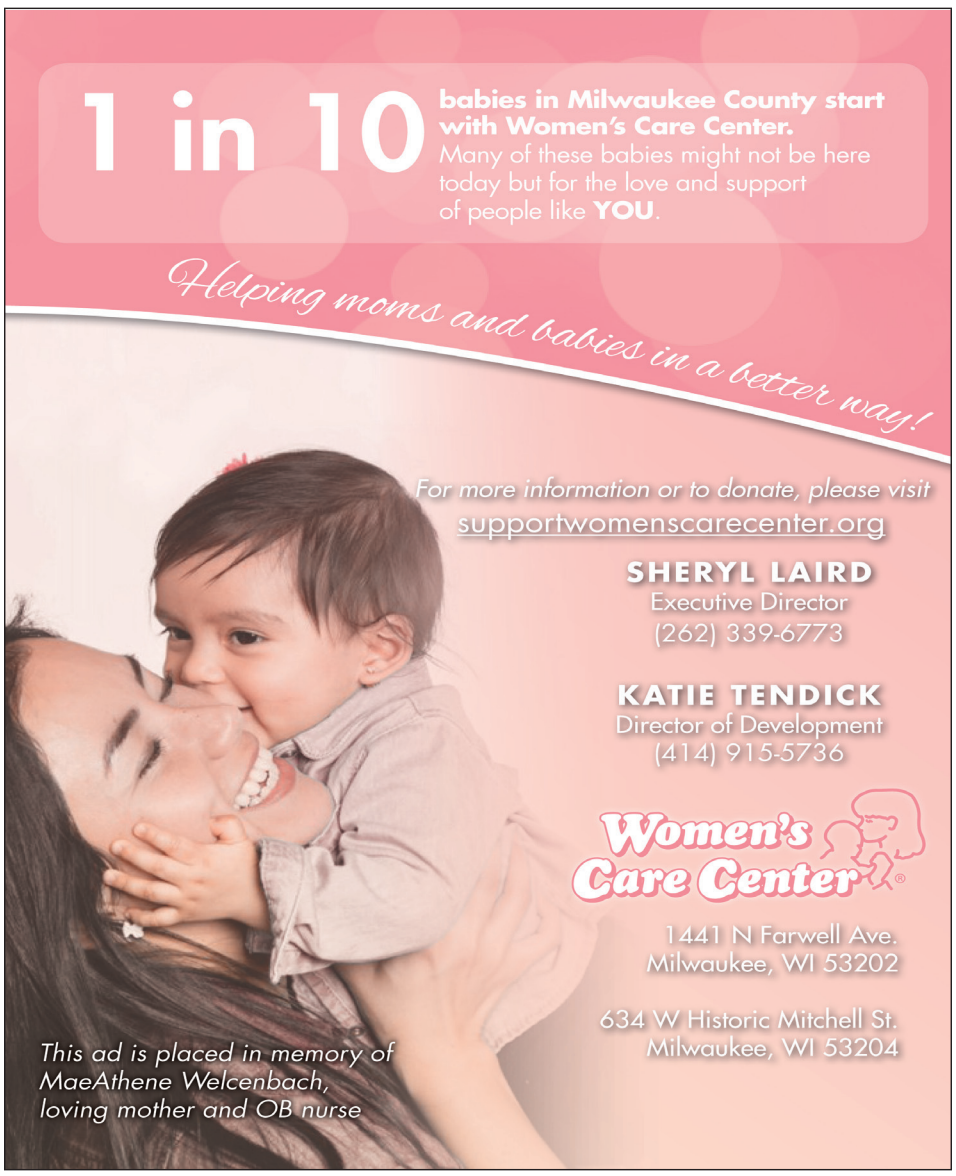

VOICE OF JERUSALEM

Aharon Haliva has got to go. Now.

An intelligence chief who publicly rejects the government's characterization of a war, whose poor professional judgment led to catastrophe and who has a history of contemptuous insubordination simply cannot be trusted. Op-ed.

By Caroline Glick

Immediately after the blackest day in Israeli history, a consensus formed that we must wait until after the war to investigate how Hamas was able to invade the country, slaughter 1,200 innocents and get away with 240 hostages. There's a lot to recommend this position.

We're at war. Now is not the time for action, not recrimination and trials for failed generals, security chiefs and politicians. Good or bad, you go to war with the army and leaders you have. People have jobs to do, and our job is to let them do theirs. While reasonable on its face, there is a problem with delaying a reckoning. At least in some cases, it seems clear that the people whose failures enabled the Hamas attack are not capable of bringing us victory.

Case in point: Israel Defense Forces Intelligence Directorate Chief Chief Maj. Gen. Aharon Haliva. In the weeks since Oct. 7, more and more information has come out about why Hamas was able to pull it off. All of the information points to Haliva and his close subordinates.

The Field Observers unit at Nahal Oz base suffered the greatest losses there during Hamas's assault. The unit, comprising female soldiers, is responsible for monitoring the footage from security cameras along the Gaza border around the clock and alerting forces on the ground and in the intelligence community to anything suspicious.

Seventeen observers were killed on Oct. 7. Seven were taken hostage. One, Naama Levy, was videoed barefoot, being dragged from the trunk of a vehicle by her hair and pushed into the back seat. Her hands were zip-tied behind her back. The seat of her sweatpants was stained with blood, indicating she had been raped violently.

One observer, Ori Megidish, was rescued by the IDF in early November. Another, Noa Marciano, was filmed in a hostage video, first alive, and then dead. Her body was later recovered by IDF forces.

Days after their friends were slaughtered, raped and kidnapped, the two surviving members of the unit and a number of former members started coming forward to tell their story. In interviews with Channel 11, two women related that in the months before the invasion, they were warning it was in the works. The women saw Hamas terrorists training to take over kibbutzim and IDF bases. They watched terrorists practicing taking hostages and blowing up tanks. They saw terror commanders watching the drills. They saw spies probing the fence for weaknesses. They saw it all and reported it all.

Rather than giving them medals, unnamed top-level officers in the intelligence corps ordered them to stop. When they continued reporting, the observers were warned that they would be disciplined and removed from the unit if they kept raising their concerns.

The observers weren't the only ones silenced. Rafael Hayun, a civilian hacker who monitors open intelligence networks, worked for the IDF for years. The IDF provided Hayun with equipment to monitor Hamas's internal communications. In late 2019, Hayun began reporting on Hamas training exercises involving invading Israel, penetrating the security fence at multiple points, taking over communities, committing mass murder and kidnapping. Over time, the training became more intense and detailed. Hayun alerted the units he was working with about Hamas's activities in real time.

Five months before the assault, his colleagues in the IDF were ordered to seize all of his equipment and stop working with him. Around the same time, the IDF's

Intelligence Directorate Unit 8200 signals intelligence unit also stopped monitoring Hamas's communications.

Hayun said that his military colleagues told him the order to cut him off came from "senior leadership," and they had no explanation for the decision. Hayun told reporters he is convinced that if he had been listening in the weeks before Oct. 7, the invasion would have been prevented.

Hayun and the observers weren't the only ones who recognized what Hamas was doing. As Channels 11, 12 and Haaretz all reported, a tactical intelligence NCO and Hamas expert in Unit 8200 with 20 years of experience began providing detailed reports on Hamas's preparations for the invasion in May 2022.

In a series of three, increasingly detailed and urgent reports over succeeding months, the NCO set out in granular detail how Hamas was preparing a broad invasion of Israel that included the invasion of IDF bases, border towns and kibbutzim. Her reports included all aspects of the invasion that took place on Oct. 7, including Hamas's use of paragliders, pick-up trucks and motorcycles.

-She detailed Hamas's plans to massacre and kidnap civilians and soldiers. -She warned that their intention was to use provocations along the security fence in the weeks leading up to the operation to get the IDF used to breaches and so lull its commanders into complacency.

-She even secured Hamas's own training manual for the operation. -She was able to get the information in front of Unit 8200's commander and a top officer in the Southern Command. They apparently did nothing.

Convinced by his subordinate's reporting, her commander, an NCO with 30 years' experience, canceled a family vacation because he heard Haliva would be visiting their base. He waylaid Haliva, and he and his subordinate presented her reports. Haliva dismissed their warnings and detailed information as hot air. Hamas, he insisted, was just pretending, to make an impression on its followers. He did not communicate her report to either the head of Israel Security Agency (Shin Bet) or the IDF Chief of General Staff.

The NCOs weren't the only ones who saw what was happening. As Channel 11 reported on Tuesday, in May 2023, the Gaza Division's intelligence officer created a slide presentation titled, "The Walls of Jericho," setting out in detail how Hamas intended to bring down the security fence and invade Israel at up to 60 separate points, invade the division's bases and enter civilian communities to commit mass murder and seize hostages.

In a follow-up report from August, the intelligence officer even explained that Hamas intended to carry out its plan either on Shabbat or on a holiday when only a small cadre of soldiers would be on duty. His work was dismissed as unrealistic and out of line with Hamas's true intentions by senior intelligence officers at Tel Aviv headquarters.

At 4 a.m. on Oct. 7, due to warnings of increased Hamas movement near the border fence, the senior security leadership, including IDF Chief of General Staff Lt. Gen. Herzi Halevy, Shin Bet Director Ronen Bar, Southern Command Commander Maj. Gen. Yaron Finkelman and Haliva's assistant (Haliva was apparently asleep), discussed the movements and decided to go back to bed. Bar sent a small team of fighters to the border area, but that was all. The group didn't inform the Gaza division commander, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu or Defense Minister Yoav Gallant. Instead, they agreed to speak again at 8 a.m. Hamas invaded at 6:30.

Since at least 2022, Haliva and his colleagues in the Intelligence Directorate and the top echelons of the IDF and the Shin Bet were convinced that Hamas was deterred. Hamas, they insisted both in public statements and in intelligence briefings to political leaders, was interested in providing economic prosperity to Gaza. In one speech, Haliva spoke derisively of an unnamed political

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Huff/Routman Rebuttal

By Ivan Lang

In the last edition of Reality News was an article written by Ethan Huff entitled: "Netanyahu Ordered Israel's Military to Stand Down for 7 Hours During the HAMAS Attack to Gain an Excuse to Go to War Against Gaza". This article was based on the statements by Cecily Routman, from the Jewish Pro-Life Foundation, when she said in an interview that she was told this by "official government sources". However, she did not name those sources or source groups or state exactly what these "official government sources" said and how these sources knew what they claimed. In other words, this statement by Routman is based on nothing.

So what is the evidence to disprove Routman? There really is never a reason or need to refute baseless claims, but there are many significant reasons to seriously doubt her claims. First of all, Routman made her claim on October 15 which is more than one month ago and there has been no other statement by anyone supporting her accusation at all. One would think that dozens or even hundreds of Israeli military or government officials would know whether Netanyahu did what she claimed and would have disagreed with it enough to support Routman, but again nothing.

Secondly, it is beyond belief and understanding and common sense that any president of any country would basically allow the slaughter of over a thousand of his/her own innocent civilian citizen children, women and men to justify anything. Also, why would Netanyahu need 1200 slaughtered, why not 800, why not 600, why not 100? Why wait 7 hours, why not just 5 hours or 3 hours? This concept that a president or prime minister of a country and many of its military and governmental leaders would all agree to hold off defending its citizens from slaughter to justify fighting back is insane. For anyone to say this about the Jewish leader of a Jewish country in which 1200 Jews were literally slaughtered is itself anti-Semitic.

Thirdly, why on earth would Israeli "official government sources" tell Routman anything about what is going on in Israel? Routman is not Israeli, Routman is not employed by the Israeli government, and Routman knows no one who is employed by the Israeli government. If anyone wanted to leak information regarding how Netanyahu was handling the Israel-HAMAS war the last person on earth he/she would leak this to is an abortion activist living in Sewickley, PA, USA. Most leaks are usually made to the media, like CNN.

Now I understand that it is very strange that a country with very sophisticated intelligence system, like Israel's, would fail to detect an invasion of its country for ten hours. One simple explanation is that sophisticated intelligence systems are designed to detect sophisticated weaponry. HAMAS invaded Israel on foot by cutting holes in fences and flying over in plastic balloons. Sophisticated intelligence systems are not designed and cannot detect such a non-sophisticated invasion. However, when this war is over, I am sure this issue will be thoroughly investigated, and the problems solved.

But if Cicely Routman is wrong, why would a Jewish woman who heads a Jewish organization say something that is anti-Semitic and very dangerous to the Jewish state of Israel? So who is Cecily Routman and what is the Jewish Pro-Life Foundation?

Routman is the founder and main funder of the Pittsburgh-based Jewish Pro-Life Foundation, an educational nonprofit that is against abortion. Since 2006, she has taken on the mission of being a Jewish pro-life voice in the public conversation about abortion. Routman's entire life is centered on fighting against abortion, which she considers murder. In Israel, abortion is not illegal. More importantly perhaps, concerning the issue of Routman's outragious claim that Netanyahu allowed innocent Israelis Jews to be massacred, is that Netanyahu has not been a strong supporter of strengthening anti-abortion laws. Before Oct 7 there was much right and left wing political conflict in Israel, and for Netanyahu to win the election he had to not disenfranchise portions of the right and left. To get elected in such a multi-party system, as Israel's, one needs wide support to get elected and one must not alienate possible supporters on one issue by taking the wrong position on another issue. Netanyahu considered many other issues much more important than abortion.

Therefore. it is highly likely that Routman has used the HAMAS attack to get back at Netanyahu for his lack of support for making abortion illegal. In abortion extremist Routman's mind abortion is murder, so if Netanyahu is OK with Jews killing their own children by abortion than he has no problem with HAMAS killing Jewish children. Therefore, Routman had no problem in making this absurd, illogical, immoral, and anti-Semitic accusation against Netanyahu, and really the entire Israeli government and military. To Routman, her anti-abortion efforts are more important than the security of Israel. Afterall, Routman's life is not in danger as she lives near Pittsburgh, PA, not near Gaza.

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(UNFCCC), will be held in Dubai in the United Arab Emirates.

Leaders from across the world will tell us that we are in the midst of a climate emergency that threatens to destroy our civilization. We must therefore restructure our entire energy infrastructure to achieve net-zero emissions to "save the planet."

Yet, the 1,828 experts who endorsed the World Climate Declaration say the opposite. They explained:

"There is no climate emergency. Therefore, there is no cause for panic and alarm. We strongly oppose the harmful and unrealistic net-zero CO2 policy proposed for 2050."

To decide which position makes the most sense, and what, if any, greenhouse gas reduction policies are needed, we must determine some way to properly assess the risk of human-induced climate change. It is insufficient to simply say that the consequences of catastrophic climate change would be so dreadful that any and all actions to prevent it are justified. We must also account for the probability of such events occurring in the foreseeable future.

We conduct risk assessment all the time, of course. When we go outside, we risk being hit by a falling tree, a truck or lightning, events that would obviously be personally catastrophic if they actually happened. But we conclude that, if normal safety precautions are taken, the chances of these things occurring is so low that we have no hesitation about leaving our house.

The same approach should apply to public policy formulation. If risk assessment only entailed responding to possible outcomes, then then our governments would be building an asteroid defense system. After all, a large asteroid impact could destroy life on Earth and perhaps even shatter the planet itself, a far worse outcome than even the most extreme climate change forecasts.

But governments conclude that the probability of a such an impact in the foreseeable future is too small to justify spending trillions of dollars on the issue. So, while we should continue to watch the skies for possible threats from space, we dedicate the majority our money and attention to dealing with known, immediate problems such as crime, terrorism and local pollution.

Planning for the possibility of catastrophic human-caused climate change is similar, or at least it should be. Here's why.

The amount of climate change that is due to human activity (i.e., that which is "anthropogenic") must have been very small to date. The United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) estimates that surface temperature, averaged over all land and ocean surfaces, rose only about 1.2 degree Celsius between 1880 and today.

That rate of change is so low that no one would even notice it in their entire lifetime.

And a significant portion of that change would have been part of a natural climate cycle coming out of the Little Ice Age that saw widespread famine and disease. So, our contribution to the change that has occurred in those 143 years is something less 1.2 degrees, anything but catastrophic.

Changes in sea level rise and extreme weather have also been unexceptional in the last century. Therefore, like temperature rise, the contribution to these changes from human activity must have been very small.

Anthropogenic climate change worries are based solely on possible future events, events that are, by definition, not yet known. Granted, those changes could be a problem, they may not be. Professors Chris Essex (applied mathematician, University of Western Ontario) and Ross McKitrick (economist, University of Guelph) write in their award-winning book Taken by Storm:

"Climate is one of the most challenging open problems in modern science. Some knowledgeable scientists believe that the climate problem can never be solved."

Even the IPCC said in its Third Assessment Report:

"The climate system is a coupled non-linear chaotic system, and therefore the long-term prediction of future climate states is not possible."

So how does one develop sensible climate change policy when the likelihood of dangerous outcomes is unknown, and perhaps even unknowable?

In his 2004 PhD Thesis, "Astronomical Odds - A Policy Framework for the Cosmic Impact Hazard," Geoffrey S. Sommer laid out a rational hierarchy of responses to the possibility of a catastrophic asteroid or comet impact with our planet, something he considered "an extreme example of a low-probability, high-consequence policy problem." He identified three levels:

Level 1: Survey - Surveillance and tracking

Level 2: Characterization – determining the characteristics of the object found in level 1

Level 3: Mitigation – interception (asteroid defense systems, deflection, etc.), civil defense and consequence management after impact (a form of adaptation)

Sommer's approach is similar to that often used in military operations: surveillance is used to detect a threat; the detected threat is then tracked and, to the extent possible, characterized; then mitigation actions are, if deemed necessary, taken to neutralize the threat. Surveillance and tracking provide support for the mitigation function.

Sommer's hierarchy of responses should also be used in the formulation of public policy concerning human-caused climate change. The three levels would be applied as follows:

Level 1: Surveillance and tracking – expand and greatly improve weather and climate sensing systems, on the ground and from space. Continue to determine past climate change through geologic studies of "proxies" of climate in Earth's history.

Level 2: Characterization – Research to determine if current changes are dangerous, and, if so, if they are caused significantly by human activities. Continue to try to better understand the climate system so that meaningful climate models may someday be created to aid in preparation for future change (such models do not yet exist).

Level 3: IF possible, practical, AND DEMONSTRATED IN LEVELS 1 AND 2 TO BE NECESSARY, mitigation (attempts to slow climate change).

Former University of Winnipeg professor and historical climatologist, the late Dr. Tim Ball showed that the collection and interpretation of data required to fulfil levels 1 and 2, such measurements as temperature and precipitation, has only just begun. Ball explained that there are relatively few weather stations of adequate length or reliability on which to base model forecasts of future climate so the current predictions of climate alarmists have no validity in the real world.

The late Hubert Lamb, founder of the Climatic Research Unit at the University of East Anglia in the United Kingdom, defined the basic problem in his autobiography, "Through all the Changing Scenes of Life: A Meteorologists Tale":

"…it was clear that the first and greatest need was to establish the facts of the past record of the natural climate in times before any side effects of human activities could well be important."



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leader (between the lines it was apparent he was referring to Netanyahu) who had questioned his judgment.

"In one of the meetings, I don't want to divulge where, a closed, classified meeting, someone—I won't say who—said to me, 'Intel Chief, your view is as good as mine.' I responded, 'Look, I respect very much your position and standing, and your leadership. But your narrative isn't as good as my narrative, because behind my narrative stand professionals,'" he said. What Haliva failed to mention was his habit of ignoring everything the professionals told him and not sharing their information with his superiors.

All of this would be bad enough. But it becomes even worse when seen in the framework of the 10-month insurgency the Israeli left waged against the Netanyahu government. That insurgency was led by Haliva's family. His ex-wife and the mother of his children, Shira Margalit, is married to Ilan Shiloah, a senior advertising executive. Margalit and Shiloah stood behind much of the political unrest that Israel has experienced since last year. Haliva's daughter spoke at anti-government protests. His son's twitter feed is filled with anti-Netanyahu invective. Haliva reportedly did not share the mountain of information his professional intelligence corps gathered on Hamas's plans. But he reportedly repeatedly warned Netanyahu that his government's legal reforms were emboldening Israel's enemies and increasing the likelihood of war.

In theory, all of this could be set aside until the end of the war, except Haliva's actions since Oct. 7 indicate that he is still informed by his false narrative about Hamas. On the eve of the ground invasion, Netanyahu addressed the public. He explained that the war is Israel's "second war of independence," and that it presents Israel with an "existential challenge." In other words, Israel has no choice but to win. Netanyahu defined victory as rescuing the hostages, destroying Hamas as a military and political entity and preventing it or any other terror group from rising in Gaza ever again.

Three days later, in his first public remarks since Oct. 7, Haliva rejected Netanyahu's description of the war as an existential conflict. Speaking to graduates of the Intelligence Corps officer training course, Haliva insisted, "It's a war we have no choice but to fight. It isn't an existential war."

The difference between an existential conflict and a non-existential conflict is self- evident. You must win a war for your state's existence. You can fight to a draw for a lesser conflict. An intelligence chief who publicly rejects the government's characterization of a war, whose poor professional judgment led to catastrophe and who has a history of contemptuous insubordination simply cannot be trusted to act in accordance with the government's directives. Oct. 7 was not prevented because many people in positions of responsibility failed the people of Israel. In most cases, it is probably reasonable to wait until after the war to part ways with them.

Haliva however, needs to go. Now.

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that have made this country the freest, most tolerant society in the history of the world—without hesitation or apology.

The leftist intellectual Sidney Hook, who broke with the Communists, and called his memoir Out of Step, used to implore those around him to "always answer an accusation or a charge" to not let falsehood stand unchallenged.

We have let far too much go unchallenged. Too many lies have spread in the face of inaction as a result of fear or politesse.

No more.

Do not bite your tongue. Do not tremble. Do not go along with little lies. Speak up. Break the wall of lies. Let nothing go unchallenged.

Our enemies' failure is not assured and there is no cavalry coming. We are the cavalry. We are the last line of defense. Our civilization depends on us.

It is a very rare thing for me not to be sitting at a Shabbat dinner table on a Friday night as the sun sets. So I hope you'll allow me to close with a little bit of Torah.

Tomorrow in synagogue we will read the portion of the Torah where Abraham's wife, Sarah, dies, at the ripe old age of 127. We read in the Bible that she died in Kiryat-arba—now Hebron—in the land of Canaan. We read that when she passes, "Abraham proceeded to mourn for Sarah and to bewail her."

And the very next verse goes like this: "Then Abraham rose from beside his dead, and spoke to the Hittites, saying, 'I am a resident alien among you; sell me a burial site among you, that I may remove my dead for burial.'"

So that's the first thing Abraham does: he buys a plot of land to bury Sarah. The second thing: he finds Isaac a wife.

The late great Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, who I was blessed to know, tells us this about the sequence of events: "Abraham heard the future calling to him. Sarah had died. Isaac was unmarried. Abraham had neither land nor grandchildren. He did not cry out, in anger or anguish, to God. Instead, he heard the still, small voice saying: The next step depends on you. You must create a future that I will fill with My spirit. That is how Abraham survived the shock and grief."

This is how generations of Jews have survived. This is how all of us survive.

I am so honored to be here speaking in this place, in honor of someone who stood up courageously for the things that mattered most, and who was murdered by enemies of all that we are fighting for.

May her memory be for a blessing. It is for me.

There is another phrase traditional Jews invoke when speaking of someone who has been murdered: Hashem Yikom Dama. May God avenge her death.

We leave vengeance to God. But fighting is for all of us. Especially when there is something so precious worth fighting for.

Ted once said of Barbara that "Barbara was Barbara because America, unlike any place in the world, gave her the space, freedom, oxygen, encouragement, and inspiration to be whatever she wanted to be."

There is no place like this country. And there is no second America to run to if this one fails.

So let's get up. Get up and fight for our future. This is the fight of—and for—our lives.