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President Trump Drops a Bomb: "The Election Was Rigged in 2020. We Have All the Ammunition… It's Coming Out in Truckloads"

By Jim Hoft and Gateway Pundit

President Donald Trump made a shocking admission this past weekend. His statements were making waves in political circles.

Trump says his administration is about to release "truckloads" of evidence PROVING the 2020 election was "RIGGED" by Democrats.

He added that he has evidence Gavin Newsom is rigging California elections with mail-in ballots.

"They're professionals at cheating because we won in 2016 by a lot. The election was rigged in 2020. We have all the ammunition, all the stuff, and you'll see it come out. It's coming out in truckloads"

"California more than any other place is so rigged. It's such a rigged election — If the vote in California was legitimate, which it's not, they have 38 million ballots. Everything is mail-in voting. They mail out 38 million ballots, and they come in. Where the hell did they go, and where did they come from?

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Supreme Court should not let climate lawfare set US energy policy

Boulder, CO lawsuit gives SCOTUS a superb opportunity to end these legal abuses



By Paul Driessen

Climate lawfare is a Big Business. State, county and city lawyers have filed some 30 lawsuits, alleging that oil companies misrepresented the impacts of their products and caused billions of dollars in climate and weather damages.

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How many Merkels do we have in the U.S?

By Kathleen Marquardt

The article below is from a German site that I follow. I decided to give Peter's article in whole to you so you, too, can see how most, if not all, Western countries have their Merkels. The Marxist/globalists didn't just work here in the U.S. putting in their automatons in every area of government, media, and education. You can spot them in France, Great Britain — pretty much everywhere that supposedly free-market countries exist. (my words in underline)



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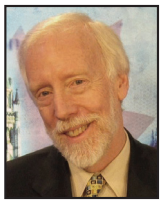
The Bureaucratic Charade of UN Climate Conferences

By Tom Harris

The greatest irony of the yearly United Nations climate conferences, the most recent of which, COP30, wrapped up last weekend in Belem, Brazil, is the huge number of delegates flying into an event that preaches massive restrictions on flying. For example, when I attended COP15, the United Nations' 15th major climate conference in 2009 in Copenhagen, I was astonished to find that, at about 30,000 attendees, it was



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How American Revolution Hero John Paul Jones Helped End the Ottoman Slave Trade

By Rolf Lindgren

Captain John Paul Jones was our most celebrated naval commander of the Revolutionary War. He famously yelled, in a documented quotation, "I have not yet begun to fight" in 1779, as he led the Bonhomme Richard to victory over the British off the coast of England.



Earlier in the war, in November 1776, John Paul Jones had captured several British supply ships. These captured supplies included 10,000 winter coats that General George Washington needed to cross the Delaware River and win the Battles of Trenton and Princeton.

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The First Big Lie of Vaccinology

By Clayton J. Baker, MD

As discussed in the introductory essay in this series, standard doctrine surrounding vaccines – pertaining to clinical trials, licensing, marketing, and vaccination schedules – is largely a pseudoscientific façade, constructed on a shaky foundation of falsehoods. In this series, we examine each of the five Big Lies propping up vaccinology, plus two "Honorable Mentions."

The Five Big Lies of Vaccinology

Big Lie #1: Equating Antibody Production with Immunity to Disease

Big Lie #2: Using Fake Placebos

Big Lie #3: Insisting My Immunity is Dependent on Your Vaccination

Big Lie #4: Declaring Multiple Simultaneous Injections to be Safe

Big Lie #5: Declaring Vaccines Fundamentally "Safe and Effective" as a Class

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Judgment Fund Sticks Us Twice with Bill for Illegal Tariffs

By William L. Kovacs



President Trump claims a Supreme Court ruling that the worldwide tariffs are illegal, would place the country on "the brink of economic catastrophe." Yes, Trump would suffer a blow to his ego, and his trade policy. The real cost of the catastrophe, however, would be imposed directly on the American people. First, Americans today pay for the tariffs in higher prices. And, with an adverse decision,

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Hormones to Healing Frequencies: A Holistic Guide to Feeling Better Than "Fine"

By Brookfield Health & Wellness

If you are a woman who says, "I'm fine", despite hot flashes, lack of sleep, mood changes, weight gain, word loss, frozen shoulder, lack of energy, and loss of sex drive, then keep reading.

The negative effects of your changing body do not have to be so dramatic. Working with a qualified practitioner is essential to determine any treatment protocol that is right for you. After a thorough root-cause assessment, hormone replacement therapy (HRT) may be an option.

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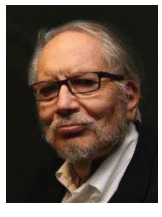
Weather Hysteria, Green Energy Scams Spur Political Fallout

By Larry Bell

Failed Weather Predictions and Green Energy Empty Promises Inevitably Bring Political Consequences



In case some of you didn't notice the lack of scary headlines about "worst ever" extreme weather this year or reliable dire warnings from the United Nations about another last chance to save the planet from ravages of fossil-fueled climate Armageddon, maybe it's because mainstream news hasn't had anything sufficiently terrifying

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Steve's Say . . . Jesus Christ - God's Covenant Fulfilled



This past Sunday our associate paster at St. Dominic Catholic Church in Brookfield, WI, Fr. David Sweeny, preached a remarkable sermon which centered upon a war I had never heard about - the Sack of Rome by soldier advocates of the Protestant Reformation.

The Sack began on May 6, 1527, 10 years after Martin Luther's posting appeared in the Wittenberg church. Luther's posting provided Kings, Princes and other Noblemen with the opportunity to challenge the power of the Pope and the Catholic Church. The Pope challenged monarchial power by asserting all monarchs to be stewards of Christ the King and therefore subject to ecclesiastical constraints imposed by the Church Magisterium and articulated by the Pope. Thus, in those intervening 10 years, many kingdoms and principalities engaged in bloody strife to adopt Lutheranism as the religion of their realm or maintain Catholicism.

Ironically, according to sources I since consulted to learn more detail about this history-molding event, a power struggle arose between King Charles V of Spain and Pope Clement VII. At that time Charles V accumulated enormous power through the consolidation of hereditary kingdoms in Spain and throughout the Holy Roman Empire (Germany). The Pope's response to this accumulation of power led to Charles V threatening military action on Rome, after the Pope allied with the Francis I, King of France, the archenemy of Charles V. This alliance, known as the League of Cognac, actually started hostilities in 1526 by attacking the Republic of Sienna, which failed, demonstrating the Pope's military weakness.

The military threat of Charles V turned into a mutinous reality after the army of Charles V defeated the French forces, but Charles lacked the money to pay the troops. 34,000 troops under the command of Duke Charles II of Bourbon, "forced" the Duke to lead them to Rome, an easy target for pillaging due to political instability and lack of adequate military defense forces.

Though Charles V professed he did not intend for his threat to become reality and took no responsibility for the sack, the carnage defied belief. A city of 55,000 dwellers became 10,000. The vile behavior of the troops seems beyond comprehension to this modern reader, but the hatred cultivated over the previous 10 years between Lutherans and Catholics apparently fueled the horrific atrocities documented by many sources. According to one source, Martin Luther opposed attacking Rome or Pope Clement VII. However, Luther assessed the effects of the Sack of Rome in his quote, "Christ reigns in such a way that the Emperor that persecutes Luther for the Pope is forced to destroy the Pope for Luther." Needless to say, the opportunity for reconciliation between Catholics and Lutherans vanished, casting a division of hatred which continued on in the Thirty Years War, which ravaged Europe throughout the 1600s, and lingers on to this very day.

Remarkably, my go-to book on wars, "The Battle 100," by Lt. Col.Michael Lee Lanning, a compilation of the 100 most consequential battles in world history, makes no mention of The Sack of Rome. As a Disciple of Christ and fully engaged practitioner of the Catholic faith, I conclude this war had much more to do with the course of Europe and the world than most of the others wars I've read about in that book. This war demonstrated the power Satan retains to create havoc among all people, and his visceral contempt for Christ's Church as founded.

I believe most Christians today hope and pray that someday these factions can reconcile back into the one universal church Christ founded during His earthly ministry. While my human mind cannot fathom how such an end can be achieved, given the apparent chasms that exist between Christian denominations, we all agree on the most fundamental principal of all; That the One True God is All-Mighty, All-Sovereign, All-Good and All-Powerful. Because of my trust in Jesus Christ as the Savior, God's unlimited power and inexhaustible treasury of compassion, I know all will be reconciled at His appointed time. He informed us of His plan for our redemption through Adam and Eve after the Fall in the Garden, demonstrated His desire for saving mankind through his promise to Noah, initiated His covenant with Abraham and codified it through His chosen people Israel in the Exodus.

The fulfillment of that covenant occurred with the incarnation, life, death and resurrection of His One and Only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ, foretold by the prophets of past ages and heralded the the greatest of them all, John the Baptist. Through the Gospel and all the books of the New Testament, we learn the mind of Christ, His Holy Teachings and what they mean. We know the Kingdom of the Messiah foretold in the Old Testament is not of this world, but exists in Heaven today and with His Church here on Earth. All things will come to fulfillment upon His return, when Heaven and Earth are made one.

Because the Pascal Mystery of Christ fulfilled all requirements of the Law, the covenant of salvation through Christ is complete. His Body became the new Temple, which is ever-present in Heaven after His Ascension to the Father and on Earth through the Holy Eucharist. Thus when the Curtain of the Sanctuary was torn in two when Christ died, the temple in Jerusalem became obsolete. There was no more need for it or for all sacrifices performed in it. Christ's perfect sacrifice of His unblemished self, freely given, fulfilled everything. The inevitable destruction of the temple in 70 AD by the Romans demonstrated this fact. There is no need to rebuild a temple in Jerusalem, for all of the rites and requirements of the old law mean nothing anymore. Christ became the final and complete sacrifice, once and for all.

My personal understanding of these truths of our Christian faith rapidly accelerated over the past year with my thorough study of the Letter to the Hebrews in two different Bible Study groups. The unknown author of the letter certainly had the Sword of the Spirit in his pen. Focused upon the trend among the early Christians to revert back to Judean practices, the author outlines in detail the entire chain of the covenant fulfillment, how each component links to the next and brings every part of God's Covenant of Salvation to final completion. In my opinion, this Book of The Word provides the most comprehensive description of a true Christian, why we pursue what we do to evangelize our belief and how we demonstrate our true faith in Christ the Savior.

So we celebrate Christmas to commemorate the incarnation of God's Only-Begotten Son, marking the beginning of God's human presence on Earth, knowing that through His life, death and resurrection, God's plan for eternal salvation opened the Gates of Heaven for all who believe.

Merry Christmas to All, and may God's Abundant Blessings fill your hearts and houses, and bring joy to all in your families.

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Christmas Wish: War or Peace?

By Matt Warneke

The war drums continue to beat on decades after the second World War. Political confusion continues to sow fear and doubt for the future. Why does history continue to repeat itself over and over, and who is profiting from all the wars?

The book entitled Battles That Changed History provides some insight. A peculiar pattern emerged in the late1500s when England won a series of key battles. A century later it developed into the manipulation of human lives on a world stage and the emergence of the cabal within the Privy Council in 1667. They named it after the five ministers to King Charles II, and their kingdom grew through global taxation without representation.

A key British naval victory in 1588 over the Spanish Armada set the course for the future dominance of the British navy and their impact on world trade. Over the next two centuries and beyond, England would continue to shuffle the deck of European allies to take down competing enemy countries. Their goal was to maintain their power and expand it around the world. After their triumph over the Spanish and Portuguese fleets, they formed allegiances with other countries to take down Austria, the Dutch, Irish, French (including Canada), and then invaded the Americas.

The United States proved to be a stumbling block to Great Britain in 1776. Great Britain just wasn't that great. They used deceptive tactics over centuries, and the cabal morphed into an international conglomerate investment manager. This business plan slowly undermined the sovereignty of countries around the globe. By the 1812 War, they even attempted to infiltrate the United States by challenging our constitutional birthright citizenship order within the 14th Amendment.

England expanded their cabal to elite, mostly non-elected representatives, who have lingered in the shadows for the last 200 years. They influence the EU and NATO, which promote war. Their deep state coup attempt is targeted to eliminate the sovereignty of America. We the People have been robbed through taxation, inflation and interest fees imposed by the Federal Reserve, a dual government agency-private corporation with a MoU tied to the Bank of England. Our bank accounts continue to erode under their seditious influence.

There has been only one world leader in recent years to stand for peace, financial independence, and constitutional freedoms. He has defiantly stood up against attacks, lies and

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The Christmas Gift that Climate Grinches Can't Abide

By Vijay Jayaraj

The quietude of looking out the kitchen window on a December morning at a meadow dusted in snow is magical. A deer pauses at the edge of the wood, breath steaming in the cold air, grazing on whatever bits of green poke through the snow. It is a scene replicated on greeting cards and stamped on cookie tins.

Part of the magic behind that tableau – from the roast in the oven to the cranberries on a plate, from the pine and hardwoods standing tall outside to the browsing fauna – is a phenomenon the establishment media ignore: CO2-driven, NASA-acknowledged greening of Earth.

Satellite data from the last four decades confirm a significant increase in vegetation over as much as half the globe. During this period, atmospheric CO2 increased from about 350 parts million (ppm) to more than 400 ppm, mostly from the burning of fossil fuels.

It is a gift arriving right on cue to meet a continuous increase in population and demand for food. This basic sustenance allows for all other human endeavors – developments in artificial intelligence, medicine and more. It is difficult to write computer code on an empty stomach.

Behind this gift of plenty is a process fundamental to all life, starting with plants: Photosynthesis is a mechanism by which plants use CO2, water and sunlight to make sugars for food. When atmospheric CO2 rises – whether from the emissions of human activity or any other source – plants grow faster. A side benefit is that they use water more efficiently, making them more resilient to arid conditions and extending their geographic range.

The degree to which plants respond to more CO2 varies, but it is always positive. An increase in CO2 to 800 parts per million (ppm) or so – more than double the current atmospheric concentration – increases yields by 10% to 100%.

In greenhouse farming, carbon dioxide levels are elevated to 1,000 ppm or so to increase the yields of tomatoes and cucumbers by 20% to 40%. Plants, such as corn, sugarcane and millets also benefit from higher atmospheric CO2, whose positive effect on them is even more evident in the presence of drought.

For many, a cold Christmas morning is warmed by coffee, especially festive offerings like peppermint mocha and gingerbread latte. Well, the good news is that even coffee plants are boosted by the rise of CO2. Studies in Latin America found that elevated carbon dioxide boosted coffee plant photosynthesis and increased yields by 12% to 14%.

People forget that the Little Ice Age – lasting from about 1300 to 1850 –brought crop failures and famine to large sections of Europe and Asia. Rivers froze, and growing seasons shrank. Many communities struggled during periods of cold-induced scarcity.

The 20th century delivered the opposite: The longer growing seasons of a modestly warmer climate paired with higher levels of CO□. This is hardly the making of a catastrophe that some would have us believe. In fact, a 2025 analysis projected changes in global average yields across all crops to be neutral or positive up to 5 degrees Celsius of warming into the future.

Only the Climate Grinches would oppose such a bounty of greening from modern warmth and CO2 concentrations. These are the characters who have dominated headlines in popular media and policy roundtables in Brussels and Washington. They steal not only the joy of experiencing this natural abundance by spreading false fears but also the prosperity and sovereignty of nations.

Climate Grinches look at a greening planet and sees disaster. When NASA announces that Earth has added vegetation equivalent to two American continents, they warn that this cannot last, that benefits are temporary, that doom still awaits. When farmers report bumper harvests enabled by longer growing seasons and CO2 fertilization, the Climate Grinches insist that gains are outweighed by unspecified future horrors.

So, this Christmas season, when you gather with your family, look at the spread before you with new eyes. Reject the guilt that climate orthodoxy seeks to place on our shoulders. Modern lifestyles are not destroying the planet. We are basking in a vibrant ecosystem that supports more greenery, more people and more human potential than at any other time in history.



Poverty, Divine Providence, and Our Future

By Vijay Jayaraj

Wars rage across the Middle East and Eastern Europe. Yet, these violent conflicts, as horrific as they are, only mirror the silent wars raging within many of our own hearts — wars of despair, doubt, and desperation.

Deep within, I carry a deep sorrow for the struggling people of Africa and Asia who remain trapped in poverty — poverty perpetuated by harsh energy policies that lack the compassion and mercy of our heavenly Father, who in His grace has gifted us love and an abundance of resources to sustain all of humanity.

Hundreds of millions of people in the poorer parts of our world are in a generational war against extreme poverty, a relentless siege that grinds human dignity into the dust. In a village in the Sahel or a slum in Bihar, the battle begins before dawn, with a long trek, often by women and children, to fetch water that is likely contaminated.

Their toil continues with back-breaking labor in a small field. The day ends in a hut filled with the toxic smoke of burning wood, charcoal, or animal dung, the only available fuels for cooking. In this world, owning a washing machine is a fantasy on par with space travel. Having potable water flow from a tap in your home is a miracle reserved for another universe. They are often locked in a cycle of subsistence that offers no pathway to economic advancement.

God Works Through Our Hands, and Minds

It is in the face of this immense, soul-crushing darkness that the idea of God's mercy often feels like a distant, abstract platitude. And there lies the great, overlooked truth of history. God's providence has always helped us make our world better through various ways including the advancement in science and technology.

God is the bedrock of the ordered, rational, and discoverable universe we inhabit. The belief in a Creator who is not chaotic or capricious, but who is a God of order and reason, was the intellectual catalyst for the greatest leap forward in human history: the scientific revolution.

Isaac Newton famously wrote, "This most beautiful system of the sun, planets, and comets, could only proceed from the counsel and dominion of an intelligent and powerful Being." Johannes Kepler, who discovered the laws of planetary motion, saw his work in explicitly priestly terms. "I was merely thinking God's thoughts after Him," he declared. "Since we astronomers are priests of the highest God in regard to the book of nature, it befits us to be thoughtful, not of the glory of our minds, but rather, above all else, of the glory of God."

From Robert Boyle, the father of modern chemistry, to Michael Faraday, who unlocked the secrets of electromagnetism, the story is the same. Their faith was not a barrier to their science; it was its engine. They feared God, it was the beginning of their Wisdom.

God Proposes, Man Disposes

God provided a world rich in resources and empowered its people — the discoverers who unravel nature's laws and the inventors who harness them — to build a civilization of increasing safety, efficiency, and progress.

So why, then, does a vast chasm exist between the affluent cities of Europe and the impoverished villages of Congo? The fault lies not with a lack of divine provision, but with humanity's own misguided policies. The world doesn't lack resources; the problem is that human systems deny people access to them.

In recent decades, anti-human energy and climate policies that have proved to be the biggest disruptor of socio-economic progress in regions that are lagging so far behind than the developed West.

A young woman in Uganda should not be denied access to electricity because a European bureaucrat wants to hit a Net Zero target. A mother in

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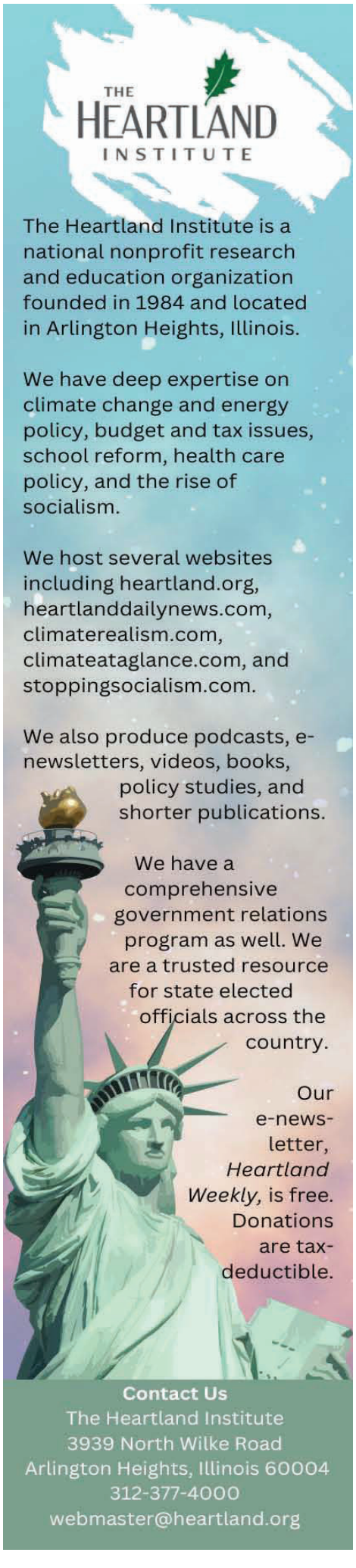

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Foreign Elites, China Fund American Climate Alarm

By H. Sterling Burnett

The late Ron Arnold clued me in to Russia's funding of anti-fracking environmental activists during the heyday of fracking's expansion more than a decade ago. I wrote about this foreign subversion of America's energy security in op-eds, in Climate Change Weekly, and in articles in Environment & Climate News.

It wasn't just Russia, however. Wealthy elites in the United States and abroad also funded protests by "Just Stop Oil" and destructive, polluting, anti-pipeline sit-ins and protests. Greenpeace USA is currently on the hook for hundreds of millions of dollars over one such protest.

For the Russians, the goal was to prop up their oil industry and geopolitical power at the expense of the United States'. For the elites and the green front groups they've supported, the supposed reason for undermining U.S. domestic hydrocarbon development was to fight climate change, though I believe the true goal was to give those two groups more power over peoples' lives, dictating how and where they can live.

The problem continues today, with foreign charities and the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) pouring billions of dollars into climate activist organizations to limit U.S. hydrocarbon development; regulate appliances, cars, and trucks; and direct federal and state energy and climate policies. Part of their strategy is to support more international engagement and funding for multilateral and U.N. climate policies with the goal of ceding increasing amounts of U.S. sovereignty to the UN to prevent a climate catastrophe. That just happens to benefit China's green-tech-for-export manufacturing sector.

In a July Senate hearing on "Climate Lawfare and the Courts: How Foreign Actors Are Undermining American Energy Independence," chaired by Sen. Ted Cruz (R-TX), testimony was given concerning how the Energy Foundation of China, an organization funded by the CCP, funneled millions of dollars to U.S. climate activist groups, among them the Natural Resources Defense Council and the Rocky Mountain Institute, to push policies to restrict domestic hydrocarbon development, support lawsuits filed by climate-change-focused legal groups against oil companies, and advocate continuation of wind and solar energy mandates and subsidies. The latter directly benefit China, which dominates the market for wind, solar, battery, and electric vehicle technologies, both in manufacturing and through the CCP's control of rare-earth elements and critical metals vital to defense systems, modern electronics, and green technologies.

More recently, a new report by Americans for Public Trust (APT) details foreign "charities" that have donated nearly $2 billion to U.S.-based nonprofits that lobby for progressive environmental policies such as U.S. hydrocarbon restrictions, green energy promotion and subsidies, and federal government engagement with international groups on climate issues. Specifically, APT's report found,

The Quadrature Climate Foundation (QCF): the UK-based QCF has given $530 million in foreign money to 41 U.S.-based groups from 2020 to the present, including the ClimateWorks Foundation, Growald Climate Fund, The Grantham Foundation, Arabella's Windward Fund, and the Sunrise Project.

The KR Foundation: The KR Foundation, a Danish charity, gave more than $36 million in foreign cash to 53 U.S.-based groups from 2015 to 2024, including The Conservation Law Foundation, the Center for International Environmental Law, Stop the Money Pipeline, Fossil Free Media, the Associated Press, and Oil Change International.

The Oak Foundation: OF, based in Switzerland, gave more than $750 million in foreign money to 152 U.S.-based groups from 2014 to 2024, including The Environmental Law Institute; Community Change, the fiscal sponsor for Free DC; Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors; Arabella's New Venture Fund; the Natural Resources Defense Council; and The Tides Center.

The Laudes Foundation: Since 2020, The Laudes Foundation, another Swiss-based charity, has poured almost $20 million into 17 U.S.-based groups, including The Pulitzer Center for Crisis, Ceres, Community Initiatives, and The World Resources Institute (WRI).

The Children's Investment Fund Foundation: CIFF, based in the United Kingdom, gave more than $553 million in foreign money to 39 U.S.-based groups from 2014 to 2023, including The Energy Foundation China, The Institute for Governance & Sustainable Development, the Environmental Defense Fund, and The Sunrise Project.

"It is extremely alarming that five foreign charities have quietly poured almost two billion dollars into advocating for the most extreme liberal policies and protests in the United States," said Caitline Sutherland, APT's executive director, in a press statement issued upon the report's release. "Since current laws regulating foreign giving to U.S.-based nonprofit organizations are hindered by a lack of oversight and exploitable exemptions and loopholes, foreign actors have been able to advance their radical and dangerous interests virtually unchecked.

"Congress needs to address these serious shortfalls in our laws to protect American interests and keep foreign influence out of our politics," Sutherland said.

I don't normally advocate more laws, but foreign governments and foreign individuals should not be allowed to fund U.S. political campaigns or causes, either directly or in the shadows through environmental front groups, to shill for policies that hurt U.S. interests.

New U.S National Security Strategy Touts Importance of Energy Dominance

By Heartland.org

President Donald Trump's newly released National Security Strategy of the United States of America (NSS) is one more nail in the coffin of climate alarmists' attempts to fund and implement Green New Deal scams to dictate the nation's energy and foreign policies.

The Trump administration report forcefully makes the case U.S. energy dominance is in the best economic and geopolitical interests of the United States and our allies.

The NSS makes it clear fear of climate change is unwarranted and a drag on U.S. excellence, and it will no longer guide or inform national energy, industrial, or infrastructure policies.

"We reject the disastrous 'climate change' and 'Net Zero' ideologies that have so greatly harmed Europe, threaten the United States, and subsidize our adversaries," states the NSS in its only direct mention of climate change. "Restoring American energy dominance (in oil, gas, coal, and nuclear) and reshoring the necessary key energy components is a top strategic priority.

"Cheap and abundant energy will produce well-paying jobs in the United States, reduce costs for American consumers and businesses, fuel reindustrialization, and help maintain our advantage in cutting-edge technologies such as AI," the document continues. "Expanding our net energy exports will also deepen relationships with allies while curtailing the influence of adversaries, protect our ability to defend our shores, and—when and where necessary—enables us to project power."

In recent decades U.S. national security strategy was built on several false premises promoted by international elites that actually undermined America's national interests, the NSS states:

Our elites badly miscalculated America's willingness to shoulder forever global burdens to which the American people saw no connection to the national interest. … They placed hugely misguided and destructive bets on globalism … [a]nd they lashed American policy to a network of international institutions, some of which are driven by outright anti-Americanism and many by a transnationalism that explicitly seeks to dissolve individual state sovereignty.

In sum, not only did our elites pursue a fundamentally undesirable and impossible goal, in doing so they undermined the very means necessary to achieve that goal: the character of our nation upon which its power, wealth, and decency were built.

Part of reviving America's industrial base, energy dominance, and national security requires developing a domestic critical minerals and rare earths supply chain, from mining to refining to manufacturing finished products. On this point the document states,

[T]he United States must never be dependent on any outside power for core components—from raw materials to parts to finished products—necessary to the nation's defense or economy. We must re-secure our own independent and reliable access to the goods we need to defend ourselves and preserve our way of life. This will require expanding American access to critical minerals and materials while countering predatory economic practices.

The Trump administration's NSS document offers a stark contrast and rebuke to previous administrations, which made the concerns of international elites the centerpiece of the nation's national security, especially their belief that climate change is an existential threat. This document sees past administrations' fear of and support for climate change induced mass immigration, a military focused on adopting green technologies, support for green energy technologies dominated by our enemies, and a financial and industrial base driven by ESG and sustainability concerns as not just misguided but as endangering the nation's security, sovereignty, and continued prosperity through economic growth.

Yes, Virginia, There Is a Greenhouse Effect. No, It Won't Kill Us.

By David Legates

A little while back, I did a podcast on the greenhouse effect. It seems that the most controversial thing I have ever said is "Carbon Dioxide contributes very little to the Greenhouse Effect." That singular statement usually gets me labelled as either a scientific illiterate or a stooge of climate alarmists. And those are the milder accusations that are usually hurled at me. So, at the risk of inflaming more people, I will reluctantly attempt to explain this again.

Trigger alert: I am about to say things that are likely to raise the ire of some of my readers. I do not do this intentionally, and if you are prone to fits of rage, maybe you should pass on this article … and maybe seek professional help. (Just kidding.) But I have talked with other climatologists with whom I am still conversant, and they too have battled these types of discussions over the years. Since it has come up again recently, I will explain my point of view again.

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Climate censorship and integrity at COP30 and beyond

By Paul Driessen

The Roman god Janus had two faces: for comings and goings, beginnings and endings, the interim between war and peace, and transitions both tangible and abstract.

Climate Cultists might hail him for presiding over the demise of fossil fuels and advent of wind, solar and battery power; or of an idyllic past turning into a tumultuous present and calamitous future if we don't make that transition.

Most of us might herald Janus as looking back on decades of fantasy and fanaticism over manmade climate crises and magical "renewable" energy – and forward to an era of realism about natural climate change and reliable, affordable energy as the foundation of civilization and living standards.

Of course, to paraphrase Winston Churchill, this is not the end of that fanaticism. It may not be even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning of global economic suicide.

For Climate Cultists, the thirtieth Conference of Parties (COP30) ended in dismay and disarray. Every mention of eliminating fossil fuels to reach temperature targets was stricken from the global outcome document. Demands that rich nations pay trillions of dollars to mitigate or stop climate change were replaced with calls for funding "adaptation" and "loss and damage" compensation.

Worse, those new funding demands include no concrete mechanisms for raising and distributing funds, no enforcement mechanisms to compel countries to contribute, and no countries actually willing to provide more than a pittance.

Perhaps worst for COP Climate Cultists are the latest global energy numbers. Even after decades of gaslighting the world about greenhouse gas emissions, rising seas, worsening weather and the "inevitable" energy transition, 86% of the world's energy is still oil, natural gas and coal

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But COP30 also highlighted another Janus, the two faces of climate censorship: an incessant stream of climate alarmism and renewable energy fantasy – and continuous efforts to silence voices of realism about both illusions. The UN, academia, search engines, activists, news media and others are all guilty.

*GIGO computer models, exaggeration, fabrication and fearmongering cover the indoctrination gamut.

"We are hurtling toward climate chaos. The planet's vital signs are flashing red." The dangers "are no longer future threats but are here now!" Michael Mann proclaimed. "Climate change is no longer a threat of the future. It is a tragedy of the present," Brazil President Lula da Silva echoed at COP30.

More than 80 million people "could be killed" this century by rising planetary temperatures, a Columbia University "study" declared. Fossil fuel use is causing

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to report.

Remember those hurricanes that were destined to become more frequent and severe because of dreaded warming caused by deadly man-made carbon dioxide "pollution" caused by greedy oil companies and revenue-obsessed internal combustion engine producing automotive producers?

First consider that the 2025 Atlantic hurricane season just ended without one making landfall in the continental U.S., the quietist year since 2015, with an average of around two annually.

Whereas monster Hurricane Melissa that blasted Jamaica in late October with 185 mile-per-hour winds and flooding drew lots of attention attributed to climate change, a New York Times article that month highlighting that 12 named storms turned away from the East Coast with only a minor tropical disturbance brushing the U.S. wasn't noted as anything out of the ordinary.

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As Bjorn Lomborg, president of the Copenhagen Consensus and visiting fellow at Stanford University's Hoover Institution points out, attribution science has a tendency to infer bad news to a slight global warming change, while never crediting one to prospective benefits such as atmospheric patterns steering hurricanes away from land areas back out to sea.

A clearer scientific picture of seasonal hurricane occurrences applies accumulated cyclone energy, or "ACE," statistics that integrate the number, strength and duration of all tropical storms, with lower seasonal ACE ratings reflecting less damage potential.

Although the North Atlantic saw roughly a 9% higher ACE this year than the 1991-2021 average, overall, all other Northern Hemisphere ocean basins --- the Northeast Pacific, Northwest Pacific and North Indian — have clocked an overall ACE 19% below that year-to-date normal.

As for blaming human-caused carbon dioxide for everything bad about climate change, the UN which has pushed this "carbon neutral" mantra remarkably concluded its COP 30 climate summit in Belém, Brazil with a stunning rollback of conclusions highlighted from COP 28 which took place two years ago in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

COP 30 ended on Nov. 24 with more than half of nation representatives opposing even non-binding endorsements of transitioning away from fossil fuels, including oil, gas and coal.

And what about those rapidly rising oceans caused by global warming which according to the UN were going to flood the Maldives islands and warranting financial compensation from the U.S. and other developed countries for unfair fossil fueled prosperity?

With its surface elevation only about 5 feet above sea level of the British Indian Ocean, try to fathom, for example, why under climate-caused rising ocean conditions a new billion-dollar expansion has just been added to a Maldives airport built in the world's flattest and lowest-lying country with no possible high ground escape from tsunamis.

As reported in the Wall Street Journal, a research study published in the prestigious journal Nature predicting world economic output would decline 62% by 2100 under a speculative high-carbon emissions scenario was determined to be badly skewed, with a better forecast estimate used dropping to 23%.

There was no reference to having considered enormous economic benefits of fossil fuels that provide more than 80% of world energy or enormous cost and life-quality damage of inadequate and unreliable energy supplies.

Europe, for example, claims to have slashed carbon emissions by 30% from 2005 levels compared with a 17% drop in the U.S., while dramatically driving up electricity costs over much of the continent.

According to the International Energy Agency, Germany now has the world's highest domestic electricity rates, while the U.K. has the highest industrial rates, with Italy falling closely behind with second-most expensive electricity in both categories

Meanwhile, President Trump has announced plans to return automotive purchasers to more affordable free markets by rolling back federal fuel-economy mandates known as Corporate Average Fuel Economy rules, or CAFÉ which would require an average 34.5 miles a gallon for vehicles of model year 2031, down from the 50.4 miles a gallon standard set by the Biden administration to push electric vehicles.

Planned CAFE changes would apply to all model-year passenger cars and light trucks from 2022 to 2031 and would reclassify small sport-utility vehicles and so-called crossovers, which are SUVs built on carlike chassis, as passenger cars instead of light trucks, potentially saving purchasers more than $100 billion over the next five years.

Even more consequential, the Trump administration's EPA is seeking to rescind what is known as its "endangerment finding," a 2009 declaration stating that greenhouse gases threaten public health and welfare by raising global temperatures used to impose sweeping regulations on harmless carbon emissions from power plants, aircraft, motor vehicles and oil and gas production.

The only true endangerment to public health and welfare has resulted from rising tides of bad government energy policies based upon a polluted atmosphere of unsupportable climate and weather alarmism which have flooded the American economy, drowning household budgets.

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The Week That Was December 13th, 2025

Quote of the Week:

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— Johannes Kepler

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

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

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

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

You can help in two ways:

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.

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And thank you.

Scope: This TWTW begins with an essay by David Legates on the Greenhouse Effect. TWTW discusses a 2007 paper by Christopher Essex, Ross McKitrick, and Bjarne Andersen on the global temperature. Then, two papers by Net Zero Watch are presented one on human liberty, the other on powering human freedom. A Swiss magazine published an interview with SEPP director Willie Soon. TWTW discusses a paper by Charles Rotter and Anthony Watts that explains incorrect views concerning increased energy in the atmosphere from greenhouse gases. TWTW concludes with further discussion on the retraction of a significant paper in Nature.

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There Is a Greenhouse Effect: Climatologist David Legates, a director of SEPP, uses plain English to explain for the Cornwall Alliance why there is a Greenhouse Effect and why at current concentrations in the atmosphere carbon dioxide is a bit player in the enormously complex play called Climate Change. In "Yes, Virginia, There Is a Greenhouse Effect. No, It Won't Kill Us" after a brief explanation that he is addressing accusations that other climatologists face, Legates states:

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Now, some of that energy is emitted towards space, but some is emitted downward toward Earth's surface. It is not that the atmosphere is magically creating energy to heat the surface; rather, this is energy that went into warming the atmosphere, which, since its temperature is above absolute zero, then emits that energy—some of it toward Earth's surface. This energy can be kept in a loop, whereby energy is emitted by the surface, absorbed by the atmosphere, and in turn, emitted by the atmosphere and absorbed by the surface. Both Earth's surface and its atmosphere are warmed by this energy loop, which we lovingly call the Greenhouse Effect.

The follow-up question is, "Why focus on just carbon dioxide? Since most of the atmosphere is nitrogen, oxygen, and argon, shouldn't those molecules absorb and emit energy as well?"

The answer is … they do. All molecules absorb energy and emit energy if they are at a temperature above absolute zero. But different gases behave differently in that they absorb and emit energy in selective wavelengths.

Nitrogen, oxygen, and argon—which make up 99% of dry air—are different from water vapor, carbon dioxide, methane, ozone, nitrogen dioxide, and many of the other gases that make up the atmosphere. Nitrogen and oxygen are diatomic molecules; they contain just two atoms per molecule. Argon is a single atom; therefore, it is monatomic. All the others, including water vapor and carbon dioxide, are molecules containing at least three atoms. Thus, they have vibrational characteristics that monatomic and diatomic molecules lack. These vibrations often result in absorption and emission bands in the thermal infrared portion of the electromagnetic spectrum—heat, as we call it—whereas nitrogen, oxygen, and argon (and others) do not.

The short argument here is that molecules with three or more atoms can absorb and emit energy in the thermal infrared (heat) portion of the electromagnetic spectrum. If more energy is received than is given off based on the temperature of the molecule, the molecule will increase in temperature. Similarly, if more energy is given off than received, based on the temperature of the molecule, the molecule will cool. But with gases in the atmosphere, the absorption and emission lie within select wavelengths.

The second argument is that climatologists are idiots who cannot understand the basic laws of physics, such as the First and Second Laws of Thermodynamics.

As a climatologist, I take umbrage at this argument and point out that climatologists existed before climate modeling and well before the discussion of global warming, or even global cooling, came into being.

But now, let's debunk the argument. The rationale is that climatologists misuse the Stefan-Boltzmann Law—which dictates that the energy given off by an object or molecule in the atmosphere is proportional to the fourth power of its temperature. The argument is that the law is only applicable for a single source of electromagnetic radiation and that the emitter must be warmer than the emittee, or the target. If the emitter is colder than the target, it cannot possibly add any energy to the target—or so the argument goes.

The last statement is correct, but only in the aggregate. Remember that this is a two-way street; the target is also an emitter if it is at a temperature above absolute zero. The point is usually made by these proponents that in energy diagrams, more energy is emitted by the atmosphere and absorbed by the Earth's surface than is received from the Sun. Yes, that is correct. But if you turned off the Sun, the atmosphere and Earth's surface would slowly cool until they reached an equilibrium temperature of absolute zero. All the energy in this system originates from the Sun; it is just that some go into heating the atmosphere, which, in turn, keeps Earth's surface warmer than it would have been if the atmosphere were not present. That Earth's surface receives more energy from the atmosphere than from the Sun is a testament to how efficient the climate system is at keeping Earth's temperature at a level that makes life habitable. We can thank our Creator for that.

The final argument against greenhouse warming is that this is a conspiracy that began in 1845. The hoax was perpetuated when the physicist James Prescott Joule, for whom the unit of energy is named, produced a false definition of energy that has since corrupted the field of physics. Other big-name physicists have been in this hoax, most notably Niels Bohr, Max Planck, Gottfried Leibniz, Johann Bernoulli, Gaspard-Gustave Coriolis, Lord Kelvin, and

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Number of the Week: 32 papers since 2020 In commenting on the retraction of the paper in Nature by members of the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK) in Germany, on Dec 3, 2025, Retraction Watch observed:

"In July 2024, Nature issued a correction to the article that addressed rows of data which were "wrongly printed as a decimal, rather than a percentage point."

Nature has retracted 32 papers since 2020, including three in 2024. The retraction today marks the sixth for the journal in 2025." [Boldface was italics in original. H/t John Robson]

https://retractionwatch.com/2025/12/03/authors-retract-nature-paper-projecting-high-costs-of-climate-change/#:~:text=In July 2024%2C Nature issued,for the journal in 2025.

Activists, media, and politicians infected with dangerous overconfidence on climate change

By Tom Harris

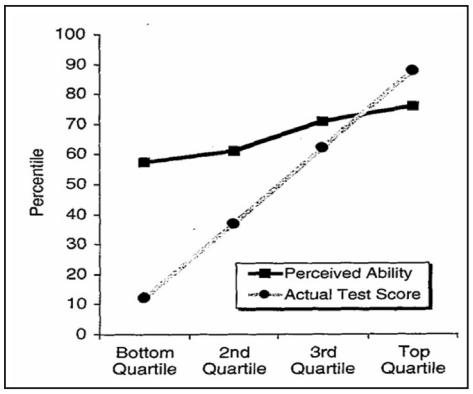
"The fool doth think he is wise, but the wise man knows himself to be a fool." So said the character Touchstone, the court jester, in Shakespeare's comedic play As You Like It.

If England's greatest poet and dramatist were still alive, he would point out the strange situation we find ourselves in today, namely that the people who know the least about many topics are often the most vocal in supporting their causes. For example, in the climate change debate, activists claim with self-righteous certainty that we are causing a climate emergency due to our emissions of carbon dioxide, and that vast changes in our society are needed to avert catastrophe. Yet experts aren't nearly as confident. Although the media and world leaders tell us that the science is settled, a deeper dive into the issue reveals that it isn't as clear cut as they make it out to be.

This is an example of the Dunning-Kruger effect. The Dunning-Kruger effect is a cognitive bias that makes us more likely to overestimate our abilities when our skills or knowledge aren't adequate and to underestimate our abilities when we have greater developed skills or knowledge. A cognitive bias is an error in our thinking that affects how we perceive others, ourselves, or the world and influences how we make decisions. This can lead to irrational judgements and beliefs of certainty despite lack of credible evidence. In addition to the Dunning-Kruger effect, some other cognitive biases are the confirmation bias (interpreting new information as confirmation of your pre-existing beliefs), self-serving bias (the tendency to take personal responsibility for positive outcomes and blame external factors for negative outcomes), and availability bias (thinking that things that readily come to mind are more common than is actually the case).

In the seminal paper by Kruger and Dunning (1999), "Unskilled and unaware of it: How difficulties in recognizing one's own incompetence lead to inflated self-assessments," they found that we often overestimate our abilities despite lack of knowledge in a certain subject. Although the applicability of the Dunning-Kruger effect is debated, it can explain many situations where people are overconfident in their assessments despite lack of knowledge, as well as the more modest outlook of subject matter experts. A striking example of the latter can be seen with Socrates' famous statement in Plato's Apology, "I neither know nor think I know." Socrates was seen as one of the wisest men, and this humility is often characteristic of philosophers and scientists who, while being truly knowledgeable, recognize the limitations of their knowledge when there is much more that can be known.

In Dunning and Kruger's study, they had people perform a test and then guess their score as a percentile relative to others. Participants were separated into quartiles based on their estimated scores: those who performed in the bottom 25%, those who scored in the top 25%, and those who scored in the two middle quartiles. For each quartile, the average performance score and the average estimated score was plotted, an example of which can be seen in the graph below.



We can see a significant overestimate of 46 percentile points for participants in the lowest quartile, illustrating that the effect is most significant for those without as much knowledge. Participants in the top quartile, while underestimating their result, only did so by less than 20 percentile points.

In the climate change debate, we see this played out point by point. Activists are the loudest and most dramatic in their demands and confidence that we are entering a human-caused climate crisis. Scientists, on the other hand, are much more wary of making such zealous claims, even those who support the scare in general.

At COP30 in Belem, Brazil last month, dozens of indigenous protestors with batons forced their way into the conference to call for more action on climate change and protest the environmental damage caused by developments. They caused injuries to security guards, and throughout the week, others joined the protestors outside the conference to demand for further action. This clearly illustrates the confidence these protestors had in their mission and "crusade" to stop climate change, despite the fact that it is extremely unlikely that any of them are climate scientists or have

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rising seas and worsening typhoons that threaten "climate vulnerable" island nations, South Pacific University law students claimed.

Climate change is creating "deadly rivers in the sky" and "supercharging" extreme rainfall, said the Washington Post. Battered by "ferocious climate-fueled" Hurricane Mellissa, small island nations tell the world "Our lives are on the line," the Associated Press announced.

But switching from fossil fuels to renewable energy can prevent these catastrophes, "experts" say.

Scientists have debunked every one of these assertions, and many more. See here, here, here, here, here, here, here and here!, for example. Moreover, those much despised fossil fuels provide abundant, reliable, affordable energy for heating and cooling, modern homes and buildings, early warning systems and other technologies that protect us against all these threats – and explain why deaths from extreme cold and natural disasters have plummeted by 99% over the past century.

* Equal efforts are devoted to silencing climate reality and dissent from the "climate consensus."

Google's AI summary insists that "claims that the IPCC prevents climate debate are false" and are "not supported by the organization's findings." Actions by the IPCC and others completely belie this.

Indeed, at the just-concluded COP30 summit in Brazil, the UN and IPCC launched a Global Declaration to support their Global Initiative for Information Integrity on Climate Change. The Declaration calls on "governments, the private sector, civil society, academia and funders [George Soros and others] to take concrete action to counter the growing impact of disinformation, misinformation, denialism, and deliberate attacks on environmental journalists, defenders, scientists and researchers that undermine climate action and threaten societal stability."

Of course, they alone will define and determine what is climate "information" or "disinformation," decide what scientific inquiry and debate will be permitted and reported in "mainstream" circles, determine what is or is not "reliable" information about "climate disruption," decree which "integrity" will be promoted, and assess what "societal stability" is being threatened.

They certainly won't cover the real Net Zero reasons skyrocketing electricity prices and blackouts have hammered families in Britain, Germany and Spain. Nor will they report honestly (or at all?) about the record 12-year absence of any Category 3-5 hurricanes striking the United States (2005-2017) … or zero landfalling US hurricanes in 2025.

Multiple nations have already endorsed the Declaration, including Brazil, Uruguay and once-stalwart-defenders of science and free speech Canada, Denmark, France, Germany and Sweden. They clearly have no intention of ending the COPs, rolling back the Climate Industrial Complex, or reducing support for the climate "crisis" and renewable energy "consensus" and agenda.

The Biden Administration's National Climate Advisor worked closely with Big Tech and news organizations to suppress inconvenient facts about climate models, climate change reality, fossil fuel benefits, and the massive land areas, raw materials and mining required for wind, solar and battery power.

Even "reputable" and "esteemed" organizations actively censor climate discussions. The American Chemical Society's Chemical & Engineering News has not permitted dissent to "prevailing views" about "dangerous CO2-driven global warming" since a balanced December 2009 article presented multiple sides of this too often contentious issue, CO2 Coalition executive director Gregory Wrightstone told me.

FYI: Science is about theories supported or rejected by data and evidence; it is never about consensus.

And yet leading news outlets, teachers' unions and other institutions work closely behind the scenes to coordinate and propagate narratives that advance one perspective and ignore natural climate change today and throughout Earth history, the irreplaceable benefits of fossil fuels, and the harmful impacts of "clean, renewable" energy on air and water quality, agriculture, scenery, habitats and wildlife, especially birds.

For example, Wrightstone explained, the National Science Teachers Association pressures teachers to use a curriculum that claims we face a manmade climate crisis, ignores the agricultural and environmental benefits of carbon dioxide, stresses alleged harm from fossil fuels, and ignores damage inflicted by expensive, intermittent wind and solar projects on our planet, economy and human health.

It may be true, as Don Vito Corleone said in The Godfather, that "one lawyer with his briefcase can steal more than a hundred men with guns." But one hacker with a computer can steal far more … and bureaucrats with a UN treaty or two can rob us of trillions. The climate and clean energy scam must be terminated – pronto.

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Poverty *cont. from page 3*

Bangladesh should not have to cook with cow dung because climate activists in New York disapprove of LPG imports. These policies do not reflect scientific progress or humanitarian concern.

Earth Is Alive and Thriving

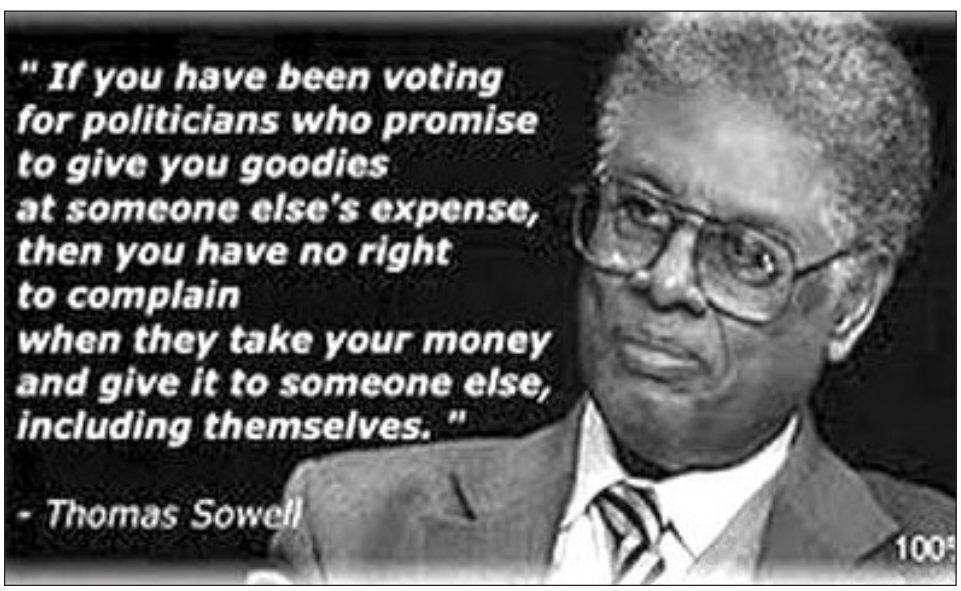
As a researcher who has collaborated with the scientists authoring the most authoritative climate science documents — the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) reports that guide global climate policies — I have encountered more evidence pointing to a healthy and thriving planet than to the false image of one in crisis.

The Christian must then see the human-induced poverty not as a statistic but as a battlefield where God's strength must be deployed. Your commitment to share God's love will call you to support policies that provide tangible help, not ideological posturing based on vague prophecies of an impending doomsday.

It is not a passive, sentimental hope that things will get better on their own. It is an active, rugged confidence that provides the moral clarity and intellectual courage to act. Clarity on the fact that those in extreme poverty must be allowed to have access to same fossil fuels that ended generational poverty in the West. And courage to inform your lawmakers and local representatives that you bat for the continued proliferation of traditional energy sources that has improved lives all over the world.

Just as God's providence enabled Newton and Kepler to make our world better, the same providence is now with us to be the voice for the voiceless and the poorest. Isaiah 6:8:

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I. Send me!'"



The High Cost of Free: How Obamacare Broke the Insurance Market and Fueled Medical Costs



By Gary L. Wickert

The promise was simple enough. When the Affordable Care Act (ACA), or "Obamacare," was passed in 2010, Americans were told they would pay less for health insurance, keep their doctor, have more choices, and enjoy a system in which everyone contributed, everyone benefited, and no one was left behind. President Obama pledged that premiums would fall by an average of $2,500 per family and that consumers could keep their plans and their doctors. The country was told that the law would repair a "broken" market, end discrimination against sick patients, and force insurance companies to compete on price and quality. Nothing in that pitch was accidental. It was a masterful political narrative designed to sell a sweeping federal intervention into one of the most complex and heavily regulated sectors of the American economy.

Fifteen years later, the evidence is overwhelming that the Affordable Care Act did not repair the health insurance system; it destabilized it. It did not lower costs; it fueled the fastest rise in medical spending in modern history. It did not expand choices; it eliminated hundreds of plans and forced millions into narrower networks. And it did not bring honesty or transparency to the insurance market; instead, it created a multi-billion-dollar fraud architecture that siphoned taxpayer dollars into insurance companies while leaving consumers with the illusion of affordable coverage that too often collapses when claims are made. President Obama's assurance that Americans could "keep your doctor" under Obamacare was widely fact-checked and deemed the "lie of the year" by PolitiFact in 2013.

The fundamental flaw of Obamacare was conceptual. The architects of the law believed they could remove the consumer from the cost equation, control prices through mandates and subsidies, and micromanage coverage through Washington rather than the marketplace. The appealed to the left because the consumer having a role smacked of Capitalism—a great evil. The Obamacare model has failed everywhere it has been tried, from Medicaid expansion to European national health services. Once consumers no longer directly feel the cost or consequences of their choices, and once providers and insurers no longer need to compete for their business, the price curve inevitably bends sharply upward.

The United States health care system was already highly-regulated before the ACA, but Obamacare completed the transformation from a consumer-driven model to a bureaucratically engineered entitlement. The result is precisely what economists predicted: skyrocketing premiums, runaway deductibles, fewer choices, and shrinking networks. The Affordable Care Act did not bend the cost curve down; it snapped it in the opposite direction.

A major driver of this dysfunction lies in the structure of the subsidies. The ACA promised affordability through premium tax credits, cost-sharing reductions, and Medicaid expansion. These subsidies allowed the law's proponents to claim that consumers were paying less. But the lower apparent cost to the consumer was made possible only because the actual cost was shifted to taxpayers. Meanwhile, insurance companies found themselves in the enviable position of selling federally subsidized products in a captive market where competition was limited by regulation and where federal law guaranteed a stream of payments irrespective of actual risk.

Recent investigations have uncovered what many critics warned about from the beginning: the law's incentive structure created an enormous fraud problem. Reports reveal that billions of dollars have flowed to insurance companies based on inaccurate enrollment projections, inflated risk-adjustment formulas, and unverifiable claims about patient conditions. A 2024 report by the Inspector General showing that Medicare Advantage plans received approximately $7.5 billion in risk-adjusted payments in 2023 based solely on so-called health-risk assessments (HRAs) and chart reviews — many of which did not correspond to any subsequent visits, treatments, or documented care. That report found that home-visit HRAs and related chart reviews generated nearly two-thirds of that $7.5 billion, according to the oversight agency. Of that windfall, just a subset of insurers — primarily a few large national carriers — collected the majority. The data indicate that these large plans accounted for over $5.4 billion of the total. The watchdog's concern is that many of the diagnoses used to justify these payments never translated into actual medical care — suggesting that the coding and risk-adjustment system was being exploited to maximize payments rather than to address real patient needs.

These "enrollment and risk-adjustment fraud" practices artificially increased federal outlays while allowing insurers to reap profit margins far higher than in the pre-ACA market. At the same time, consumers who believed they were purchasing meaningful insurance discovered that their plans routinely denied claims, imposed massive deductibles, and restricted care through narrow networks that excluded many of the country's top hospitals and specialists.

Obamacare's defenders blindly insist that the law expanded coverage to millions. But coverage is not care. A plan with a $9,000 deductible and a network that excludes half the major providers in the state is not meaningful insurance. It is a financial product designed to meet federal requirements while insulating insurers from risk. The ACA distorted the concept of insurance itself, transforming it from a mechanism to pool and protect against unexpected catastrophic expenses into a government-scripted program that lumps routine medical costs into monthly premiums while leaving patients exposed to massive out-of-pocket obligations.

Of course, removing the consumer from the pricing equation was perhaps the most destructive feature of the law. For decades, economists have warned that when third parties—insurers, employers, or governments—pay the majority of medical bills, prices inevitably rise because the patient has no incentive to shop, compare, live a healthy lifestyle, or economize. Obamacare doubled down on this model. Instead of encouraging high-deductible plans paired with health savings accounts or other mechanisms that give consumers purchasing power, the ACA layered mandates on top of subsidies and further detached the consumer from the cost of care. The result is a system in which neither patients nor providers have meaningful price visibility. Under these conditions, cost control is impossible, and the law's champions should have known this.

The consequences have been especially damaging in the individual market, which was once a relatively competitive environment driven by consumer choice. Before the ACA, roughly 85% of individual market enrollees were satisfied with their plans. They may have had gaps in coverage, and some faced underwriting challenges, but they had choice. After the ACA's essential health benefits mandate, actuarial value requirements, and community-rating rules took effect, the market collapsed into a near-monopoly environment. In many states only one or two insurers offer exchange plans, and narrow networks have become the norm rather than the exception. Premiums and deductibles are so high that even federal subsidies cannot disguise the underlying inflation.

Obamacare also created a dangerous precedent by redefining the boundaries of federal power. The Supreme Court's decision in NFIB v. Sebelius upheld the individual mandate not as a mandate or command but as a tax. Even at the time, this reasoning was controversial. The government argued that the mandate was essential to the ACA's architecture, yet the Court salvaged the law by treating it as a tax on inactivity. Years later, when Congress reduced the mandate penalty to zero, the constitutional foundation cracked. When the U.S. Supreme Court upheld Obamacare in 2012, a majority of the justices agreed that Obamacare's individual mandate was constitutional only because its accompanying tax penalty could justify forcing individuals to purchase health insurance under Congress' taxing power. Multiple courts have found the now-toothless mandate unconstitutional because it no longer produces federal revenue and can no longer be justified as a tax. This has reopened serious questions about whether the remainder of the ACA can stand without the mandate that Congress originally deemed indispensable.

The 5th Circuit decision in Texas v. United States, 945 F.3d 355 (5th Cir. 2019) involved a coalition of states led by State of Texas (joined by states including *continued on page 22*

A Brief History of Health Insurance. Regulation = Death

By Rolf Lindgren

In the U.S. Constitution ratified in 1788, there is no federal power to regulate insurance. The states regulated insurance. This was a great system because if the laws in one state were bad, you could move to another state. It prevented a cartel of massive insurance corporations from taking over the entire nation. Insurance lobbyists had to go to each state separately to try to rig the system, which was impractical.

So in 1869, the national insurance lobby brought a case to the US Supreme Court. This case, called Paul vs. Virginia (1869) was remarkable for three reasons:

1) The insurance companies WANTED to be regulated by the federal government.

And the Supreme Court decided...

2) Corporations are NOT people.

3) Insurance is NOT commerce!

The insurance lobby lost the case. It was a unanimous decision authored by fabled pro-capitalism Justice Stephen J. Field.

So America continued to enjoy insurance freedom for another 75 years as it turned out, during which time the American economy grew to the largest in the world, by far.

But the bad news is that in 1944, Paul vs. Virginia was overturned.

The Supreme Court suddenly decided that insurance was commerce and soon the President, US Congress, and national insurance lobby thought it was a good idea to federally regulate insurance.

One area ripe for regulation was employee-paid health insurance. Since wage freezes were enacted during WWII, employers offered free health insurance to compensate. The federal government quickly moved in to regulate this practice. So began the cycle of fixing one insurance regulation with new regulations.

Here is a quick summary of major post-WWII health insurance regulation, all of which would have been unconstitutional under Paul vs. Virginia:

The Hill-Burton Act of 1946

Regulated the addition of hospital construction costs into health insurance costs

The Revenue Act of 1954

Excluded health benefits from taxable income, thereby ingraining the employee-paid healthcare system

Military Medicare Act of 1956

Medicare for military family members only

Medicare and Medicaid 1965

Medicare for everyone, plus Medicaid for low-income people

Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) of 1974

Massive regulation of all facets of health insurance

Mental Health Parity Act of 1996

Requires quasi-scientific mental healthcare to be treated the same as medicine based upon hard science.

And we all know about Obamacare 2010

Obamacare also would have been unconstitutional under Paul vs. Virginia. In a remarkable fact, not long after the Supreme Court upheld Obamacare in 2012, the six largest health insurance insurance companies merged into only three!

In another remarkable fact, Obamacare was labeled "a government takeover of insurance". But had the Republicans held congress at the time, the insurance lobbyists were prepared to have it called "a corporate takeover of insurance" for almost the exact same law! Either way, it's both socialism (redistribution of wealth) and fascism (partnership of big government and big business).

The three most heavily regulated industries in the US are healthcare, education, and nuclear reactors. All of them have unsustainable cost explosions.

Today, we have a health insurance and health care crisis, with a gargantuan array of laws and regulations. We don't have cost transparency. This didn't exist prior to 1944. In those days you could call your family doctor over for a visit and pay out-of-pocket. The improvements we do have since 1944 derive from advances in science & technology, not from regulations. Today, health insurance isn't affordable and pretty soon healthcare costs may swallow up most of our Gross National Product.

Frightening Final Thought

Imagine for a moment if a serious world war began. Suppose this war involved the United States, China, Russia, India and/or Europe. Suppose our government needed every resource available for the military to fight the war. What would happen to all the people getting government healthcare benefits? Chances are, they would be left on their own until the world war was over, and millions of people would die.

Our healthcare system must be fixed now. Restore Paul vs. Virgina!

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"An investment in knowledge pays the best interest"

- Benjamin Franklin

Why Obamacare is Failing

By James Bohn and Greg Grambow

Obamacare, officially known as the Affordable Care Act, could be considered the poster child for politically-motivated legislation trumping economic considerations. The Act has not made health care more affordable for either consumers or taxpayers.

Obamacare was pushed on the basis of providing health care coverage for the low-income population by subsidizing insurance plans purchased on government-run exchanges.

Soon after its enactment two things happened. First, the cost of health insurance soared. Second, the cost of subsidies grew far beyond anything the federal government (politicians) had claimed.

The public is unhappy with the spiraling cost of health coverage. They were promised low-cost health insurance. That's not the reality. Politicians now face the unpleasant situation of either reducing subsidies or pouring hundreds of billions more in taxpayer money into the program.

Based on history, politicians on both left and right will likely lean towards keeping voters happy in the short-term and avoid a financially sound fix (an opinion).

The last time Congress tinkered with the program, rather than fixing its structural flaws, they put Obamacare on steroids.

The 2021 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) made the Obamacare subsidies much richer and expanded eligibility to those making up to 600 percent of the federal poverty level (about $193,000 for a family of four).

Enrollment and costs exploded. Today more than 45 million Americans are on Obamacare plans, up from 25 million in 2020. This year, the federal government will spend $138 billion to subsidize coverage, a 650 percent increase from 2014, the first full year the program was in operation.

Unlike Medicare and Social Security, Obamacare subsidies are funded through general federal revenues. As a result, every additional dollar of spending comes from taxation or additional borrowing. More debt for our kids.

Here we offer a brief discussion of the economics of the subsidies. See our website at personaleconomics.org for more detail.

Start with the understanding that there are three players involved: providers of care; users (patients); and the insurers who set policy terms and prices.

Subsidies (read free money) affect choices made by consumers. By picking up part of the cost, the net price to the consumer drops. At a lower price, people will buy more of the subsidized good. But with more buyers, the cost to the government goes up.

Now there is an economic principal many forget to factor in. That is the position of provider/insurer. When subsidies are factored in, insurers can charge a higher price for their plans. That is because the net price to the consumer is lower than what they would be willing to pay without the subsidy. Higher prices make the sale of insurance more profitable.

At the same time, subsidies also reduce incentives to hold down costs. The richer the subsidy, the greater the demand and the higher the price paid overall.

Let's see how it played out.

Over the past decade the cost of health coverage has surged. The cost of an Obamacare policy covering a typical 50-year-old rose from $4,500 in 2014 to $10,000 today. Analysis by the Paragon Health Institute found that 90 percent of the cost increase for that policy was met with increased subsidies.

With Uncle Sam picking up the tab, consumers have no skin in the game and insurers little incentive to hold down costs. The U.S. Treasury Department reported that in 2024 four out of five buyers of Obamacare policies paid $10 or less in monthly premiums, hardly enough to motivate anyone to shop around.

The lack of cost control in the Obamacare market also drives up coverage cost for individuals and businesses that have private coverage. There are three reasons for this:

First, subsidies allow insurers to raise the "sticker price" of health plans overall. Consumers and businesses are less likely to balk at high prices in the private market when they see similarly highly priced benchmark plans in the subsidized market.

Second, Obamacare eliminated much of the flexibility insurers had to design coverage terms to limited costs. By requiring that every plan contract to offer coverages similar to Obamacare plans, insurers have little flexibility to incorporate cost containing features in non-subsidized plans.

Third, subsidies altered the competitive dynamics of the health care sector overall by weakening the incentives for competition on the basis of price.

Basic economics analysis would have made the flaws that arose from the subsidy structure apparent from the outset and certainly would have avoided the mistakes in the 2021 ARPA.

Obamacare has clearly failed to deliver on its promise of affordable care and is costing taxpayers multiples of what was originally planned. The debate now is whether Obamacare should be rolled back to what it was five years ago or will Congress continue to fund it to avoid the political consequences of taking something away.

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in-depth knowledge of the field.

On the other hand, most climate scientists are dubious about such claims. In Kesten C. Green and J. Scott Armstrong's report "Global Warming: Forecasts by Scientists versus Scientific Forecasts," they write that "Climate is complex and there is much uncertainty about causal relationships and data" and that "we are not convinced that current knowledge about climate is sufficient to make useful long-term forecasts about climate." After analysing the works of many scientists, they write that there is not enough evidence to warrant vast policy changes, and that they were "unable to identify any scientific forecasts of global warming." This is because even experts failed to use well-established forecasting principles that would be required if indeed their forecasts were to be considered "scientific forecasts." I explained this to my class at Carleton University (see here) in Ottawa when I was a sessional lecturer in the Department of Earth Sciences.

> *Interestingly, Professor Emeritus and applied mathematician Dr. Chris Essex of the University of Western Ontario, a true expert in the mathematical models that underlie climate change concerns, said that "Climate is one of the most challenging open problems in modern science. Some knowledgeable scientists believe that the climate problem can never be solved."*

In Veritasium's recent video, "What A Simple Question Reveals About The Most Dangerous Cognitive Bias," host Dr. Derek Muller, an Australian-Canadian physicist, educator, and science communicator, explains, "In a complex world with unclear noisy feedback where our brains are overwhelmed, a set of simplistic biases can take over." The climate change debate is indeed extremely complex, and to try to understand it, the average person must make mental simplifications and select certain evidence to support their beliefs. This is because, from climate forecasting to the historical record, from carbon dioxide's effect on warming to policy making and renewable energy, there is an overwhelming amount of information, much of it very complicated, that the layperson simply does not know about. So, when the press and politicians give us a simple explanation, for instance, that there is an impending climate catastrophe and all we have to do to stop it is reduce greenhouse gas emissions, uninformed activists are quick to take that idea and run with it.

Dr. Don Moore, professor of Management of Organizations at UC Berkeley Hass, explained in the Veritasium video that, "It is easy for me to make the case that overconfidence is the most dangerous of the human biases. Overconfidence gets us into all sorts of trouble. It leads us to take risks, make commitments, enter contests, try things that will ultimately fail, sometimes in costly, embarrassing, and dangerous ways."

So, how can we overcome this? The simple answer is more knowledge and a willingness to learn. In their study, Dunning and Kruger concluded that "improving the skills of the participants…helped them recognize the limitations of their abilities." The more we learn about climate change science, the more we will come to realize how vastly complex the field is and how insignificant humanity's carbon dioxide emissions actually are. This is borne out in the historical record as well as the saturation effect of carbon dioxide, in which adding more of the gas to the atmosphere makes a smaller and smaller impact as the concentration increases.

Moore continued, "We should listen to people who disagree with us" and that we must "understand the best arguments of your critics." Rather than immediately finding fault with anyone who disagrees with you, this open-mindedness is crucial for a more rounded understanding of any topic.

This is more than just an academic point when it comes to climate change. After all, to supposedly "stop climate change," governments want us to spend trillions of dollars, turn off our most reliable energy sources, and overhaul our economies for little or no other benefit, bankrupting us in the process. We must expose this pervasive cognitive bias to lead to more impartial discussions and hopefully turn the public's attention to what the actual experts are saying rather than the simplified, politically correct narrative espoused by activists and their allies in the press and government

And what are many of the scientists saying? In just a few days, I was able to secure the endorsement of 143 of them of ICSC's Climate Scientists' Register which said:

"We, the undersigned, having assessed the relevant scientific evidence, do not find convincing support for the hypothesis that human emissions of carbon dioxide are causing, or will in the foreseeable future cause, dangerous global warming."

Such a message doesn't sell newspapers, inspire social justice warriors to take to the streets, or give bureaucrats and politicians a cause célèbre to boost their careers. But it is a statement from real experts that we should take much more seriously.

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Get Ready for the Political Antics

By Joan Beglinger

American health care know-how and technology are the best in the world. The American system of care delivery is a more than 40-year experiment that has failed to deliver health care that is accessible and affordable to the American people. It is unlikely there is any system more complex, more in need of real reform, or more resistant to change. I am compelled to write about it now from my vantage point of nearly forty years on the inside – 10 as a hands-on clinician and nearly 30 as a hospital administrator in major health systems – because I understand the system better than most and will tell you the truth about how things work. The "health care crisis" is going to be used as a political football in the upcoming months as members of both Parties jockey for political advantage. I will arm you with enough information to see through them as they try to deflect and deceive to put points on the board.

Understanding What the Current Brouhaha is All About

In 2010, the Affordable Care Act (ACA - also known as Obama Care) became law. It was intended to reduce the number of uninsured Americans by reducing the cost of insurance and required coverage of those with pre-existing conditions, prohibited annual lifetime coverage limits, required preventive care at no out-of-pocket cost to patients, and limited the amount of out-of-pocket expense the insured must pay each year.

The ACA created a health care "marketplace" so insurance companies could offer plans to individuals who do not have traditional sources of insurance. Government subsidies were offered, based on income, to make insurance premiums more affordable. Today more than 24 million people get their insurance through the marketplace. 22 million of those receive premium subsidies.

During the Biden administration, as COVID policies wreaked havoc on the economy, eligibility for government subsidies was expanded from people whose income is a maximum of 400% of poverty, which is $128,600 for a family of 4, to any income level as long as the monthly premium for insurance doesn't exceed 8.5% of household income. Someone making $500,000 can now qualify for the subsidy with the expansion of eligibility. Knowing this was unsustainable, the Democrats in Congress set the expiration date for expanded subsidies as the end of 2025. Now, insurance premiums, which have been increasing substantially for years and are part of the problem, are projected to skyrocket in 2026 and the Democrats are feverishly trying to extend the subsidies that are set to expire, a mere Band Aid on the real problem. Insurance is unaffordable for all Americans. The median proposed increase on premiums for Marketplace plans in 2026 is 18%. The lowest cost marketplace plan in 2025 has a deductible (the amount the insured has to pay out of pocket) of $7,186. The average annual premium for a family that has insurance through the workplace in 2025 is $27,000 (employers typically pay a portion of this as a benefit, a practice that was started after WWII to help businesses compete for workers).

Evidence of Abysmal Failure

In 1983, the United States spending on health care was approaching 10% of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP), which is the value of all of the goods and services produced. The GDP that year was $7.88 trillion. Alarm bells were triggered by the percent of GDP that was going to health care and a series of reforms were set in motion, including the creation of the modern "health care system" and new models of payment. Today, the United States spends $4.9 trillion on health care, rapidly approaching 20% of GDP which has grown to more than $29 trillion. This equates to more than $14,500 per person and is more than double what other wealthy nations spend on health care. For all of our health care spending, our outcomes are far worse than most developed countries. We have lower life expectancy, higher infant mortality, more preventable deaths and high levels of chronic illness and obesity. Evidence of abysmal failure.

Follow the Money

Health Care Delivery Systems, the Insurance Industry and the Pharmaceutical Industry are good places to start when trying to understand some of the issues that have made our approach to health care a serious and urgent problem. This is where the big money is.

The Evolution of Health Care Delivery Systems – A Wisconsin Case Study

In 1980 St. Luke's Hospital in Milwaukee was the largest private hospital in the state. It operated as a "not for profit" corporation because of the "community benefit" it provided. Not for profit entities do not pay taxes and any "profit" they make, in theory, is reinvested into the company's services. In the early '80's hospitals were stand alone entities, physicians were self-employed within their own businesses, and all of the other components of health care such as insurance companies, pharmacies, medical technology companies, home health agencies, hospices, and nursing homes, were independently organized business entities.

Health care was primarily paid for by the government (Medicare, the insurance for those over 65, or Medicaid, the insurance for the poor) and private insurance. Back then, as it is now, close to 50% of hospital care was paid by government payers. The payment system at the time was similar to any other purchase. Services were delivered. A bill was generated and the bill was paid. There was no incentive to reduce cost. The more services delivered, the bigger the bill and the bigger the reimbursement. When the cost of health care approached 10% of GDP, the government implemented fixed reimbursement for hospital care, which meant they dictated what they would pay for services and the fee would encompass all care. For example, the reimbursement for heart surgery might be $25,000. This would include nursing care, operating room time, equipment, drugs, therapies and so on. The theory was efficient providers would provide care for less than the amount of reimbursement and make a profit and inefficient providers would be penalized by losing money. This was a radical change and sparked rethinking how care was delivered.

The concept of health care systems that would serve patients from birth to death was born. Continuity of care, elimination of duplication and unnecessary cost, improved communication, enhanced purchasing power, and better patient outcomes were among the lofty goals of this revolutionary idea.

Here's how it played out at St. Luke's Hospital. In 1984, St. Luke's formed a partnership with Good Samaritan, another Milwaukee hospital. This was the beginning of what became Aurora Health Care through numerous mergers and acquisitions. By 2018, Aurora was the largest employer in Wisconsin with 15 hospitals, many clinics, pharmacies, and other health related businesses. In 2018, Aurora merged with Advocate Health another large health system based in Illinois, and ballooned to 26 hospitals and 75,000 employees, including 10,000 employed physicians. The corporation was renamed Advocate Aurora. In 2022, Advocate Aurora merged with Atrium Health, another large system based in Charlotte, North Carolina and became the 5th largest system in the country with

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One Billion Dollars PLUS

Recent unearthing of the Minnesota scandal where over a Billion dollars was stolen from Federal Child Nutrition Programs run under the USDA, raises some interesting questions. And I'm not even going to go into Tampon Tim or his alleged cover up of the fraud. OK, maybe a little.

Ever wonder HOW and WHY Tim was chosen as the Dem's VEEP candidate? His charming, good looks, his outstanding mental acumen, or his sex appeal? Was it possibly a deflection of a $100Billion or so into Kamala's campaign? It's just a question. Has anybody besides me asked it?

Back to the other questions. If this type of "deflection" of cash happened in Minnesota, might it be a common-place occurrence in other states, especially those run by leftists and their co-conspirators? For example, what about Wisconsin?

Has anyone of your **pure-as-the-driven-snow legislators (Tom, Chris, Robbin')** asked the question, "Can or HAS this type of thing happen/happened in Wisconsin?" Maybe I missed it, or perhaps it wasn't reported. Have any of the legislators (God knows that this Governor won't do it) both demanded and started an **open-to-the-public** forensic accounting investigation of all Federal Dollars coming into the State to determine that these dollars have gone to the right places? Heck, you might as well do the whole damn State Budget. If they are not guilty of something, you'd think that they'd want to know. Hmmmm.

And what about the cover up? Is there one? We've all read about both the current and previous DPI covering up the sexual assault of children by teachers. If they can cover that up, what makes anyone think that they can't or won't try to cover up the "misplacement" of a billion bucks?

To my friends in the media: (Hell, I have no friends in the media and neither do you.) Where are you guys? Have you asked any of these questions? Better yet, have you answered any of them? Isn't that your job?

Wisconsin Taxpayers Can't Afford To Have Act 10 Reverses

"Public Union Employees Poised to Get an Estimated Five Billion Tax Dollar Compensation Increase by Reversal of Act 10"

Wisconsin Taxpayers Can't Afford To Have Act 10 Reversed

Do you have a minimum of $624 per year readily available to pay for public employees to receive fully paid health insurance and pension benefits?
This could be your new reality starting in just a few months. The viability of Act 10 will soon rest in the hands of the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

To remind everyone, Act 10 saved our State financially or we could be in the same dire straits as our southern neighbor, Illinois.
In 2011, the Interest Arbitration Law for Public Sector employees, other than Police and Fire was significantly rewritten to include the following major changes:

1. Wage Increases were limited to the Cost of Living.
2. Minimum requirements that employees pay 12.5% of their Health Insurance.
3. Minimum requirements that employees pay the 3% Employer portion to the WRS.
4. Union Recertification each year based on a majority of all eligible voters.

According to the MacIver Institute's March, 2025 Annual Report, the estimated Act 10 savings for just Health Insurance and Pension have exceeded $35.6 Billion Dollars!

There is no current way to estimate the additional savings controlled by limiting wages to the Cost of Living. Under prior law, Wis Stats 111.70, pre-Act 10 wage increases in union contracts far exceeded the cost of living and *were based primarily on comparable wages.* Also, prior to Act 10 union negotiated contract increases were routinely passed on to all other public employees.
Because of Act10, taxpayers are likely saving billions more than the just the MacIver estimates of wages and pension costs.

Act 10 has saved the average homeowner a minimum of $624 per year. After numerous unsuccessful legal challenges, and 14 years of opposition we are now facing a new challenge. The Unions have been active participants in electing at least the last two Supreme Court justices. Unions know that this is their moment to relitigate the exact same issues before a new sympathetic Supreme Court.

The underlying Act 10 case originated in a Complaint filed by the Abbotsford Education Association vs the WERC. The case was filed in Dane County Circuit Court on Nov 30, 2023. On Dec 2, 2024, a Dane County Judge issued a final decision to grant the Association's judgment on the pleadings that held that parts of Act 10 are unconstitutional. On Jan 17, 2025, the Association filed a petition to bypass the Court of Appeals and have the Wisconsin Supreme Court take up the case immediately. That petition was denied, and the case is now pending in front of the Waukesha Court of Appeals.

This case is then headed for the Wisconsin Supreme Court where two new judges have either worked for the unions or have publicly stated their support for overturning Act 10. Neither of these Judges have, as of this date, recused themselves from this critical case based on a conflict.

Taxpayers simply can't afford to reverse any parts of Act 10. This is a fiscally conservative law that has saved all taxpayers billions of dollars. If reversed. Wisconsin taxpayers will all face a huge annual tax increase as the unions will seek a return to the good old days before Act 10. If Act 10 is reversed, there is no proof that it will lead to better government services or better test scores for our students. When implemented more than a decade ago, the unions warned of massive fallout from Act 10, yet there was no fall out. Why mess with what has worked well for over 14 years?

Our State's economic future hangs in the balance. Speak out to all you know about these issues as elections have consequences. Wisconsin taxpayers simply can't afford to reverse Act 10!

By:
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Retired Attorney

GOVERNMENT CIRCUS

The Primary Process is About Specifics and Believability

By Joan Beglinger

There are 2 candidates running as Republicans for Governor of Wisconsin in 2026. Josh Schoemann is the Washington County Executive and Tom Tiffany is a Wisconsin Congressman. In the November election, I will be voting for whoever wins the August Primary. My vote in the Primary, like many other conservative Wisconsin voters, will be based on who, in my judgment, has the right priorities and a solid track record of performance that makes me believe he will actually deliver on the promises he'll be making throughout the campaign. I need a whole lot more than I've heard so far to make that call.

Last Sunday, JR Ross, Editor of WisPolitics, appeared on WISN's UpFront to discuss the Gubernatorial race. He had nothing to say about substantive differences between Schoemann and Tiffany but called Tiffany the "front runner" because he has "name ID" and is generating "buzz from certain circles". He went on to say that what Tiffany has to do is show he is the guy that can raise the money to be competitive. A sick acknowledgement of what's wrong with our politics and

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Pres. Trump *cont. from page 1*

Via Wall Street Apes:

Donald Trump says his administration is about to release "truckloads" of evidence PROVING the 2020 election was "RIGGED" by Democrats

He says he has evidence Gavin Newsom is rigging California elections with mail in ballots

"They're professionals at cheating because we… pic.twitter.com/hKsbB51tEb

— Wall Street Apes (@WallStreetApes) December 14, 2025

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HOT GOVERNMENT HOT JACK

WHO Is Going to Answer Them?

There was a note in the December 1st edition of the Wisconsin Conservative Digest Madison-Monday Morning:

NOTE: There is a reason that each one of the WCD emails starts off with the budget numbers, Robin Vos's China connection, Meagan Wolfe and Brian Schimming. It's time to hold these people accountable for their job performance including election integrity. The issue isn't going away whether they like it or not. The real question has to be why. Why didn't Vos allow a proper investigation of the 2020 election? Why did Robin Vos vilify Justice Gableman, Janel Brandtjen and Tim Ramthun but protect Meagan Wolfe? Until these questions are answered and our election process has the confidence of the people, the conservative movement in Wisconsin, including MAGA will be at odds with the Republican Party and leaders like Robin Vos.

Bill Savage — Editor — The WCD

So, WHO is going to answer these questions? NO ONE is going to answer them. Why would they? Answering these questions by anyone in the REPUBLICAN Party would be at the least extremely embarrassing and at the worst would involve jail time for those, who are not quick enough to flee the country. And the Republican Sheeple don't have the testicular fortitude to either demand that leadership answer the questions OR put in NEW leadership, ones who WILL not only answer them and restore credibility to the Party but also take action against those responsible for the existence of the questions in the first place. The Sheeple, or perhaps Lemmings in this case, just keep plodding along.

Does that last paragraph tick off any of you out there? If so, too bad. If you're upset with what was written, tell me what is incorrect about it. Or better yet. Prove me wrong. Get some of your Republican leaders to answer the damn questions. That will never happen and if you are honest with yourself, you know it will never happen.

Party politics is like the Media in the way that everyone ignores the corruption within. You can build a Party.....a government.....a Nation..... on corruption but you can't make it last with such a foundation. It WILL collapse.

And who will be to blame? Those who failed to answer the questions and those who allowed them to get away with it.

HOT GOVERNMENT HOT JACK

Scott Fitzgerald

I just got a fund-raiser letter supposedly written by Scott Fitzgerald. Are the Republicans reaching the bottom of the barrel?

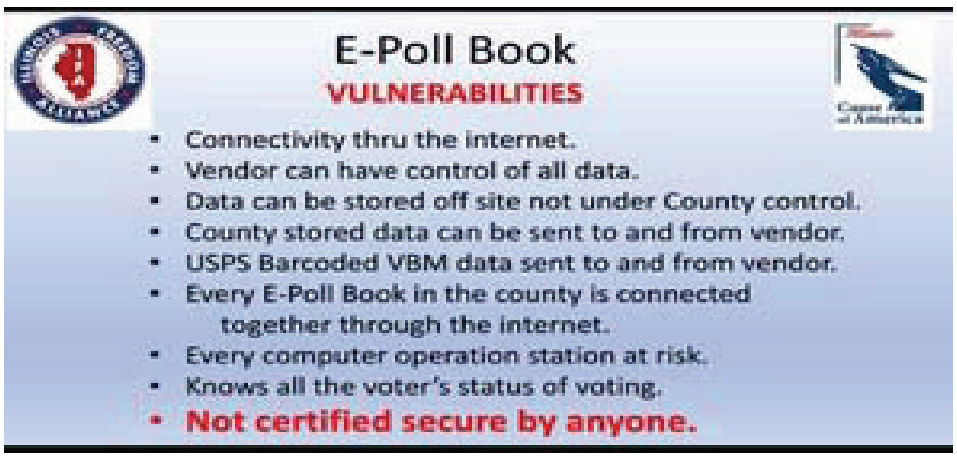
We have a crisis. Another crisis. Let's not waste it. Send me your money. This crisis is about losing control of the House. ".....and it's absolutely critical....." the letter says. GASP! OMG. It's "critical". Where's my checkbook? The letter implies that the reason for this particular crisis comes from recent Wisconsin State Supreme Court decisions about Congressional district maps and how these pending changes may/WILL cause the Dems to gain two Congressional seats in Wisconsin. "With all the recent discussions and actions around Wisconsin's congressional districts, there's a possibility that the lines could change before November." Wait a minute. How did that happen?

Was it because previous elections were stolen? Was it because our elections were manipulated to put a drunk and a couple of other Communists on the State bench? Again, how did that happen?

Who controlled the election process and election results? Was it then and still is now, The Wisconsin Election Commission, created in 2016? Wasn't the infamous WEC created as a result of the even more infamous (they got caught) Wisconsin Government Accountability Board? And who is responsible for creating The WEC? Was it the Dems? Nope. Who was Governor in 2016? Who was the Speaker of the Assembly in 2016? And, here we go, WHO was the Leader of and in control of the Wisconsin State Senate in 2016? Was it Scott Fitzgerald?

So, in 2016 the WEC, the Wisconsin Election Cheating scam was created by Larry, Curly, and Moe. Your votes have been dead ever since.....and maybe even before that. And now good old Scott is using the results of his efforts to ask for your money. Perhaps his district should be re-mapped?

Some things just set me off.







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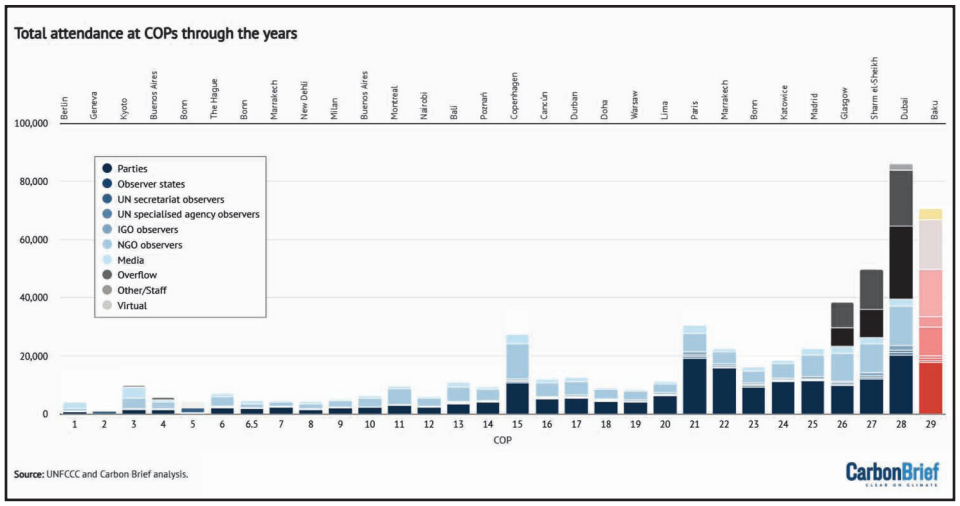
literally the biggest conference in world history, up to that time. More than 85 world leaders attended COP15, another record for any conference on any topic, ever. Everyone from U.S. President Barack Obama to Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao to Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper, as well as the heads of state of the UK, Germany, France, India, the Philippines, and many other countries were all in attendance.

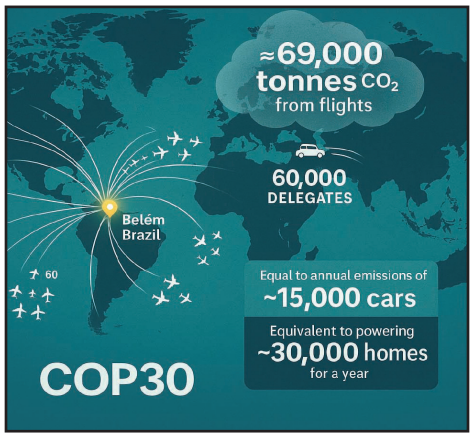
The event planners never expected all 30,000 registrants to actually make the round trip to Denmark, so when practically all of them showed up, the Bella Center, where COP15 was held, was overwhelmed and had to turn thousands away. I got in simply because I arrived and checked in well before the high level second week of the conference.

To make matters worse, especially for delegates from poor, hot countries who had spent the equivalent of a king's ransom to fly in, Al Gore showed up, and the statistically coincidental "Al Gore effect" was in full swing and Copenhagen found itself in it's coldest December in decades. So, after standing in line outside the center in sub zero temperatures for eight hours, only to be refused entry, thousands of delegates were furious at the organizers' ineptitude. Many of the protesters on the streets outside the event were undoubtedly angry delegates.

But COP15 was small in comparison with the most recent UN climate conferences. Below are the attendance figures of all COPs up to last year's since the first in 1995 as assembled by Carbon Brief. This year's COP30 was the third-largest COP in history with 56,118 delegates registered, while COP28 in Dubai was attended by an astonishing 80,000+ people. Expenses have also sky-rocketed along with attendance numbers.



One of the stated goals of COP30 was "refocusing efforts on action and implementation by translating words into transformative actions on the ground." Yet the main action and implementation we see each year when countries send hundreds of delegates across the world to attend the conference, incurring huge expenses for taxpayers, is a massive expenditure of energy, and related carbon dioxide emissions, blatantly contradicting their own dogma that air travel has one of the worst impacts on climate change. Even Microsoft CoPilot AI, generally a supporter of all UN climate activities, prepared the image to the right when I asked it to create an image to show the emissions impact of 60,000 delegates flying to COP30.



We can get a sense of typical expenses involved by analyzing the expenses from recent COPs. Here are some examples:

As reported by Business Day, COP29 cost the Nigerian government N866 million (approx. $600,000 USD) in flight costs alone, with 634 delegates attending. Ministers attending are paid $900 per day, which comes $11,700 each for the 13-day conference. Permanent secretaries are paid $600 per day, amounting to $7,800 for the same period. Even those supporting the climate scare have said that, "Nigeria's delegation to COP29 could have been substantially reduced while maintaining effective representation" and that "The funds spent on COP29 delegates could directly support community-led initiatives addressing climate-related challenges locally." Regardless of one's views on climate change, these expenses are extravagant, especially for a developing nation, and we can all agree that the funds would have been better spent elsewhere: adapting to climate change should be a priority, for climate change is natural and will always happen. Building resilient infrastructure and communities is thus key for ensuring a country's prosperity.

The Australian government spent almost A$1.7 million (approx. $1.1 million USD) to send their 75 bureaucrats and 2 ministers to COP29. This has also been heavily criticized, for instance, by shadow finance minister James Patterson, who said that the Labour government has been "spending extravagant sums of taxpayers' money on climate junkets." Australia also spent A$871,000 (approx. $570,000 USD) at COP29 for a pavilion to share "stories of Australian climate action."

Fiji spent FJ$1.2 million (approx. $500,000 USD) to send their 56-member delegation to COP29, and Pakistan spent over $1 million USD to send their 35-member delegation.

Although Canada has not released their expenses for COP29, we can get an idea of their expenditures by looking at the 2023 conference. At the COP28 conference, Canada spent $1.4 million CAD (approx. $1 million USD) to send 633 delegates to Dubai, even more than the US under Biden, which included transportation, accommodations, meals, and incidentals. This included no less than 114 federal employees. In addition, the government put $1.3 million CAD (approx. $0.9 million USD) toward a Canada Pavilion to "showcase the breadth of Canadian climate leadership." The total cost for Canada's participation in the meeting was over $2.1 million USD.

Franco Terrazzano, federal director of the Canadian Taxpayers Federation, said, "Nothing screams fighting climate change like flying around the world, burning through jet fuel and taxpayers' cash."

The U.S. has apparently not released their expenses for past COP conferences, but we can determine a rough estimate for COP28 based on Canada's numbers. The U.S. sent 405 delegates, again on Joe Biden's watch, which is about 64% of the number of delegates sent by Canada, and also had a USA Pavilion. Assuming that the delegates stayed at similarly priced hotels and that transportation costs were comparable, this would lead to a total $1.3 million USD.

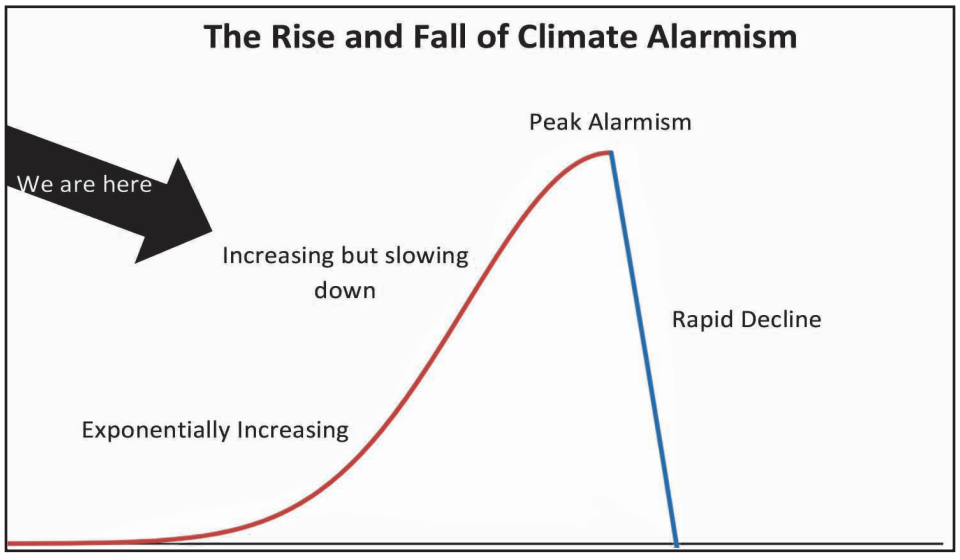
Happily for the American taxpayer, the Trump administration decided that no top White House officials or negotiators would fly to Brazil for COP30. In addition, neither Trump, nor any of his people, attended the leaders' summit ahead of the main conference in Belem. Yet, while Trump's administration sensibly ignored the summit, over 100 state and local U.S. leaders — including governors and mayors of towns and cities — were still expected to attend CP30.

Of course, none of these expenses are even remotely necessary. There is no climate emergency, so each country is spending millions of dollars annually to attend nothing but a bureaucratic charade. Bill Gates' recent statement that climate change "will not lead to humanity's demise" is a step in the right direction, especially given his extreme views on climate change in the past. His statement that "It's time to put human welfare at the center of our climate strategies" is certainly reasonable, for we should always help people adapt to climate change. He goes on to say that "Our chief goal should be to prevent suffering, particularly for those in the toughest conditions who live in the world's poorest countries."

However, Gates still supports the mistaken idea that climate change is caused mostly by humans and is a serious problem, so these statements, although a step in the right direction, do not mark as critical a turning point as many believe. Indeed, he says in the same memo that "Climate change is a very important problem…Every tenth of a degree of heating that we prevent is hugely beneficial because a stable climate makes it easier to improve people's lives" and further details how "renewable" technologies can help achieve this goal. The climate alarmist narrative is dampened, but it is still very prevalent in his outlook.

In the UN's recent press release in preparation for COP30, "Climate and Nature Solutions," Catherine McKenna, former Canadian environment minister, now Chair of the UN's High-Level Expert Group on Net-Zero Emissions Commitments of Non-State Actors, pushed for companies and cities to commit to Net-Zero emission goals and detailed a framework to hold them accountable. She said that "83 percent of the global economy is covered by net zero commitments" and that we must "accelerate climate action."

So, although the tide turning, it hasn't yet reached its peak before an inevitable decline. Using a very simplified illustration, the trend could look something like this:



Climate alarmism still rising, at least outside of the U.S. federal government. But change is in the wind, and Net-Zero projects will, hopefully sooner rather than later, become an embarrassment of the past. Then the real "stranded assets" will be expensive, inefficient, and environmentally damaging wind turbines, solar power plants, and massive Battery Energy Storage Systems.

Let's hope that President Trump's realistic view of climate change will help the alarmist narrative crumble and that COP30 may indeed be one of the last such hypocritical, expensive, and useless gabfests. The death of climate change alarmism cannot happen soon enough.

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Short Takes

By Ken Van Doren

The purpose of art is washing the dust of daily life off our souls.
-Pablo Picasso

I think a role model is a mentor - someone you see on a daily basis, and you learn from them.
-Denzel Washington

But I have found that in the simple act of living with hope, and in the daily effort to have a positive impact in the world, the days I do have are made all the more meaningful and precious. And for that I am grateful.
-Elizabeth Edwards

Really, what matters in the long run is sticking with things and working daily to get better at them.
-Angela Duckworth

I have learned that, although I am a good teacher, I am a much better student, and I was blessed to learn valuable lessons from my students on a daily basis. They taught me the importance of teaching to a student - and not to a test. -Erin Gruwell

September 11 impressed upon us that life is a precious gift. Every life has a purpose. And I think we all have a duty to devote at least a small portion of our daily lives to ensuring that neither America nor the world ever forgets September 11. -Bill Frist

"It is the DUTY of every man, as far as his ability extends, to detect and expose delusion and error." - Thomas Paine

"The right of citizens to keep and bear arms is just one more guarantee against arbitrary government, one more safeguard against the tyranny which historically has proved to be always possible.
U.S. Senator Hubert Humphrey

"The people never give up their liberties except under some delusion. In a speech at Buckingham, England.
Edmund Burke, 1784

"To preserve liberty it is essential that the whole body of the people always posses arms."
Richard Henry Lee 1788

Wisdom to Live By

"If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."
-Jesus Christ, to the Jews who had believed him, John 8:31-32



THE GAME PAGE
Crossword Puzzler

ACROSS
1. Pathfinder
6. Assists
11. Purple shade
12. Emissaries
15. Middle
16. Egregious
17. Possessed
18. Deciduous horns
20. Letter after sigma
21. Colored part of an eye
23. Pigs
24. Lacking intellectual acuity
25. Docile
26. Pout
27. Carry
28. Countercurrent
29. Hotel
30. Artist's workstand
31. Parties (slang)
34. Kiss lightly
36. Terminate
37. Footnote note
41. Trim
42. Mining finds
43. Therefore
44. Breeze
45. Journey
46. Peel
47. American Dental Association
48. A type of chapel
51. Band booking
52. Providing (food or tales)
54. Ventilate
56. Soon
57. Coast
58. Chain of hills
59. Church officer

DOWN
1. Besmirched
2. Sugar-coated
3. Not in
4. Eye layer
5. Small slender gull
6. Accuse
7. Tolerates
8. Hens make them
9. Black gunk
10. Ordinance
13. Hard glossy coating
14. Counterfoil
15. Ring
16. Struggling
19. G-string
22. Heavenward
24. File
26. Furry mammal
27. Children's game
30. Concludes
32. Frozen water
33. Bumbling
34. Arachnid
35. Coach
38. Army unit
39. Lighter
40. Avoid
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53. Anagram of "Ail"
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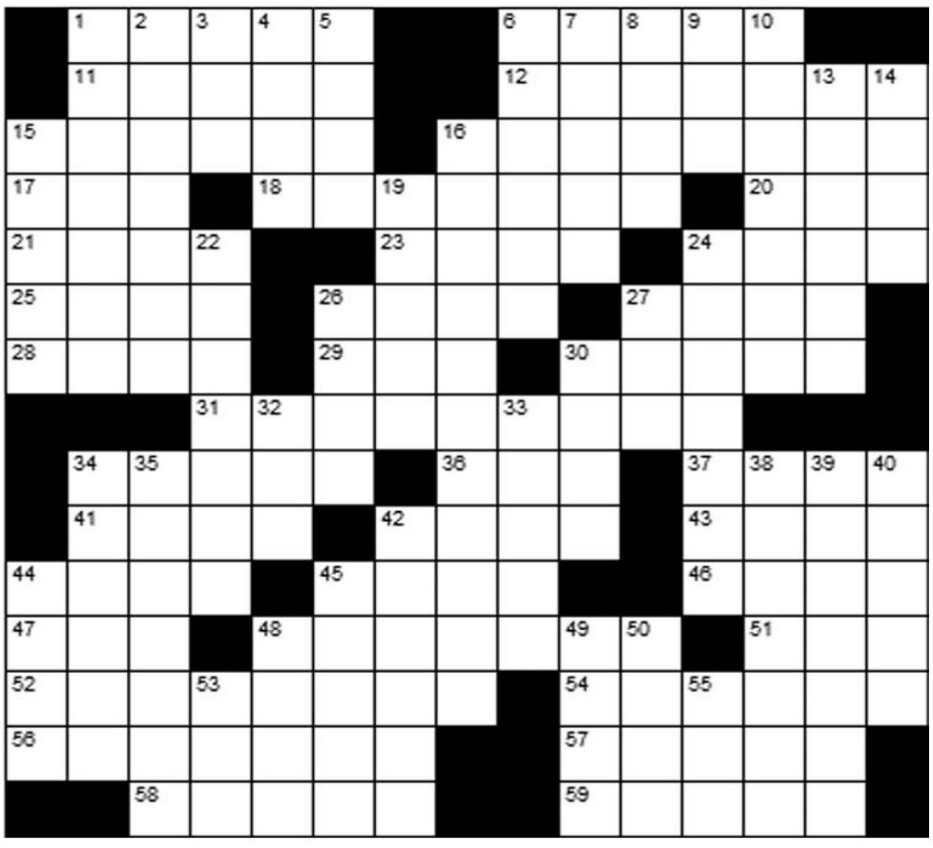

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emitted downward toward Earth's surface. It is not that the atmosphere is magically creating energy to heat the surface; rather, this is energy that went into warming the atmosphere, which, since its temperature is above absolute zero, then emits that energy—some of it toward Earth's surface. This energy can be kept in a loop, whereby energy is emitted by the surface, absorbed by the atmosphere, and in turn, emitted by the atmosphere and absorbed by the surface. Both Earth's surface and its atmosphere are warmed by this energy loop, which we lovingly call the Greenhouse Effect.

The follow-up question is, "Why focus on just carbon dioxide? Since most of the atmosphere is nitrogen, oxygen, and argon, shouldn't those molecules absorb and emit energy as well?"

The answer is … they do. All molecules absorb energy and emit energy if they are at a temperature above absolute zero. But different gases behave differently in that they absorb and emit energy in selective wavelengths.

Nitrogen, oxygen, and argon—which make up 99% of dry air—are different from water vapor, carbon dioxide, methane, ozone, nitrogen dioxide, and many of the other gases that make up the atmosphere. Nitrogen and oxygen are diatomic molecules; they contain just two atoms per molecule. Argon is a single atom; therefore, it is monatomic. All the others, including water vapor and carbon dioxide, are molecules containing at least three atoms. Thus, they have vibrational characteristics that monatomic and diatomic molecules lack. These vibrations often result in absorption and emission bands in the thermal infrared portion of the electromagnetic spectrum—heat, as we call it—whereas nitrogen, oxygen, and argon (and others) do not.

The short argument here is that molecules with three or more atoms can absorb and emit energy in the thermal infrared (heat) portion of the electromagnetic spectrum. If more energy is received than is given off based on the temperature of the molecule, the molecule will increase in temperature. Similarly, if more energy is given off than received, based on the temperature of the molecule, the molecule will cool. But with gases in the atmosphere, the absorption and emission lies within select wavelengths.

The second argument is that climatologists are idiots who cannot understand the basic laws of physics, such as the First and Second Laws of Thermodynamics.

As a climatologist, I take umbrage at this argument and point out that climatologists existed before climate modeling and well before the discussion of global warming, or even global cooling, came into being.

But now, let's debunk the argument. The rationale is that climatologists misuse the Stefan-Boltzmann Law—which dictates that the energy given off by an object or molecule in the atmosphere is proportional to the fourth power of its temperature. The argument is that the law is only applicable for a single source of electromagnetic radiation and that the emitter must be warmer than the emittee, or the target. If the emitter is colder than the target, it cannot possibly add any energy to the target—or so the argument goes.

The last statement is correct, but only in the aggregate. Remember that this is a two-way street; the target is also an emitter if it is at a temperature above absolute zero. The point is usually made by these proponents that in energy diagrams, more energy is emitted by the atmosphere and absorbed by the Earth's surface than is received from the Sun. Yes, that is correct. But if you turned off the Sun, the atmosphere and Earth's surface would slowly cool until they reached an equilibrium temperature of absolute zero. All the energy in this system originates from the Sun; it is just that some goes into heating the atmosphere, which, in turn, keeps Earth's surface warmer than it would have been if the atmosphere were not present. That Earth's surface receives more energy from the atmosphere than from the Sun is a testament to how efficient the climate system is at keeping Earth's temperature at a level that makes life habitable.

We can thank our Creator for that.

The final argument against greenhouse warming is that this is a conspiracy that began in 1845. The hoax was perpetuated when the physicist James Prescott Joule, for whom the unit of energy is named, produced a false definition of energy that has since corrupted the field of physics. Other big-name physicists have been in on this hoax, most notably Niels Bohr, Max Planck, Gottfried Liebniz, Johann Bernoulli, Gaspard-Gustave Coriolis, Lord Kelvin, and William Rankine, just to name a few. Even Einstein himself was in on the conspiracy. Somehow, they all knew that climate change would become a major scientific issue some one hundred fifty years in the future, so, they made sure that carbon dioxide as an evil gas was cooked into the immutable laws of physics. I love a conspiracy theory as much as the next person, but … well ….

So, let me reiterate my position.

I DO NOT believe that carbon dioxide, methane, or nitrous oxide are existential threats to the planet. Neither are they reasonable threats of any kind.

Let me also state for the record that I DO NOT believe that carbon dioxide is a pollutant. In fact, if all life on Earth ceased to exist, our atmosphere would lose all its oxygen content and the proportion of carbon dioxide in our atmosphere would increase above ninety-five percent. Note that, according to most reputable scientists, there is no substantial life on Mars or Venus and the atmosphere of our two closest planets are largely carbon dioxide—that of Mars is about 96 percent carbon dioxide, 2 percent argon, and 2 percent nitrogen, while the Venusian atmosphere consists of about 96.5 percent carbon dioxide and only 3.5 percent nitrogen.

Thus, technically speaking, oxygen in our atmosphere is a pollutant created by life on Earth, most notably plant life. We should be infinitely grateful for the presence of that pollutant in our atmosphere. And to the Creator of everything who saw to it that oxygen, carbon dioxide, and all other gases were included in our atmosphere in appropriate quantities.

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Supreme Court *cont. from page 1*

EarthRights International, Boulder and Boulder County, Colorado joined San Miguel County in April 2018 to sue Suncor Energy and ExxonMobil.

Leaving out the hurricanes and rising seas emphasized by coastal litigants, plaintiffs' 105-page complaint alleges that the oil companies have severely harmed their property, health and safety, by causing higher temperatures, more droughts and wildfires, and dwindling snowpack that adversely affects water supplies and the farming and skiing industries.

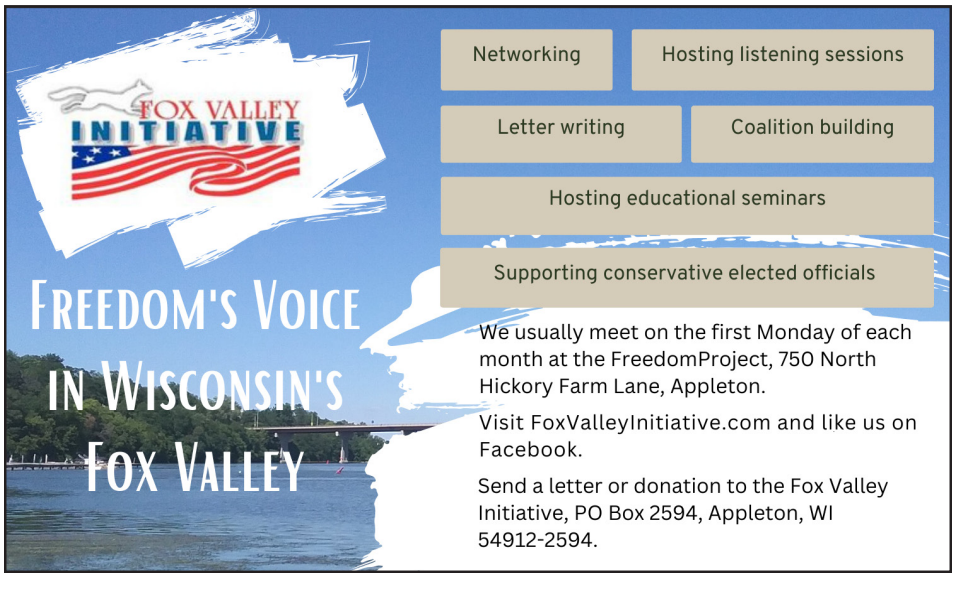
They want a trial by local jurors and seek billions of dollars to compensate their jurisdictions for past and future damages and costs, evaluate and mitigate climate change impacts, abate and remediate its hazards, and compensate them for decreased agricultural and urban property values.

Defendants argue that the case raises major, complicated national and even international issues and therefore belongs in federal, not state courts. But after years of legal wrangling, the Colorado Supreme Court ruled in May 2025 that the lawsuit could indeed proceed in state court.

So now Suncor and ExxonMobil have petitioned the US Supreme Court to review the case. Plaintiffs strongly oppose this. But there are compelling reasons why the Supremes should move it to federal venues, after declining earlier lawsuits that they said did not present a ripe or perfect case for review.

Fifty-plus years ago, I lived in Boulder and Denver and often went downhill and cross-country skiing. We had variable snow seasons: early and long, late and short, great snowpack or rocks. Back then the mantra was global cooling and a new ice age, but it later shifted to "global warming" when average global temperatures rose slightly, and finally to the all-encompassing "climate change" narrative.

I saw the aftermath of Colorado's worst natural disaster ever, the 1976 Big Thompson flood. I witnessed other monster rainfalls, droughts and dust storms, and multiple wildfires. Decades-long Anasazi droughts underscore Nature's destructive forces centuries ago.



Plaintiffs cannot possibly make a convincing historical or scientific case that today's climate and weather are unusual or unprecedented. Nor can they separate natural forces and effects from fossil fuel or other manmade influences.

Team Boulder claims its case involves only local damages, issues, legal claims and remedies. However, ExxonMobil and Suncor production and refining activities, sales, emissions and alleged climate impacts are hardly confined to two counties or even the State of Colorado. The lawsuit's effects would ripple like tsunamis across the USA and world.

Indeed, current and former county attorneys and officials have said the primary goals of this litigation include imposing "an indirect carbon tax" on defendants' products; "raising the price" of those products so that they become too expensive for most families; curtailing fossil fuel use; and effecting "systems-level change" to America's energy, economic and social systems.

The products include transportation fuels for Colorado and US cars, trucks, tractors and aircraft; natural gas to generate electricity for lights, computers, medical equipment, and lifesaving heating and air conditioning; and petrochemical feedstocks for over 6,000 essential products, including paints, plastics, pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, fertilizers, and skis, ski boots and clothing of all descriptions.

Climate activists have been unable to enact national legislation to curb or eliminate the use of coal, oil or natural gas – or persuade Congress to ratify international treaties that compel all countries to slash their fossil fuel use and greenhouse gas emissions. Climate lawfare, via local and state courts, has thus become a central tactic for imposing their radical agenda, controlling our lives and reducing our living standards.

They know COP30 was an abject failure and overtures to "climate cataclysms" are falling on deaf ears.

They want to avoid federal courts and lawyers that might closely examine their far-fetched claims from national, international, scientific and economic perspectives. They know a US Supreme Court ruling in defendants' favor would likely end any option for them to circumvent federal legislative and judicial processes.

Climateers also know that US states that enforce wind and solar power mandates have electricity prices at least two times higher than those that have not. Worse, residential prices in climate-obsessed Britain, Germany and other European countries are 2-3 times higher than the US average: 30 to 40+ cents per kilowatt-hour in Europe versus 15 cents in the USA.

They know (but vigorously deny) that German, British and other European electricity prices have caused their industries to lose millions of jobs and left families unable to heat their homes properly, leading to thousands of needless deaths every winter. Iberia's peninsula-wide blackout in April 2025 proved reliance on wind and solar power can be disastrous, even deadly.

It's hardly surprising that no other city or county has joined the lawsuit. That Colorado's governor and former governor have refused to support it. Or that Colorado's own attorney general joined 14 other state AGs in signing an amicus curiae brief opposing a very similar suit by California cities.

The AGs argued that cities should not be able to use the common nuisance law to "harness the power and prestige of federal courts to remedy global climate change." They also noted that: "questions of global climate change and its effects … are political questions not suited for resolution by any court." Indeed, such judicial interference would trample on "Congress's carefully calibrated process of cooperative federalism where states work in tandem with EPA to administer the federal Clean Air Act."

These issues are for Congress and the Executive Branch to debate, balance competing needs and interests, and decide at the national level. In dismissing New York City's similar climate lawsuit, Federal Judge John Keenan made the same points.

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Hydro produces clean Snake River energy The Left wants to wreck it

By Craig Rucker

Last week, the Trump administration affirmed its support for the four Lower Snake River hydroelectric dams in the Pacific Northwest.

CFACT's Conservation Country series, particularly our investigative report from September 2024, highlighted the benefits of this energy source, going directly to Ice Harbor Dam in eastern Washington.



Energy Secretary Chris Wright said of his visit to Ice Harbor: "Hydroelectric dams have provided affordable and reliable electricity to millions of American families and businesses for decades. Thanks to President Trump's leadership, they will continue to do so!"

Our Lower Snake River Dam investigation uncovered some inconvenient "dam" truths. Dam breaching would lead to phasing out reliable hydroelectric power for electricity produced by intermittent solar and wind. Transportation of goods by barge would stop. And most "daming" of all, migratory salmon — an anti-hydro scapegoat — aren't threatened by these power plants. Our report revealed marine mammals like voracious killer whales and sea lions pose a far greater threat.

In sum, the environmental trade-offs far outweigh the promised "benefits" of dam replacements.

CFACT is proud to have played a small but pivotal role in promoting hydroelectric power in the Northwest. However, there are numerous stories across America that also require attention. That's where CFACT's Conservation Country series comes into play.

Conservation Country specializes in shining a light on property rights, wildlife, and government abuses, as well as showcasing examples where things are done right — in other words, true conservation success stories.

Through this project, the CFACT team is fighting to change the narrative on terms like "environmental protection" by infusing it with sound science and free-market principles. With Team Trump in office, now is an especially good time to press the advance!

Save Okefenokee Swamp from UN control

By Craig Rucker

This week, CFACT released a new episode of its popular video series, Conservation Country, investigating the dangers of the Okefenokee Swamp being nominated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Former President Biden, through his Department of the Interior, nominated the Okefenokee Swamp to be protected by UNESCO in December 2024. 92% of the swamp is federally managed as a national wildlife refuge open to activities like hunting and fishing.

As Conservation Country host Gabriella Hoffman learned during her trip to southern Georgia, locals aren't on board with the United Nations coming into their backyard. They believe the UNESCO bid will encroach on property rights, public-lands access, and U.S. sovereignty. Activists highlighted in our new report cited the agency's adherence to the UN's 17 "Sustainable Development Goals" (SDGs) — including Goal 11.4, concerning the protection of cultural and natural heritage. CFACT supporters may recall that SDGs push climate alarmism and were the basis for the Biden administration 30-by-30 rewilding policy

You can watch our Okefenokee report HERE.

The Trump administration exited UNESCO in July of this year, with a deadline of December 31, 2026. But if Interior Secretary Doug Burgum doesn't withdraw this holdover from the Biden-Harris administration, the nomination could proceed and be voted on as early as next summer.

Brooks Strickland, an Americans for the Okefenokee activist, is hopeful the Trump administration will terminate the bid.

"The Department of the Interior can reject this bid," Strickland said. "We don't want global influence here. President Trump took us out of UNESCO recently. He understands the concern."



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Wyoming Wind Development Blocked

By Heartland.org

Industrial wind developments have been pushed as a way to reduce carbon dioxide emissions from electric power, ignoring the significant economic costs, problems with consistent supply, and ancillary environmental impacts. More recently, another way wind has been pitched to fight climate change is by generating power for specific types of industrial facilities.

In Wyoming, a state district judge recently deemed one such wind project to have been wrongly approved.

In a 17-page ruling, District Court Judge F. Scott Peasley vacated Wind Lease No. WL-1620, approved by the State Board of Land Commissioners (SBLC) by a 4-1 vote in April, because the project won't connect to the electrical grid and hence failed to meet the state's definition of wind energy leasing. Electricity generated by the $1.7 billion Pronghorn H2 project was to be used exclusively to produce hydrogen jet fuel, laughingly referred to as green, through electrolysis. "Green" hydrogen is being sold as a means of reducing aircraft greenhouse gas emissions.

The Stephens Land and Livestock LLC, a family-run operation, challenged the lease on the grounds it violated Wyoming law and the board's own rules requiring that wind projects using state lands feed the electricity into the state's power grid. Peasley agreed, citing the board's rules defining wind energy leasing as leasing of state land for the exclusive right to convert wind energy into electricity for public use, "including collecting and transmitting the electrical energy so converted to the substation from which the electricity will be transmitted from the wind energy development to the interconnection of the transmission grid."

Gov. Mark Gordon and the Wyoming Attorney General's Office opposed the lawsuit and tried to have it dismissed, arguing the plaintiff lacked standing. (Gordon serves as president of the SBLC and voted with the majority to approve the lease.) The judge disagreed. Peasley concluded the ranch's operation would likely suffer distinct harm: the owners reside on a 172-acre homestead parcel adjacent to the proposed wind farm. The wind turbines would be visible from the plaintiff's property, meaning the views from their property would "be spoiled by Pronghorn's project." The judge also agreed with the plaintiff's claim the family's holdings would suffer as a result of "increased traffic on rural roads, noise, and construction associated with the 267-turbine project planned for approximately 15,500 acres of state trust lands in the northern Laramie Range mountains," Cowboy State Daily reported.

Gordon cited economic development of Converse County—$1.7 billion in private investment, with total future taxes paid over the 35-year project life estimated at $471 million—as justifying the plan. Both wind and hydrogen development are highly subsidized by the federal government, meaning much of the state's windfall would have been provided by federal taxpayers.

The Stephens family was not alone in challenging the Pronghorn project. Wyoming Secretary of State Chuck Gray also fought against it.

"I applaud the court's ruling reversing the Pronghorn wind lease, which is great news for the people of Wyoming and vindication for those pushing the truth on this issue," said Gray after the court ruled. "Woke wind is wrong for Wyoming.

"As the only member of the State Board of Land Commissioners to vote against all of these boondoggle wind projects, it is refreshing to see the truth win out," Gray said. "Perhaps most importantly, my opposition to these wind leases was based on the fact that these projects are bad for Wyoming, because they are based on the fantasies of left-wing, government-controlled, enviro-insiders, driven by Soros-funded Green New Deal schemes intent on destroying Wyoming's core industries."

Just Because We Can Do Something Doesn't Mean We Should

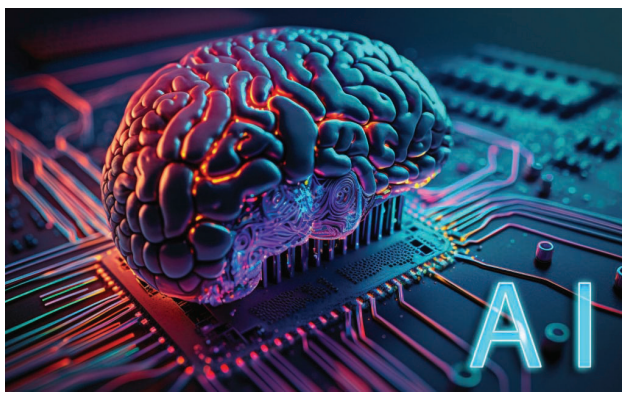
By Joan Beglinger

Is it possible that, after nearly 250 years, the greatest experiment in freedom the world has ever known is on the road to self-destruction? Warning lights are flashing red all around us. Will we heed them?

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is dominating much of the news reporting and political conversation as the explosive development of this vast new technology is moving at a rate that is said to be twice the speed of the internet revolution and with potential that far exceeds anything most of us can imagine. It is already finding its way deep into our everyday lives long before many of us have even grasped the basics of what it is.

Stated in a very simplistic way, AI is simulating human intelligence in machines, allowing them to learn, reason, perceive, solve problems and make decisions. The overall goal is human-like thinking in machines. Some of the core concepts are deep learning through artificial neural networks that mimic how the human brain works, the ability to understand and generate human language, and the ability to interpret and understand the world visually.

Examples of how AI is currently used include digital assistants like Siri and Alexa, search engines like Google and fraud detection used by the banking and other industries. Predictions for the future include self-driven research labs with minimal human oversight, medical and pharmaceutical discovery, personalized education, and autonomous creation and design where AI might not only develop a better car, but a better mode of transportation. Some are predicting that within 10 years we may see AI superintelligence that outperforms humans in everything it does.



Huge data centers are used in AI development to meet massive energy, security and cooling requirements. Wisconsin has been the targeted site for a number of these centers because it provides proximity to the Great Lakes for the vast amounts of fresh water required, available land and energy infrastructure. Long before we really know where these innovations will take us, there is significant opposition to the data centers by area residents who are concerned about the strain on local resources, massive energy and water consumption, and potential environmental damage. They don't want to see the character of the communities they love altered.

"Chips" are another requirement for the production of AI that is getting a lot of attention. They are tiny electronic components essential for training and running AI applications. Many of the chips in use today are being produced in plants in Taiwan and South Korea. There is a lot of talk about bringing the manufacturing of chips back to the United States both for competitive advantage and national security.

Much of the focus on AI today is speculating about job losses that may occur as machines are able to do work that once required humans. As the Trump administration leads the fight back from the extreme economic damage of the Biden era policies, it serves the media and liberal political agenda to add fear of AI generated job losses to the American public's concerns as many struggle to make ends meet. Some project as many as 30% of existing jobs will be able to be done by AI by 2030.

New technologies throughout the ages have always displaced workers while at the same time creating the need for new workers with new skills. The industrial revolution replaced manual farm labor with automated machinery and, in the process, created manufacturing jobs to produce the farm machinery. Computers displaced typists and secretaries and paved the way for software and web developers. Lift attendants (the elevator operators who manually ran the elevators in buildings before they were automated) and switchboard operators have been gone so long many who are alive today don't even know what they were.

There is no question job displacement is a real issue that will have to be reckoned with as the capacity of AI expands. It will require thoughtful, ethical decision making that grapples with tough questions about societal benefit. But job displacement is far from the only, or even most important, thing we need to be thinking about with this disruptive technology at our doorsteps.

A member of my family recently showed me a video his friend made from a single still photograph using AI. The video was a sophisticated animation of my relative engaging in activities and speaking, all artificially created but indistinguishable from reality. Evil minds will quickly figure out how to exploit AI to deceive and harm unsuspecting victims. This will be one more tool in the box of an ever-growing group of criminals who are using advances in technology to steal everything from identities to assets.

Elon Musk, a businessman and entrepreneur with an unmatched capacity for envisioning the future and tapping into it, has predicted that in the next 10 – 20 years AI will make work optional. Work, he predicts, will be a choice; like a hobby. Work as an option would bring dire unintended consequences.

There are already forces at work all across the country pushing dependence on the government as a replacement for self-sufficiency. Cook County in Illinois recently joined more than 100 other communities experimenting with "no strings attached" monthly payments from the government when they made the "Cook County Promise Guaranteed Income" permanent. This program had been piloted from 2022 – 2024 using $40 million in COVID relief funds from the Federal government for funding (an interesting twist on "COVID relief"). Now permanent, the program will provide $500 a month to 3,250 low to moderate income households to use however they wish. The stated purpose of the guaranteed income is to provide income stability and reduce financial stress.

It isn't difficult to see where the promoters of universal basic income are headed. In Cook County it would cost $4 billion annually to extend this program to everyone at poverty level income or below. Cook County and Illinois already have the highest property tax rate in the nation, with Cook County nearly double the national median. The commercial and industrial tax rates are more than double the surrounding counties and sales tax is a whopping 10.25%. While funding is a real and significant issue for the concept of universal income provided by the government, it is far from the greatest threat it poses.

Those who are living productive lives understand that aspiration, authenticity, and achievement are irreplaceable sources of joy and freedom. All we have to do is look around to appreciate that there are epidemic numbers of broken Americans who are depressed and anxious; starving for purpose and meaning in their lives. Record numbers have turned to addictive substances in search of what they are missing; only to destroy themselves in the process. Work is integral to the complete human experience.

There is no holding back our God-given human ingenuity. The capacity to innovate is exhilarating and motivates people in the pursuit of greater and greater heights. Artificial intelligence is here to stay and will propel us to places we cannot even imagine today. It remains to be seen whether it will be used to aid and enhance our humanity or destroy it. Allowing ourselves to be passively pulled along, assuming someone else is looking out for our best interests, will prove disastrous. Just because we can do something, doesn't mean we should.

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We Must Stop the Growing AI Threat To Our Freedom

By Tom DeWeese

There is a growing drive to enslave us all through Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology. Digital ID systems implemented through government and corporations will have the unprecedented power to track, monitor, and control every aspect of your life – from your money and healthcare to your social connections.

Bill Gates, one of the most evil forces behind AI, has threatened that "Digital ID must be accepted by US Citizens by 2028. Otherwise, they risk exclusion from society." That means controlling where you can travel. They will monitor who you associate with, what you spend your money on, and what you believe in politically!

In your bank the move is on to replace cash with digital currency. Your account can be closed at any time and the money confiscated – because, in reality there is no money. It's just pretend wealth controlled at the whim of a government bureaucrat.

And what about the source of your income – your job? What I'm about to share with you is directly from a report promoting AI:

"As AI systems become more advanced, they will start to infiltrate various sectors, beginning with white-color jobs and eventually extending to blue-collar industries….This shift could lead to a situation where businesses simply don't need human employees to maintain and increase profits…. One widely discussed solution to the potential job displacement caused by AI is Universal Basic Income. This concept involves providing all citizens with a regular, unconditional sum of money to ensure they can meet their basic needs, regardless of their employment status… the primary means of earning a living – is no longer necessary for many."

This is a drive to slavery. You will have no control over your life. There will be no incentive to create new ideas and products. Corporations will dictate what products they want to make available concerning your food, clothes and housing. There will be no freedom of choice, no hopes, no dreams for your life. In short, AI is the greatest threat to human society ever conceived!

Today, the most noticeable part of the drive to enforce AI is the massive data centers being built across the country. These are needed to provide the huge databanks of information necessary to enforce AI control.

Each data center covers as much as ten acres or more of ground. Many are built in multiple groups. And most are in and around rural communities. These centers use huge amounts of water and electricity. Many communities are experiencing shortages and higher costs for both.

Why do they use so much energy? Well, according to the AI promoters, "AI systems analyze massive datasets to learn and improve over time. This requires processors, which consume energy." As AI usage grows to control every aspect of human society more will be needed, and each will use more energy and cover more vital farmland.

So, what is their solution to the growing energy shortage caused by the hundreds of data centers being built? We must "invest in renewable energy."

WIND AND SOLAR!!! That's their solution. Must I say, as I have been warning for a few years – wind and solar are a joke. They produce next to nothing for the power grid. In reality, these tech tyrants plan to take your reliable energy sources to maintain their data centers — and force you to live on wind and solar. In other words – you will have no power. As the monstrous data centers are covering our vital farmland they are destroying the very culture of our rural communities – changing their look and feel.

Meanwhile, President Trump has been heard to support the drive for AI. That's because he is surrounded by AI Masters who are convincing him that we must allow AI to take over every aspect of our society. They tell him it's vital in order to beat China.

Yes, perhaps there are some military uses for AI, but we cannot Make America Great Again if our personal information, money supply and private property are not protected! AI must be controlled to protect our personal freedom! We must shout in a LOUD voice NO!! Stop the invasion of AI! And we must make it loud enough that President Trump hears it!!

You can help raise that voice to him in one of two ways. First, call the White House and leave the message that you oppose his support of AI in our everyday lives. Tell him to support our personal privacy. Here is the White House phone number: Phone # 202-456-1111

Or you can write a message to President Trump through the White House contact page. Use some of the information I have supplied in this Sledgehammer Action Alert. Here is the link: https://www.whitehouse.gov/contact/

The good news is that many people have started to rise up in opposition to the growing data centers in their communities. Stopping the Data Centers is the first vital goal in stopping the growth of AI. Some local folks have had success in blocking them. But many more need to take a stand and build strong opposition in their communities. You must demand that your local elected officials stand with their citizens to protect your personal privacy, property rights and the culture of your community. Demand that your local representatives answer this questions – "WHO DO YOU REPRESENT, we the people or power-drive corporations?"

Call the White House and call your local representatives. It's urgent. We must stop the growing Digital ID and AI threat. We must do it now!

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why the voters rarely get what they are looking for in elected officials.

Last week Mandela Barnes, 39, joined a crowded field of at least 5 other Democrats in the race for Democratic nominee for Governor. He is an empty suit with a destructive, extreme liberal ideology who served as Lieutenant Governor for 4 years with Tony Evers. He was described by the Associated Press as the "presumptive front runner" because of his name recognition and funding network.

On the same day Barnes announced his candidacy, Josh Schoemann was interviewed on the Vicki McKenna Show and Tom Tiffany was interviewed on the Dan O'Donnell Show. There was a stark difference in the tone and substance of the interviews. Schoemann dominated when it came to providing the kind of specifics that will arm the voters with the information they need to make an informed choice in August.

Schoemann took control of the McKenna interview from the start. He talked about what is important to conservative voters and how he has responded as County Executive. He has a track record in Washington County that is built on the promises he made as a candidate to make government smaller, put money in people's pockets and be responsive to the people. He's not interested in what he described as the "political theater" engaged in by most politicians, opting instead to focus on policies that matter to people. He ran on a commitment to make government smaller and more effective and used his interview time to provide specific details about the results he has achieved. He connected the dots between campaign promises and actual performance.

A visit to Schoemann's website further enhances voter understanding of his priorities and the solutions he is proposing in very specific terms. His plan is built on a strong foundation of quantifiable results achieved as County Executive. It is noteworthy to the many Wisconsin voters, who understand we have a serious problem with the unverifiability of our elections, that Schoeman has made verifiability a priority in his campaign with specific actions he will undertake as Governor. The foundation he has laid needs further development but is a great start. (For more specifics on what is needed from our next governor on election verifiability, take a look at "Restoring Verifiable Elections", the 7-point plan proposed by John Ellis on page 31 of the November/December issue of On Wisconsin Outdoors). http://www.onwisconsinoutdoors.com/Content/files/ArchivedIssues/2025-Nov-Dec_OnWIOutdoors.pdf

Tiffany was introduced by Dan O'Donnell as "the leading candidate for Governor" for the Republicans, a meaningless designation until the voters have enough substantive information to draw a distinction between the two candidates. The interview was focused on Mandela Barnes' entry into the race and what a lousy candidate he is. Tiffany stressed Wisconsin has a poor business climate and too much regulation. He called Barnes part of an administration that made it more expensive to live in Wisconsin but had no criticism for the legislature that has had Republican majorities in both Houses for years. O'Donnell failed to press Tiffany on why he is the candidate we should choose and Tiffany gave us little during this interview about specific actions he will take or evidence from his own performance to make us believe he can deliver. When O'Donnell tried to get him to call on Barnes to "stand on principle and reject donations from billionaires" (a response to Barnes' billionaire bashing in the past) Tiffany wouldn't take the bait. He will be accepting all of the money he can get from the billionaire donor class himself. The interview was a missed opportunity for Tiffany to make his case to the voters.

A visit to Tiffany's website promises he will "lead the state to prosperity" by addressing energy costs, manufacturing, education, the business climate, safety and more…all topics on the agenda of conservative voters. The site offers little to help the voter understand what Tiffany will specifically do to address these issues and is silent on election verifiability, the issue the voters have made clear they want addressed as a priority. Tiffany offers no evidence that he has the experience and operational skills required to manage the state's mega-bureaucracy comprised of a $111 billion budget and 30,000 employees. Executive leadership is very different work than legislating. He is going to have to significantly step up his game plan if he hopes to convince voters he is the best conservative choice. We need solid information and we are in no mood for political speak.

No conservative voter is going to vote for whoever emerges as the Democratic candidate for Governor. The time to discredit that candidate is after the Primary in August and the person to do it will be his or her opponent, the duly elected Republican nominee. We the people are in the process of taking our country back. We elected Donald Trump because he clearly spelled out what he would do as President and we knew from experience he does what he says he is going to do. In the primary race for the Republican candidate for Wisconsin Governor, we need substantive details that will allow us to make an informed choice. We need serious, credible interviewers to press the candidates for specifics; not soft-ball love fests. We are not interested in what the Party bosses, the big donors, the Wisconsin Congressional delegation or anyone else thinks about how we should vote or who certain circles are buzzing about. We want to see the candidates side by side as often as possible to allow us to compare and contrast. We will use our own good judgment to make our best decision. The candidates need to understand that the Primary process is about specifics and believability. Whoever delivers on those will be our candidate.

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However, after the war, John Paul Jones had fewer opportunities in America, so he was hired by Russian Czarina Catherine the Great to lead her navy on the Black Sea against the Ottoman Turks.

The Ottoman Empire had controlled the port of Caffa (now Yalta) on the Crimean peninsula from 1475 until 1783. Through this port, they transported 2 MILLION captured slaves into the Ottoman empire! These slaves were mainly Slavic people, hence the word "slave" entered the English language. Note – This compares with 250,000 slaves that were ever transported to North America.

Catherine the Great, who was also a great Christian, ended the Ottoman Slave Trade in 1783 when she captured the port of Caffa.

But the Ottomans weren't happy. They wanted to retake Caffa and restart their slave trade. The Ottomans outnumbered the Russians 3 to 1 in naval forces, so they demanded that Russia vacate Crimea in 1787. Hence, Catherine called for the services of John Paul Jones.

Rear Admiral John Paul Jones was commissioned as such in April 1788 by Catherine. Jones led the Russian fleet that summer in a key battle for the Black Sea at the Siege of Ochakov. The Ottomans were defeated and eventually lost the war in 1792, which guaranteed the slave trade in that region would never happen again.

John Paul Jones is not only the Father of the American Navy. He also helped end the Ottoman slave trade on the Black Sea.



Merkels *cont. from page 1*

Merkel – she's back
December 9, 2025
By Peter Haisenko

As long as the "traffic light" coalition governed and simply continued Merkel's destructive policies, the former chancellor remained virtually invisible. Now Merz is tentatively attempting to reverse the migration chaos, and Merkel is already chiming in with criticism. Anyone who still believes Merkel was the beloved "Mutti" (Mommy) of Germany is about to be proven wrong.

Merkel isn't stupid. She knew what she was doing and what the consequences would be. Both when she shut down the nuclear power plants and when she opened the borders to millions of culturally alien migrants.

(Doesn't this sound familiar? It just tells us that the globalists planted their programming in all western countries. And the outcome is the same everywhere, the outsiders who have no desire to take on our values, attitudes, and beliefs; they are just here – and everywhere — to implant their way of life).

Yes, she knew, because she was the one who said multiculturalism had failed, and she was the one who initially halted the shutdown of the nuclear power plants.

(Yep, shut down all nuclear plants.)

Only to then do the exact opposite. But her destructive actions began immediately after she entered politics in West Germany, when she was Environment Minister. As early as 1992,

(The year Agenda 21/Sustainable Development was foisted on the world.)

She set the limit for nitrogen oxides at the impossible 40 mg for what was then a distant future. The "diesel scandal" then occurred during her time in office. The physicist knew what she was doing.

Merkel entered West German politics with a network dating back to East German times. Maisiere & Co. But she also quickly brought Friede Springer and Liz Mohn of Bertelsmann into her network. This gave her control over the media. Friede Springer and Liz Mohn have in common that they acquired their power over media conglomerates through marriage. But what is the history of the Bertelsmann Group? Let's take a look at Wikipedia:

The Nazi-era corporation Bertelsmann

Heinrich Mohn, who took over the management of the company in 1921, was a supporter of the SS[10]From 1937 onwards, he participated in the "Performance Competition of German Enterprises" proclaimed by the German Labour Front (DAF), whose most successful participants were awarded the title of National Socialist model enterprise. [11]

During the Second World War,C. Bertelsmann became the largest supplier to the Wehrmacht, [12] even ahead of the NSDAP's central publishing house, Franz Ehert [13] Sales increased sharply, particularly between 1939 and 1941. [14] The publishing house distinguished itself with inexpensive "Bertelsmann Volksausgaben" [15] and published the "Bertelsmann Feldposthefte" [16]. Jewish forced laborers were employed in printing plants in Lithuania with which C. Bertelsmann cooperated. [17][18]

In 1934, the publishing house added war memoirs to its catalog, which often contained blatant and sometimes blatant war propaganda. Examples include book on flying and Josef Grabler's *With Bombs and Machine Guns over Poland*. A key author was Will Vesper, who attacked Jewish literature and in 1933 had participated as the main speaker in a book burning of "un-German literature." With the Wehrmacht editions, C. Bertelsmann achieved a total circulation of approximately 19 million copies between 1939 and 1944.

The Nazi corporation receives the publishing license

So much for Wikipedia. It's also interesting that the British military government granted Bertelsmann a publishing license as early as 1946, even though they knew what Bertelsmann had been up to during the Nazi era. It can't be that Merkel was unaware of this. So, she had no qualms about allying herself with a former Nazi organization. She, who later so vehemently opposed the "Nazi party" AfD, even though the AfD is the only major party that has never had former Nazis in its ranks. Yes, the Greens also had such figures in their leadership at their founding. It's not wrong to call Merkel the first Green chancellor. She was also the one who, towards the end of her term, ensured that the Greens became so strong and entered government. With the complacent Scholz, it was thus guaranteed that their destructive policies would continue.

The Greens guarantee the continuation of Merkel's policies.

With the strong Green Party, it was foreseeable that their policies of deindustrialization and mass immigration, increasingly alien to the culture, would continue. But the groundwork laid by the Greens has only now truly come to light. Following the model of the GDR, she has run Deutsche Bahn into the ground. This means she is responsible for the fact that nothing works on the railway anymore because necessary repairs have not been carried out. To ensure this continues, she installed the incompetent Pofalla on the railway's board. "Stuttgart 21" and the Berlin airport also fall within her period of responsibility. Not to mention how Merkel inflated the bureaucracy to the point where no project can be completed within a reasonable timeframe.

(Put the name Obama here and you have our version.)

The excessive animal welfare laws, which delay projects indefinitely because some frogs first need to be relocated, are also her doing. Yes, Merkel had 16 years for her destructive work, and the "traffic light" coalition dutifully carried it through to completion.

It was also Merkel who created the war in Ukraine. By fraudulently disregarding the Minsk agreements, she deceived Russia and the world after actively supporting the coup on the Maidan. Had she exerted sufficient pressure on Kyiv to adhere to the Minsk agreements, the current war would not have occurred, and millions of men might still be alive. Yes, that too is on her conscience.

(Our version of this is the scam of Trump/Ukraine scandal.)

And this too should not be forgotten: It was during the Merkel era that the gender madness was imposed on the people, further destroying our beautiful language.

(Ditto.)

She's back!

During the "traffic light" coalition era, Merkel was nowhere to be heard. Not a peep from her. Everything continued according to her plans. But now, after the AfD became the strongest party and is pushing the Merz government, especially on migration policy, she has resurfaced. In essence: It's completely unacceptable to reverse or even mitigate my policy of flooding the country with people from different cultures. Let's not forget, she knew what she was doing. And she knows it was illegal.

(emphasis mine)

More than ten years ago, I called Merkel "Honecker's revenge" and was reprimanded for it. Recently, there was a street survey asking: Name what Merkel did well for Germany. Not a single person was shown who could think of anything. It's slowly dawning on the Germans that she was by no means the benevolent "Mutti" (Mommy) of Germany. And isn't, as her interventions to correct her policies prove. She wants to protect and continue her destructive work.

Merkel and the Federal Republic of Germany

Remember her relationship with West Germany, when she disgustedly threw a small West German flag into the corner on stage. Remember her trembling fits, which only occurred when the German national anthem was played. Or when she nominated the completely unsuitable Laschet as her successor. This ensured that the Greens would be part of the next government with the SPD. She herself would have preferred to see the Greens as the strongest party and thus as the leader of the government, but the Germans ultimately didn't want that. Imagine the woman with the speech impediment as Chancellor – as Merkel actually wanted. And please don't forget: it was Merkel and her right-hand woman Spahn who pushed the Corona madness and the lockdowns to their extreme. The truly terrible times with face masks, forced vaccinations, and threatened professional bans are also their doing. And no, Lauterbach came later.

I'd bet anything that Merkel and her cronies didn't get mRNA injections. After all, the "RKI Files" show that they knew what this stuff could do and that "Corona" is no more dangerous than the flu. If Merkel disagrees, then she should prove with a blood test that she received the injections. A little joke: How do you know someone didn't get an mRNA injection? They're still alive.

(Boy, I would sure like to see Gates, Fauchi, etc tested, wouldn't you?)

As long as everything continued according to Merkel's perfidious plans, nothing was heard from her. The moment there are even the slightest hints of a change, she reappears, threatening with her media power, which still exists. But who is Merkel really? Who built her up, guided her, and supported her? How much of the "GDR" did Merkel bring with her? The Merkel whose career in the GDR ended so abruptly with reunification, and who then seamlessly ingratiated herself with Helmut Kohl. And treacherously dismissed him. It's a shame that this destroyer of Germany won't be brought to justice, even though there is ample cause for it.

(and we would like to see Clinton, Obama, and whoever was acting for Biden brought to justice – Bushes too.)

To understand how Merkel operates, one should read Gerold Keefer's book: " The Chancellor Who Came in from the Cold – Biography of an Unknown Woman." It reveals how she used the sophisticated methods she learned in East Germany to outwit the naive West Germans. So cleverly, in fact, that they didn't notice for almost 20 years. (End of Article)

How many "It's a shame that this destroyer of Germany" United States won't be brought to justice?

Know that this evil is everywhere. But don't give up and say it's too prevalent, we can't get rid of it. We must! We have children. Are we going let them be destroyed by this evil? Not I.

It's time to get on the school board or city council. It's past time to take back our neighborhoods and counties.

Start your Freedom Pod now. Take back American independence.

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67 hospitals, 150,000 employees and $27 billion in annual revenue. The new parent company was named Advocate Health.

The health system continues to operate as a tax exempt "not for profit", though today it generates billions in profits and making money is a key driver in decision making. The complex bureaucracy that has been created moved decision making far from the point of care where dedicated clinicians lay hands on patients. Decisions are often made by executives who know nothing about the core business they are managing. The CEO of Advocate Health is paid more than $17 million a year. In 2023 the 26 most highly paid executives were paid $50 million and even the "Chief Spiritual Officer" made $1.6 million.

"Cost shifting" is the perverse business model of health care. The organization sets the prices for its services, which almost no one actually pays. The government dictates to the organization what it will pay and private insurance companies negotiate for the prices they will pay. The government's fixed pricing is made up for by shifting cost to private payers.

Most physicians have become employees of their health systems to rid themselves of the hassles of managing their own business. Many are rethinking the wisdom of the tradeoff of their independence. Their livelihood now depends on toeing the company line.

The transformation of St. Luke's over the years is the complicated story of the corporatization of health care. Health care systems have become big, complex bureaucracies that have not delivered on the promise of well-integrated, accessible, affordable care. I believe we need to fundamentally rethink corporatized health care structures; the concept of "not for profit"; and deceptive pricing strategies for starters. Bigger has not been better and the dedicated but frustrated professionals who lay hands on the patients will be the first to attest to this.

Insurance at What Price?

Health insurance is a massive industry estimated to be worth $1.6 trillion. It is a significant portion of overall healthcare spending. Much like the health care systems that negotiate prices with insurers, insurers negotiate their prices with employers. The larger the employer, the more negotiating leverage they have. Rates are regulated by the states for the private sector and the Federal Government for the healthcare marketplace created by the ACA, but as anyone who has insurance knows, rates have been allowed to climb significantly year after year. Over the course of the past 5 years, employer plans have increased almost 25% on average, and for 2026, the average premium in the ACA marketplace is projected to increase 26%! Insurance companies cite the aging population, increase in chronic disease and rising cost of health care as the reasons they must increase rates but the facts don't generate much sympathy.

Case in point. United Health Group is the largest health insurance company in the country covering 50 million people. In 2024 they made $14.4 billion in profit and their CEO was compensated $26.3 million. There is a reason the insurance industry is among the top 5 in spending on lobbying in the country, spending $155 million annually to keep regulators on their side.

No Pharmaceutical Panacea

Americans spent an astounding $487 billion on prescription drugs in 2024, with $98 billion coming out of the pockets of the American people. A course of treatment for some cancer drugs can literally cost several hundred thousand dollars. We are not only sicker than most other developed nations but we have a culture that promotes taking a drug for whatever ails you. We are one of only two developed nations that permit advertising of prescription drugs on TV and we

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Honorable Mention 1: Declaring mRNA Gene Therapies to be Vaccines

Honorable Mention 2: Allowing Criminal Corporations to Conduct their own Clinical Studies

Big Lie #1: Equating Antibody Production with Immunity to Disease

Equating antibody production with immunity to disease is one of the foundational lies of vaccinology. Vaccine manufacturers promote this false equivalence in their clinical trials and in the promotion of their products, both to regulators and to the public.

For example, following President Trump's public statement on September 1, 2025 that the manufacturers of the newest Covid-19 injections must reveal their data on the effectiveness of their shots to the public, Pfizer put out a press release on September 8. Pfizer's top-line claim about their latest Covid-19 shot read:

Phase 3 clinical trial cohort of adults 65+ and 18-64 with at least one underlying risk condition shows at least a 4-fold increase in LP.8.1-neutralizing antibody titers after receiving the LP.8.1-adapted COVID-19 vaccine 2025-2026 Formula.

This might sound impressive. After all, it is Pfizer's self-chosen headliner. It is promoted as confirmation that the shot "works," and placed on the top line of their press release.

What it actually says is that the shots caused the recipients to produce about 4 times as much of a particular antibody as before. That's it.

It does not, as Pfizer claims, "reinforce pre-clinical data that supported the recent US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approval of the LP.8.1-adapted Covid-19 vaccine, which demonstrated improved [sic] immune responses against multiple circulating SARS-CoV-2 sublineages."

It's just hype. It's like a greedy, overzealous sports agent declaring his 18-year-old pitching prospect to be a perennial Major League All-Star, simply because his young player can chuck the ball at 98 miles per hour.

The kid may have a strong arm. But if he can't throw a strike, he's useless.

Antibody production, robust or not, is no guarantee of actual, real-world immunity. Not at all. The assertion that if a vaccine invokes a strong antibody response, it will therefore protect you from catching, spreading, or getting sick from an illness is a faulty inference based on false premises.

There are two key reasons why equating antibody production to immunity from disease is a lie: Immune system function involves much more than antibody response. The antibody measured in clinical trials may be irrelevant and/or obsolete to the disease in question.

Immune System Function Involves Much More Than Antibody Response

The first false premise is that antibody production is effectively the sum total of immune system function. The corollary – also false – is that if you can demonstrate antibody production from a vaccine, you have demonstrated it provides immunity from disease. This is a deliberate mischaracterization of the immune system.

This false means of measuring so-called "immunogenicity" has been adopted throughout the vaccine industry because it provides a predictable and measurable surrogate for effective immune function. However, this surrogate is both inadequate and misleading.

The human immune system is highly complex, beyond the understanding of humanity as a whole, much less the likes of Anthony Fauci, Albert Bourla, or any other vaccine zealot you care to name. Antibodies are just one of the elements of the immune response to infection. An important one, but only one.

Textbooks commonly describe two main branches of the immune system: the branch that focuses on "humoral" (antibody-mediated) immunity, and the branch focusing on "cellular" (cell-mediated) immunity. It is often stated that humoral immunity focuses on infectious diseases, whereas cellular immunity focuses on eliminating cancers.

The truth, however, is that these two branches are closely interconnected in complex ways, and that cellular (or if you like, non-antibody mediated) immunity is also a vital part of the response to infectious disease. It is through cellular immunity that the immune system recognizes virally infected cells in the body and destroys these. With viral illnesses in particular, destroying infected cells – which function as virus factories – is absolutely central to immunity from the disease.

Measurement of one or two antibodies over the course of a few weeks or months during a clinical trial of a vaccine says essentially nothing about the effectiveness of the total immune response that the vaccine in question may produce.

Contrary to the repeated claims of Pfizer, Fauci, Rochelle Walensky, the legacy media, and Joe "winter of severe illness and death" Biden himself, the original Pfizer Covid shots did not prevent recipients from catching or spreading the virus. Those shots did produce a vigorous antibody response, but they did not keep us from getting sick. Not even close.

(Interestingly, in their recent Phase 3 study for their proposed mRNA-based influenza shot, Pfizer made a small nod to cellular immunity. However, the surrogate they chose to measure in a small group of patients, namely the amount of Interferon-gamma produced by T cells, is oversimplified and misleading – just like their antibody measurements.)

The Measured Antibodies May Be Irrelevant and/or Obsolete for the Actual Disease

The second false premise involved in equating antibody production to immunity from disease is assuming that the antibody being measured to demonstrate "immunogenicity" is the correct one to fight the actual, real-world disease. It doesn't matter how much antibody is produced if it's the wrong antibody. (Again, if a pitcher can't throw a strike, it doesn't matter how hard he can throw.)

As we have seen, antibodies alone are not enough to provide immunity from disease. But even if they were, the antibody or antibodies that that vaccine stimulates production of in your body have to match well with the intended part of the virus – the antigen – to have a beneficial effect.

This frequently doesn't happen for at least two reasons: because vaccine development methods are inexact to say the least, and because the antigens in the viruses themselves constantly evolve and change.

This huge problem is especially true – and easy to understand – when one considers respiratory viruses. Why do we "need" a new flu shot every year? Why on Earth have the "fully vaccinated" received up to seven or eight Covid-19 shots in less than five years?

If a virus mutates rapidly enough while the vaccine targeted against it is in development, the vaccine-induced antibodies, which are unavoidably designed for the "old" version of the virus, won't recognize the new, mutated version of the antigen to which they are supposed to attach. In other words, they won't "stick," and they cannot do their intended job.

Small, simple RNA-based respiratory viruses, like the one that causes Covid, influenza, and most common colds, mutate rapidly and constantly. When we hear about the latest "variant" of Covid, this refers to the most recent product of this continual evolutionary process.

When it comes to simple, rapidly mutating viruses like SARS-CoV-2 or influenza, vaccine developers are like a would-be fashionista who only shops at Filene's Basement. They are forever caught in a futile chase to keep up-to-date, although they only have access to last season's designs.

However, if manufacturers like Pfizer can market their products effectively enough, this fatal flaw becomes a feature, not a bug. Provided Pfizer can keep people convinced they need repeated boosters, seasonal vaccines represent an unbeatable business model – public health by subscription.

Regulators and Patients Beware

The focus on bogus surrogate measures of health instead of actual, meaningful clinical benefit is a cornerstone of Big Pharma's approach to getting drugs licensed and selling them to the public. With vaccines, it is much easier to show the presence of some pre-determined marker of effectiveness like "antibody production" than to demonstrate that the shot will actually keep you from getting sick or save your life.

Antibody production is not immunity to disease. The promotion of this false equivalency represents the first Big Lie of vaccinology. Given its long history of misuse within the industry, it should be rejected by regulators and patients alike as legitimate evidence of vaccine efficacy in the future.

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bullets. He has simply stated truths through TRUTH platforms to provide real news, while the radical left continues its barrage of lies. These are of journalists and news organizations with no integrity. Trump has been an advocate for our constitution and basic human rights throughout the world. He will continue to fight for peace.

The deep state operatives and radical left are desperate. They have resorted to backing socialism, illegal immigrants, sex trafficking, terrorists, protests, rioting, murder, and communism to initiate more division and wars. The war we are currently engaged in is not traditional. It is a modern-day version fraught by deceit, drones and an information-cyber type of warfare. These are the abominable whoremongers and warmongers threatening our safety and independence.

This holiday season let us pray for peace, prosperity and the pursuit of happiness. A famous songwriter once sang "war is over… if you want it." Let us pray for that simple message and celebrate Jesus Christ our Lord this Christmas Season. He is our Prince of Peace!

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are inundated by a "pull strategy" designed to get consumers to ask their medical providers for a drug by name. Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS), Bobby Kennedy, has expressed his desire to curtail this practice.

Pharmaceutical companies have been gouging Americans on drug pricing for years. They were allowed by Presidents and Congresses to peddle the notion that Americans were responsible for funding all drug research, resulting in Americans paying as much as 80% more than other developed nations for the same drug. Trump is ending this with a concrete example of the kind of thinking and bold leadership that are going to be required to change the current healthcare trajectory in a meaningful way. He put the drug companies on notice that he expects the American people to receive the lowest prices of any developed nation. He gave them a deadline and they are complying.

Corruption is a serious problem in the pharmaceutical industry with conflicts of interest between the regulators and the regulated. Secretary Kennedy and Food and Drug Administration Commissioner (FDA) Marty Makary have made eliminating conflicts a priority, while at the same time forming productive partnerships with the pharmaceutical companies to cut red tape and facilitate bringing promising new drugs to market quickly and safely.

The pharmaceutical industry is number 1 in amount spent on lobbying. They have been able to buy their way to outrageous profits at the expense of the American people. In 2024 the industry spent $385 million on lobbying. Pfizer, the largest company, had revenue of almost $64 billion, reported gross profits (revenue minus cost of goods sold) of nearly $46 billion and net income (profit after subtracting all expenses) of more than $8 billion. They paid their CEO almost $25 million.

Get Ready for the Political Antics

You now know more than most (including the politicians who bear responsibility for how we got here) about how our health care system works and why it isn't working for us, even though we've hardly scratched the surface. No American should lose their life or go bankrupt because quality health care was not accessible to them. Real solutions will not come easy. Our strong preference for capitalism, with competition and free markets, will have to be tempered by our inability to walk away from what they're selling if we don't like what they're charging. We must have health care. Our lives depend on it. Altruism died with the founding Sisters and corporate leaders will need strong incentives to do the right thing for the American people. The out-of-the-box thinking and bold leadership shown by Donald Trump and his team are cause for optimism. His use of tariffs brought the pharmaceutical companies to the table to reprice drugs and bring manufacturing home, and he's just getting started. In the meantime, you are now well armed to detect the unserious political antics that are about to come our way. Don't allow yourself to be deceived. Use what you know to keep your elected representatives in check. It's time to get serious.

Puzzle Answers

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A Refutation of Bill Jack and Kevin Swanson

"Jesus saith unto him, Then are the children free." Matthew 17:26b

By Riley J. Hood

On February 5th, 2025 Generations Radio, hosted by Bill Jack and Kevin Swanson did a show on tariffs. They normally promote a Biblical worldview. Yet, they did not handle this subject from a Biblical view, but from a libertarian point of view. Their program was complete with quotes from Milton Friedman, Ludwig Von Mises, the Cato Institute, David Stockman, and socialist examples that the Smoot Hawley Tariff caused the great depression as opposed to debt spending. They quoted the book of James about wars, and asserted that tariffs caused the Japanese to attack us at Pearl Harbor and caused the Confederates to fire on Ft. Sumpter, thus starting the Civil War. Kevin Swanson asserted that free trade and sports promote world peace, what Bible version are they reading?

The South was against tariffs, because they had a non-industrial economy based on slave-labor. Swanson and Jack promoted the idea that all taxes are bad, and to a certain extent that all taxes are the same. They promoted Germans and Japanese for quality excellence, yet both nations slap heavy tariffs on our products. They accused tariffs of corrupting our national character, citing easy divorce, abortion and sodomy, yet these maladies worsened after we were de-industrialized. They did say government should reduce all taxation, yet they act as if other nations weren't applying tariffs to America, until Trump came along. These men who are usually excellent Christian apologists, but on this topic; they are libertarian shills.

America has had her factories, jobs and now her oil and other natural resources sent to foreign countries who hate us. The biggest beneficiary of the "global economy" is the People's Republic of China, but there are other nations as well. Over the last 50 years we have had a libertarian "free trade" policy, which in reality is a "global" trade plan in which Congress has ceded authority to the United Nations, via GATT and NAFTA, etc. America has been reduced to exporting garbage, our national debt, our principal sins, and not much else. Our middle-class has sunk into poverty. These are intended consequences.

Our founding fathers, especially Alexander Hamilton envisioned a manufacturing and industrial nation. The view of "Jeffersonian agrarianism," was a minority view, and even Thomas Jefferson would have rejected the economic suicide of our nation. Our founders knew their Bibles, and they knew their history.

"And when they were come unto Capernaum, they that received tribute money came unto Peter, and said, Doth not your master pay tribute. He saith, yes. And when he was come into the house, Jesus prevented him, saying, what thinkest thou, Simon? Of whom do the kings of the earth take tribute? Of their own children, or of strangers? Peter saith unto him, Of strangers. Jesus saith unto him, Then the children are free." Matthew 17:24-26 Jesus Christ, in his own words affirmed the tariff, yet libertarians think they are smarter than God. Kevin Swanson and Bill Jack tried to fudge on this verse, asserting that foreign products are the same as, "sojourners in the land." What rubbish. We read in the Old Testament about Israel receiving tribute from foreigners, and also a tax revolt against Rehoboam, when direct taxation was introduced. A tariff or even a sales tax, is indirect taxation on your spending habits. Income Tax, Property Tax, and fees on utility bills are direct taxes on your existence, yet libertarians and Democrats and Bill Jack and Kevin Swanson are silent about that. All taxes are not the same. If you hate tariffs, you hate the US Constitution, you hate your country, and you hate God.

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Alabama, Arizona, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Nebraska, the Dakotas, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, West Virginia, Arkansas and others) along with two individual plaintiffs who filed suit and challenged the constitutionality of the ACA's individual-mandate provision, which requires individuals to maintain minimum essential health insurance coverage under 26 U.S.C. § 5000A(a). The challenge arose after Congress, via the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017, reduced the penalty for failing to obtain coverage to zero. The plaintiffs argued that, with no tax penalty, the mandate could no longer be justified under Congress's taxing power, and thus the mandate was unconstitutional; they further argued that the mandate was inseverable from the remainder of the ACA such that the entire law should fall.

The Fifth Circuit concluded that, with the tax penalty reduced to zero, the individual mandate could no longer be sustained under Congress's taxing power, and that neither the Commerce Clause nor the Necessary and Proper Clause provided a constitutional basis for the mandate. The Fifth Circuit declined definitively to strike down the entire ACA, remanding it to the district court for a more granular analysis identifying which provisions (if any) could remain in force after invalidating the mandate. Thus, Texas v. United States invalidated the individual mandate but left open the question of whether the rest of the ACA survives. The remedy was remanded for further judicial work rather than immediate invalidation of the entire law.

The law now sits in a strange constitutional limbo. Its supporters insist that the mandate is irrelevant, and that the ACA is fully severable. Yet that contradicts the arguments made by the government who sold, enacted, and defended the ACA as an integrated package. Strip out the mandate, and the architecture collapses into a patchwork of conflicting subsidies, distorted risk pools, and regulatory mandates that generate instability rather than stability. As courts revisit these issues, the possibility that key portions of the law may once again be under constitutional scrutiny is growing.

Another central structural flaw in the Affordable Care Act is its command that insurers cover pre-existing conditions at standard rates and without meaningful underwriting. A first grader could see that made no sense. The political rhetoric portrayed this as simple fairness, but in any functioning insurance system it is economically irrational to require an insurer to insure a loss after it has already occurred. Insurance is the pooling of uncertain risk, not the financing of known, existing liabilities. Forcing insurers to ignore that distinction turns the very concept of insurance on its head. It is no different from calling your homeowner's carrier while your house is already on fire and demanding a new policy at the same premium your neighbor pays, then insisting the insurer immediately fund the rebuilding. No insurance market can remain stable under rules that convert uncertain future risks into guaranteed present costs. By compelling insurers to treat existing losses as insurable events, the ACA erased the boundary between insurance and subsidized care, guaranteeing premium inflation, risk-pool deterioration, and market distortion on a nationwide scale.

The broader philosophical point here is that nothing is free. *continued on page 22*

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Trump's Treasury Department would likely send the bill to the Judgment Fund. In direct terms, Congress has already agreed to pay any and all judgments against the U.S. Therefore, the taxpayer would get hit with the second bill in the form of higher taxes or an increase in the national debt.

Trump's tariffs have been a source of pride, with daily boasts about the substantial money they raise. The current figure stands at $175 billion through September, with a monthly collection of $31 billion. The amounts collected could exceed a trillion dollars during his term. However, the more pressing concern is the financial burden if the U.S. Supreme Court upholds the lower courts' decisions, finding the tariffs illegal or unconstitutional. The question then becomes, how will the money collected be repaid?

Has the President kept the money in a lockbox pending a court decision? Doubtful! If not, where will a financially strained federal government find an extra several hundred billion. It will be the taxpayer, they always pay for the government's mismanagement.

The federal government is currently grappling with a monthly deficit of $145 billion, with annual interest payments on its national debt expected to reach nearly $1 trillion in 2025. This deficit necessitates borrowing to cover bills that federal revenues cannot meet. If the federal government is ordered to return the funds collected from the tariffs, it will further exacerbate the deficit, provided the debt ceiling allows it. Or the President could attempt to repurpose other funds, if it can comply with the Impoundment Control Act. The fundamental hurdle is Article I, Section 9 of the Constitution, which bars the President from spending money that Congress has not appropriated.

Any repayment resulting from a court order is paid by the agency collecting the funds if it has the resources to repay them. That process is workable for small judgments. In this instance, the Executive Branch does not have the money. So, in its cavalier manner, it will send the bill to Congress. Congress pays the bill by automatically appropriating money that it obtains through taxation or by imposing more debt on our children. Congress, for decades, has paid for the mistakes of the Executive Branch through the Judgment Fund.

The Judgement Fund.

The Judgment Fund, 31 U.S.C. sec. 1301, is often referred to as the "mother of all slush funds." It is a permanent, indefinite, and unlimited congressional appropriation that is continuously available to pay money judgments entered against the United States, as well as settlements for cases that are either in litigation or likely to be in litigation. The U.S. Congress has established the fund to cover **"whatever amount is necessary"** to pay for qualifying judgments and settlements. It established this fund so it would not have to concern itself with the tedious paperwork of paying the nation's bills, even big bills.

Because it is a permanent, unlimited, and indefinite appropriation, the specifics of the amounts being allocated are not debated in Congress. The Department of the Treasury pays these claims as soon as the necessary paperwork is received. Notably, in 2016, President Obama used the fund to deliver $1.7 billion in cash to Iran, the return of $400 million in Iranian assets, and $1.3 billion in interest on those funds.

Over the years, the Judgment Fund has been used to pay for thousands of claims arising from the federal government's illegal or negligent conduct. Among them were a $1.25 billion discrimination settlement with Black farmers and a $760 million settlement with Native American farmers and ranchers who alleged lending discrimination.

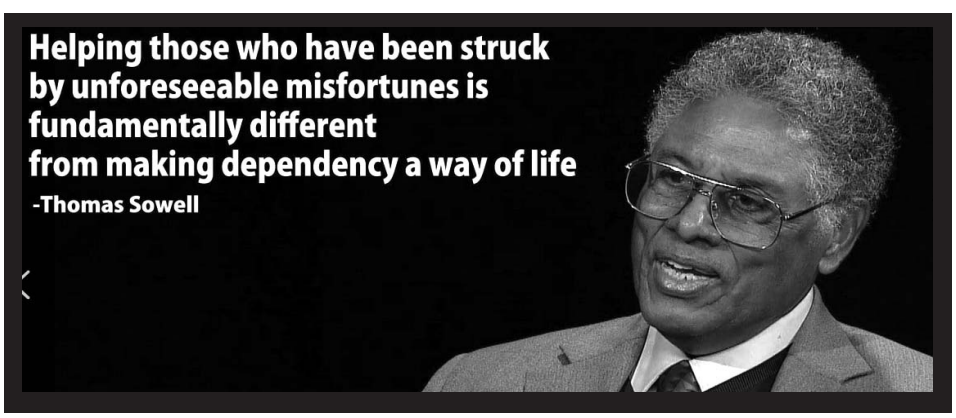
The bizarre aspect of the fund is that it is not publicly accessible, and there is no comprehensive ledger. Moreover, because many records are heavily redacted under the guise of privacy, the public has no clear picture of how much money has been paid out, or to whom. Until 2018, the Judgment Fund even paid harassment settlements for members of Congress, shielding them from personal financial responsibility for their actions.

Now the President will ask Congress to pay the "Mother of all Judgments."

The 'mother of all potential judgment' cases, S.O.V. Solutions v. Trump, was argued in the Supreme Court on November 5, 2025. This case challenges the legality of the President's 'Liberation Day' tariffs, which were imposed on nearly every nation. The lower courts held that the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA) does not authorize the President to impose tariffs, as tariffs are a form of taxation. The IEEPA permits the President only to 'regulate' imports during national emergencies—a term legally distinct from 'tariff,' 'duty,' or 'tax.' The power to tax belongs exclusively to Congress, which may delegate such power only if it clearly defines its scope and provides guiding principles for its use. In this case, Congress provided no such guidance, making any delegation of tariff authority constitutionally suspect.

The court will also examine the imposition of the tariffs under its Major Questions Doctrine, which holds that if Congress intends to delegate authority to the President to make decisions concerning matters of "vast economic and political significance," it must provide explicit congressional authorization.

The potential political implications of this case are significant, as they concern the balance of power between the President and Congress. The financial implications are monumental. The federal government will have to return hundreds of billions of dollars. But it is how the money is returned if *continued on page 23*



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Sound Money on Main Street:

Alpine Gold, The UPMA, Goldbacks, and the Partner Engine

By Alpine Gold Exchange

Get ready…sound money is coming to your corner of Wisconsin, and it's bringing real gold, real people, and real conversations. Alpine Gold Exchange and the United Precious Metals Association (UPMA) have built a grassroots engine of local Authorized Partners who turn the idea of "sound money" into something you can hold, spend, and trust.

The Partner Engine: Local People, National Muscle

Think of Alpine Gold and UPMA as the headquarters and the Authorized Partners as the neighborhood captains. These trained partners bring education, merchant onboarding, and hands-on support to Main Street. They don't wait for Wall Street or politicians to fix the money system…they show up at coin shows, seminars, and storefronts to help people protect wealth with gold, silver, and Goldbacks.

Partners are rewarded for growing the network—UPMA compensation plus new members and merchants—so there's a built-in incentive to keep the movement active and local. That means steady, sustainable growth instead of one-off hype.

What Partners Actually Do (Spoiler: It's Practical)

Staff coin shows and community tables so you can ask questions face to face.

Host seminars that turn abstract economics into everyday action.

Guide merchants through sign-up so businesses can accept Goldbacks and list in the Precious Metals Directory.

Offer one-on-one help with membership, merchant links, and vaulting options.

Translation: education becomes action. Businesses learn to accept precious metals; citizens learn how fractional gold works at the register; communities gain a tangible alternative to fragile fiat systems. This is grassroots conservatism…empowering individuals and local businesses to secure wealth outside unstable financial channels.

Real Options for Real People

This movement hands you practical choices that actually work. Goldbacks are the physical payment option…fractional, tangible pieces of gold you can hand over at the register, making gold useful in everyday life instead of locked away on a shelf. UPMA complements that with a digital layer: a payments and storage system backed by real, vaulted metals, so you can pay or hold value electronically while knowing actual gold and silver are sitting in secure storage. Put together, these tools let communities blend the tactile confidence of cash-in-hand gold with the speed and convenience of digital payments and custody.

Meet the Movement in Wisconsin — Mark Your Calendar!

Feb 15, 2026
Wisconsin Coin Expos LLC 43rd Coin Show

Time: 9:00 AM start; Admission: Free.

Location: Oshkosh Convention Center, 2 North Main Street, Oshkosh, WI 54901.

Who to meet: Wisconsin Authorized Partner Chris Biga will be at his table.

March 28, 2026 — Sound Money Community Connect (Wisconsin's first Alpine/UPMA/Goldback seminar)

Time: 1:30–2:30 PM; Admission: Free; anyone welcome.

Location: Ramada by Wyndham Waupaca, 110 Grand Seasons Dr, Waupaca, WI 54981.

Why go: Wisconsin's first dedicated Alpine/UPMA/Goldback seminar…members, merchants, and newcomers come together to adopt sound money.

March 29, 2026 — Fox Valley Coin Show

Time: 9:00 AM start; Admission: Free.

Location: Hilton — Paper Valley Hotel, 333 W College Ave, Appleton, WI 54911.

Who to meet: Wisconsin Authorized Partner Chris Biga and Alpine Gold Exchange Midwest Area Manager Bryan Jurries will be on site to speak, answer questions, and sell Goldbacks.

Come for the Gold, Stay for the Community

These aren't just vendor tables—they're community organizing for monetary resilience. Show up, bring curiosity, and walk away with practical tools: merchant connections, membership options, and Goldbacks you can use today. Expect friendly faces, straight talk about money, and a movement that's as practical as it is principled.







One Nation Under God

The Fake Midwife from Texas

"There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." Proverbs 14:12

By Riley J. Hood

Marjorie Dannenfelser sent me an email, "Abortion drugs are TOTALLY out of control! First, the FDA rushed out a new generic version of the abortion pill mifepristone – making it easier than ever for bad actors to buy and sell these deadly drugs. Now, in Texas, a midwife and her network of phony "doctors" were just charged with allegedly running an illegal abortion ring using these drugs! We are leading the nationwide fight to: Hold the FDA accountable, Shut down the abortion lobby's reckless pill push, and Alert moms to the truth about how dangerous these pills are! Women are being lied to, exploited, and harmed – and innocent babies are dying – because the Biden Administration and its allies at the FDA turned abortion in a mail-order business." I must say, the generic mifepristone was recently approved in the current Trump administration.

The Texas midwife charged in connection with illegal abortions is Maria Margarita Rojas. Rojas was arrested in March 2025 and charged with the illegal performance of an abortion, a second-degree felony, as well as practicing medicine without a license, a third-degree felony. Authorities allege she operated a network of clinics in the Houston area where illegal abortions were performed. (She should be charged with multiple counts of first-degree murder.)

Her case is believed to be one of the first criminal prosecutions under Texas's abortion ban, which has loopholes to save the life of "the pregnant person." In normal terms, the pregnant woman. In October, eight more people connected to Rojas's clinics were arrested and indicted on charges of practicing medicine without a license. Rojas's attorneys have denied the allegations, describing her practice as an above-board, telemedicine-based service that offered maternal health care to a primarily low-income, Spanish-speaking community. The legal proceedings in the case are ongoing.

It is true that Obama started this, and Biden made it worse, but Trump has been in the White House for a year. He must stop this. That and the pro-life movement must be willing to call these abortion pills "poisons" that murder babies, as opposed to trying to regulate them as drugs that heal. Now one could say that it would be great if there was a more explicitly Christian group taking this on, but SBA/Prolife America is on the ground in DC, they lobby on Capitol Hill when most pro-life groups are not or can't, so my goal is to persuade them to be more principled in their efforts.





Fr. Altman: The PLOT to REPLACE the Catholic Church

By John Henry Westen

Fr. James Altman joins John-Henry Westen to expose what he calls a deliberate campaign to weaken Catholic truth from within. He describes his "exile" as a warning to other priests, enforced through silence and fear, and explains how his new books aim to fortify faithful Catholics with Scripture and timeless doctrine. The conversation also addresses the Vatican's rejection of Marian titles like Co-Redemptrix, liberal bishops prioritizing illegal immigration over reverent liturgy, and attempts to form a "one-world religion." Altman blasts these moves as spiritual sabotage, "rat poison" meant to erode doctrine subtly over time.

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Obamacare attempted to create the illusion of free or cheap care by redistributing costs, rebranding a mandate as a "tax", and imposing mandates and subsidizing premiums. But the underlying economic reality cannot be legislated away. Every dollar of subsidy must be collected through taxation or borrowed at the expense of future generations. Every mandate imposes costs on insurers, employers, or providers that are ultimately passed through to consumers. Every federal requirement that insurers cover services irrespective of cost removes an incentive to innovate, economize, or compete. The ACA did not solve the cost problem; it hid it. Now the bill for that illusion is coming due.

There is a path forward, but it requires reversing the very policies that created the crisis. A functional insurance system must include consumer price visibility, genuine competition among insurers and providers, and the freedom to choose coverage that meets the consumer's needs rather than the government's template. It must align incentives so that patients care about price, providers care about value, and insurers compete for business instead of lobbying for subsidies. It must encourage, rather than prohibit, alternative models such as direct primary care, expanded health savings accounts, and catastrophic-only plans that protect families from financial ruin without burying them under routine medical expenses disguised as insurance.

The greatest mistake of Obamacare was believing that a centralized bureaucracy could engineer a market as complex and dynamic as health care. The law's architects, as they always do, believed that they knew better and that they could dictate what insurance should look like, who should buy it, how much it should cost, and how risk should be allocated. The result was predicted: exploding costs, shrinking choices, institutionalized fraud, and a system more vulnerable to constitutional challenge today than at any time since the law's passage.

The health care market was not perfect before Obamacare, but it was not irreparably broken. The ACA took a system suffering from chronic regulatory burdens and injected it with an even more aggressive form of political and economic centralization. The result is a market in which prices rise faster, coverage delivers less, fraud proliferates, and consumers are left with policies they cannot use to obtain the care they were promised.

Obamacare was not a fix; it was a catalyst. It took the problems critics warned about for decades and accelerated them. And now, as the country confronts the consequences, the lesson is unmistakable: nothing is free, government interventions always have unintended consequences, and markets function best when consumers—not Washington—direct the allocation of resources. The disaster of Obamacare reminds us all of Ronald Reagan's infamous warning: "The nine most terrifying words in the English language are: I'm from the government, and I'm here to help."

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past few years, the US Supreme Court has significantly curtailed the powers of federal agencies. In West Virginia v. EPA (2022), it held that, in the absence of clear legislative authority, government agencies cannot unilaterally issue regulations that have "major" economic or political significance.

Loper Bright Enterprises v. Raimondo (2023) reversed the "Chevron deference" rule. Silent or ambiguous statutory texts no longer give administrative agencies unfettered power to interpret laws in ways that let them increase control over people's lives and livelihoods.

Cities, counties and states certainly should not have greater power than federal agencies – or be able to employ common law rulings – to control America's fossil fuel production, use and products, in a futile attempt to control Earth's perpetually changing climate. Especially when the vast majority of global greenhouse gas emissions now come from China, India, Russia and other countries.

The climate litigation charade must end.

Let's hope the Supreme Court agrees that Boulder's lawsuit is an excellent opportunity to terminate frivolous climate lawfare, expand on the guidance it provided in these two previous cases – and end attempts by climate activists to impose destructive national policies through local and state courts.

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VOICE OF JERUSALEM

Anti-Semitism Today

By Dr. Ivan Lang

(The following article was written in 2024, but antisemitism has only gotten worse as 15 Jews attending a Chanukah celebration were gunned down by Islamofacists in Australia on December 14, 2025. Ivan M. Lang)

The year 2024 was marked by an unprecedented rise in global antisemitism, with the Antisemitism Research Center (ARC) by the Combat Antisemitism Movement (CAM) documenting a total of 6,326 incidents. This represents a staggering 107.7% increase from 2023, which had already witnessed a record-breaking 58.6% rise over 2022. We are now facing the most severe wave of antisemitism since the end of the Second World War, a phenomenon that demands urgent global attention. Jewish communities worldwide have been subjected to an unrelenting onslaught of violence, harassment, and systemic discrimination, fueled by a fusion of far-left, far right, and Islamist extremism. The international failure to combat this resurgence threatens the very security and stability of Jewish life around the world. This report provides an in-depth analysis of the ARC's 2024 data, identifying key ideological motivations, regional trends, and policy recommendations to address the crisis.

In 2024, the most prominent characteristic of antisemitic incidents was the overwhelming dominance of far-left ideology. This marks a decisive shift from 2023, when antisemitic incidents from far-left and far-right sources were roughly at parity. The data reveals: Far-left incidents surged by 324.8% compared to 2023, rendering the far-left the dominant ideological camp of antisemitic incidents. Radicalized social movements, media disinformation campaigns, and efforts to target Jewish communities under the guise of anti-Israel activism have primarily fueled this increase. 68.4% of incidents recorded in 2024 (4,329 of 6,326) were linked to far-left ideology. Far-right incidents dropped by 54.8% from 2023, suggesting that while the extreme right remains a threat, it has been eclipsed by the radicalization of leftist movements. Another possible explanation for this development is that amid widespread and intensive media coverage of the Israel-Hamas war and related protests, political activity, and antisemitism - typical of far-left and Islamist circles - relatively less coverage is dedicated to far-right antisemitic incidents.

Islamist-motivated incidents increased by 44.3% from 2023, underscoring the dangerous convergence of far-left antisemitism and militant Islamist propaganda. This rise can be traced to coordinated propaganda networks, extremist religious teachings, and recruitment efforts targeting vulnerable individuals susceptible to radicalization. A lawsuit filed in the United States in March 2025 against activists at Columbia University has alleged coordination between student activists and Hamas since October 2023. Furthermore, ISGAP research highlighted the role Qatari donations have played in fostering anti-Israel, anti-Western, antisemitic propaganda. 13% of incidents recorded in 2024 (824 of 6,326) were linked to Islamist ideology. Incidents not easily attributable to a particular ideology rose by 63.7%, indicating a broader societal normalization of antisemitic rhetoric and behavior. The growing pervasiveness of Jew-hatred within mainstream political discourse, social media, and even cultural spaces demonstrates the urgency of combating antisemitism at all levels of society. 11.3% of incidents recorded in 2024 (712 of 6,326) were not easily attributable to a particular ideology

The left-wing antisemitic movement has evolved into a global force, leveraging anti colonial narratives, certain critical theories, and anti-Zionist propaganda to fuel hostility toward the Jewish state and Jewish communities worldwide. 96.4% (4,174 of 4,329) of left-wing incidents recorded in 2024 manifested as Israel-related and/or anti-Zionist antisemitism, underscoring a significant overlap. Grassroots activism, disinformation campaigns in digital spaces, and the normalization of antisemitic rhetoric have fueled this trend within progressive circles. Key indicators of far-left antisemitic incidents in 2024 include: Explicit Indicators: Demonstrations featuring Communist flags, banners from organizations such as the Party for Socialism and Liberation in the United States and communist parties elsewhere in the world, and calls for the destruction of Israel under the guise of Palestinian "liberation." Implicit Indicators: Use of terms common among, but not exclusive to, far-left circles such as "settler-colonialism," "Israeli apartheid," and "genocide" to delegitimize Jewish statehood and self-determination. Context-Dependent Indicators: Contextual factors such as location can provide insight into the ideological roots of an antisemitic incident. For example, university movements masquerading as anti-Israel activism but propagating antisemitic tropes, often resulting in violence and intimidation of Jewish students and faculty, are likely to be motivated by far-left ideology.

The growth of pro-BDS (Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions) movements encouraging economic and cultural isolation of Israel have further institutionalized antisemitic policies across major academic institutions. A prominent example occurred in Norway, where five universities acceded to the demands of the BDS movement and cut ties with Israeli institutions. Another instance of BDS-related discrimination occurred in Spain, where Conferencia de Rectores de las Universidades Españolas (CRUE), an organization representing 76 Spanish universities, agreed to suspend collaboration with Israeli universities, research centers, and individual researchers. The vast majority of incidents recorded in 2024 predominantly involved hate speech, as opposed to physical violence and threats or vandalism. Due to the risk of graver legal penalties, those who commit antisemitic acts may be less inclined to engage in violence or property destruction, particularly in Western democracies that afford their inhabitants relatively high degrees of freedom of speech and expression. Indeed, 74.3% (1,898 of 2,553) of incidents recorded in the United States - nearly three in four - involved hate speech. In Western Europe, 81.2% (1,555 of 1,916) of incidents recorded involved hate speech. 77.6% of the incidents recorded in 2024 (4,907 of 6,326) manifested primarily as hate speech. 13% (822 of 6,326) manifested primarily as vandalism. 9.4% (597 of 6,326) manifested primarily as physical violence or threats

The "CHAI" System In 2024, the ARC introduced a system for categorizing incidents of antisemitism called the "CHAI" system, indicating the following categories: Classical Incidents rooted in far-right, Nazi or Neo-Nazi, white supremacist, or classical Christian theological antisemitic tropes. This includes Medieval antisemitic accusations (e.g., well poisoning, transmitting disease) and conspiracy theories stemming from the fictitious Protocols of the Elders of Zion. Holocaust trivialization/denial/distortion Hardcore or softcore Holocaust denial (e.g., "The Holocaust didn't happen" vs. "The Holocaust occurred, but fewer than 6 million Jews were killed"), trivializing the Holocaust (e.g., "the Holocaust is only discussed because it happened to white people"), or distorting the historical facts of the Holocaust, implicitly or explicitly, by drawing specious comparisons (e.g., "Israel is Nazi Germany"). Anti-Zionist/Israel-Related Antisemitism Rhetoric or actions that engage in demonization, double-standards, and/or delegitimization against Israel, or accuse Israel of being inherently racist, committing genocide, or maintaining apartheid. Islamist Incidents rooted in radical Islamist tropes or explicit support for radical Islamist organizations (e.g., Hamas, Hezbollah, Houthis). Unattributable also included the goal of the system is to capture the rhetorical manifestation of an antisemitic incident independent of the perpetrator's chief ideological motivation. (For example, a far-left group expressing support for Hamas would be logged as a far-left incident manifesting as Islamist rhetoric.)

Perhaps nowhere has the radicalization of antisemitism been more evident than on college campuses, where Jewish students now face exorbitant levels of hostility. Universities, traditionally centers for free thought and open discourse, have become incubators of antisemitic extremism due to unchecked radical activism and administrative inaction. Politicized courses and the promulgation of far-left academic theories that paint Israel as a "settler-colonial," artificial country and its Jewish inhabitants as "settlers" fuel antisemitic activism among student bodies. 1,069 incidents of antisemitism were recorded on university campuses worldwide, representing an existential crisis for Jewish academic life. Jewish students have reported threats, vandalism, exclusion from student organizations, and even physical assaults due to their religious and cultural identity. The most intense surge in campus antisemitism occurred between mid-April and mid-May, coinciding with the rise of anti-Israel encampments on over 150 campuses.

Many of these encampments functioned as hubs for antisemitic rhetoric, harassment campaigns, and direct incitement of violence against Jewish students. The United States was particularly affected, where campus incidents skyrocketed by 120.8% compared to 2023 and by 198% compared to 2022. This rise has been exacerbated by lax university policies, faculty complicity, and the failure of academic institutions to enforce consequences for antisemitic behavior. Radical student organizations like Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP), Faculty for Justice in Palestine (FJP), and Jewish Voice for Peace (JVP) largely orchestrated these incidents, often with administrative indifference or outright complicity. These groups have systematically targeted Jewish students through social exclusion, harassment campaigns, and the dissemination of antisemitic propaganda disguised as political discourse

Collectively, they accounted for 1,441 of 2,553 (56.4%) of U.S. incidents recorded in 2024. Importantly, these states are home to populous cities (New York City, Los Angeles, Chicago, Philadelphia) with universities with notable antisemitism problems (Columbia University, UCLA, University of Pennsylvania). Washington, D.C., by contrast, has a smaller population but is a hub of political activity likely to disproportionately attract antisemitic agitation related to the Israel-Hamas war. The city is also home to several universities (George Washington University, Georgetown University, American University) that are similarly afflicted with antisemitic activism. Final Warning: A Critical Moment in History The rise of antisemitism in 2024 is not a historical aberration - it is a defining moment in modern history. If the world fails to act now, we risk entering a new dark era in which antisemitism is not only tolerated but condoned, allowed to fester and become institutionalized. Such a process creates a downward spiral, as hate begets hate, and calls for the extermination of the Jewish state can quickly transform into actions designed to harm and to kill Jews. We must act decisively, forcefully, and without hesitation. The Jewish people have endured persecution for centuries - but they will not stand alone. The time for action is now.

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the tariff collecting agency does not have the money.

Must the Congress pay?

Federal courts can issue judgments against the government; however, they cannot compel Congress to pay those judgments. The principle of separation of powers prevents the judicial Branch from directly forcing Congress to appropriate funds. While the Executive Branch can submit judgments against it to Congress for payment under the Judgment Fund, it cannot compel Congress to appropriate more money, unless Congress honors the Judgment Fund Act and finds more money.

What are the potential consequences of leaving these judgments unpaid?

If Congress pays, it directly adds hundreds of billions in debt to taxpayers to cover the costs associated with a president's tariffs. If Congress refuses to pay, it leaves importers with an uncollectible judgment against a country whose bond ratings have been downgraded several times this year. The most troubling aspect of the Judgment Fund is that it protects government officials from accountability, while shifting all costs to the taxpayer.

More troubling is that the Judgment Fund obscures the full cost of government's decisions.

Unless Congress restructures the operation of the Judgment Fund to demand transparency and accountability, taxpayers will continue to bear the financial burden of the government's mismanagement.

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A review of scientific studies showed HRT is safe for most women, especially when used before age 60 or within 10 years of menopause onset. It is important to understand the difference between HRT and bioidentical hormone therapy (BHRT).

BHRT is derived from natural plant sources, which are chemically identical to human hormones. Treatment is tailored to individual needs and may provide relief from menopause symptoms. BHRT may be regarded as equally safe and effective as synthetic HRT options. For hormone therapy, it is important to begin at the right time, use the lowest effective dose, and administer via the least invasive method, such as a skin patch or vaginal preparation.

Many researchers and integrative practitioners emphasize that bioidentical hormone replacement (BHRT) should be viewed not only as a treatment for hormone imbalance, but also as a form of preventive medicine. "Evidence suggests that BHRT may reduce the risk of conditions such as osteoporosis, recurrent urinary tract infections, cardiovascular disease, brain atrophy, and more," explains Susan Rohr, founder of Brookfield Health & Wellness, a holistic wellness center in the Milwaukee area.

Hormone levels greatly decrease during perimenopause and even more after menopause. Menopause should not be considered a life event, but rather a period when the body lacks essential components for optimal health.

Additionally, over time, cumulative exposure to environmental toxins occurs while the metabolic processes for detoxification become less effective. Women are vulnerable to toxic substances regarded as endocrine disruptors derived from plastic personal care items, food packaging, cosmetics, and chemical compounds in drinking water.

Nevertheless, it's essential that treatment planning considers nutritional deficiencies, toxic exposures, and cellular voltage. These three considerations are non-negotiable for overall health, especially for hormonal balance.

BHRT as Preventative Medicine

Hormones are required for most biological processes, and when in balance, can prevent problems such as brain fog, cognitive decline, heart disease, diabetes, mood changes, weight gain, clitoral and vaginal atrophy, hot flashes or night sweats, and osteoporosis.

For example, in the U.S., over 8 million women suffer from osteoporosis. The correct diet, paired with strength training, is most important for avoiding bone density decline. Also, research shows BHRT may prevent the risk of fractures.

An integrative practitioner will order lab tests and consider individual circumstances before recommending treatments. It is possible to take BHRT for life, though it's important to discuss the risks and benefits.

Light and Sound Frequency for Female Vitality

When BHRT is not appropriate, there are non-invasive treatments to try, such as photobiomodulation (light) and sonic frequency (sound vibration) therapy.

ARRC LED photobiomodulation chamber therapy combines medical-grade LED light to trigger beneficial biological processes. Red and other light protocols, integrated with frequency, help to reduce inflammation, stimulate cellular regeneration, repair imbalances, and enhance female vitality.

Perfectly dosed for time and wavelength, ARRC therapy lasts 30 minutes for specific light and frequency exposure. "Photobiomodulation has been shown to slow aging processes, activate ATP, increase metabolism, and reverse mitochondrial dysfunction", Rohr explains. "Other benefits include improvements in cognition, healing, physical performance, collagen production, skin tone, and female vitality."

"VibraGenix is a treatment modality that provides gentle sonic wave vibration therapy to increase cellular voltage, induce detoxification, increase bone density, boost metabolic function, increase vitality, and more," describes Rohr. This treatment involves standing on a platform in stocking feet and wearing earphones while receiving gentle sound waves. "Each 20-minute treatment is specific to an individual's condition(s). Benefits may include pain reduction, improved clarity, and increased energy."

If you are exploring options for feeling better than "fine", check that your condition is truly related to hormone deficiencies. BHRT may be safe for many and only pose a risk for some. It's time to start asking questions about bioidentical hormones and noninvasive treatments for female vitality!

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