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



Finally Polar Bears Go Extinct—As an Icon of Climate Change-driven Extinction!

By E. Calvin Beisner

You've seen the claims all over the place. "Polar bears are going extinct because manmade global warming robs them of the sea-ice habitat they depend on to hunt for food!" Or some such verbiage.

Well, it's about time the crybabies on the radical Green Left abandoned that charge.

As Dr. Jay Lehr points out in "Polar bears: The end of a climate delusion icon," there never was any empirical basis for the claim. It rested on computer models alone—models that assumed counterfactual circumstances to generate bogus results.

The empirical evidence—the hallmark of

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Fight fires with facts – not fake science

Eliminate fuel, prevent ignition, stop arson, end irresponsible land management policies



Paul Driessen



Duggan Flanakin

By Paul Driessen & Duggan Flanakin

"We are all born ignorant," Benjamin Franklin once said, "but one must work very hard to remain stupid."

Greens are incensed over suggestions that anything

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Peaceful Protestors Arrested For Praying Outside Of Pelosi's Office

By mommyunderground.com

A group of pro-life activists found out just how unwilling Pelosi's office was to hear any dissent against abortion legislation.

These pro-lifers arranged a sit-in which started in Pelosi's office and then moved into the hallway.

But instead of being allowed to voice their opinions, they were met with backlash, some even being arrested.

After respectfully speaking out for those who can't speak for themselves, the group left the office and remained in the hallway.

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Another Solar Debacle

Another Obama solar initiative bites the dust, but not until after stealing millions from individuals, companies and the US government.

This solar project turned into the largest Ponzi scheme in Eastern California history.

It was reported this week that the owners of a massive solar company turned ponzi scheme were indicted this week in Eastern California. According to the DOJ in Eastern California:

The owners of DC Solar, a Benicia-based company, pleaded guilty today to charges related to a billion dollar Ponzi scheme— the biggest criminal

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How Do Civil Wars Happen

By Daniel Greenfield

Two or more sides disagree on who runs the country. And they can't settle the question through elections because they don't even agree that elections are how you decide who's in charge. That's the basic issue here. Who decides who runs the country? When you hate each other but accept the election results, you have a country. When you stop accepting election results, you have a countdown to a civil war. The Mueller investigation is about removing President Trump from office and overturning the results of an election. We all know that. But it's not the first time they've done this. The first time a Republican president was elected this century, they said he didn't really win. The Supreme Court gave him the election. There's a pattern here.

What do sure odds of the Democrats rejecting the next Republican president really mean? It means they don't accept the results of any election that they don't win. It means they don't believe that transfers of power in this country are determined by elections. That's a civil war.

There's no shooting. At least not unless you count the attempt to kill a bunch of Republicans at a charity baseball game practice. But the Democrats have rejected our system of government.

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A Modest Proposal to Restrain Congress from Giving Away the Store



By William L. Kovacs

Just a few days before Christmas, Congress, in its 2020 fiscal year appropriations, resurrected from the grave, billions of dollars in expired tax extenders and spread the benefits to distilleries, race-horse and Nascar owners, short-line railroad, biodiesel blenders and other favored industries. Being Christmas, it even applied the tax credits retroactively.

Should Congress consistently give billions of our hard-earned dollars to private entities?

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Trump right to contest prophets of environmental doom



Dr. Jay Lehr



Tom Harris

By Dr. Jay Lehr & Tom Harris

Speaking at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland on Tuesday, U.S. President Donald Trump called for a rejection of "predictions of the apocalypse." Completely at odds with the warning by 17-year-old Swedish climate activist Greta Thunberg at the same meeting that the world "is currently on fire," Trump told the

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Happy 90th Birthday Buzz Aldrin



By Larry Bell

Yesterday was Buzz Aldrin's birthday.

In the great unlikelihood that you don't know who he is, many people globally know of him as the second human to walk on the Moon during the historic Apollo 11 mission in 1969 with companion Neil Armstrong.

I much prefer to regard Buzz as one of the first two people to land and walk together on the Moon. My life has been enriched by opportunities to know both of them.

As a close personal and

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Steve's Say . . . A Celebration Of Courage And Brilliance

By Steve Welcenbach

Eight years ago on March 1st, the Deep State snuffed out the life of the greatest journalist of truth ever to explore the face of the Earth.

Andrew Breitbart showed fearlessness never seen before on the conservative side of the political spectrum. "Walk toward the Fire," became the foundation of his philosophy. His work he accomplished in the short time he took to exposing the frauds of the Left stands in infamy. No one since compares, though I'm certain Andrew would be plenty proud of James O'Keefe's undercover missions along with Sarah Carter's and Gregg Jarrett's efforts in exposing the Deep State coup against President Trump.

Many of us privileged center-right activists met Andrew and heard him speak at the Defending the American Dream summit in Washington DC in November 2011. Continually engulfed in a crowd of activists hungering for bits of wisdom and enlightenment wherever he went, Andrew's graciousness and free giving of this time and knowledge demonstrated his commitment to spreading the truth to expose the enemies of America within.

So the Leftist media will of course tell you I am some conspiracy kook, that Andrew just happened to die all by himself at night hours before his big info dump on Obama. Here's what one source had to say about the facts surrounding his death and what happened in the following six weeks:

Breitbart died mysteriously in the early hours of March 1, 2012 – just hours before his planned release of footage of Barack Obama that he assured would heavily damage the sitting president's chances of reelection.

Days before, he had declared, "Wait until they see what happens March 1st."

Weeks later, Breitbart's coroner, Michael Cormier, passed away – also in a suspicious and sudden fashion.

"The 61 year old Cormier was discovered dead on April 20th – the same day the city officials had released their preliminary autopsy report on the death of conservative media powerhouse Andrew Breitbart," Infowars reported at the time. "According to early reports, Michael Cormier was 'seemingly healthy,' yet 'suddenly stricken' with a fatal condition – just like Andrew Breitbart."

The coroner died from arsenic poisoning. Hmmmm.

Besides the Barack Obama info release mentioned above, Breitbart had his eye on exposing someone all too familiar to us, one deeply involved in the Deep State coup against President Trump - John Podesta.

A haunting Tweet from the late journalist Andrew Breitbart has reemerged, which has renewed interest in his mysterious death amid ongoing speculation spurred by the leaked emails of DC insider John Podesta:



Well, well. Guess who else disappeared mysteriously recently in the full custody of Federal prison authorities? None other than world-class pedophile and extortionist Jeffery Epstein. Of course HE wasn't murdered. Everyone waits until the guards are gone, asleep, playing cards, whatever and all cameras are shut off to wrap a sheet around their neck to strangle themselves.

Gee, another Podesta connection disappearing at the most convenient of times. Amazing. And there are plenty more. And they call this conspiracy theorizing.

Boy, this guys Podesta is bad news. Certainly he knows plenty about all of these mysteries. And he's still walking around free to do more evil and damage to underage girls, fellow Americans and the world at large.

Podesta needs to be immediately arrested and force to talk, whatever that takes.

Andrew Breitbart died in the service of truth. Remembering, honoring and continuing his commitment to fighting for America passes to all of us who understand just how perilously our nation, conceived in liberty, stands against these enemies within.

Strangely, Breitbart's father-in law Orson Bean, 91, died in a weird traffic accident on Friday, February 7th. The article about Bean's death and his relationship with his son-in-law from Freepressers follows this piece. Bean converted Breitbart to the conservative philosophy by giving him a



Rush Limbaugh book from his library and told him to read it. Thank you, Orson Bean, for that wonderful gift to all the rest of us.

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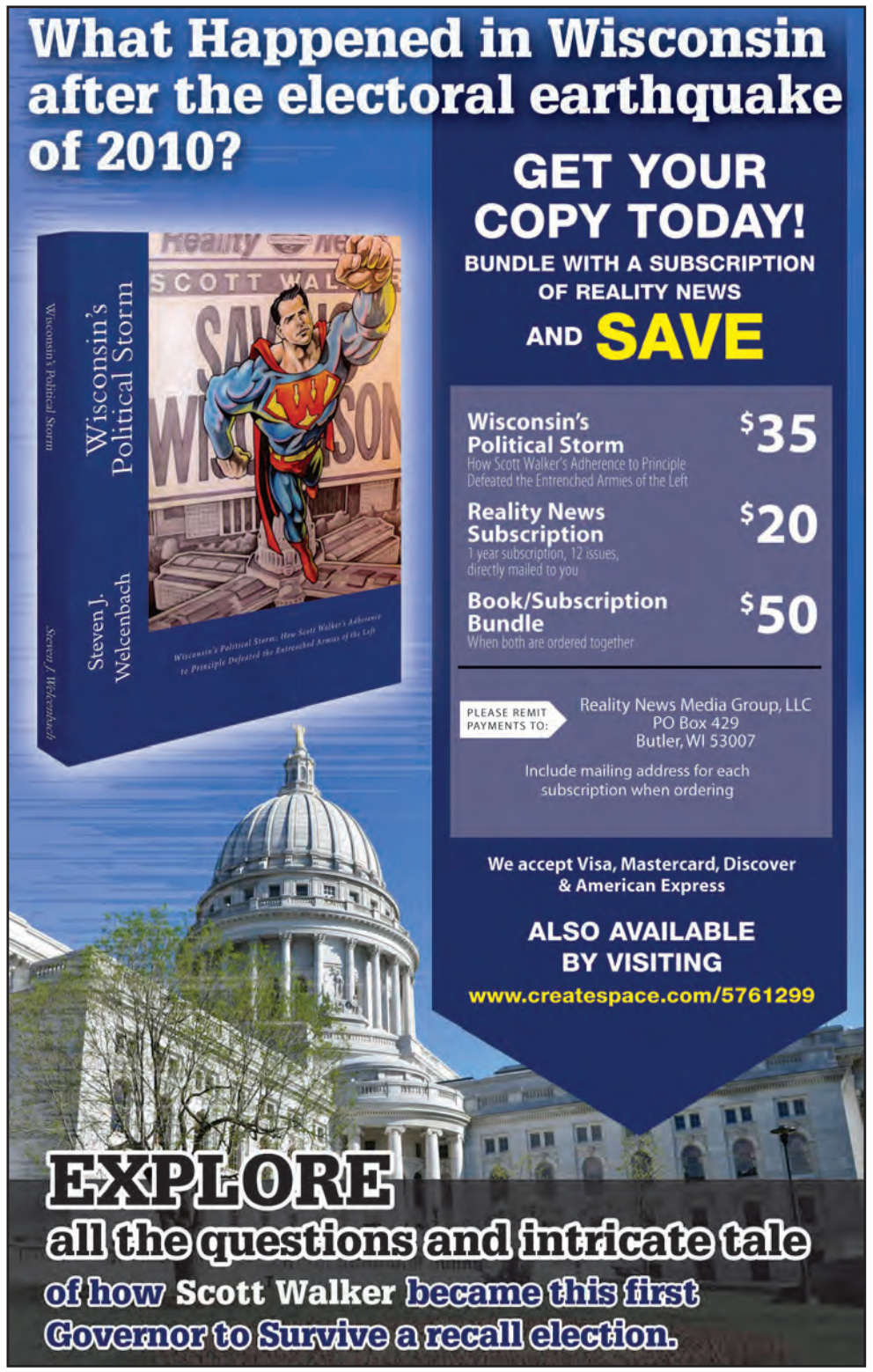

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A Challenge to Evangelical Climate Scientist Katharine Hayhoe

By E. Calvin Beisner

Late last year someone sent me a link to Dr. Katharine Hayhoe's column "I'm a Climate Scientist Who Believes in God. Hear Me Out." It was published in the New York Times October 31, 2019.

Dr. Hayhoe's Ph.D. is in atmospheric science. But she teaches in the political science department at Texas Tech University. She criticizes evangelicals who disagree with her about the causes, magnitude, consequences, and appropriate responses to climate change, aka global warming.

Hayhoe Malignly Caricturizes Her Evangelical Critics

Referring to "attacks" she's received by email, social media, phone calls and handwritten letters, she says,

I've noticed two common denominators in how most of the authors choose to identify themselves: first, as political conservatives, no matter what country they're from; and second, in the United States, as conservative Christians, because the label 'evangelical' has itself been co-opted as shorthand for a particular political ideology these days.

Dr. Hayhoe professes to be an evangelical, which she defines as "someone who takes the Bible seriously." Yet that would include most Eastern Orthodox, Roman Catholics, and even many mainline, non-evangelical Protestants. So does she really understand what it means to be an evangelical? And if she doesn't, is she really one herself?

"Polictial Ideology Over Theology"?

Let us leave that question aside. I assume she really is. Her definition of an evangelical, she says, nevertheless,...

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Foundational Principles of Biblical Earth Stewardship

By E. Calvin Beisner

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. All creation belongs to Him (Genesis 1:1; Psalm 24:1).

Though God reveals Himself in creation, the Bible, and His one and only Son, Jesus Christ, He is distinct from and transcendent over creation (Romans 1:25). Those who deny the Creator/creature distinction become futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts are darkened (Romans 1:21).

God made man, male and female, in His own image (Genesis 1:26–27). No other terrestrial life form bears the image of God or is of equal value or priority with human beings (Matthew 10:29–31). Though the earth is the LORD's, He has also given it to men (Psalm 115:16) and mandated that they be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth, subdue it, and have dominion over everything that lives in it (Genesis 1:28). Therefore human dominion over the earth is, in principle, not sinful, and the possibility of its abuse does not negate the righteousness of its proper use.

Earth and its physical and biological systems are the "very good" effects of God's omniscient design, omnipotent creation, and faithful sustaining (Genesis 1:31). God would not have made earth susceptible to catastrophic degradation from proportionally small causes. Consequently, wise environmental stewardship will not readily embrace claims of catastrophe stemming from such causes.

Godly human dominion over the earth means men and women, created in the image of God, laboring together to enhance earth's safety, fruitfulness, and beauty, to the glory of God and the benefit of our neighbors. It does not mean humans are servants rather than masters of the earth. When God had created Adam, He placed him in the Garden of Eden, which is distinct from the rest of the earth, to cultivate and guard it (Genesis 2:15). The instruction to "cultivate and guard" the Garden does not mean, as some modern environmentalists allege, either that man is to "serve and protect" or "worship and protect" the Garden or the earth, or that man is to "worship and hear" God either directly or through the earth or its parts.

A comprehensive understanding of the relationship between God's placing Adam in the Garden to cultivate and guard it (Genesis 2:15) and His commanding Adam and Eve to be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue and rule everything in it (Genesis 1:28) entails a growing population that spreads out from the Garden to transform wilderness into garden and ultimately garden city (Revelation 21:2; 22:1–3). Biblical earth stewardship, or godly dominion, is not limited to keeping earth in the condition in which we find it. It follows that the common environmentalist belief that "Nature knows best," that its transformation by humans is in principle wrong or harmful, is false.

God placed minerals, plants, and animals in and on the earth for His pleasure, to reveal His glory and elicit man's praise, and to serve human needs through godly use (Genesis 2:5–16; 4:22; Numbers 31:21–23; Job 38–41; Psalm 19:1–6; Psalm 104). One way of exercising godly dominion is by transforming raw materials into resources and using them to meet human needs.

Because of man's fall into sin, we often fall into materialism, covetousness, and selfish accumulation of possessions (Luke 12:16–21; 1 Timothy 6:10; Colossians 3:5). This does not, however, entail that the production of wealth is sinful. While man is accountable to God's judgment in all he does with the earth, this does not justify abolishing private property (Exodus 20:15, 17), adopting collectivist economic institutions, or delegating to civil governments—whether local, national, or global—ownership or control of land, natural resources, or private property.

The fall into sin (Genesis 3) led to human abuse of the earth and of fellow humans. In response to man's sin God cursed the ground so that it would not yield easily even to godly dominion, let alone to ungodly, abusive domination (Genesis 3:17–19). He subjected the whole cosmos to decay and corruption. But He is restoring it, partly in history by obedience to the dominion mandate (Genesis 1:28; Romans 8:18–24), and fully in the New Heavens and New earth of the eschaton (Revelation 21:1–3, 22–27; 22:1–5). All of this is secured by the redeeming death and resurrection of Christ (Colossians 1:14–20). God's curse on the earth negates neither the dominion mandate (Genesis 1:28) nor the robustness and self-correcting resilience of the God-sustained earth.Due to God's faithfulness to His covenant, in which He proclaimed, after the Flood, that He would sustain the cycles on which terrestrial life depends (Genesis 8:22), godly dominion remains possible.

Human multiplication and filling of the earth are intrinsically good (Genesis 1:28). In principle, children, lots of them, are a blessing from God (Psalm 127; 128).Earth is not overpopulated; indeed, "overpopulation" is a meaningless term, since it cannot be defined by demographic quantities like population density, growth rate, or age distribution. Hence, godly dominion does not require population control or "family planning." People are not primarily consumers and polluters but, as the image of God implies, producers and stewards.

When the Bible speaks of God's judgment on human societies because they have "polluted the land," the "pollution" in mind is consistently not

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Taken By Storm Will Take You By Storm—and It's Yours, Free!



By Calvin E. Beisner

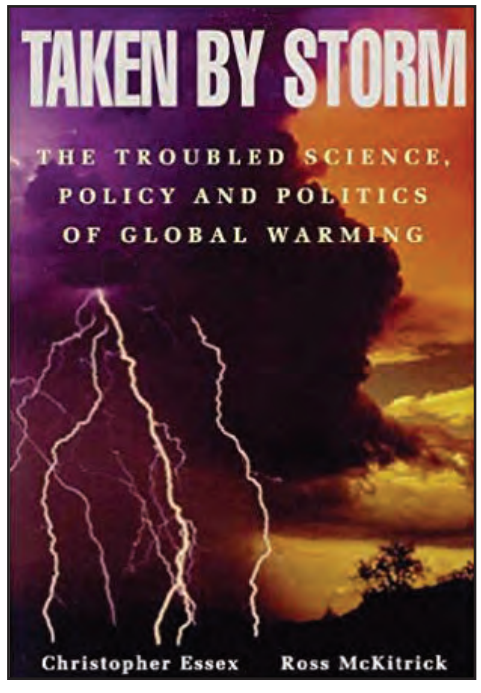
For years one of my two or three favorite books on global warming/climate change has been Christopher Essex and Ross McKitrick's Taken By Storm: The Troubled Science, Policy and Politics of Global Warming. It's brilliant!

"Irreverent and devastating" is what The Globe and Mail calls it, adding, "Essex and McKitrick effectively demolish most of what you think you know."Well, since you're following the Cornwall Alliance, it won't demolish what you think you know, but it will help you demolish what people who disagree with you about climate change think they know!

I've wanted for a long time to offer this magnificent, 320-page book to you. But it was out of print, and new copies via Amazon were really expensive.

But a couple of months ago I discovered that Dr. Essex had a stash of the first edition, and we arranged to buy it. So, from now to the end of February, while supply lasts, as our way of saying "Thank you!" for a gift of any size, we'll send you a FREE copy.

Taken By Storm is a rare jewel. When it came out, it was a runner-up for Canada's Donner Prize for excellence in public policy writing. And I know exactly why.



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ANDREW BREITBART FREEDOM CENTER AT THE HEARTLAND INSTITUTE

On March 1, 2016, on the fourth anniversary of his death, The Heartland Institute dedicated the public meeting space in its new home in Arlington Heights in honor of Andrew Breitbart.

The Andrew Breitbart Freedom Center is a state-of-the-art meeting facility with seating for 75. Events are scheduled to take place every week in the space, featuring authors of new books, freedom activists and thinkers, and civic and business leaders.

"Andrew Breitbart was a genuine American hero," said Joseph Bast, president of The Heartland Institute, in a video announcing the dedication. "He inspired millions of people to stand up and speak the truth about what is happening in America. We could not be more pleased to have his name forever affixed to The Heartland Institute. We are honored that his family and friends believe this is a suitable addition to his legacy."

For more information about the Andrew Breitbart Freedom Center, please contact Nikki Comerford at ncomerford@heartland.org or 312/377-4000.



Californians Turn a Cold Shoulder on Bill Requiring Climate-Change Education

By E. Calvin Beisner

A bill introduced in the California Assembly January 13 would require students to study the causes and effects of climate change in grades 1-6. It would also make the subject a requirement for high-school graduation.

When I read the news, I first thought, "What's surprising? Climate alarmists have long since taken over California."

But it looks like ordinary Californians aren't going to be so easily led. Comments on the news story at CBS Sacramento were overwhelmingly negative.

Early on, someone calling himself simply "Time" wrote:

I guess it will then be my duty to teach them to unlearn or ignore what the climate religion is teaching, using actual facts and data, and pointing out the long list of alarmist predictions that have never come true. Fortunately my kids go to a public school that is in a district that is actually very good. We don't have to put up with too many crazies. But the lunacy in California also allows me to teach my kids a very valuable lesson early in life: that the education system is not made up of all-knowing gods. Just because it's taught doesn't mean you have to believe it. Learn it for the test, pick the desired answer to get a grade, and move on.

Others wrote more briefly, but with similar sentiments. Indeed, of 77 comments (excluding my own and three responses to others' comments) posted by 2 p.m. Central Time on January 16, 76 were unmistakably negative.

Many mocked. Some presented reasoned arguments. As I read repeatedly through them, I thought of seven categories into which they fell — and some could have gone into more than one.

Thirteen alleged that the bill's goal was to substitute propaganda, brainwashing, or indoctrination for real education. Eight used it as an occasion to reflect on the proper role of education and the comparative importance of climate-change education with more basic subjects. Nineteen challenged the scientific case for dangerous man-made global warming.

One chalked up the idea to irresponsible government leaders. Five spoke of it as simply a hoax or scam. Thirteen more said it was a scam specifically driven by a political ideology — socialism, communism, fascism, or the Democratic Party. Fifteen simply mocked the idea. Three others — including the only one that seemed to support the bill — fit no category.

"DearLC" combined suspicions over brainwashing with concerns about educational priorities: "Another attempt at brain washing to achieve a desired result. Teaching of reading, writing and arithmetic is so old fashioned."

"whostolemycog" echoed the thought:

Government mandated indoctrination has been going on since the at least the 80's…it gave us cultural relativism, political correctness, and then started in on promoting racial/cultural identity as being the most relevant part of any person. Promoting the fraud of climate change is hardly surprising. The goal of today's left is to gain absolute power and then destroy their opposition. Their mentors are people like Josef Stalin, Mao, and Pol-Pot. Bernie's folks are already promoting re-education camps for those engaging in wrong-think.

Ed Martin quoted Marshall Fritz, H.L. Mencken, Francisco Ferrer, and Benjamin Disraeli, all warning against the dangers state-run education poses to liberty.

Lawrence Hall turned the tables a bit, asking, "Did any of you vote in YOUR last school board elections, or do you just complain? YOU are the schools. Don't blame others for your own passivity; self-government is not a spectator sport."

The comments challenging the science referred to wide swings of climate throughout geologic history; difficulty proving cause and effect in such a climate system; neglected benefits of warming; lack of empirical proof of the theories underlying climate alarmist predictions; the negligible impact of reducing CO2 emissions; the fact that alarmists have falsified some of their evidences; and financial incentives driving some scientist advocates of climate alarm.

"Requiring them to teach about climate change might be a good thing, if only they would teach the truth," wrote

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Appeared in the Wall Street Journal:

A Heated Oxford Education

When most people think of Oxford, what comes to mind are images of bright minds debating quantum physics or the existence of God. But even the brainiest sometimes need a lesson in common sense.

Protesting students get a personal lesson about fossil fuels.

That's exactly what the bursar at St. John's College—the most richly endowed college at Oxford—delivered when he responded to students occupying his 15th-century quadrangle and refusing to leave until the college divested its oil-company shares. The students want the college to sell the more than $10 million of its endowment now invested in Shell and BP, and they want it *now*.

The Times of London reports that bursar Andrew Parker made them a counteroffer. "I am not able to arrange any divestment at short notice," he wrote. "But I can arrange for the gas central heating in college to be switched off with immediate effect. Please let me know if you support this proposal."

The idea that the students themselves make a fossil-fuel sacrifice did not go over well. One protest organizer complained that Mr. Parker was being flippant, noting that "it's January and it would be borderline dangerous to shut off the central heating." Another suggested Mr. Parker was being provocative.

Again the bursar responded with wisdom: "You are right that I am being provocative but I am provoking some clear thinking, I hope. It is all too easy to request others to do things that carry no personal cost to yourself. The question is whether you and others are prepared to make personal sacrifices to achieve the goals of environmental improvement (which I support as a goal)."

Surely a worthy lesson applicable far beyond the colleges of Oxford.

Today's Environmentalists Must Make a Literal Life or Death Decision

By Edward Hudgins

You'd think someone who longs for the day when every human on Earth is dead would be treated as a moral monster like Mao, Stalin, or Hitler and ostracized by anyone with an ounce of reason or conscious, but Les Knight is treated with respect in many circles because he echoes the horrific anti-humanism lurking in the environmentalist movement. If you consider yourself an environmentalist, you have a life or death decision to make here.

In 1991, Knight founded the Voluntary Human Extinction Movement. The premise is that "When every human chooses to stop breeding, Earth's biosphere will be allowed to return to its former glory …"

The Guardian recently ran an article authored by Knight titled, "I Campaign for the Extinction of the Human Race." In it, Knight declares, "Procreation today is the moral equivalent of selling berths on a sinking ship." Though he acknowledges that "society would be greatly diminished without children," he goes on to assert, "it isn't right to create them just because we like having them around." He then doubles down on his excuse, stating that "if we go extinct, other species will have a chance to recover."

"I can imagine what a magnificent world it would be—provided we go soon enough," he concludes.

The ugly anti-humanism promoted by people like Knight has been part of the environmental movement for decades. Alan Gregg, former official of the Rockefeller Foundation, asserted in 1955, "The world has cancer, and the cancer is man."

John Davis, editor of Earth First! Journal, wrote some three decades later, "I suspect that eradicating smallpox was wrong. It played an important part in balancing ecosystems."

In 1995, Dr. Reed R. Noss of the Wildlands Project declared, "The collective needs of non-human species must take precedence over the needs and desires of humans."

In 1998,The Economist opined, "It is hard … to imagine any reason to be against voluntary human extinction."

In 2009, Jonathon Porritt, an environmental adviser to former British Prime Minister Gordon Brown, made a more "moderate" suggestion: cutting his country's population in half, by about 30 million people.

Let's get our moral principles straight. There are no values without a valuer—a creature with a rational capacity and volition, that can make choices—and a standard of value. Humans are that creature—at least on this planet—and the standard is our lives. "Nature" and the "environment" have no inherent value, only value in relation to us. A forest is of value because we can walk through it and enjoy its beauty or harvest some of its trees to build houses for our survival and comfort. When a cheetah kills a zebra, it is neither "good" nor "evil." It just is. When an asteroid hit the earth 65 million years ago, wiping out the dinosaurs, it was likewise neither "good" nor "evil." It just was.

A world without humans would not be "magnificent" or infused with "glory" because such notions are human evaluations.

Today, we live in the most prosperous, human-friendly world in history. Sadly, many individuals who rightly

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Deceptive rhetoric at Davos could bring disaster

There is nothing 'cohesive' or 'sustainable' about 'solutions' demanded by WEF 'stakeholders'



By Paul Driessen

The World Economic Forum conference in Davos, Switzerland is billed as the globe's most prestigious annual gathering of movers and shakers. Its mission is to "improve the state of the world by engaging business, political, academic and other leaders of society to shape global, regional and industry agendas."

This year's theme was "Stakeholders for a Cohesive and Sustainable World." Unfortunately, the lofty rhetoric belies the misleading, potentially disastrous realities of agendas supported by many participants.

A primary basis for this year's theme is the repeated assertion that the world faces a climate cataclysm. European Commission president Ursula von der Leyen thus wants to tax carbon-based energy imports into the EU and end humanity's practice of "taking resources from the environment and generating waste and pollution in the process." She (and others) insist that "green energy" would do no such thing.

Climate crisis claims in turn are based on computer models that are only as good as the assumptions built into them – and on attempts to blame temperature changes, extreme weather events and future crises on fossil fuel emissions, because the assumptions and models say it's a cause-effect relationship.

The most cited model is (naturally) the most extreme: RCP8.5, which predicts temperatures way above what we are actually measuring and all manner of future calamities. But it is based on the assumptions that: methane and plant-fertilizing carbon dioxide (a tiny 0.0402% of Earth's atmosphere) are vastly more important than the sun in driving climate change; our planet will have 12 billion people by 2100; there will be no energy innovations over the next 80 years; and therefore coal use will increase tenfold by the end of the century. On that we're supposed to base restrictive energy policies, and Davos meeting themes.

Who are the stakeholders that Davos attendees will consult? Greta Thunberg was invited, to present her patented tirade that fossil fuels are destroying her future. But no climate realists (alarmism skeptics) were given the podium, nor were representatives of EU or US factory workers or the world's poorest citizens.

The good news is that several bankers made assurances that they were not going to stop lending funds to fossil fuel companies or "major polluters." (Will that latter category include the mining companies that will have to provide voluminous raw materials for a US and global "green new deal," as discussed below?) The bad news is that Davos bankers and politicians allow themselves to be pressured constantly primarily by far-left "stakeholders," who hold the stakes that they and global ruling elites want to drive through the hearts of developed nation living standards and poor country aspirations for better lives.

Indeed, contrary to its assurances at Davos, despite consultation with indigenous peoples supposedly being a core company business principle, and without consulting with Alaska Native stakeholders who want to drill carefully and ecologically for oil and gas on their own lands, to improve their people's living standards, Goldman Sachs has decided it will no longer fund such development in the Arctic.

With "mainstream" outlets and social media increasingly controlling news and opinion, and siding with climate alarmists and anti-fossil activists, that pressure will continue to build – to our great detriment.

Will Davos themes, agendas and policies usher in a more "cohesive" world? The opposite is infinitely more likely. Deprive people of abundant, reliable, affordable fossil fuel (and nuclear) energy, as eco-activists seek to do – and you deprive them of jobs, living standards, food, health and life. People die in droves (itself a goal of more rabid environmentalists panicked about an over-populated world). Implement "green new deal" policies, and the results will be anything but cohesion. The policies will bring rage, protests, violence and anarchy – as France and Chile vividly demonstrated over the past two years.

Turn African, Asian and Latin American countries into vassal states, with enormous mines serving "ecologically responsible, climate-focused" nations that don't tolerate mining within their own borders – and any cohesion will rapidly disappear. Tell American, European and other families they must accept massive wind and solar installations in their backyards or off their coasts, and the results will be similar.

A "sustainable" world? Yes, fossil fuels are ultimately finite resources – hundreds of years from now, after we run out of huge coal deposits, oil and gas from fracking, methane hydrates and other supplies, assuming policy makers don't lock them up and "keep them in the ground." But long before that happens, human innovation will create far better alternatives than wind turbines, if we let creativity flourish.

Meanwhile, just remember: Wind and sunshine are sustainable. But lands and raw materials required for the technologies to harness this intermittent, widely disbursed energy absolutely are not.

Sustainability is a useful concept for assessing hidden costs, risks and fiduciary responsibilities – such as those associated with climate change, as we are constantly reminded. But we must apply those same considerations to wind, solar, battery and biofuel operations; and to impacts on habitats and wildlife, air and water quality, human health and wellbeing in green new deal mining and manufacturing regions, and human welfare in an energy-deprived world of increasing hunger, death, anger, riots and chaos.

As my new Heartland Institute reports and previous articles note, fossil fuels and nuclear currently provide over 8 billion megawatt-hours (MWh) of electricity and electricity-equivalent power annually, to meet America's industrial, commercial, residential and transportation needs. Using solar to generate all that power – and charge batteries for a week of sunless days – would require 19 billion state-of-the-art sun-tracking photovoltaic panels, completely blanketing an area equal to all of New York and Vermont.

But that assumes the panels are all located where the sun shines with summertime Arizona intensity 24/7/365, which will never happen. So we'd probably have to double (perhaps even triple) the number of panels and affected acreage. The impacts on habitats and wildlife would be significant.

Using 1.8-MW wind turbines instead of solar panels would require more than 4 million turbines on farm, wildlife habitat and scenic lands equal to Arizona, Nevada, California, Oregon and part of Washington State combined. But the more we install, the more we have to put turbines in poor wind locations. We'd probably have to double (or even triple) the number of turbines, and acreage impacted. Their rapidly turning blades (200 mph at their tips) would slaughter millions of eagles, falcons, other birds and bats.

Going offshore instead would require hundreds of thousands of 650-foot-tall 10-MW turbines. Their impact on birds, bats, marine mammals, vistas, and ship and aircraft navigation would be intolerable.

Each 1.8-MW turbine requires some 1,200 tons of steel, copper, aluminum, rare earth elements, zinc, molybdenum, petroleum-based composites, reinforced concrete and other materials. Each ton of materials requires removing thousands of tons of rock and ore – and processing ores with fossil fuels. In fact, wind turbines need some 200 times more material per megawatt than a modern combined-cycle gas turbine!

Storing a week of electricity for windless and sunless periods would require some 2 billion half-ton Tesla car lithium-cobalt battery packs – and more materials; more mining. Connecting wind, solar and battery facilities to distant cities would require thousands of miles of new transmission lines, and more mining.

This doesn't include materials to replace existing cars, trucks, heating systems and other technologies.

And that's just for the United States. Imagine how many turbines, panels, batteries, transmission lines, raw materials, mines, processing plants and factories we'd need for a global transformation!

But green new deal advocates detest mining, at least by western mining companies in western countries. So it's mostly done in faraway places that have virtually no environmental, health, safety, wage or child labor rules. Places like Inner Mongolia, where rare earth operations have fouled the air, created a huge toxic lake, and poisoned thousands of people. And Africa's Congo, where 40,000 children labor in mines just for the cobalt needed in today's cell phones, laptops and electric cars; not for any green new deal.

This eco-imperialism and false sustainability must end. As to all those self-styled stakeholders, You first. Lead by example. Slash your energy use and living standards. Then you can (nicely) ask the rest of us to do likewise. That means you, Greta, Leo DiCaprio, Al Gore, Emma Thompson and all the other climate scolds. (But of course they won't. So why should we? And why should the world's poor?)

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Progressive Eco-Group Admits It: Renewable Energy Is a Hoax that Benefits its Greenie Elmer Gantries like Al Gore

By John Eidson

Independent physicist John Droz, Jr. alerted me to the website of Deep Green Resistance (DGR), an international environmental organization that calls for the total destruction of what it refers to as the "global industrial economy," AKA capitalism. Given the group's hard-left credentials, its call for dismantling capitalism throughout the world is not surprising.

What is surprising is that in an unusual show of progressive candor, Deep Green Resistance openly acknowledges what skeptical scientists have been saying for more than two decades: that renewable energy is a government-backed hoax that enriches big corporations — and green energy investors like Al Gore — at the expense of taxpayers and the environment. If you find that admission hard to believe, please keep reading. The questions and answers below are verbatim from the FAQ page on the organization's website.

Will green technology save the planet?

No. Wind turbines, solar PV panels, and the grid itself are all manufactured using cheap energy from fossil fuels. When fossil fuel costs begin to rise such highly manufactured items will simply cease to be feasible.

Solar panels and wind turbines aren't made out of nothing. They are made out of metals, plastics, and chemicals. These products have been mined out of the ground, transported, processed, manufactured. Each stage leaves behind a trail of devastation: habitat destruction, water contamination, colonization, toxic waste, slave labor, greenhouse gas emissions, wars, and corporate profits.

The basic ingredients for renewables are the same materials that are ubiquitous in industrial products, like cement and aluminum. No one is going to make cement in any quantity without using the energy of fossil fuels. And aluminum? The mining itself is a destructive and toxic nightmare from which riparian communities will not awaken in anything but geologic time.

From beginning to end, so called "renewable energy" and other "green technologies" lead to the destruction of the planet. These technologies are rooted in the same industrial extraction and production processes that have rampaged across the world for the last 150 years.

We are not concerned with slightly reducing the harm caused by industrial civilization; we are interested in stopping that harm completely. Doing so will require dismantling the global industrial economy, which will render impossible the creation of these technologies.

Will renewable energy save the economy?

Renewable energy technologies rely heavily on government subsidies, taken from taxpayers and given directly to large corporations like General Electric, BP, Samsung, and Mitsubishi. While the scheme pads their bottom lines, it doesn't help the rest of us.

Further, this is the wrong question to ask. The industrial capitalist economy is dispossessing and impoverishing billions of humans and killing the living world. Renewable energy depends on centralized capital and power imbalance. We don't benefit from saving that system.

Instead of advocating for more industrial technology, we need to move to local economies based on community decision-making and what our local landbases can provide sustainably. And we need to stop the global economy on which renewable energy depends.

"Stopping the global economy" means destroying the capitalist system that created here in America the most widespread prosperity the world has ever known. That a progressive eco-group would admit that the true agenda behind the push for renewable energy has nothing to do with "saving the planet" and everything to do with destroying capitalism is quite remarkable. To reinforce its position that renewable energy is a hoax, DGR's website has a cartoon that shows dollar bills being sucked from a wind turbine directly into the pocket of a fat cat investor in subsidized green energy projects.

The Elmer Gantry of renewable energy

Few insiders have profited more from taxpayer-backed renewable energy projects than Al Gore. When he left the vice presidency in 2001, his net worth was estimated at $1 million to $2 million. Since then, his wealth has skyrocketed to $300 million, and if the climate change legislation he advocates is enacted, the former vice president stands to become a billionaire. Much of his enviable fortune has come from being an inside investor in government-backed renewable energy projects, many of which went belly up after the insiders made off with millions, leaving hardworking U.S. taxpayers stuck with the bill.

Like all wealthy eco-preachers, the Elmer Gantry of renewable energy uses his immense wealth to indulge in lavish living. When asked by Rep. Marsha Blackburn during his 2009 testimony before Congress whether he personally profits from his advocacy of global warming, Pastor Al professed a vow of poverty, and if you've never seen video of the tense encounter, you don't want to miss it: "Every penny I have made I have put into a non-profit deal, the Alliance for Climate Protection, to spread awareness of why we have to take on this challenge. And Congresswoman, if you believe the reason I have been working on this issue for 30 years is out of greed, you do not know me."

Turned out Rep. Blackburn knows him quite well. As the greedy owner of a gargantuan green energy fortune, Pastor Al looked her squarely in the eye and denied making even a penny of profit. If every penny he makes goes into a non-profit deal, how did he end up with $300 million? The same way his alter ego pilfered money from the Lord: by concealing his true stripes.

As the social Utopians at Deep Green Resistance openly acknowledge, the push for a "green economy" is a scam that enriches big corporations and fat-cat investors like Al Gore. Shortly after teen climate activist Greta Thunberg gave an emotion-charged speech at the U.N. last September, I wrote about the renewable energy hoax in "The Cynical Plot behind Global Warming Hysteria." If not for a totally corrupt Western media, two things would have happened years ago: man-made global warming theory would have been blown out of the water, and Pastor Al would have been called out as the self-righteous hypocrite he is.

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Quote of the Week:

"Judges ought to be more leaned than witty, more reverent than plausible, and more advised than confident. Above all things, integrity is their portion and proper virtue."
– Francis Bacon

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Number of the Week :

Exceeds in Six of Seven Categories.

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THIS WEEK:

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

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

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

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

You can help in two ways:

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

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

Send your contributions to:

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And thank you.

SCIENCE & ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY PROJECT

The Week That Was February 8, 2020

Expanding the Orthodoxy: Writing a post on Project Syndicate, Johan Rockström, Lars Heikensten, and Marcia McNutt announced:

"…the Nobel Foundation is hosting its first-ever Nobel Prize Summit, with the theme 'Our Planet, Our Future,' in Washington, DC, from April 29 to May 1. The summit – supported by the US National Academy of Sciences, the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research, and the Stockholm Resilience Centre/Beijer Institute – will bring together more than 20 Nobel laureates and other experts from around the world to explore the question: What can be achieved in this decade to put the world on a path to a more sustainable, more prosperous future for all of humanity?"

Johan Rockström is Director of the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK), known for extreme views on the dangers of carbon dioxide and climate change. Lars Heikensten is Executive Director of the Nobel Foundation. And Marcia McNutt is President of the US National Academy of Sciences (NAS). Ms. McNutt came from the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), a highly politicized organization that ignores the scientific method as described by Richard Feynman, discussed in last week's TWTW.

In 1990, the once premier publication of AAAS, Science Mag, published the ground-breaking work of Roy Spencer and John Christy on using data collected by satellites to calculate temperature trends. In the mid-1990s it became clear that the atmosphere was not warming in an alarming manner, even after small errors in orbital change were corrected. Then Science Mag instituted a policy of not publishing research that contradicted claims that carbon dioxide (CO2) would cause dangerous global warming. Perhaps the billions of dollars that began to flow from Washington to universities during the Clinton/Gore Administration played a role in this decision, but one would hope not.

Nonetheless in the mid-1990s one can see a sharp divergence between what models forecast / project / predict and what is actually occurring in the atmosphere. This divergence continues after twenty-five years, indicating that US climate modelers do not adhere to the scientific method of testing the results of their models against all physical evidence.

Further, when McNutt was an editor of Science Mag. it published a fawning review of "Merchants of Doubt, a book by Oreskes and Conway that accused four distinguished US scientists of distorting research in order to personally profit with payments from various companies, particularly tobacco companies. But the book produced no evidence of such bribery. Instead, it implied the evidence can be found in the footnoted references. The evidence does not exist.

Science Mag. promptly rejected a rebuttal by SEPP Chairman emeritus, S. Fred Singer, the only surviving one of the four accused, stating there was no room to publish his short rebuttal.

Thereby, Science Mag. showed it is a leader in the politicization of American science following the well-established practice in politics – accusations count, no evidence needed.

One cannot expect much but more than propaganda from the Nobel Prize Summit. But we can hope that the political theme of "no evidence needed" will not carry on in the awarding of the Nobel Prizes in the physical sciences.

Life Begets Life: Writing on his website, Roy Spencer brings up an interesting concept:

"Maybe when it comes to photosynthesis, more life begets still more life, leading to a slowly increasing ability of the biosphere to remove excess CO2 from the atmosphere."

Spencer had an error in his initial calculations about what is incorporated within the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) estimates of future CO2 concentrations called Representative Concentration Pathways (RCPs). As shown below, Spencer quickly posted his corrections.

But the question he asks needs to be explored. Is it possible that human emissions of CO2 will not eventually double CO2 concentration in the atmosphere because increasing photosynthesis will prevent a doubling of CO2? The increase in photosynthesis is evident in 30 plus years of photos showing a greening of the earth.

The concept of life begetting life with increasing CO2 is different from the pessimistic theory of population growth expressed by Thomas Malthus that population growth will always outrun economic growth, particularly for agriculture, resulting in subsistence living for most humans. According to Malthus, population increases in geometric progression, while the means of subsistence will increase in only an arithmetic progression. Or put differently, food production will increase at a constant (or possibly decreasing rate) while population, unless checked by deaths, will increase at an increasing rate. The Malthus concept pervades in current international thinking such as the "Limits of Growth."

Expressed in terms of photosynthesis, Spencer's concept is that with human CO2 emissions, photosynthesis will increase at an increasing rate, placing a limit on human capability of increasing CO2 concentration in the atmosphere by burning fossil fuels. As expressed in previous TWTWs, laboratory experiments show that with increasing CO2, temperature increase occurs at a diminishing rate. Spencer's concept places an additional cap on the ability of human emissions of CO2 to increase temperatures.

Also, there is significant physical evidence of increasing photosynthesis reducing carbon dioxide. During the early formation of earth's atmosphere including oxygen, great bursts in photosynthesis by micro-organisms such as cyanobacteria consumed CO2 and produced oxygen, part of which formed iron oxides. Later, the atmosphere was dramatically transformed from CO2 being an abundant gas and oxygen a trace gas to CO2 being a trace gas and oxygen an abundant one. The remarkable transformation occurred as multicellular life emerged.

Spencer's concept is thought provoking and should be explored by those organizations claiming to research climate change, but it is doubtful it will be.

Tampering with Surface Data: Every year we listen to claims that X was the hottest day / month / year ever. Writing on his website, ICECAP, meteorologist Joseph D'Aleo explains why we simply do not know whether such claims are true. He states:

"Temperatures over oceans, which covered 71% of the globe, were measured along shipping routes mainly in the Northern Hemisphere erratically and with varying measurement methods. Despite these shortcomings and the fact that absolutely no credible grid level temperature data existed over the period from 1880 to 2000 in the Southern Hemisphere's oceans (covering 80.9% of the Southern Hemisphere), global average surface temperature data estimation and publication by NOAA and NASA began in the early 1990s.

"To illustrate the problem, on January 16, 2020, the WSJ published a lead article by Robert Lee Hotz stating: 'NASA, NOAA ranked 2019 as the second-hottest year in tracking data to 1880. The world experienced near-record global temperatures in 2019, federal climate scientists said. ---.' This claim was made despite the fact that absolutely no credible temperature data exists over this period for more than 40% of the planet

"After 2000, there were diving buoys. But when the best technology designed specifically for the purpose, the ARGO buoys, disappointed by showing no upward trend, the data from the buoys was 'adjusted.' John Bates, data quality officer with NOAA admitted 'They had good data from buoys...and 'corrected' it by using the bad data from ships. You never change good data to agree with bad, but that's what they did - so as to make it look as if the sea was warmer.' He retired after that change was made.

[Has graph showing the significant adjustments yielding a warming trend, after adjustments.]

That was just the latest example of data manipulation. Initially, this global data had a cyclical pattern similar to previously reported Northern Hemisphere data (high in the 1930s and 40s, low in the 70s). Then, as time progressed, the previous officially reported GAST data history was modified, removing the cycle and creating a more and more strongly upward sloping linear trend in each freshly reported historical data set.

Tony Heller posted additional graphics showing how data was changed which he titled the Superbowl Of Data Tampering.

Jennifer Marohasy shows that the same has occurred in Australia. She writes:

"It is not disputed that Blair Trewin under the supervision of David Jones (both working at the Australian Bureau of Meteorology) remodel all the historical temperature data generating trends and statistics that look quite different from the actual measurements."

It is clear the entities of NOAA, NASA and Australian BOM do not practice rigorous adherence to the scientific method as described by Richard Feynman and advocated by other physical scientists.

Number of the Week: Exceeds Standards in Six of Seven Categories. A questionable study claiming one-third of Americans experienced poor air quality due to pollution prompted efforts to find the basis for the claim. The abstract of a paper in Nature, Climate Change stated:

"New analyses based on Earth system modelling show that reducing ozone from the energy, industrial and transportation sectors could mitigate climate change by enhancing the ability of vegetation to remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere through photosynthesis."

The article stated:

"That year, [apparently 2018] 108 million Americans lived in areas where ground-level ozone or particulate pollution was above the level that the Environmental Protection Agency says presents 'little to no risk,' according to a report from the Environment America Research and Policy Center."

But TWTW was unable to find evidence substantiating the claims beyond a press release using EPA numbers. Since CO2 is called a pollutant by the EPA, it is surprising any Americans experience suitable air quality.

However, a review of the latest air quality data on category pollutants, including PM 2.5, revealed that for six of the seven category pollutants the natural average has been below the national standard for years. These category pollutants include carbon monoxide, lead, nitrogen dioxide, PM 10, PM 2.5, and sulfur dioxide. and that in 2018 the US average ozone just reached the national standard based on 196 sites. The decrease from 1980 to 2018 was 31%. In other words, the improvement in air quality is exceeding standards set decades ago. (https://www.epa.gov/air-trends/ozon...)

It appears there are no generally recognized data substantiating the claims in Nature, Climate Change and other articles. Unlike with NOAA and NASA, to the knowledge of TWTW no one has produced evidence that EPA is tampering with the data.

The dangerous winds of trying to prevent climate change

Inconvenient facts show why wind energy is not renewable, sustainable or climate-friendly



By Duggan Flanakin

Wind turbines continue to be the most controversial of so-called "renewable" energy sources worldwide. But, you say, wind is surely renewable. It blows intermittently, but it's natural, free, renewable and climate-friendly.

That's certainly what we hear, almost constantly. However, while the wind itself may be "renewable," the turbines, the raw materials that go into making them, and the lands they impact certainly are not. And a new report says harnessing wind to generate electricity actually contributes to global warming!

Arcadia Power reports that the widely used GE 1.5-megawatt (MW) turbine is a 164-ton mini-monster with 116-foot blades on a 212-foot tower that weighs another 71 tons. The Vestas V90 2.0-MW has 148-foot blades on a 262-foot tower, and a total weight of about 267 tons. The concrete and steel rebar foundations that they sit on weigh up to 800 tons, or more. And the newer 3.0-MW and even more powerful turbines and foundations weigh a lot more than that.

Citing National Renewable Energy Laboratory data, the U.S. Geological Survey notes that wind turbines are predominantly made of steel (which comprises 71-79% of total turbine mass), fiberglass and resin composites in the blades (11-16%), iron or cast iron (5-17%), copper (1%), aluminum (0-2%), rare earth elements (1-3%) and other materials. Plus the concrete and rebar that anchor the turbines in the earth.

It takes enormous amounts of energy (virtually all of it fossil fuels) to remove the overlying rock to get to the ores and limestone, refine and process the materials into usable metals and concrete, fabricate them into all the turbine components, and ship everything to their ultimate locations. Petroleum for the resins and composites – and all that energy – must also be extracted from the earth, by drilling and fracking, followed by refining and manufacturing, again with fossil fuel energy.

Wind turbine transportation logistics can be a deciding factor in scheduling, costing and locating a project, Wind Power Monthly admits. The challenge of moving equipment from factories to ports to ultimate industrial wind power generation sites has become more formidable almost by the year, as the industry has shifted to larger and larger turbines. Offshore turbine sizes (up to 10 megawatts and 650 feet in height) present even more daunting logistical, maintenance and removal challenges.

Back in 2010, transportation costs totaled an average 10% of the upfront capital cost of a wind project. Transporting the nacelles (housings for the energy-generating components, including the shaft, generator and gearing, to which the rotor and blades are attached) typically required a 19-axle truck and trailer that cannot operate using renewable energy and which a decade ago cost about $1.5 million apiece. Those costs have continued to escalate.

Highways and city streets must often be closed down during transport to wind farm sites hundreds, even thousands, of miles away – to allow nacelles, 100-foot tower sections and 150-foot blades to pass through.

Transmission lines and transformers add still more to the costs, and the need for non-renewable materials – including more steel, copper, aluminum and concrete. To get wind-generated energy from largely remote locations to cities that need electricity and are eager to cash in on the 2.3 cent per kilowatt-hour production tax credit, the U.S. is spending $47.9 billion to construct transmission lines through 2025.

Of that, $22.1 billion will be spent on transmission projects aimed at integrating renewable energy into the existing power grid, without making it so unstable that we get repeated blackouts.

On top of all that, wind turbines only last maybe 20 years – about half the life spans of coal, gas and nuclear power plants. Offshore turbines last maybe 12-15 years, due to constant corrosion from constant salt spray. Then they have to be decommissioned and removed. According to Isaac Orr, policy fellow at the Center of the American Experiment, the cost of decommissioning a single turbine can reach half a million dollars. Then the old ones have to be replaced – with more raw materials, mining and smelting.

Recycling these materials also consumes considerable energy, when they can be recycled. Turbine blades are extremely hard, if not impossible to recycle, because they are complex composites that are extremely strong and hard to break apart. A lot of times, the blades just get cut up in large segments and dumped in landfills – if they can find landfills that want them. The massive concrete bases often just get left behind.

All these activities require incredible amounts of fossil fuel energy, raw materials, mining lands and waste products (overburden, mined-out rock and processed ores). How much, exactly? The wind energy industry certainly isn't telling, wind energy promoters and environmentalist groups certainly don't want to discuss it, and even government agencies haven't bothered to calculate the amounts.

But shouldn't those kinds of data be presented front and center during any discussion of what is – or is not – clean, green, free, renewable, sustainable, eco-friendly energy?

We constantly see and hear reports that the cost of wind energy per kilowatt-hour delivered to homes and businesses are becoming competitive with coal, gas, nuclear and hydroelectric alternatives. But if that is the case, why do we still need all the mandates, feed-in tariffs and other subsidies? And do those reports factor in the huge costs and environmental impacts presented here?

Amid all these terribly inconvenient facts about wind energy, it shouldn't be too surprising that a new study destroys the industry's fundamental claim: that wind energy helps prevent global warming. Harvard professor of applied physics and public policy David Keith and his postdoctoral researcher, Lee Miller, recently found that heavy reliance on wind energy actually increases climate warming! If this is so, it raises serious questions about just how much the U.S. or other nations should rely on wind power.

As the authors explain, the warming is produced because wind turbines generate electricity by extracting energy out of the air, slowing down wind and otherwise altering "the exchange of heat, moisture, and momentum between the surface and the atmosphere." The impact of wind on warming in the studied scenario was 10 times greater than the climate effect from solar farms, which can also have a warming impact, the two scientists said.

The study, published in the journal Joule, found that if wind power supplied all U.S. electricity demands, it would warm the surface of the continental United States by 0.24 degree C (0.43 Fahrenheit). That is far more than any reduction in warming achieved by totally decarbonizing the nation's electricity sector (around 0.1 C or 0.2 F)) during the 21st century – assuming climate models are correct about the amount of warming that carbon dioxide emissions are allegedly causing.

"If your perspective is the next ten years, wind power actually has – in some respects – more climate impact than coal or gas," says Keith, a huge wind power supporter. But, he added, "If your perspective is the next thousand years, then wind power is enormously cleaner than coal or gas."

Of course, his analysis assumes significant

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Another Solar Debacle

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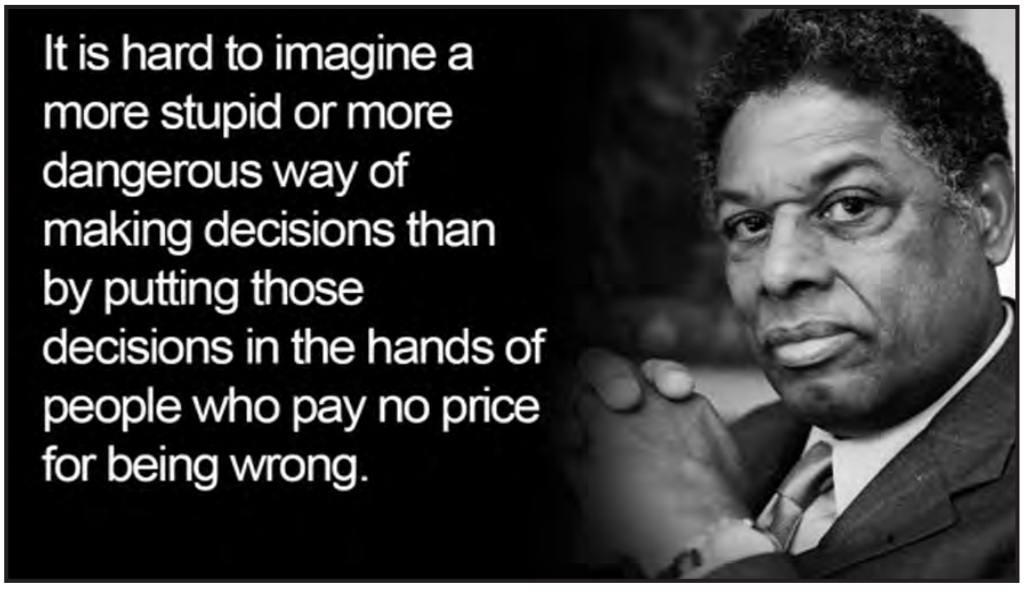
fraud scheme in the history of the Eastern District of California. The government's investigation has resulted in the largest criminal forfeiture in the history of the District with over $120 million in assets forfeited that will go to victims, and has returned $500 million to the United States Treasury, with more to come, U.S. Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced.

Jeff Carpoff, 49, of Martinez, pleaded guilty today to conspiracy to commit wire fraud and money laundering. His wife, Paulette Carpoff, 46, pleaded guilty today to conspiracy to commit an offense against the United States and money laundering. According to court documents, between 2011 and 2018, DC Solar manufactured mobile solar generator units (MSG), solar generators that were mounted on trailers that were promoted as able to provide emergency power to cellphone towers and lighting at sporting events. A significant incentive for investors were generous federal tax credits due to the solar nature of the MSGs.

The conspirators pulled off their scheme by selling solar generators that did not exist to investors, making it appear that solar generators existed in locations that they did not, creating false financial statements, and obtaining false lease contracts, among other efforts to conceal the fraud. In reality, at least half of the approximately 17,000 solar generators claimed to have been manufactured by DC Solar did not exist.

U.S. Attorney Scott stated: "This billion dollar Ponzi scheme hurt investors and took money from the United States Treasury. This case represents not only the largest criminal fraud scheme in the history of the District, it also represents the largest criminal forfeiture in the history of the District with over $120 million in assets forfeited. All of this money will be returned to the victims. This scheme also targeted the United States Treasury, and we have returned $500 million to the Treasury to date. Agents, investigators and attorneys from various federal agencies are still working to continue to return money to victims and the United States Treasury. Today's guilty pleas sends a strong message that fraudsters will get caught and will pay for their crimes. You can run, but you cannot hide."

The forfeiture included seizing and auctioning 148 of the Carpoffs' luxury and collector vehicles, including the 1978 Firebird previously owned by actor Burt Reynolds. This historical auction resulted in recouping approximately $8.233 million for victims. In addition to their collection of luxury and collector vehicles, Jeff and Paulette Carpoff used money from the scheme to pay for a minor-league professional baseball team and a NASCAR racecar sponsorship; to purchase luxury real estate in California, Nevada, the Caribbean, Mexico, and elsewhere; a subscription private jet service; a suite at a professional football stadium; and jewelry.



The Wall Street Journal reported that both Berkshire Hathaway and Progressive Insurance Company invested in the phony solar firm and they obviously lost money as well.

This is not the first solar company that originated during the Obama Administration and benefited from government subsidies in the process. Solar startup Solyndra went bankrupt and swindled the US government out of more than a half a billion dollars as well.

Maybe it would be a good idea to allow free market capitalism to run things and perhaps a working solar initiative will come into fruition that won't cost the US government billions.

The View From The Birthplace Of School Choice



By Gary Wickert

There are 74 million children in America under the age of eighteen. President Trump's State of the Union speech on February 4 featured one of them. During his speech, Trump announced the award of a school choice opportunity scholarship to a young Philadelphia girl named Janiyah Davis, personally funded by U.S. Education secretary Betsy DeVos. Janiyah's mother cried uncontrollably as the president's address revealed that young Janiyah would be able to escape her zip code, which forces her to attend failing and dangerous public schools which did not provide her with the education she deserved. Trump revealed that Pennsylvania's Democrat governor Tom Wolf had vetoed school choice legislation sponsored by Pennsylvania House Speaker Mike Turzai, R-Allegheny. His comments renewed the debate over and revealed the growing and urgent need for school choice options across America.

America's public education system is failing and short of a complete overhaul, is not likely to be salvaged. American students ranked last among 21 industrial nations on seven of nineteen academic tests. Nearly half of minority youth are functionally illiterate. Our country ranks 24th in reading, 25th in science, and 40th in math in the world. Students are released from school to attend things like climate protests or the National School Walkout protesting gun violence, but their knowledge of geography is so lacking that they don't even know where they are while protesting or how to read a map. Close to 85% of public schools are failing, according to former Education Secretary Arne Duncan, and George Bush's No Child Left Behind initiative—the goal of which was to bring 100% of students to proficiency in math and reading by 2014—has been a complete failure. American public education has become its own worst enemy; damaging, rather than educating today's K-12 students.

Schools are failing for an amalgam of reasons, and the problem is the worst in inner-city schools where the children need proper education, guidance, and training the most. Parents—although the plural of that word is the exception rather than the rule—are not involved. Time in the classroom is not enough to instruct the students. There must be parental involvement, and students in low socio-economic families often have no parents who partners in the educational process. Violence in schools is commonplace and efforts to stem violence is met with charges of racism. Instead of dealing with violent offenders, schools are told they cannot take action or suspend minority students because it looks bad. In Milwaukee, for example, 80% of students suspended are black, and represent nearly 60% of all students in MPS. When violence is addressed, the charges of racism become louder than the cries over the fact that students can read or do simple arithmetic.

Teachers' unions are forefront among the reasons why students can't read or write, but we keep pouring more and more money into public education. Public sector unions—especially teachers' unions—have voted themselves unsustainable rates of pay and benefits. They elect their own bosses, negotiate inefficient work rules, have an unstoppable appetite for more and more public funds, and protect the worst and most incompetent teachers among them. It's a model that would fail anywhere in the real world. Tenure is too soon (if it should exist at all), teacher dismissals are too hard to accomplish and too rare, and layoffs are based on seniority instead of merit. Teachers' unions have become militant political organizations concerned only with teachers. Incompetent teachers are almost impossible to fire. And we wonder why students are failing.

No school reform, no public initiative, and no speciously named bill in Congress can or will fix the problem endemic to public education if they do not focus on the quality of the basic unit of education. They key is human (parents and teachers) interaction with the students. We have forgotten what teaching it. "Teaching" has morphed into political indoctrination, and it starts long before college. It should not come as news to anybody with a pulse that a system that is state-funded and state-run advocates for a bigger and more expensive government. They continually ask for more money and the problem continues to get worse.

Trump's laser-focus on school choice should resonate here in Wisconsin more than anywhere else. Nearly 30 years ago, Milwaukee began a bold experiment in market-based education reform. It became the nation's birthplace of school choice. Touted as "the birthplace of educational freedom", Education Secretary DeVos visited Milwaukee last Fall and held up St. Marcus Lutheran School as a voucher school which the nation could emulate. Those whose oxen are being gored showed up in droves to protest—shouting "Go home Betsy" as she entered the building. DeVos is hoping to foster hope where there is no hope by promoting the Education Freedom Scholarships, which would provide $5 billion in federal tax credits for donors who contribute to state-designated scholarships like the one little Janiyah Davis received during the State of the Union speech. DeVos referred to public schools as "government-assigned schools" and attacked what she referred to as the "educational cabal."

Milwaukee is home to the nation's oldest voucher program, which charges tuition but also opens itself up to students that receive public tax dollars. Voucher schools are private schools which do not have to follow the self-destructive rules of public schools. Most of them are parochial schools which provide religious instruction (one of the biggest reasons they are derided by the American left) and charge tuition to private-paying students who receive taxpayer-funded vouchers from the government. They were initially given to poor, black children in order to provide them the ability to escape the death sentence of public schools. Charter schools, on the other hand, are not religious institutions but like voucher schools have limited public accountability while also operating under different rules than the failing public schools. Voucher schools are required to take students with special education needs, but they are not required to meet those needs beyond what can be provided with minor adjustments. Voucher schools (as non-government schools) do not have to adhere to "due process" when suspending a student, like public schools do. Wisconsin's Private School Choice Programs (WPCP) include four separate private school voucher programs:

- Milwaukee Parental Choice Program (MPCP);
- Racine Parental Choice Program (RPCP);
- Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP); and
- Special Needs Scholarship Program (SNSP).

In October 2019, there were 254 private schools participating in the WPCP, with a total enrollment of 9,764 students or 9,419.3 full-time equivalent (FTE) in the program.

Critics of charter schools and voucher programs see such initiatives as a threat privatize education, break teachers' unions and/or promote religious ideology. They correctly point out that because of the way they are funded, they bleed resources from public schools. That would be a problem if history hadn't clearly shown us that pouring more money into public schools isn't the answer—it's actually part of the problem. Public taxpayer dollars should follow the child and it should be up to the parent to decide when and how their children are educated. Homeschool is legal in all 50 states. While the U.S. Supreme Court has never ruled specifically on home schooling, a 1972 decision upheld the right of Amish parents to keep their children out of the failing public schools. A 2015 study by the National Home Education Research Institute reveals that home-schooled children score 30 percentile points higher than public school students on standardized tests. What's not to like?

Another fast-growing option, Education Savings Accounts (ESA), like Health Savings Accounts, are fast becoming popular. Instead of a tuition voucher, parents have an educational account such as an education debit card with a certain amount of money on it. You could use this for private school tuition, buy supplies, hire a coach to help your kids with SAT's, or even take an approved educational trip. Necessity is the mother of invention and the need for improving our kids' education is dire.

Wisconsin is the birthplace of the school choice movement. School choice is not only the remedy for America's failing public schools and a life line thrown to many inner-city, lower-income students whose educational and vocational outlook would otherwise be quite bleak, but it also offers the unexpected benefit of attracting students raised in large families and in rural areas, who might not otherwise be able to afford the benefits of a private school. States whose Democratic governors veto educational opportunities for its children will soon find themselves at the bottom of the educational heap. Voucher initiatives and school choice are here to stay. If public funds increasingly go toward private education, you keep the benefits of public education and shed the disadvantages. The student and the country are the winners.

In the global classroom, 'American' is for average

By Kristen Blair

The world's workforce pipeline pulses with top talent, yet American education remains mired in mediocrity. New test results of 15-year-olds worldwide reveal American performance is near average in science, math, and reading, flatlining for almost two decades. Yet the U.S. spends more, per-pupil, than nearly every competitor country and has implemented years of sweeping reforms. And still, America lags behind.

Perplexing? Yes. Challenging? Sure. But, tick-tock: These are teens we're talking about, and they're entering the workforce — soon. At stake: American competitiveness, and queueing up homegrown talent for STEM — science, technology, engineering, and math — jobs, which have grown 79% since 1990, according to Pew Research. Estimates indicate some 2.4 million STEM jobs are vacant.

First, though, specifics about that test: Called PISA, the Programme for International Assessment, it's administered triennially by the Organization for Economic and Cooperative Development. New results are from 2018's exam, taken by 600,000 teens in 79 countries and economies.

A global performance yardstick, PISA is useful in a global economy. It's predictive: Longitudinal research shows strong PISA performance is linked with higher educational attainment and lower unemployment by age 25.

PISA is also useful in what it measures. The test assesses whether kids can apply what they know to solve real-world problems. Sounds like the work world, right?

Here's a performance review of American education. The U.S. ranked 13th in reading, 18th in science, and 37th in math — slightly above OECD average in reading and science; below average in math. Ironically, given rankings, American students "reported significantly more competition than cooperation amongst their schoolmates to a greater degree" than any country, noted OECD. On the "needs improvement" list, then: cooperation and collaboration.

Reading, PISA's primary 2018 focus, yielded one triumph: 13.5% of American students, an increase from 2015, hit upper performance levels. Unfortunately, nearly one in five didn't attain baseline proficiency.

Science performance was stable if

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Robert Canine, tying scientific, political, and economic issues together. "That is, the fact that global warming 'research' is the biggest fraud in the history of science, and it's nothing more than a politically-motivated attempt to seize wealth from the wealthier nations (mainly the U.S.) and send it to the rest of the world (while lining the pockets of the those doing the seizing)."

Oliver Clozoff asked, "Are they going to be allowed to teach that it's a complete hoax perpetrated by liberals who just want an excuse to boss people around and take their stuff?"

Mockery often combined with blaming political ideology.

Teddy Novak wrote, "Leftists, whether they call themselves socialists, fascists, progressives, communists, Democrats, Greens, Antifa, Nazis, Black Lives Matter, or whatever, are a cancer."

"Get 'em while they're young, and you'll have the next batch of jackbooted greenies controlling what we do and say, voting for taxes to go to the carbon exchange where a few will get trillions in exchange for saving the Earth from carbon dioxide, a life gas," wrote someone calling himself simply Mark.

Other mockery was simpler. "Climate Comedian" wrote, "It's funny because all of these comments are critical of the policy… not one comment to support it. I wonder if something is happening out there beyond the hysteria. I guess we will find out in 12 years when all of this is supposed to come crashing down on us!"

"They also need to include the Tooth Fairy and Santa Claus. Everyone likes a good story," wrote "Jay."

And "matismf" said simply, "Putrid stench of tribe in action."

So maybe there's hope for California after all. Though climate alarmism seems to dominate the political class and entertainers, the rank and file aren't marching lockstep.

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worked to reduce the worst human-harming threats—choking air pollution, poisoned water—are seduced by the panic of global warming alarmists. But this panic fogs their thinking and warps their values from, "We must protect humans!" to a dogma of "We must protect Gaia, even at the expense of humans!"

If you value the environment because you want humans to survive, prosper, and flourish in the best world possible, you need be get past the climate hysteria and seriously question the science on which it's based. You need to acknowledge that the benefits of a moderately warming world—e.g., record crop yields and fewer deaths from cold, the latter of which kills far more people than heat—are good for humans, and that damage from proposed solutions to the alleged warming crisis—such as hyper-high energy costs and radically reduced living standards—are not.

Most importantly, you need to clearly and loudly reject and shun those who hate humans so much that they would have us all dead for the benefit of mosquitoes, frozen mud, and a "natural" world of predators and prey bereft of all value because it's bereft of humans.

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Polar Bears Go Extinct

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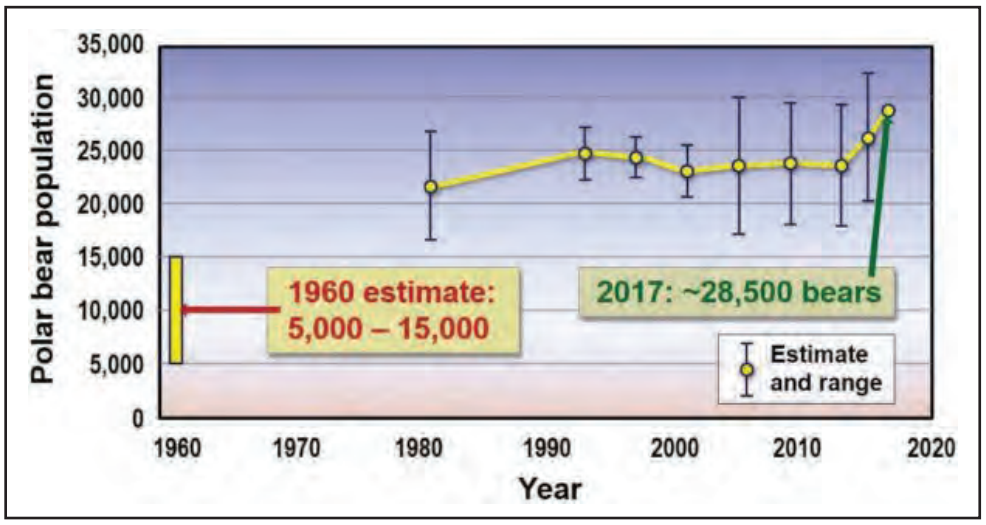
science—shows exactly the opposite. Rather than marching toward extinction, polar bears are multiplying.

Lehr presents the numbers from polar bear biologist Susan Crockford in a simple graph:

In short, the estimated number of polar bears has multiplied by anywhere from nearly 2 to nearly 6 times.

My friend Jay likes tennis. This is game, set, and match.



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chemical or biological but moral—the pollution of idolatry, adultery, murder, oppression of the weak, and other violations of the moral law of God expressed in the Ten Commandments (Psalm 106:38; Jeremiah 3:1–10; 16:18). This does not, however, mean that we are free to harm our neighbors and the earth by careless disposal of what we more typically think of as pollution. The commandments against murder and theft, which by implication also prohibit our intentionally or negligently injuring our neighbors or harming their property, prohibit that.

Because of sin and the curse, risk is inherent in every human activity (Hebrews 9:27), so it is proper to balance risk against risk.Cost/benefit analysis (Luke 14:28) is an important aspect of godly dominion (Proverbs 14:4). The mere existence of risk does not make an activity immoral. Proper environmental prioritization will address greater risks before lesser risks. Since resources spent to reduce one risk cannot be used to reduce another, it is wise to allocate resources where they will achieve the greatest risk reduction. Environmental policies that address relatively minor risks while harming the poor—such as opposition to the use of abundant, affordable, reliable energy sources like fossil fuels in the name of fighting global warming; the suppression of the use of safe, affordable, and effective insecticides like DDT to reduce malaria in the name of protecting biodiversity; and the conversion of vast amounts of corn and other agricultural products into engine fuel in the name of ecological protection—oppress the poor and are unjust.

Because a clean, safe, healthful, beautiful environment is a costly good, wealthy societies can better afford environmental protection and restoration than poor societies. Economic development is, therefore, not a threat to environmental quality but an indispensable precondition of it. Private ownership of land and other resources, because it harnesses God-given human incentives to overcome the "tragedy of the commons," is the best institutional economic system for environmental protection.Collective economic systems are comparatively poor at protecting and improving natural environments.

Intentional exaggeration, as practiced by many environmental advocacy organizations, or minimization, as practiced by many industries, of environmental risks or the effectiveness of various means of addressing them is sinful.

Godly dominion is a responsibility for everyone at all times, regardless of eschatological perspective. Our obligation to love our neighbors requires godly dominion, whether the earth is to remain and be transformed, or be annihilated and replaced, and whether Christ's second coming and the final judgment are moments away or thousands of years ahead.

Right to Contest Prophets of Environmental Doom

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world's decision-makers said that this is a time for optimism, not pessimism.

Trump is right, of course. No where is this better demonstrated than in America where proper environmental protection has been going on for the past half-century.

1968 began a major legislative effort by scientists to bring knowledge of our environment to bear on procedures and regulations that could staunch the unnecessary outpouring of industrial, municipal and domestic waste into the air we breathe, the water we drink and swim in, the water wells we pump from and the soil in which we grow our food.

Between 1972 and 1980, Congress passed a safety net of environmental laws that adequately protected every medium of our environment. They spawned an environmental improvement and protection program during the ensuing two decades that became the most successful grass roots, self-improvement program in our nation's history.

Today, the United States enjoys its cleanest environment ever, and by any measure, the best in the world.

The air in every major city in America has vastly improved as contaminants such a sulfur dioxide, nitrous oxide, lead, turbidity and other volatile organic compounds (VOCs) have declined dramatically and continue to do so. The EPA asserts, while showing the below graph, "This progress occurred while the U.S. economy continued to grow, Americans drove more miles and population and energy use increased."

"Between 1970 and 2018, the combined emissions of the six common pollutants (PM2.5 and PM10, SO2, NOx, VOCs, CO and Pb) dropped by 74 percent." – Environmental Protection Agency.

Most of our rivers and streams are now fishable and swimmable. The Cuyahoga River, near Cleveland, which caught fire in June of 1968, now abounds with pleasure boats and fishing boats. Likewise, the Hudson River in New York State, a veritable sewer in the 1970s, is clean and beautiful again.

You do not often read or hear this great American success story because the environmental movement has been co-opted by left-leaning organizations. It is now controlled by individuals and groups with hidden agendas that barely involve our air, water and soil. These people use the environmental concerns of the public to oppose capitalism, suppress individual rights, and enlarge government. Trump summed up the situation well in Davos:

"These alarmists always demand the same thing - absolute power to dominate, transform and control every aspect of our lives."

Their willing co-conspirators are most of the main stream news media, which has long known that bad news sells best, and the major environmental advocacy groups who package and sell fear to a willing public, apparently genetically wired to believe in the worst outcomes.

Our technology is constantly able to measure ever smaller concentrations of contaminants in our air and water without explaining the virtual lack of impact such small concentrations have on human health. Fifty years ago, we were lucky to measure contaminants in parts per million. Now we regularly measure everything in parts per trillion which is the equivalent of one second in 32,000 years. Such concentrations are insignificant to our health regardless of the chemical of concern.

A short list of environmental myths would include conventional wisdom on the impact of global warming, ozone holes, radon, asbestos, electric transmission towers, cell phones, arsenic, nitrates, nuclear power, pesticides, fertilizers, and wood preservatives to name but a few. That is not to say that everything and anything cannot become dangerous at high enough concentrations. They certainly can, but not at the levels commonly set for us by the federal government or fear-mongered to us by environmental advocacy groups.

The battle against overzealous environmentalism will never end, and we may not win, but we must persist in attempting to convince all those in our sphere of influence that the preachers of doom and gloom are simply wrong. Their messages are based merely on political agendas or simple ignorance, rather than sound science. Bravo to President Trump for calling out the prophets of environmental doom.

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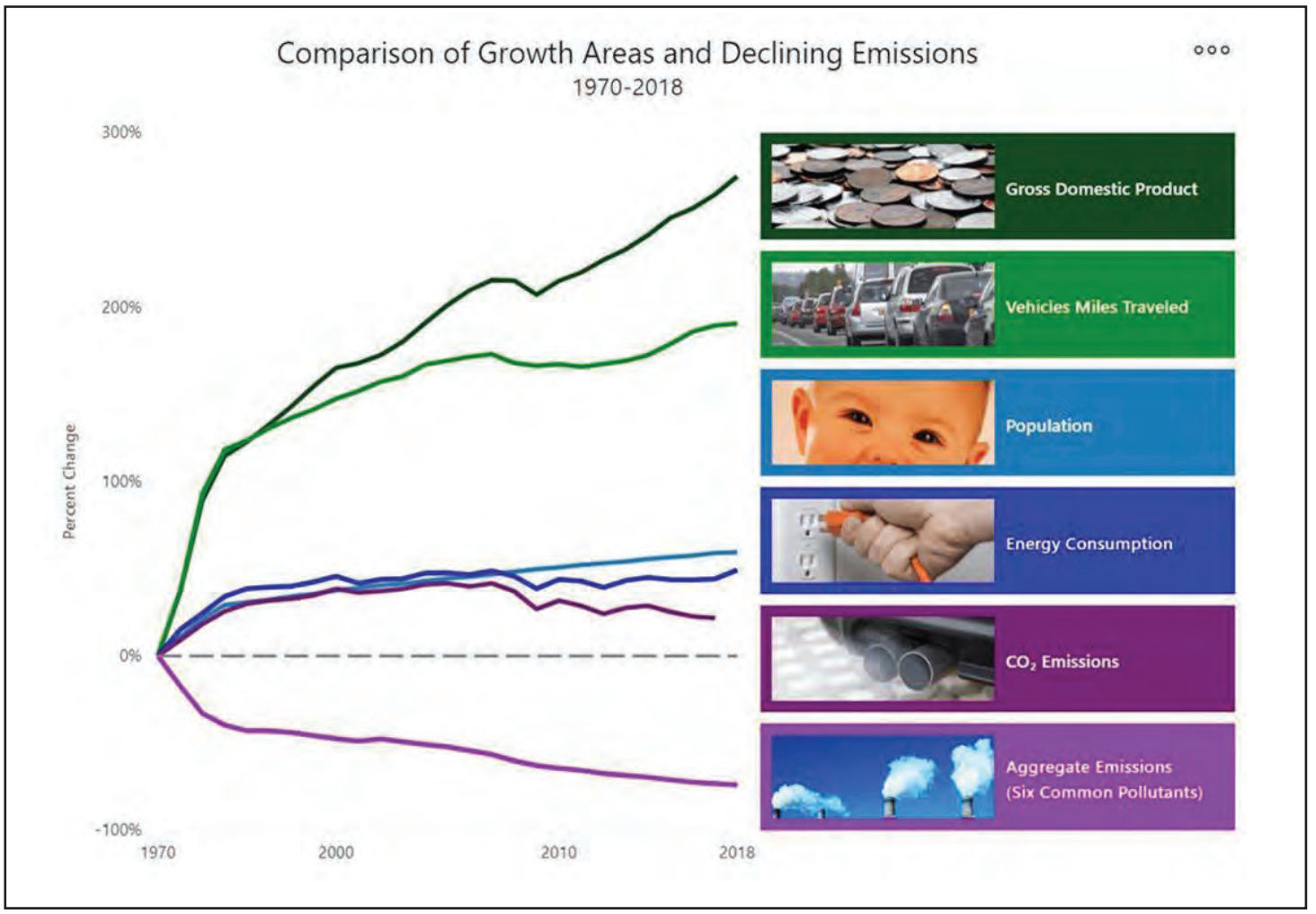

GOVERNMENT CIRCUS

Now Is The Time For A Flat Tax

Use Current Fiscal Surplus To Move To A Permanent 3% Flat Tax

MADISON - With the recent news from the Legislative Fiscal Bureau that Wisconsin's economy continues to be strong and tax revenue is expected to be $818 million more than originally anticipated at the end of the 2019-2021 biennium, the John K. MacIver Institute for Public Policy is asking Governor Tony Evers and the Legislature to consider adopting a 3% flat tax.

MacIver President Brett Healy issued the following statement:

"The most recent fiscal estimate is great news and another reminder that fiscal discipline, sensible regulation and cutting taxes has been a winning recipe for all Wisconsinites. We should use this momentum, build on our record of success and lock in long-term and meaningful tax reform that will benefit all Wisconsinites. Now is the time to adopt bold tax reform that will make Wisconsin an economic powerhouse for generations to come."

Wisconsin's top income tax rate of 7.65% is the 10th highest in the country and our lowest income tax rate of 3.86% is the 6th highest rate among states with a progressive income tax. Our lowest income tax rate was previously tied at the 4th highest among states with a progressive income tax before 2019 Act 9 and Act 10 tax reforms lowered the two lowest income tax bracket rates.

Though our lowest income tax rate was reduced in 2019, Wisconsin is still one of the worst places for the working poor in terms of the tax rate they pay. If Wisconsin adopted a 3% flat income tax rate, Wisconsin would have the lowest tax rate in the Midwest and the 2nd lowest flat tax rate in the entire country.

"We can use the temporary revenue surplus to create a simpler, fairer tax code that will lower the tax burden for everyone," Healy said. "A low 3% flat tax will help Wisconsin attract new families, recruit new businesses, keep our retirees from leaving and entice college graduates to work in the state."

Giving Away the Store

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While common sense says NO, it is unfortunate that Congress fails the common-sense test.

The issue of Congress giving away our money to private entities has been debated since the founding of the Republic. Opponents of this giving argue taxpayer money can only be spent on matters enumerated in the Constitution. Government asserts it can spend it on anything that is for the general welfare.

Continuing this debate may seem irrelevant since the courts have made it clear legislatures determine what is general welfare. Such a broad interpretation of governments' ability to tax and spend has resulted in a massive increase in the national debt and a huge expansion of government. The federal government provides grants, loans, tax credits, tax deferments and guarantees risk to incentivize certain activities. State and local governments provide property tax relief, tax abatements, low interest bonds and outright grants, usually to attract business to an area.

Examples abound at the federal level:

• Up to a $7,500 tax break for purchasers of the first 200,000 electric vehicles produced by an auto manufacturer;

• Oil and gas industries receive $20 billion in annual subsidies;

• Tax deferment on capital gains from Opportunity Zone investment which was to go to poor areas but is a boon to rich areas, e.g. high-end apartments with yoga lawns and pools surrounded by cabanas and daybeds;

• The prescription drug industry benefitted from $64 billion in federal research funding;

• Flood insurance subsidies promote building high-end housing in flood prone areas. This insurance program is potentially liable for $1.24 trillion in claims while only collecting $3.5 billion in annual premiums. The program is already over $25 billion in losses that taxpayers will have to pay; and

• Pension bailouts to coal miners while laying the groundwork for a massive bailout of the underfunded private, multi-employer pension system.

Presently the U.S. carries over $23 trillion in national debt and could be on the hook for over $200 trillion in unfunded liabilities. Yet Congress continues to give away billions to private entities.

While there is almost no limit to governments' power to give away taxpayers' money, there are historical precedents for limiting such gifts. In the mid-1800s, many municipalities and states used public funds to purchase stock in railroads being built across the continent. Many government entities were swindled out of large amounts of money. To prevent future losses, forty-six states enacted constitutional limitations preventing gifts to private entities. These restrictions were called "gift clauses" or "anti-donation" clauses or simply "government gift-prohibitions."

The government gift-prohibition policies barred state and local governments from giving or loaning public funds to private corporations or associations for private undertakings. Initially, these provisions stopped government speculation with taxpayer money. Over time, however, the courts defined public welfare to be anything that has a "public purpose." Fitting within this definition is almost every type of government project conceived by a legislature, e.g. parking lots, sports facilities, corporate rent subsidies, politically favored forms of energy. Taxpayer money just flows, and the courts find it legal, based on legislated appropriations.

More troubling is that government gives taxpayer money to the largest and most profitable corporations in the world. "The Good Jobs First" report tracts the one hundred largest companies receiving government gifts (federal, state, local). First on the list is Boeing at $14.9 billion; number two is General Motors at $6.9 billion and number three is Intel at $6 billion. Most companies on the list are in energy, transportation or technology.

These large corporations persuaded our government that a tax cut would spur investment in new business and equipment. These corporations however, spent three times as much on additional dividends and stock buybacks than they invested in their businesses.

We the people need to clearly re-enact the wise-policies of the mid-1800s and demand all candidates running for office take a government gift-prohibitions pledge:

I pledge that, if elected, I will serve as a fiduciary of public money and will not vote to give, grant, or loan public funds or extend the credit of the public to any private corporation, association, or private undertaking.

By asking every candidate for public office to take this pledge, citizens can identify candidates willing to protect taxpayers. If the pledge is broken, the public will quickly know who is not trustworthy. The entire effort becomes self-policing by citizens.

A modest proposal, but it is a start!

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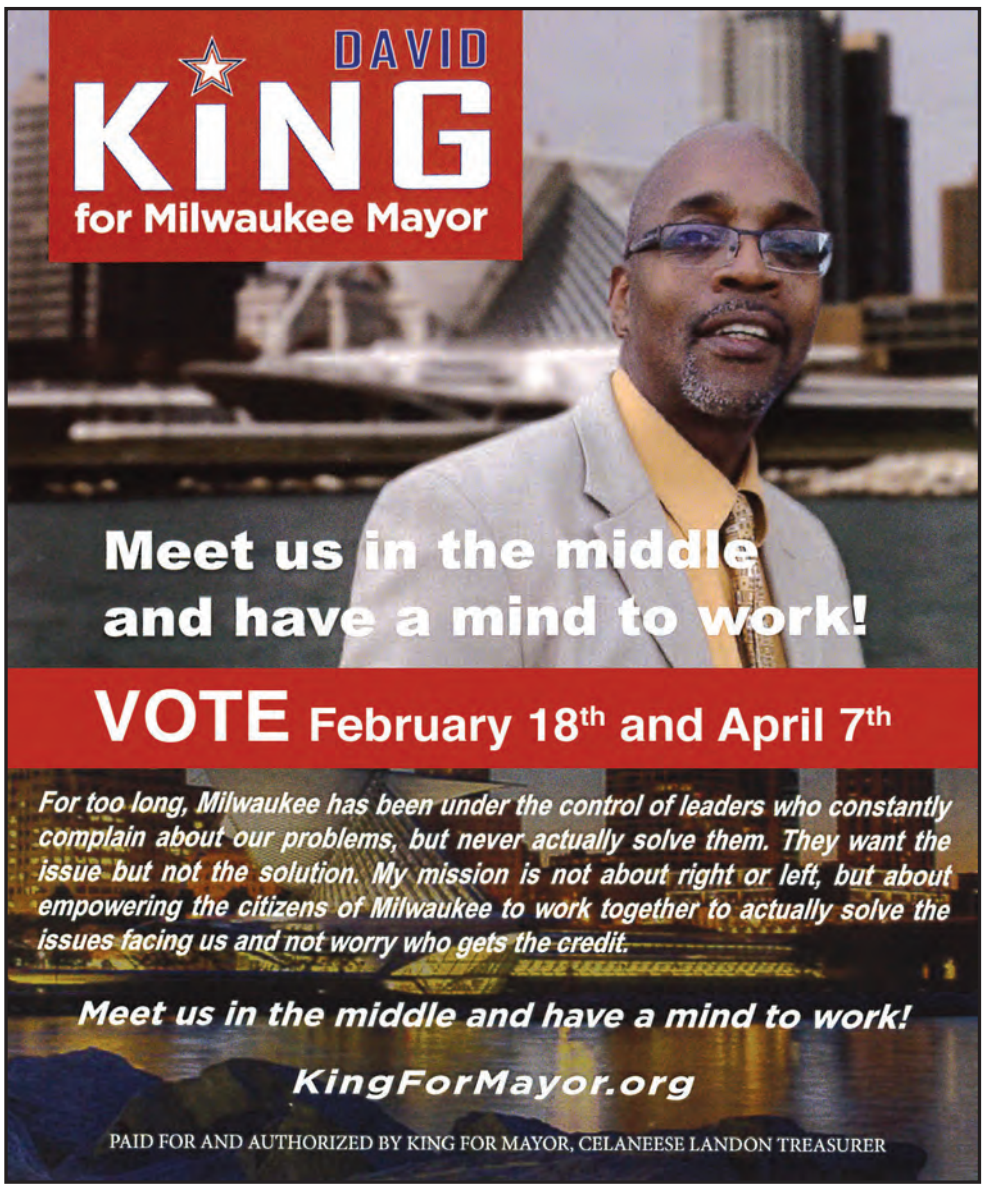



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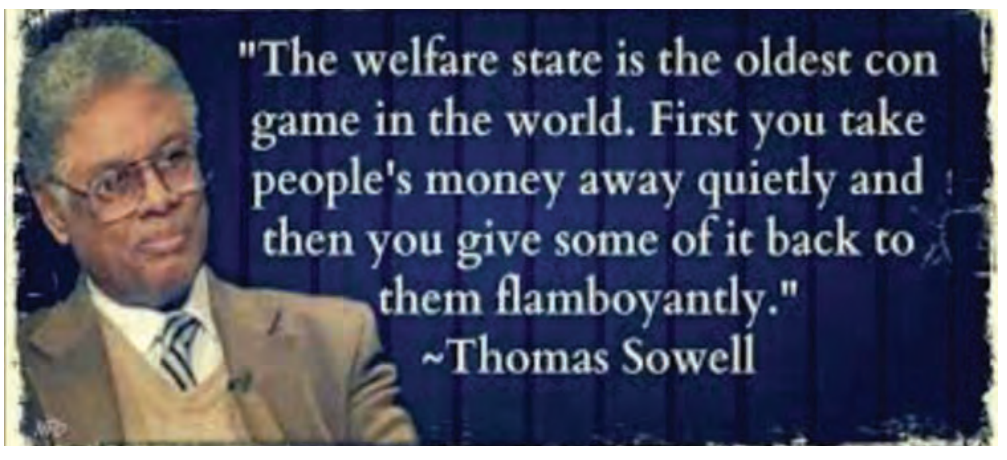

WMC

WMC Commends President Trump for Signing Phase 1 of US-China Deal



MADISON – Following President Trump's signing of the first phase of the US-China trade deal, Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce (WMC) President & CEO Kurt Bauer released the following statement:

"WMC commends President Trump for his efforts to make China play fair on the world market. The signing of today's Phase 1 trade agreement is a positive step forward for Wisconsin businesses and the future growth of our economy. While there is still more to do, we hope this is the beginning of a positive and equal economic relationship between our two countries."



The Red Dragon

"Their wine is the poison of dragons and the cruel venom of asps." Deuteronomy 32:33

By Riley J. Hood—Milwaukee County Constitution Party

The Peoples Republic of China is still Communist and Communism is still evil. Under Reagan, the USSR was targeted economically, and its European investors were leaned on the stop their monetary support of Soviet Communism. Reagan ignored the Nixon policy where we opened the door to China in the naïve hope that "free trade" would bring freedom itself. In 2001 we backed China's entry into the UN World Trade Organization, thereby granting the Communists "most favored nation status" for perpetuity.

President Trump informed us about the "Belt and Road initiative" which China means to control or conquer large areas it has claimed. Trump also informed America about the "Made in China 2025" strategy which aims to create a Chinese monopoly in AI, quantum computing, and hypersonic missiles. Trump has made you aware of forced technology transfers, via R&D demands as the cost of their cheap labor. Trump deserves a certain amount of credit for his courage, as the "trade war" was declared by the PRC, not Trump. The PRC has had a trade war against America since 1972, Trump just forced the Commies to finally declare it, even though the socialists in the media side with the Chinese. If the trade war is hurting China, it is long overdue. Trump has called Americans to grow up regarding China, and the Milwaukee County Constitution Party asserts that Americans can grow up some more.

According to Roger W. Robinson Jr, China has over 700 companies in our stock, capital and bond markets: 86 in the NYSE, 62 in NASDAQ and 500 in the "over-the-counter" market. RWR says, "Among these companies are some egregious bad actors. Hikvision, for example is responsible for facial recognition technology" and "surveillance cameras atop the walls of Chinese Concentration camps." RWR asks, "Does any of us have the financing of concentration camps in mind when we transfer money into our retirement and investment accounts? It is an empirical fact: the majority of American investors are unwittingly funding Chinese concentration camps, the People's Liberation Army and more." America doesn't screen our markets for security concerns, which manage over 35 trillion dollars. Our markets fund companies that maintain Chinese ICBM's targeting American cities and other weapons systems for the PLA. Some of these companies that have been indicted or their employees have been arrested for spying, espionage and cybercrimes.

Most of our workforce is investing our enemy, and Mr. Robinson projects that Chinese companies will top 15% of all companies in US Markets in the near future, which is why there is such a vested interest in our own people to be pro-China. It is a strategic move on the powerful China Lobby's part, it is the lynchpin of treason. The China Lobby has done more than corrupt a few NBA players who favor the Communist Party over the Hong-Kong freedom movement.

Robinson declares, "Today Americans are buying Chinese Sovereign bonds to finance our own potential destruction--Anti Liberty Bonds." According to the Prague Security Institute, the California State Teacher's Retirement System has $4million and the University of Michigan has $1.7 billion worth of their assets invested in China. Prague-SI says these examples "are quite typical of what we are finding elsewhere."

The Federal Thrift Savings Plan has 5.7 million enrollees, including military personnel, has a $50 billion International Portfolio, through Morgan Stanley Capital Investment. In 2020 MSCI will participate in the All Country World Index, which includes China, and companies like AVIC which makes fighters and ICBMs for the People's Liberation army.

There are never any security risk factors in these perspectuses, and never any hearings in Congress. I have always suspected this was happening. In my lifetime, China has become an industrial nation, and America has become a de-industrialized colony. I knew there were "nuts and bolts" to this "treason machine," but I never had much proof, other than investment firms on the radio taking China's side over Trump, and linking the DOW Jones Industrial average to Chinese as opposed to American Industry. What has been perpetrated on the factory worker has been perpetrated on the entire nation.

After 40 years of our self-inflicted destruction, the Red Dragon is still Red. Most of these factories are run by prisoners, or in a prison fashion. The PRC still persecutes Christians, requires married couples to have a license from the Party to have children, still has a forced abortion policy, and is guilty of many more tyrannical deeds. The PRC isn't the solution to North Korea's actions, they are the authors of the North Korean nuclear threat. When George Washington warned against entangling foreign alliances, he would have never imagined this. As Alan Caruba has written, "In countless ways, the engine of the Federal government is being used to betray and impoverish Americans. Cry treason! For that is what it is."

What is to be done? Constitution Party founder Howard Phillips spoke against Chinese hegemony, under the Clinton administration. The Milwaukee County Constitution Party asserts that that most Americans don't want to fund ICBMs aimed at us, or military technology that puts our Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Airmen at a disadvantage. We further assert that there is no such thing as free trade in the Constitution, according to Article I, Section 8, Congress has power to regulate trade. Tariffs are a good start. Charges and punishment for taxpayer subsidized treason would help "change people's channels" even quicker. If a group of pot heads collected a few dollars to give to the Chinese Army, they would be considered traitors. How much more the educated criminals cited by Mr. Robinson and Prague-SI?





Wisconsin Union Membership Drops for Third Consecutive Year

Annual Report Shows 1,000 More Wisconsinites Rejected Union Membership In 2019 Since 2009, Union Membership In Wisconsin Has Dropped 43%

By Lexi Dittrich

The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) recently published its annual report on union membership for 2019. The data release shows a continuing trend of declining union membership at the national level and here in Wisconsin.

In 2019, Wisconsin was home to 2,698,000 workers. Of the 2,698,000 workers, 218,000 of them were union members. The year before, there were 219,000 union members, a decrease of 1,000. While the number of union members dropped by 1,000, the number of workers dropped as well, keeping the percentage of Wisconsin workers who belong to a union at 8.1 percent.

In 2009, union membership in Wisconsin was just over 15 percent of the workforce, equal to 385,000 union members. By 2015, that rate had dropped to 8.3 percent and has since stagnated between 8.3 and 8.1 percent of the workforce. In the last decade since 2009, a net 167,000 workers have chosen to leave their Wisconsin labor unions.

The dramatic decrease in Wisconsin's union membership rate is often attributed to collective bargaining reform passed in the forms of 2011 Act 10 for public employees and 2015's Right to Work law.

Unions nationwide also lost membership in 2019, falling to 10.3 percent of the United States workforce, compared to 10.5 percent in the previous year. This decrease amounts to 170,000 less union members in the US between 2018 and 2019.

In the past decade, unions nationwide lost 5 percent of their membership, decreasing from 15.3 million union members 2009 to today's 14.6 million. Comparatively, Wisconsin has lost 43 percent of its union memberships over the same time period.

Both private and public union memberships have decreased across the country. Of the 118.9 million US private sector workers in 2018, 7.6 million workers, or 6.4 percent, belong to a union. In 2019, the number of private workers belonging to a union decreased to 7.5 million, dropping to 6.2 percent.

In 2018, 21.1 million people worked in the public sector and, of those 21.1 million, 7.2 million were union members, or 33.9 percent. Comparatively, 21 million people worked for the public sector in 2019 and their union membership decreased to 7 million workers, or 33.6 percent of the public sector.

Altogether, unions across the United States have seen a net decrease of 753,000 members since 2009.

According to the 2019 BLS Union Members Summary, the "highest unionization rates were among workers in protective service occupations… and in education, training, and library occupations."

The national data show that public sector workers were almost six times more likely to be in a union in 2019 than workers from the private sector. The US private sector employs almost six times the number of workers that the public sector does, yet the number of union members for both sectors in 2019 was comparable, with less than a 1 million member difference between them.

Wisconsin Union Membership
% of Wisconsin Workforce and Actual Numbers of Members

	Wisconsin (%)	WI Union Members
2009	15.2	385,000
2010	14.2	355,000
2011	13.3	339,000
2012	11.2	293,000
2013	12.3	317,000
2014	11.7	306,000
2015	8.3	223,000
2016	8.1	219,000
2017	8.3	230,000
2018	8.1	219,000
2019	8.1	218,000

CHART SMART Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics (2020)

United States Union Membership
% of US Workforce and Actual Numbers of Members

	United States (%)	US Union Members
2009	12.3	15,327,000
2010	11.9	14,715,000
2011	11.8	14,764,000
2012	11.3	14,366,000
2013	11.3	14,528,000
2014	11.1	14,576,000
2015	11.1	14,795,000
2016	10.7	14,555,000
2017	10.7	14,817,000
2018	10.5	14,744,000
2019	10.3	14,574,000

CHART SMART Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics (2020)



National Union Membership Rates

	% of Public Workers Who Belong to a Union	% of Private Workers Who Belong to a Union
2009	37.4	7.2
2010	36.2	6.9
2011	37	6.9
2012	35.9	6.6
2013	35.3	6.7
2014	35.7	6.6
2015	35.2	6.7
2016	34.4	6.4
2017	34.4	6.5
2018	33.9	6.4
2019	33.6	6.2

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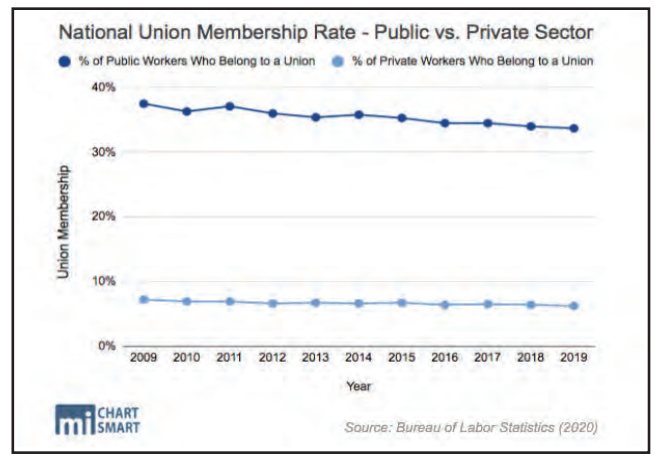



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"I choose gratitude and forgiveness over anger and bitterness. This allows me to see and appreciate the beauty and blessings in most everything."

- page 182 in "Something Beautiful is Going to Happen…"





Short Takes

By Ken Van Doren

People often say that motivation doesn't last. Well, neither does bathing - that's why we recommend it daily.

-Zig Ziglar

Without deep reflection one knows from daily life that one exists for other people.

-Albert Einstein

Daily, constantly, we choose by our desires, our thoughts, and our actions whether we want to be blessed or cursed, happy or miserable.

-Ezra Taft Benson

The amount of negativity I hear on a daily basis is unbelievable. But that's the kind of stuff you have to tune out, focus, stick with your vision and keep plugging every day.

-Dana White

Peace is a daily, a weekly, a monthly process, gradually changing opinions, slowly eroding old barriers, quietly building new structures.

-John F. Kennedy

Dreams are the guiding words of the soul. Why should I henceforth not love my dreams and not make their riddling images into objects of my daily consideration?

-Carl Jung

Literature adds to reality, it does not simply describe it. It enriches the necessary competencies that daily life requires and provides; and in this respect, it irrigates the deserts that our lives have already become.

-C. S. Lewis

Wisdom to Live By

"I'm alive and I'm going to keep standing up for what I believe in. Once you get to that point, boy you are dangerous."

- Andrew Breitbart

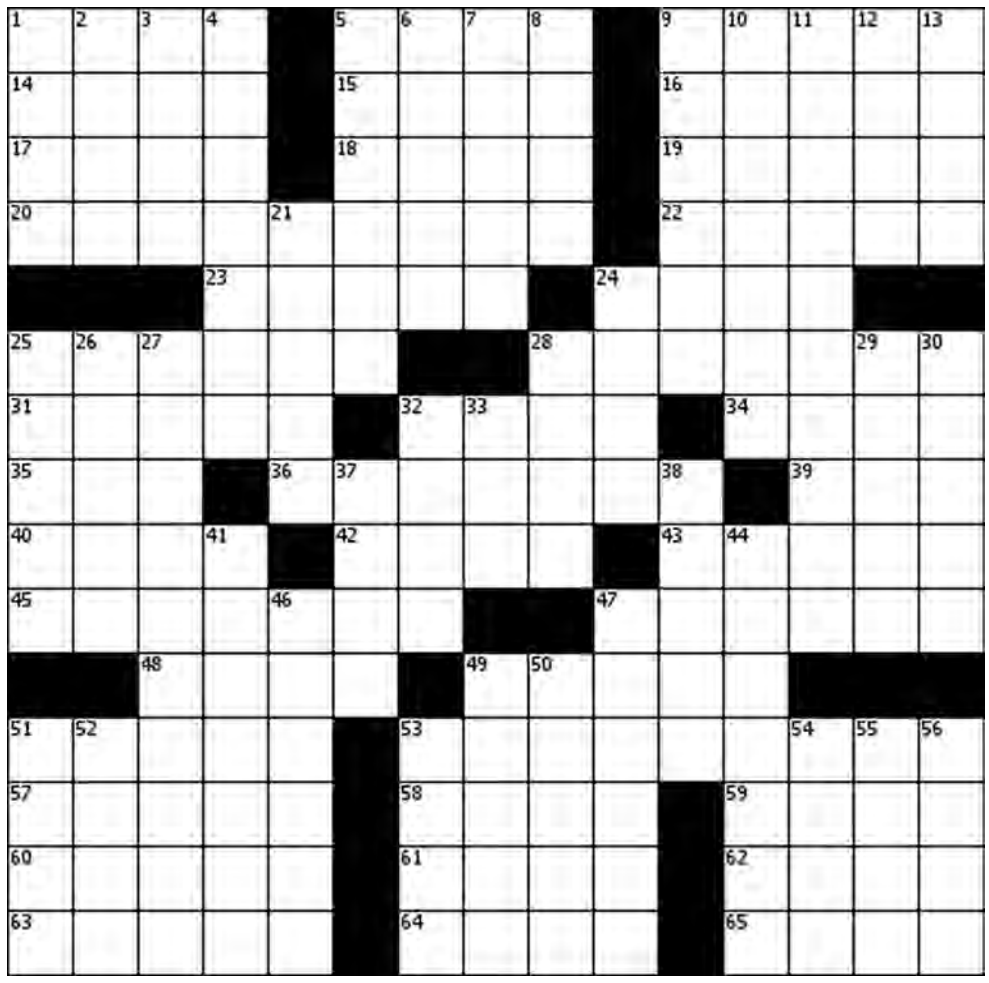


THE GAME PAGE

Crossword Puzzler

ACROSS
1. International Tennis Hall of Fame inductee, 2004
5. Simps' syllables
9. Popular font
14. Klinger's state
15. Needlecase
16. Knight stick
17. Those that are 35 today, e.g.
18. A boxer makes it
19. Nimble
20. Some hockey feats
22. Play worker
23. Pass on
24. Garfield's sidekick
25. Opening off a larger room
28. Tracy of films
31. Love of antiques
32. Auction, e.g.
34. Site of a memorable Beatles concert
35. Chateau d'If setting
36. Surprise fare
39. Annoy
40. Fashion designer Gucci
42. Wharf
43. "Silas Marner" character
45. Nor partner
47. Strong points
48. You may hit the ground with it
49. ___ Ste. Marie, Mich.
51. Walked nervously
53. Extremely trivial
57. Europe-Asia divide
58. Miss Bagnold
59. Builder's need
60. Thomas of "That Girl"
61. Wine-producing province
62. With great expectations
63. Supplementary feature
64. When it's saved, it's taken
65. It holds the team together

DOWN
1. Vincent Van ___
2. Moon of Saturn
3. Grammarian's eyebrow-raiser
4. Ballroom dance
5. Sully
6. City on the Mohawk
7. Sled dog, often
8. Is on the bottom?
9. Advert
10. Babka need
11. Wealthy, slangily
12. Throb
13. Scornful expression
21. Increase, as production
24. Oil cartel letters
25. Pertaining to birds
26. City north of Paris
27. It has purchasing power
28. Innuendo
29. Causing goosebumps
30. Tools for croupiers
32. Culinary directive
33. Seidel filler, sometimes
37. Columnist's page
38. Gene of dancing
41. Desdemona's husband
44. Save for a rainy day
46. North American river
47. Expert commentator
49. Feeling or hearing, e.g.
50. "Dolly" novelist Brookner
51. Ranch menace
52. Romanian city on the Mures
53. Like two ___ in a pod
54. NASA scratch
55. Borrowed without permission
56. Slight advantage



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Answers on page 21

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The EEO/AA

"One law shall be to him that is home-born, and unto the stranger that sojourneth among you." Exodus 12:49

By Riley J. Hood—Milwaukee County Constitution Party

The first time I had ever heard of someone speak against affirmative action was about a College Admission case out of California. The second time I heard something about the subject was from Howard Phillips, who was speaking in Milwaukee in 1999 on "Sovereignty & Accountability." Howard said that he worked in the Nixon administration to cut out the Office of Economic Opportunity, or OEO, but Nixon lacked the courage to face the controversy. Howard made similar comments about David Stockman and the Reagan administration, and the facts are according to Howard, "the Reagan administration funded the organized homosexual movement."

Today, any idea contrary to affirmative action, such as the fact that it punishes talented people and promotes untalented people based on socialist groupthink, gets you lumped in with David Duke, Jason Kessler, and Richard Spencer. Such men, according to their media statements are supremacists based on genetics and appearance. Such men are messiahs without a message. White men have done quite a lot to benefit mankind, we ended our own enslavement, and we ended the enslavement of other people, yet we have in no way cornered the market on kindness. I would dare say, we did these things as Christians, and not as eugenicists. Even guys who I tend to agree with, like Dinesh DeSouza promote the idea that if you speak against AA you are part of the KKK.

So why risk speaking against affirmative action? Because it doesn't stop violence, nor does it prosper people who have had handouts since 1964. It hurts the workingman who is trying to make a living. AA isn't a charitable idea: it is federal/corporate policy backed by force of law. Need some examples?

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Every employer and employment agency has these statements, and the are almost verbatim, because they are mandated. With the exception of sodomy, you think, nothing wrong with that statement, wouldn't we want treat our fellow man in a respectful way? No one realizes that the term, "protected group status" means social engineering, and the federal government picks winners and losers.

I am a pre-ordained loser. I am forced to degrade myself by signing on that I am in an "unprotected category" that none of these policies are there for me. Not for anything I have done, but for how I appear. It is open season, and anything goes, and as of the last ten years, anything has gone. After I was red-flagged, I wanted to sue GA for unlawful termination. I was told by lawyer after lawyer, that I don't have a case, the talking points went basically like this, "Wisconsin is an 'At Will' State, you are in an unprotected category, so you can be lawfully terminated at any time." So, if I was a "minority" or "protected class" I would have rights, and have standing at law, according to every one of these lawyers. I do have rights, they are gifts from God, and I have a case. And I will never give up.

The Milwaukee County Constitution Party supports our Platform's "No-Quota" Constitutional Amendment, which states, "The Constitution Party of Wisconsin, believing that an individual should be allowed to succeed or fail based on his own merits and not because he is a member of a particular cultural subgroup, wholly supports the following amendment to the Constitution of the State of Wisconsin: Neither the state of Wisconsin nor any of its political subdivisions or agents shall use race, sex, color, ethnicity or national origin as a criterion for either discriminating against, or granting preferential treatment to, any individual or group in the operation of the state's system of public employment, public education or public contracting." Here in Milwaukee, Black people are the major group, white people are in a minority position, by percentage of population. Our affiliate does believe in working with Black people and Hispanic people, as Christians and as Americans, and we believe in working with working people who have to pay for government, as opposed to getting paid by government.

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Arline Lester

"When I was hungered ye gave me no meat: when I was thirsty ye gave me no drink;" Matthew 25:42 "Then he shall answer them, saying, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not unto me." Matthew 25:45

By Riley J. Hood—Milwaukee County Constitution Party

Euthanasia: Here in America, from Karen Quinlan, to Nancy Cruzan, to Christine Busalachi and Terri Schiavo, people have been put to death by their own relatives. Now there is the fight for Arline Lester, an elderly woman in NY. Arline worked in PS 125 (Brownsville, Brooklyn) for 25 years as a math teacher, and later at Brooklyn College.

Arline is in the middle of a guardianship battle between her two sons. The good son wants her to live. The other son wants to remove her feeding tube in order to "preserve" her estate, because he is a vulture. Arline has communicated on video that she wants to live. According to Sarah Quayle from personhood.org, "the Nassau County court judge Julianne Capetola appears poised to grant guardianship to the son who wants to kill her. The trial has been all this week, and is coming to a close." The good son is under a gag order, and a "doctor" is testifying that Arline should be sent to hospice to be dehydrated and starved.

According to the New York Post, "Arline Lester is recovering in a New York hospital after having one of her legs amputated." Arline's recovery has been difficult (she is connected to a ventilator and a feeding tube in order to help her get stronger), she is conscious and alert. When asked, repeatedly, by one of her sons if she wants to live, she mouthed the words: "I want to live." Though Arline has been bed-bound for some time, and temporarily lost the use of speech, on New Year's Day, 2020, Arline celebrated her 91st birthday and she started speaking again!

The Milwaukee County Constitution Party asserts that until the Lord returns, we will all die, but that reality doesn't give murderers the right to "speed the process" for their own convenience. Arline Lester's case is being contested in in court, yet the elderly are murdered every day in hospice. Most Americans love to have it so. They mouth such crudities as "he was a vegetable, so the pulled the plug" or "he wanted to die." We further assert that food and hydration are not extraordinary live saving measures or even medicine per se, but should be standard charitable care, and that hospice is an evil uncharitable institution. Finally, these "quality of life" blowhards never just kill themselves; they kill Karen, Nancy, Christine, Terri, Arline and the likes of you and I.

The Criminal Assault Upon Milwaukee

"The murderer shall surely be put to death." Numbers 35:16c

By Riley J. Hood—Milwaukee County Constitution Party

Headline Milwaukee- "Police say around 3:00AM near South 13th and Orchard, a suspect who was about to be issued a citation fired gunshots over the head of a parking ambassador." MPD has arrested a 25-year-old man for endangering safety. One day earlier, shortly before 5:00AM near South 13th and Waterford, several suspects were attempting to commit a burglary. DPW parking ambassadors saw the incident and followed the suspects, and one of the perps opened fire.

According to jsonline.com, "on March 22, 2017 Greg "Ziggy" Zyszkiewicz, 64, an inspector with the Department of Neighborhood Services, was shot to death during an attempted carjacking while parked in his vintage Ford Mustang near North 23rd and West Cherry streets." Qhualun D. Shaw, Deshaun K. Scott and Eric J. Smiley Jr. were convicted for murder.

Also from jsonline, "On Feb. 8 2019 Bryan Rodriguez, a 54-year-old leader of a Department of Public Works street repair crew, was fatally injured when he was struck by a hit-and-run driver while filling potholes in the 1800 block of North 17th Street." Terron Clayborn, fled the scene and was eventually arrested. He was charged with hit-and-run causing death, and knowingly operating a vehicle while suspended, causing death. According to 12 News Nick Bohr, "Clayborn didn't have a valid license" and according to the criminal complaint he has been convicted of driving without a license 14 times in 4 years.

According to WTMJ, on 4/2/19 "Police say a parking checker has

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The Pre-Born Can't Wait!

"Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it." Proverbs 3:27

Mr. Evers, As Governor of Wisconsin you coined the phrase, "Healthy Mothers-Healthy Babies." We declare the self-evident truth that aborted babies can in no way be considered healthy babies. To be healthy, one must be alive. As a Democrat, you claim to be a defender of "the little guy." There is no person smaller, and in more need of support than a pre-born baby. Pre-born babies are murdered by the abortion procedure.

The Constitution Party of Wisconsin reminds you that the first duty of the law is to punish and proscribe the shedding of innocent blood.

We the undersigned are asking you to put an immediate stop to the practice of abortion here in Wisconsin. The pre-born won't survive the "abortion procedure," the pre-born can't wait.

Sincerely, We the Citizens of Wisconsin

SO NOW BURNING A GAY FLAG IS CALLED A 'HATE CRIME' but burning the American Flag is FREE SPEECH!

The Muslim Report: Iraq

"Salvation is of the Lord." Jonah 2:9c

By Riley J. Hood—Milwaukee County Constitution Party

The City of Nineveh was an Assyrian city, known for its cruelty, then known for repenting before God, whom they had offended, in response to the preaching of Jonah. Today the City of Mosul, stands on that place. US forces fought several battles for Mosul. In 1933, 3,000 Assyrian Christians in the town of Simele were murdered by the Iraqi Army and Kurdish auxiliaries. They did so with British arms and ammunition, such are the results of arming a Muslim.

According to CNN, "Before the US-led invasion of Iraq in 2003, there were about 1.4 million Christians in the country. However, their numbers have dwindled to roughly 300,000 after hundreds of thousands fled the country following violence and attacks by various armed groups over the years."

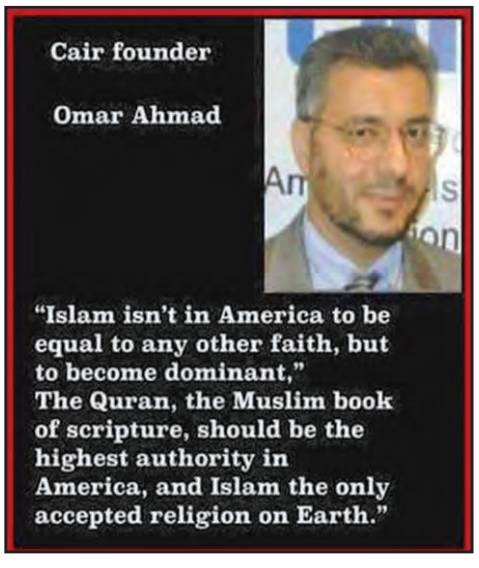
ISIS took the city of Mosul in 2014, and occupied it for three years. Today the entire Christian community is about 20 families living in the city. Over 200,000 Christians fled and will not return. Their Muslim neighbors turned on them, the hatred was there all along: ISIS brought it to the surface. Those Christians willing to return to their homes, now that ISIS doesn't occupy territory, have found their homes falsely occupied, with fake deeds, etc. The Iraqi government has recently stopped over 50 "fake sales" but it is a small percentage compared to what is taking place. The same fraud is occurring in Baghdad, Kirkuk and Basra.

In August, 2014 a Christian lady received a call from an ISIS phone terrorist, "You have three options, convert to Islam and get your properties back, leave the Islamic State for good and your properties will be owned by the Islamic State, or be killed." She and her family fled to Kurdistan. Then they fled to Turkey, and finally to Australia, in April 2019, and relative freedom. Even though they only have to suffer under humanism as opposed to Islam, they don't feel safe Australia either.

According to CNN, in 2018, "The Iraqi Cabinet approved a law to mark Christmas Day, December 25, as an official holiday across the country 'on the occasion of the birth of Jesus Christ,' according to a statement released by the Iraqi government." Of course this is encouraging, yet Muslims mark Jesus' birth as Eid Ul Nabi, or "birth of a prophet," and degrade the Messiah, making the Son of God subservient to Mohamed.

The Milwaukee County Constitution Party upholds our Parties Preamble, which states, "The Constitution Party of Wisconsin gratefully acknowledges the blessing of the Lord God as Creator, Preserver, and Ruler of the Universe and of this Nation. It recognizes Jesus Christ as transcendent King over all nations and hereby appeals to Him for aid, comfort, guidance and the protection of His Divine Providence as we work to restore and preserve this nation as a government of the people, by the people, and for the people." We assert that Islam and all Muslims are at enmity with our First Precept, and are automatically unworthy of our support.





The Muslim Report: Chad

"And let him that is athirst come. And whosever will, let him take of the water of life freely." Revelation 22:17b

By Riley J. Hood—Milwaukee County Constitution Party

Idris Cheby seized power in Chad in 1990. The Constitution adopted on April 30th, 2018 allows him to stay in power until 2033. Under the new constitution, and ministers were to swear their oath of office "in the name of Allah." Two Christian ministers have rightly refused to swear such a false oath. As a result, one was replaced by a Muslim.

According to a churchman in Chad, "All the news from Lake Chad is that Boko Haram is on the offensive. Lake Chad is where the borders of Nigeria, Niger, Cameroon, and Chad intersect. Christians are Boko Haram's main targets and if Boko Haram can control a source of fresh water, they can use hunger and thirst as weapon.

Muslims understand this tactic. It has been part of their battle strategy since Mohamad invented Islam. They used this strategy against the Crusaders, repeatedly. The crusaders lost the battle of Hattin, and then Jerusalem, as their army was weakened by thirst. After 1400 years of violence, Christians still have a hard time acknowledging the obvious.

The Milwaukee County Constitution Party asserts that if you control access to food, and especially water, you control a man's life. Here in Milwaukee, we pay confiscatory fees for water and sewer to the socialist Milwaukee Metro Sewerage District. Imagine having to pay the Jizya to get a drink of water? That is what the Muslim will bring to America.

Mutilation and Bernard Friedman

"For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth anything, nor uncircumcision: but faith which worketh by love." Galatians 5:6

By Riley J. Hood—Milwaukee County Constitution Party

Have you been paying attention? From the UK Guardian, "Nov 20, 2018 –Reuters-A federal judge in Detroit on Tuesday declared unconstitutional a US law banning female genital mutilation, and also dismissed several charges against two doctors and others in the first US criminal case of its kind. US district judge Bernard Friedman said Congress lacked authority under the commerce clause to adopt the 1996 law, and that the power to outlaw female genital mutilation, or FGM, belonged to individual states."

Friedman called the practice, "despicable," yet he vacated charges against Dr. Jumana Nagarwala who mutilated nine girls from Michigan, Illinois and Minnesota at a clinic in the Detroit suburb of Livonia. FGM is a custom of her Muslim sect, the Dawoodi Bohra. Four defendants were dismissed from the case, including three mothers accused of subjecting their daughters to FGM.

According to the Guardian, "The government said one girl, age seven, had told investigators that she and another girl had been taken to Detroit for what they thought was a "special girls' trip", and was told not to discuss the FGM procedure after it was completed. FGM typically involves the partial or total removal of the clitoris." Enough said.

This practice is common in Ethiopia, Egypt, Somalia, Sudan, and rears its ugly head in every country where Islam exists, including our own. The UN estimates that 200 million women around the world undergo FGM. 27 States ban

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The Muslim Report: Tamerlane

"Destruction and misery are in their ways: And the way of peace they have not known." Romans 3:16-17

By Riley J. Hood—Milwaukee County Constitution Party

According to the Encyclopedia Britannica, his name was Timur Lenk or "Timur the Lame.") Thoughtco.com states that Timur is Turkic for "Iron." He was born in 1336, at Kesh, near Samarkand, Transoxania [Uzbekistan] and died February 19, 1405, at Otrar, near Chimkent (Kazakhstan.) He is remembered for the cruelty of his conquests from India and Russia, to the Mediterranean Sea. He ruled as an Islamic Amir, rather a Mongol Khan.

Timur was a member of the Barlas tribe of Mongols living by the Oxus river. Regarding moniker "the lame" archaeologist Mikhail Gerasimov in 1941, opened his tomb and found evidence of two healed wounds on his right leg and his right hand was missing two fingers. A critic named Arabshah says that Timur was shot with an arrow while stealing sheep. He grew up in the Chagatai khanate and participated in campaigns. After the death in 1357 of Amir Kazgan, Timur declared his fealty to the Kashgar Khan, who had conquered Samarkand. Shortly afterward he rejoined his brother-in-law Amir Husayn and defeated Ilyas Khoja (1364) and set out to conquer Transoxania by 1366. In 1370 he attacked Husayn, besieged him in Balkh. After Husayn's assassination, he proclaimed himself the restorer of the Mongol Empire. A master of the surprise attack, he led his mobile army of horse archers from conquest to conquest. He never took up permanent residence, and hated farmers and peasants. His court, nine wives, his harem and dozens of children travelled with him.

After that, Timur fought the Khans of Jatah (Turkistan) occupying Kashgar in 1380. He gave armed supported the Khan of Crimea against the Russians who had resisted the Golden Horde. His troops took Moscow and defeated the Lithuanians near Poltava. The Il-Khan Empire was weak after death of Abu-Said in 1335. Timur captured Her?t in 1383, and conquered eastern Persia by 1385. Fars, Iraq, Azerbaijan, Armenia, Mesopotamia, and Georgia all fell between 1386 and 1394. He defeated the Golden Horde, and overthrew its Khan. In 1395 Timur occupied Moscow for a year.

According to Encyclopedia Britannica, "In 1398 Timur invaded India on the pretext that the Muslim sultans of Delhi were showing excessive tolerance to their Hindu subjects." He entered Delhi and killed 100,000 captives. Delhi was reduced to ashes. His last expeditions were against the Mamluks and Ottomans. He took Aleppo, Damascus and Baghdad in 1401. He invaded Anatolia (Turkey) in 1402. He defeated the Ottomans, he took Smyrna from the Knights of Rhodes, and Egypt and the Byzantines surrendered to him without a fight. Revolts broke out from time to time, which Timur suppressed ruthlessly. At Baghdad he murdered 20,000 people and flattened the city.

Timur's murders

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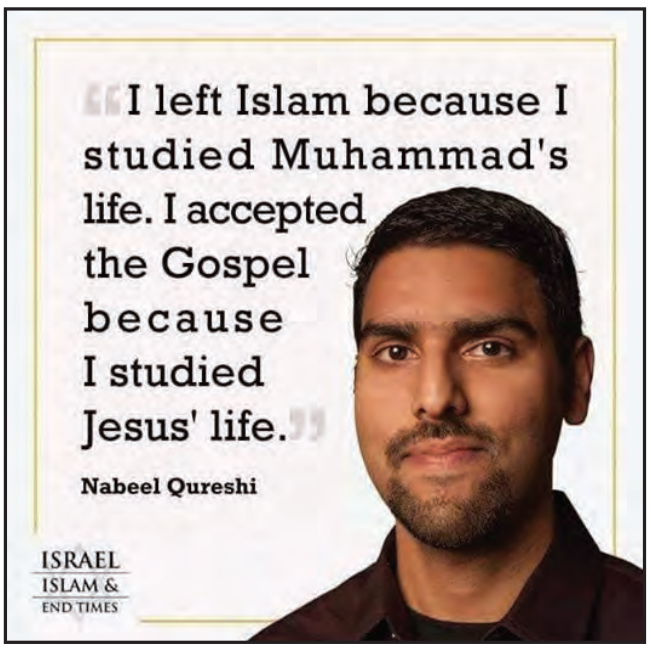


Six Shades of Fire-Lighters

By Viv Forbes

"Yellow" is the Fire-lighter that has been with us forever. It is the yellow flash of lightning which has always ignited the Australian bush. We're dreaming to think we can lock yellow fire out of parks, forests and heritage areas. But good forest management can reduce the ferocity and destruction of lightning-strike fires.



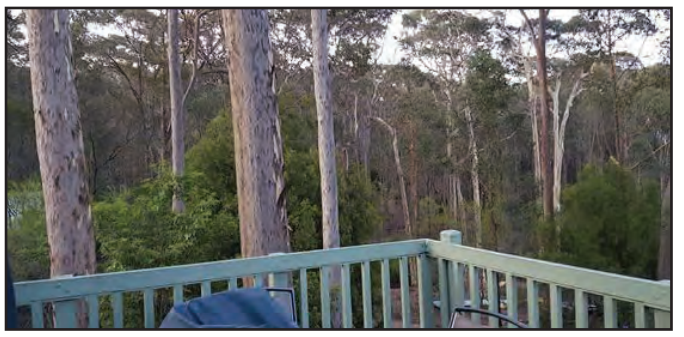
Australian Fire-lighters come in six colours – yellow, black, white, blood red, dark green, and light green. All are relevant to bushfires and forest management.

"Black" Fire-lighters came with the first Australians. Without matches or tinder boxes they probably captured the fire genie from a lightning fire. Or they carried it here on clay hearths on the floor of their canoes. They valued this magic tool for warmth, cooking, insect control, vegetation clearing, animal trapping and fighting enemies. Some also learned how to light fires using heat generated by friction, but this was a slow laborious process and it was far easier to preserve and carry fire in a burning fire-stick. To keep these sticks alight or to light a new one as they travelled, nomadic parties on the plains and deserts renewed them periodically by setting fire to a clump of dry vegetation. Then they moved on. They lit fires for many reasons, anywhere at any time. They tried to keep out of the way of fires, and were known to redirect mild grassland fires but never tried to put them out. This continual mosaic of small fires created the magnificent grasslands and open forests that Europeans admired when they first arrived. Aboriginal fire management followed no central plan, but it worked, making most lives and forests safer.

"White" Fire-lighters were introduced by the next wave of settlers – the British, bringing matches, flints and tinder boxes. They marvelled at the grasslands and open forests they found. Soon the sheep and cattle of the squatters were flourishing on the fresh nutritious pastures of frequently burned land. They soon learned about bushfires as the "Yellow" and "Black" Fire-lighters were still operating. The squatters soon learned two new skills to protect their pastures, flocks, herds, stock-yards, wool sheds and homesteads. Firstly, reduce fire loads and encourage new grass using cool season burning. And secondly, when faced with invading fires, fight fire with fire – back burn from station tracks, freshly burned bush or creeks towards the invading fire. We need to relearn these valuable lessons.

"Blood-Red" Fire-lighters are carried by the fire vandals – the arsonists. And the greater the fire danger, and the more headlines it creates, the more active are these pyro-maniacs.

"Light-Green" Fire-lighters were developed in the 1960's and 1970's for professional foresters to protect forests with prescribed burning. These marvellous tools were banned by political fools, and are hard to procure today.



This is the view from the deck of a resident of Dalmeny on the far south coast of NSW showing the extent of forest within, and on the edge of this subdivision. It was spared this fire season but helpless residents live in fear, "waiting for the Red Steer to arrive".

Finally Australia was inflicted with the "Dark-Green" Fire-lighter – an imported tool that almost never works. Deep Greens keep their lighters permanently in their pockets and NEVER light anything except for token fires in small areas and to light tofu-burger barbecues or their pretentious Earth Day candles. Their attempt to lock out all fire creates a huge load of forest fuel, with dead wood, leaves, bark and weeds on the ground and vines and suckers between the trees. And neighbours living in fear of the inevitable fire-storm.

What should we do?

First, ban the defective Dark-Green Fire-lighters, jail arsonists caught using Blood-Red Fire-lighters for thrills or malevolence, and learn to live with Yellow lightning strike fires.

Second, mandate the use of the Light-Green Fire-lighter – an improved version of the Black & White models used by aboriginals and Squatters. Use them to remove fuel load with cool season burning. And when fire comes, use them to fight fire with fire.

Give Light-Green Lighters to all practical foresters, landowners, fire wardens and local bushfire managers - they will safely abolish the Dark-Green nightmare of massive wildfires.

With so much land burnt, now is the perfect time to make sure it does not happen again in those areas. Kick out the bureaucrats and the Deep Greens and put rangers, foresters, property owners and local fire wardens in charge.

Have a burn plan and stick to it.

Government by Enquiry

By Viv Forbes

Politicians hide behind enquiries – their magic answer to all problems, especially bushfires.

Announcing enquiries give the impression of decisive action, they generate fees for armies of barristers, lawyers and bureaucrats, and provide momentary excitement for the media.

The proposed 2020 Australian Bushfires corrobboree will provide a grandstand for the Climate Rebellion Mob who will get starring roles on ABC/Fairfax. Big business will probably propose a carbon tax to fight bushfires while foresters and land owners will hardly be heard.

When the final report is ultimately delivered, the media will be off trumpeting some new climate "emergency" to scare the public. The expensive new report will be quietly filed with all the others.

We've had at least 57 bushfire enquiries since 1939 – about one every two years. Anyone who bothers to read them will soon deduce what should be done. Nothing much has changed except there are more people living in fire prone zones with no protection, and more forest and private land was locked up with heavy fuel loads.

The current bushfire tragedy has occurred after 30 years of unprecedented government control of environmental policy at all levels of government. Many of these destructive policies have been imported under so called "international agreements". As a result, ordinary Australians have been dragged into court for constructing firebreaks or removing dangerous trees on their own land. Governments and green advisers have assumed total stewardship of the environment and they own the results – massive destruction of lives, homes, property, animals and vegetation – over five million hectares and 2,000 homes burnt.

Here is a five point plan which should come from Bushfire Enquiry number 58.

Firstly, reduce the fuel load especially in national parks and forests by cool season burning, grazing, timber harvesting, slashing/mulching and collecting dead fire-wood. Appoint trained and experienced foresters to maintain safe and healthy public forests. Private landowners should also be enabled and obliged to become fire safe. Green-tinged politicians and bureaucrats have prevented or hampered all of these reforms.

Secondly, create and maintain wide clear trafficable roads, tracks and firebreaks through the forests and around towns and private properties. In fire seasons, these patrolled fire-barriers will help to confine any fire to one sector and provide a prepared line from which to back burn if there is an approaching fire.

Thirdly, build more dams and weirs to provide water for fire-fighting and to provide fire havens for humans, animals and vegetation. Increase penalties for arson in times of high fire danger.

Fourthly, abolish all restrictions on responsible management of "protected" vegetation reserves on private land – especially the private land sterilised to fulfil foolish government Kyoto Protocol promises or under government-enforced vegetation protection orders. Governments have created these fire hazards by trying to wrap vast areas of vegetation in cotton wool and green tape (both of which are flammable). Government "protection" of flora and fauna has proved to be the fiery kiss of death.



Fifthly, decentralise fuel and forest management out of the cities and into the regions.

City based politicians and bureaucrats have done enormous harm by locking up land and opposing fuel load reduction.

Decisions on vegetation risk management should be handed to property owners, park rangers, forest managers and rural fire wardens.

There is no useful role for the Commonwealth unless asked by States or regions for logistic support or to help fund bushfire training and fuels management. Otherwise it is better if Canberra politicians keep out of the way – send them all for a holiday in Hawaii.

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Fight fires with facts

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but fossil fuels and climate change might be turning green California and Australian ecosystems into black wastelands, incinerating wildlife, destroying homes and killing people. The notion that they and their policies might be a major factor in these fires gets them so hot under the collar that they could ignite another inferno. But the facts are there for all to see.

PG&E certainly failed to maintain, upgrade and repair its transmission lines and towers, leading to sparks that caused multiple fiery cataclysms. However, California now has over 129 million dead trees in its forests – and a long history of refusing to thin them out, clear brush or permit others to do so. Fuel levels in Aussie forest, brush and grasslands areas have likewise climbed to near-historic levels in recent years.

The total area burned in New South Wales and Victoria is now approaching the area burnt in Victoria back in 1851, Australian scientist Dr. Jennifer Marohasy notes. 2020 summer temperatures in Australia may get as hot as they did back in 1938-1939. US climatologist Dr. Roy Spencer agrees.

In both California and Australia, people bemoan the loss of eucalyptus trees in fires. But many don't want them removed or even thinned out. They don't know (or won't accept the fact) that fallen eucalypt leaves and bark create vast expanses of flammable material, while their spicy-smelling oil is highly flammable. A spark can ignite an explosive firestorm in air laden with gasoline-like vapors, followed by horrific crown fires among the trees and ground fires in the dead leaves and bark.

Rainy winters in both places cause rapid, lush plant growth that is aided by rising levels of atmospheric plant-fertilizing carbon dioxide. Long, hot, dry summers – or prolonged droughts – can follow, drying out the trees, brush and grass, and setting the stage for catastrophic wildfires.

Environmentalists, politicians, regulators and judges say removing trees and brush will damage habitats. But when the inevitable conflagrations hit, habitats are cremated and obliterated, down to soil organisms and organic matter. Subsequent downpours and snowmelts wash the remaining soil away. What habitats?

Some recent fires could be called "historic" or "unprecedented" – especially if monster fires of a century or more ago are left out of the calculation; or if conflagrations elsewhere are not included. Few people know about the Great Peshtigo, Wisconsin Fire of October 8, 1871, even though it killed 1,200-2,500 people, many of them turned into little piles of ash. The Peshtigo debacle was overshadowed by another big fire that day: the Great Chicago Fire, which burned 98% less land and killed far fewer people.

Yet another fact demolishes the all-too-typical claim that recent Australian fires are due to manmade climate change. Many (perhaps most) of those fires were caused by humans – some accidentally, but many deliberately. More than 180 alleged arsonists have been arrested since the start of the 2020 bushfire season, with 29 blazes deliberately lit in part of southeast New South Wales in just three months!

At least two dozen people have died in Australia's fires, along with thousands of sheep and cattle, over 2,000 koala bears, and several hundred million other animals. US wildfires have likewise exacted horrific death tolls. A few years ago, Duggan hosted a benefit concert for the families of the Fallen Nineteen, the 19 City of Prescott firefighters who died battling the 2013 lightning-ignited Yarnell Hill Fire in Arizona.

Now, the Washington Free Beacon reports, "a media outlet affiliated with ISIS has been instructing the group's radical adherents to set forest fires in the United States and Europe to cause mass ecological disasters, according to posts on an internet forum dedicated to the terror group." The Middle East Media Research Institute has flagged four posters published in the pro-ISIS Quraysh media outlet. The first said (English translation): "Oh monotheists [followers of ISIS], ignite fires in the forests and fields, and we are addressing especially those who live in Europe and America, for the fires are painful to them." The fourth poster got more specific: "Ignite fires in the forests of America, France, Britain and Germany, for they are painful to them." Might some ISIS follower have viewed Australia as equally deserving of ecotage?

A recent report by Pulitzer Prize winning Los Angeles Times reporter Bettina Boxall may make greens even hotter under the collar: "Human-caused ignitions spark California's worst wildfires but get little state focus," the headline reads. Her key point is damning: "It doesn't matter how dry the vegetation, how fierce the winds or how high the temperature; if there is no ignition, there is no wildfire."

Noting that the 2019 California fire season was far less deadly than that in 2018, when the notorious "Camp Fire" destroyed the town of Paradise and killed 86 people, Ms. Boxall attributes the comparatively mind 2019 fire season to actions PG&E took to shut down power to many Californians, often for days. She quotes Stanford University researcher Michael Wara, who testified before a Congressional committee that Pacific Gas & Electric's inspections of wind damage to its lines and equipment made it clear that, without preventive shutdowns, "we would have had a significant number of utility-caused fires" in 2019.

Boxall found that all of California's 20 most destructive wildfires were human-related, with half due to power line or electrical problems. She also noted that a study of US records from 1992 to 2012 found that human activity (power lines, carelessness and arson) was responsible for 84% of wildfires and 44% of acreage burned nationwide. That's the ignition factor. Two other factors are equally important.

Even if there is ignition, if there is insufficient fuel, there will still be no wildfire – at least not monstrous, deadly conflagrations. Thin the forests, remove dead trees, control brush and grass levels, especially in dry seasons and arid regions. It's basic, intelligent land management; the Boy Scout motto: Be prepared.

Preparation also means maintaining fire breaks and access roads into forest, brush and grass lands; building and maintaining sufficient escape routes and warning systems, and making people aware of them; ensuring that each family and community has an escape plan; and having enough trucks, airplanes, helicopters, other equipment and personnel to respond to average fires and worst-case scenarios. It means educating children and adults about how to prevent fires, put them out, and get out of their path.

(California public schools offer multiple courses on climate change. Cool California lists even more. But as long as politicians and even industry leaders keep spreading the false gospel of climate change as the principal cause of wildfires, the need for personal and political responsibility will be ignored.)

Third, actual response to a fire means ensuring the political, social, financial and institutional support to get sufficient personnel, equipment and water to a fire before it turns into an uncontrollable inferno.

Do all that, and the recovery phase – rebuilding homes, businesses, habitats, wildlife numbers and shattered human lives – will be far less extensive, costly and traumatic. Difficult recoveries will also be minimized by not wasting scarce time and money on fashionable, politically correct, "woke" issues like how many fire fighters are of a specific ethnic or sexual identity group. People and animals in the path of a roaring inferno care only that first responders are prepared, equipped and on time. So should politicians.

Every one of these vital matters is within our power to control – if we can muster the political willpower to take appropriate action. None of them involves climate change.

It doesn't matter if Earth's or California's or Australia's average annual or summer temperature is 0.1 or even 1.0 degrees warmer. Or that a drought is a day, month or year longer than X. Or whether the climate and weather fluctuations are driven by human or natural forces. Or that America, Australia, Britain, China, India or Indonesia is "not doing enough" to curb fossil fuel use and carbon dioxide emissions.

Climate change did not cause 129 million trees to die in California – or prevent the state and feds from removing the dead trees, thinning the forests, and clearing overgrown brush and grass. Ditto for Australia.

We must play the hand we have been dealt. That means acting responsibly and intelligently to prevent and respond to wildfires under whatever climate, drought, diseased and dead trees, or other conditions exist, wherever and whenever we live. Ben Franklin would be proud of us.

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Prescribed Burning Myths

By Viv Forbes

Lamont and He are academics from Curtin University in WA, the former a botanist and the latter a molecular biologist. They argue against the use of fuel reduction burning in bushfire management because it does not "stop bushfires".

The article should be filed among works of fiction.

A destructive wildfire needs three things:

- A heavy fuel load
- Hot, dry, windy conditions
- Ignition

Of these, the only factor humans can control is the fuel load, which can be reduced by grazing, forestry operations, firewood collection, slashing/mulching or repeated planned cool-season burning. The Australian plant landscape developed under frequent patchwork burning by Aboriginals which produced the grasslands and open forests that Europeans admired when they arrived. Graziers and good forest managers refined and continued this practice until bureaucratic barriers and academic theorists severely curtailed all preventative burning.

The authors appear to have no understanding of fire behaviour, no appreciation of how a prescribed burning program works, or how bushfires are controlled. If their opinions were given any credibility, it would give rise to dangerous fire management policies, a continuation of the recent cycle of devastating bushfires in Australia, and further losses of lives, homes, wildlife and beautiful forests.

Bushfire Front members Ric Sneeuwjagt and Neil Burrows have written a response, which is more than a rebuttal of these claims, it also a useful statement on the value of fuel reduction burning, written by two of the world's most credible bushfire experts.

The Green Oscars: A high-fashion nightmare!

Living high-flying lives of hypocrisy, while telling the rest of us how we should live

By Duggan Flanakin

The Green Oscars are coming! The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences awards show – the Academy Awards – has become a platform for virtue signaling on "climate change." Big Hollywood stars often fly in on private jets, arrive in gas-guzzling limos and, when they win, use their platform to lecture us on how we must behave.

It's funny how Hollywood also ignores a decade-old University of California study that found filmmaking in the Los Angeles area was making a larger contribution to air pollution than any major industry other than fuel refining, relative to size of the endeavor. That study noted that emissions from the movie industry do not end even after the cameras stop rolling – especially for big-budget productions where journalists, stars and publicists fly around the world as part of promotion.

Movies were more environmentally toxic than aerospace manufacturing, the hotel industry, and even fashion (clothing) – for which the movie industry, and especially its awards shows, is a major promoter.

As Apparel Search reports, the Oscars are one of the fashion industry's biggest events of the year. Yet fashion is now deemed a dirty business and, even at the gaudiest of Hollywood hustles, the Grinches are running rampant.

"Certainly," Apparel Search declares, "we have interest in learning who will win the awards. However, our hearts are beating faster because we are anxious to see what the stars will be wearing." The self-proclaimed "portal to the world of style" admits that, "Yes, the event is intended for movie stars and Hollywood hot shots. But, in our opinion, FASHION is the name of the game."

There's just one problem. As Alden Wicker bemoaned back in 2017, "The global fashion industry is the second most polluting industry in the world." In short, superstar support for climate change and other Green causes and the high-polluting, sweatshop-dependent fashion industry would seem to blend together as well as oil and water.

Wicker was quoting clothing industry magnate Eileen Fisher, who while accepting an award in 2015 from Riverkeeper for her commitment to environmental causes, had admitted: "The clothing industry is the second largest polluter in the world ... second only to oil. It's a really nasty business ... it's a mess."

This year's Oscars will feature male superstars Joaquin Phoenix, Leonardo Di Caprio, Antonio Banderas, Jonathan Pryce and Brad Pitt, among others – and female divas including Scarlett Johansson, Charlize Theron and Laura Dern – all of whom profess to be champions of the environment as well as "fashion plates." (Lesser known nominees get little Green attention.)

Variety reported recently that Banderas and Phoenix were among the actors who signed on to join forces with the United Nations Environment Programme's "The World Is in Our Hands" campaign. The stars pledged to deliver messages describing how they personally plan to address the "climate crisis" and reduce their carbon (and carbon dioxide) footprints – whether it's traveling more sustainably, saving energy, or eating less meat – which often is only a ruse. Just ask Harrison Ford.

Phoenix, of course, was recently arrested at Jane Fonda's Fire Drill Friday climate change protest in Washington, DC. And Pitt recently warned us, "There IS no future!" in a "comedy" sketch about President Trump's decision to withdraw the U.S. from the Paris agreement on climate change.

Johansson, who along with Theron is noted for her high-fashion photos, way back in 2010 signed an open letter as an Oxfam Global Ambassador to "call on international negotiators to protect the world's poor from climate catastrophe." Theron has expressed her fears that a bleak future awaits the planet unless global warming is addressed. Typical Hollywood – protect the poor from mostly exaggerated, if not outright fabricated, climate changes but do nothing to end the energy poverty that keeps them impoverished, diseased, malnourished, jobless and likely to die very young.

Di Caprio, perhaps the head honcho of the celebrity climate change crowd, was lauded at the time by environmental groups for flying occasionally on commercial airlines rather than by the private jets he so much prefers. But more recently, despite co-producing and acting in the climate change documentary Before the Flood, Di Caprio has been properly condemned for his frequent use of those private jets.

Best Supporting Actor nominee Jonathan Pryce was one of over 100 celebrities who signed Extinction Rebellion's open letter to the media, which included the ominous statement that, "If we don't take action, the collapse of our civilisations and the extinction of much of the natural world is on the horizon."

While unable to confirm Fisher's assertion that only the oil industry is a worse polluter than fashion, Glynis Sweeny did tell Ecowatch in 2015 that "what is certain is that the fashion carbon footprint is tremendous." Sweeny listed the pesticides used in cotton farming, toxic dyes used in manufacturing, the massive waste from discarded clothing, and especially "the extravagant amount of natural resources used in extraction, farming, harvesting, processing, manufacturing and shipping."

It takes 5,000 gallons of water, Sweeny noted, to grow enough organic cotton to manufacture a single T-shirt or pair of jeans. Worse, globalization means that shirts and jeans likely traveled

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professional friend over a period of more than four decades, I will share more about Buzz and his remarkable achievements that are far less well-known. Fewer people are aware, for example, of Buzz's major contributions to making that Apollo 11 mission possible as the Gemini 12 mission pilot in 1966.

I'll briefly discuss this later.

To begin, Buzz Aldrin was born 90 years ago in Montclair, New Jersey to Eugene and Marion Aldrin. Perhaps providently, his mother's maiden name was Moon.

His father, Eugene, was an engineer and aviation pioneer who inspired Buzz to pursue dreams of flying. Eugene, a personal friend of Charles Lindbergh and Orville Wright, had flown coast-to-coast for Standard Oil, and later served with the Army Air Corps during World War II.

Although his dad had urged him to attend the Naval Academy, some friends influenced Buzz, then 17 years old, to choose West Point instead. Upon graduation near the top of his class during the Korean War, he entered the U.S. Air Force and trained as an F-86 swept-wing fighter pilot.

Buzz flew 66 combat missions, and shot down two MiG-15 aircraft over the Yalu River. Life Magazine featured a picture showing the pilot having ejected out of the first Soviet-made MiG he destroyed.

Following the Korean War, Buzz was sent to Germany flying F-100s that carried nuclear weapons. It was during the late 1950s when the Cold War was escalating between the Soviet Union and United States when he first learned of the Russians launch of the first artificial satellite in October of 1957.

That orbiting 184-pound chirping sphere called Sputnik initiated a space race.

Sputnik was followed on April 12, 1961 by a 108-minute-long mission flown by cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin in a Vostok 1 spacecraft. Then, only weeks later on May 5, an American Mercury-Redstone 3 rocket delivered astronaut Alan Shepard on a 15-minute suborbital flight to the edge of space.

That first U.S. suborbital launch, in turn, was immediately followed by President John Kennedy's bold commitment twenty days after that to deliver a U.S. citizen safely to the Moon and back before the end of that decade. As Buzz has recounted, with only 15 minutes of suborbital experience at the time, the know-how to accomplish this simply didn't exist.

While stationed in Germany, Buzz decided to pursue a doctorate of science in astronautics at MIT, the same university that his father had attended. His doctoral thesis research applied his experience as a fighter pilot in intercepting enemy aircraft to develop orbital techniques which would later enable spacecraft to meet in space.

In 1963, thanks to his fighter pilot record and the topic of his thesis, Dr. Buzz Aldrin won appointment to the third group of Gemini-Apollo astronauts. Project Gemini served as a fundamental stepping stone between the one-person Mercury and three-person Apollo programs to test equipment and to do trial runs of spacecraft rendezvous and docking scenarios in Earth's orbit.

Apollo 11 wasn't Buzz's first rocket-riding rodeo. He launched on on November 11, 1966 as pilot of Gemini 12 alongside James Lovell. During that 4-day mission, Buzz established a record five and one-half hour-long tethered spacewalk which drew upon both his MIT research and his extensive recreational scuba diving experience.

He subsequently introduced underwater weightlessness training as a standard astronaut protocol in a special underwater buoyancy facility that was constructed at NASA's Johnson Space Center.

Dr. Buzz Aldrin tirelessly continues to advocate that the U.S. must set its next trajectory on Mars — not just as a place to plant more footprints and flagpoles — but as a permanent destination.

Finally, why go to space at all?

Why should we set such challenges?

Because, as Buzz points out, "It reminds the public that nothing is impossible if free people work together to accomplish great things. It captures the imagination of our youth, it fuels the American workforce and economy with high technology jobs, and it fosters peaceful and beneficial international collaborations to ensure U.S. foreign policy leadership."

Buzz urges us to realize that we are at an important inflection point in human history: "America must once again dare to pursue big dreams . . . Our Apollo days were a time when we did bold things, achieving leadership. Now is our time to be bold again in space."

Happy birthday bold and brilliant friend.

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Imagine A World Without Oil



By Larry Bell

Were it not for the hydrocarbon-fueled industrial and agricultural revolutions, you and I, along with all the whales that provided blubber oil for lamps, wouldn't likely be around today.

But since we are already here, what if that petroleum and coal we in America and the rest of the world now depend upon for about 80% of our energy were, for whatever unfathomable reason, to be taken away?

Imagine, for example — as proposed by Green New Dealers - that all that hydrocarbon energy is mandated to be replaced by vastly expanding the 2% of global energy presently provided by so-called "renewable" technologies (e.g., wind, solar, hydroelectric, and geothermal).

Several authors of a September 2017 article in the journal Energy & Environmental Science advocate programs to do exactly that.

Referred to as the "Wind, Water and Sunlight" (WWS) plan, 80%-85% of existing energy sectors would be electrified by 2030, and 100% would be replaced by zero-emission technologies by 2050. Included are all conversion demands for transportation, heating/cooling, industrial, and agriculture/forestry/fishing.

The WWS vision is obviously dominated by wind and solar energy. Water (as in hydropower) already faces strong environmental lobby opposition, and in any case, has few suitable new sites for expansion.

Writing in Friends of Science, U.K. Cambridge University electrical engineering professor Michael Kelly and energy economist Robert Lyman have compiled some illustrative data as a basis to assess whether that alternate WWS universe is either desirable or feasible.

Here are but a very few sobering examples:

• Accommodating the 46,480 solar photovoltaic (PV) plants envisioned in the WWS for just the U.S. would take up 650,720 square miles, almost 20% of the lower 48 states. This is close in size to the combined areas of Texas, California, Arizona, and Nevada.

• Western Europe has extensive experience with investments in renewables to replace fossils. By the end of 2014, the generating capacity renewable energy sources amounted to 22% of Europe's capacity, while actual output was only 3%.

• Meeting 8% of the U.K.'s real energy needs would require having to build 44,000 offshore wind turbines. Doing this, would fill the entire 2,000 mile U.K. coastline with a strip about 2.5 miles wide.

• To replace the 440 MW of U.S. generation expected to be retired over the next 25 years would take 29.3 billion solar PV panels and 4.4 million battery modules. The area covered by these panels would be equal to that of the state of New Jersey. It would require 929 years to build this many panels at the rate of one per second.

• A central component of WWS calls for the electrification of all transportation uses. This is technically impossible now as the technologies have not yet been developed that would allow battery storage applicable to heavy-duty trucks, marine vehicles and aircraft.

• Even in the case of automobiles, despite taxpayer subsidies of $7,500 per vehicle and up, the number of all-electric vehicles sold has consistently fallen far short of governments' goals.

• The costs of electrifying passenger rail systems are so high that no private railway would ever take them on. Electrification of freight railway systems makes even less sense, and would cost at least $1 trillion each.

• The proponents of WWS grossly underestimate the costs of integrating renewable energy sources into the electricity system. The costs of backup generation, storage, load balancing and transmission would be enormous.

• About 60 pounds of batteries are needed to store the energy equivalent to that in one pound of hydrocarbons. Meanwhile, 50-100 pounds of various materials are mined, moved, and processed by hydrocarbons for one pound of battery produced. In rough terms, it requires the energy equivalent of about 100 barrels of oil to fabricate a quantity of batteries that can store a single barrel of oil-equivalent energy.

• Even at the present rate of growth, mining required to make batteries will soon dominate the production of many minerals. Lithium battery production today already accounts for about 40% and 25% respectively, of all lithium and cobalt mining.

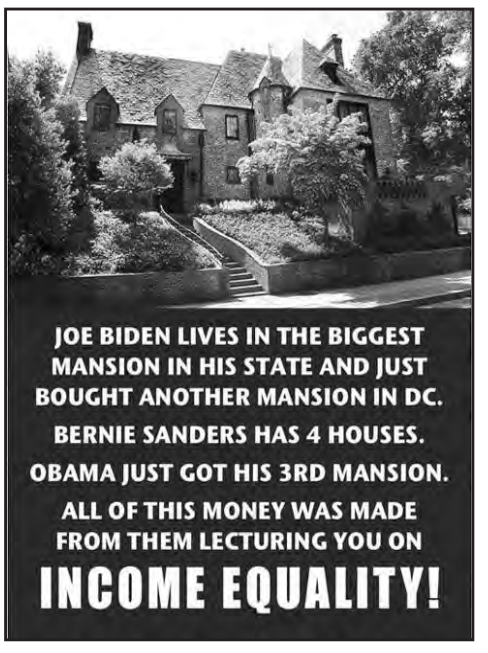
Nevertheless, the WWS includes a call to shut down all coal, oil and natural gas production. This, in turn, will also force closings of all emissions-intensive industries, such as mining, petrochemicals, refining, cement, and auto and parts manufacturing.

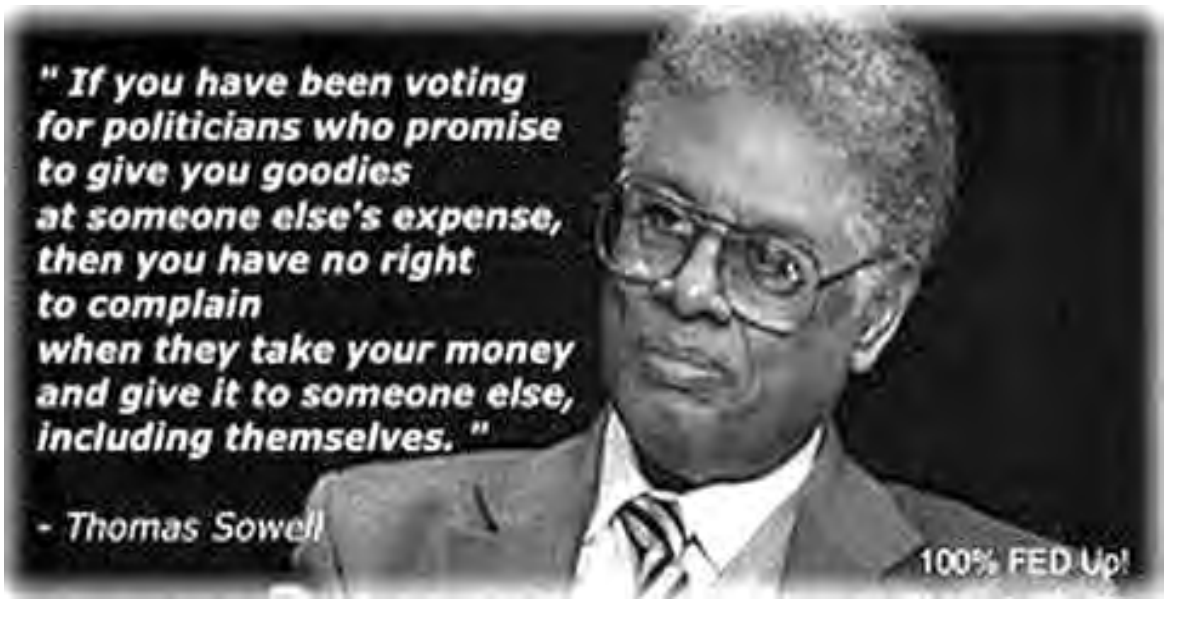
That WWS vision depicts a scene from a woe begotten pre-industrialized past era rather than any future to wish for.

By all means, let's enthusiastically support research, innovation and investments in non-fossil energy sources — nuclear in particular — that may one day become significant, maybe even primary sources of global energy.

Meanwhile, let's be very grateful for our marvelous times and opportunities made possible by a fortunate abundance of hydrocarbon energy.

Until some entirely revolutionary new source is discovered, humankind has yet to invent anything so remarkable as oil and natural gas in terms of combined energy density, efficiency, portability, reliability, and yes, environmental responsibility too.





How Do Civil Wars Happen

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This isn't dissent. It's not disagreement You can hate the other party. You can think they're the worst thing that ever happened to the country. But then you work harder to win the next election. When you consistently reject the results of elections that you don't win, what you want is a dictatorship.

Your very own dictatorship.

The only legitimate exercise of power in this country, according to Democrats, is its own. Whenever Republicans exercise power, it's inherently illegitimate. The Democrats lost Congress. They lost the White House. So what did they do? They began trying to run the country through Federal judges and bureaucrats. Every time that a Federal judge issues an order saying that the President of the United States can't scratch his own back without his say so, that's the civil war. Our system of government is based on the constitution, but that's not the system that runs this country. The Democrat's system is that any part of government that it runs gets total and unlimited power over the country.

If the Democrats are in the White House, then the president can do anything. And I mean anything. He can have his own amnesty for illegal aliens. He can fine you for not having health insurance. He can use the IRS as his own police force and imprison citizens who speak against him. He can provide guns and money (Fast and Furious) (Iran nuclear deal) to other countries to support his own agenda, and watch while one of America's Ambassador's is dragged through the streets and murdered doing nothing to aid our citizens. His power is unlimited. He's a dictator.

But when Republicans get into the White House, suddenly the President can't do anything. He isn't even allowed to undo the illegal alien amnesty that his predecessor illegally invented. A Democrat in the White House has 'discretion' to completely decide every aspect of immigration policy. A Republican doesn't even have the 'discretion' to reverse him. That's how the game is played That's how our country is run. Sad but true, although the left hasn't yet won that particular fight.

When a Democrat is in the White House, states aren't even allowed to enforce immigration law. But when a Republican is in the White House, states can create their own immigration laws. Under Obama, a state wasn't allowed to go to the bathroom without asking permission. But under Trump, Jerry Brown can go around saying that California is an independent republic and sign treaties with other countries. The Constitution has something to say about that.

Whether it's Federal or State, Executive, Legislative or Judiciary, the left moves power around to run the country. If it controls an institution, then that institution is suddenly the supreme power in the land. This is what I call a moving dictatorship.

Donald Trump has caused the Shadow Government to come out of hiding: Professional government is a guild. Like medieval guilds. You can't serve in if you're not a member. If you haven't been indoctrinated into its arcane rituals. If you aren't in the club. And Trump isn't in the club. He brought in a bunch of people who aren't in the club with him.

Now we're seeing what the pros do when amateurs try to walk in on them. They spy on them, they investigate them and they send them to jail. They use the tools of power to bring them down. That's not a free country.

It's not a free country when FBI agents who support Hillary take out an 'insurance policy' against Trump winning the election. It's not a free country when Obama officials engage in massive unmasking of the opposition. It's not a free country when the media responds to the other guy winning by trying to ban the conservative media that supported him from social media. It's not a free country when all of the above collude together to overturn an election because the guy who wasn't supposed to win did.

Have no doubt, we're in a civil war between conservative volunteer government and a leftist Democrat professional government. Make sure you vote on every Election day!

Orson Bean, 91, father in law of Andrew Breitbart



By Free Press International News Service

Actor-comedian Orson Bean died Friday in a traffic accident. He was 91-years-old.

Bean was the father of Susie Breitbart, the wife of the late Andrew Breitbart.

"The actor took it upon himself to become an intellectual mentor to his son-in-law, as well as a kindred spirit. Bean introduced Andrew Breitbart to conservative ideas and the two shared an irreverent sense of humor," David Ng wrote for Breitbart on Feb. 8.

During an appearance on Sirius XM's Patriot Forum last July Fourth weekend, Bean described how "God, America, and a Hollywood that once embraced both" saved his life and helped him find meaning in it, Breitbart's Tony noted.

Bean commented that the Hollywood of yesterday embraced patriotism and was never ashamed of it, and "without it he would have been forlorn and lost," Lee wrote. "And without God, Bean may never have found happiness even with all of his professional and personal successes."

The Hollywood movies of his youth gave him "a sense of America" and "what good guys were," Bean said. They gave him hope, and the movies he loved showed him that "right was right and wrong was wrong" and that "right prevailed."

"It saved my life," Bean said. He credited "the Jews who came from Russia and formed Hollywood" for loving America "and the opportunity they were presented with" in this country, which was "reflected in their movies."

As he succeeded in show business from New York to Hollywood, Bean recalled having made a vow that, "I will happy some day." He said he had plenty of highs due to great sex, drugs, rock and roll, fame, and even some politics. "It all worked for awhile" to make him happy, Bean said, but then "it just stopped working and became

nothing."

When he asked an acquaintance "what should I do?", Bean said the man told him to thank God every morning and evening on his knees, and that could help him find happiness.

Bean said he got down on his knees in the evening and said, "if there's anybody up there, thank you for the day." He did that again the next morning.

"Little by little it stopped feeling foolish. I began to feel if my prayer was being heard… that whatever or whoever loved me," Bean said. "And my life has gotten better and better," Bean said. "That little prayer was what did it me."

On a previous edition of Breitbart News Sunday, Bean spoke about his experiences guest-hosting The Tonight Show "over a hundred times as a substitute for Jack Paar and Johnny Carson" while also being a guest on the program 96 times.

He recalled "a time when Americans were united by a common popular culture because everyone watched the same programs on the same three networks" while the late-night hosts "booked 'raconteurs who told tales and were interesting' and guests weren't just 'plugging the latest movies.' "

Bean said that even religious and culturally conservative films that are not very good do well financially, and he emphasized that Hollywood and America would be better off if Hollywood were more capitalistic instead of hellbent on pushing a liberal agenda that gleefully mocks conservatives and people of faith.

A supporter of Franklin Roosevelt, Bean said he became more conservative over the years even in Hollywood because the Democratic party he knew was leaving him.

"I don't think I changed," Bean said. "I think everything changed around me."

Lee noted that Andrew Breitbart "knew perhaps better than anyone how much culture was upstream from politics. He spent his life fighting for a culture that embraced America and patriotism, which used to be bipartisan. Today, 60 percent of so-called 'Solid Liberals,' 69 percent of whom are white and 41% of whom are under the age

of 40, are not proud to be Americans, according to a comprehensive Pew Research survey."

Lee added the Breitbart, "who once was a fierce liberal, may never have been a conservative or built the foundation for his media empire had he not seen a Rush Limbaugh book in Bean's library."

"Take it home and read it, Andrew," Bean recalled telling his son-in-law.

The rest is history.

Global Classroom

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unremarkable. U.S. math performance was dismal, with American scores 11 points below average. Asian students, the world's superstars, outstripped everyone. Teens in four Chinese provinces — Beijing, Shanghai, Jiangsu, and Zhejiang — beat American students by 113 points; 44% of Chinese students were top performers. In Singapore, 37% of students were top performers, along with 29% in Hong Kong, 21% in Korea — and 8% in the U.S.

American education needs a performance improvement plan. One strategy to demote: Relying reflexively on higher spending. U.S. per-pupil expenditures are 35% higher than OECD average, federal data show. One strategy to fire: relying reflexively on top-down reform. Myriad federal mandates, along with far-reaching Common Core Standards, have truncated local control and constrained curriculum. Common Core, allegedly "informed" by high-performing countries, promised to "prepare all students for success in our global economy and society." How in the world is that proving out?

The U.S. should learn, really learn, from top-performing countries. OECD will release policies and practices for success in June 2020. Still, earlier OECD evaluation provides valuable insights. There's no singular template for success; countries vary widely. But here's one epiphany: local control is critical. Giving principals and schools more authority over resources, curriculum, and school policies (especially assessment policies) is linked with higher student performance worldwide, when balanced with accountability. Also tied to better performance: competition among schools. Numerous other factors, from teachers' subject matter knowledge and curricular control, to positive learning environments, to disadvantaged student support, matter too.

This isn't news, really. But often in the U.S., a money-cures-all mindset and top-down reform have subverted such strategies. Continuing that approach is an expensive, bad bet. In the long run, it's robbing the (job) bank.

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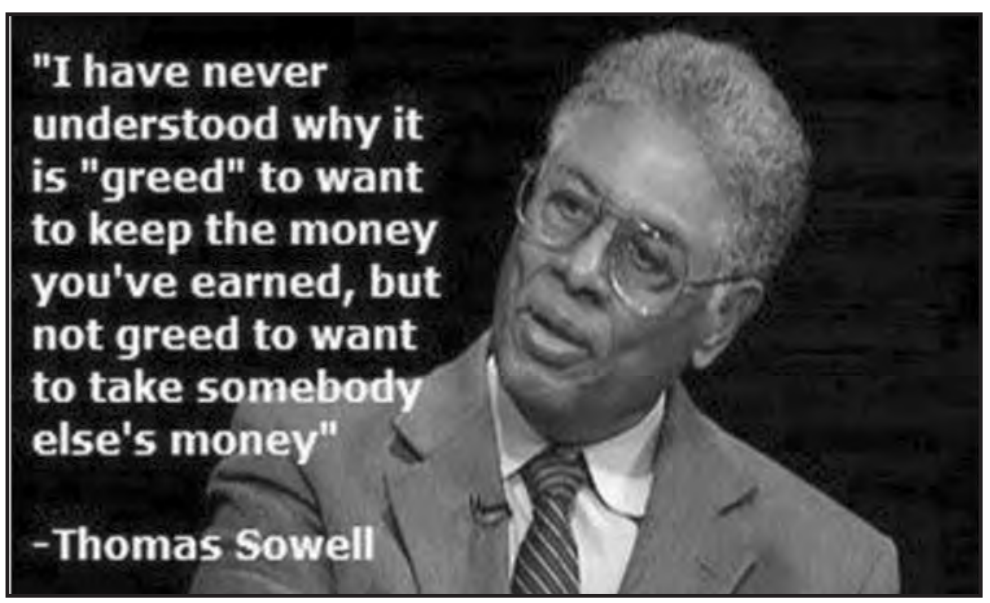

Greta Thunberg: A Living Explanation Of The Left

By Dennis Prager

It is not easy to understand what the Left — as opposed to liberals — stands for. If you ask a Christian what to read to learn the basics of Christianity, you will be told the Bible. If you ask a (religious) Jew, you will be told the Hebrew Bible and the Talmud. If you ask a Mormon, you will be told the Bible and the Book of Mormon. Ask a Muslim, and you will be told the Quran.

But if you ask a leftist what one or two books you should read to understand leftism, every leftist will give you a different answer — or need some time to think it over. Few, if any, will suggest Marx's "Das Kapital" because almost no leftists have read it and because you will either not finish the book or reject it as incoherent.

So, then, how is one to understand what leftism stands for?

The truth is it is almost impossible. What leftist in history would have ever imagined that to be a leftist, one would have to believe that men give birth or men have periods, or that it is fair to women to have to compete in sports with biological males who identify as females?

There are two primary reasons it is so difficult, if not impossible, to define leftism. One is that it ultimately stands for chaos:

- Open borders.
- "Nonbinary" genders.
- Nonsensical and scatological "art."
- "Music" without tonality, melody or harmony.
- Drag Queen Story Hour for 5-year-olds.
- Rejection of the concept of better or worse civilizations.
- Rejection of the concept of better or worse art.
- Removal of Shakespeare's picture from a university English department because he was a white male.
- The end of all use of fossil fuels — even in transportation (as per the recent recommendation by the head of the U.N. World Meteorological Organization).
- The dismantling of capitalism, the economic engine that has lifted billions of people out of abject poverty.

And much more.

The other major reason it is impossible to define leftism is that it is emotion-based. Leftism consists of causes that give those who otherwise lack meaning something to cling to for meaning.

Two things about Greta Thunberg, Time Magazine's 2019 person of the year, embody these explanations.

With regard to chaos, here is what Greta Thunberg wrote at the beginning of the month: "The climate crisis is not just about the environment. It is a crisis of human rights, of justice and of political will. Colonial, racist and patriarchal systems of oppression have created and fuelled it. We need to dismantle them all."

Greta Thunberg, like all leftists, seeks to dismantle just about everything. As former President Barack Obama said five days before the 2008 election, "We are five days away from fundamentally transforming the United States of America."

As regards emotion and meaning, the Guardian reports, this is what Thunberg's father just told the BBC: "Greta Thunberg's father has opened up about how activism helped his daughter out of depression … how activism had changed the outlook of the teenager, who suffered from depression for 'three or four years' before she began her school strike protest outside the Swedish parliament. She was now 'very happy', he said … 'She stopped talking … she stopped going to school,' he said of her illness."

The post-Judeo-Christian world the Left has created has left a vast number of the West's citizens, especially more and more young people, with no meaning. This Grand-Canyon-sized hole is filled by leftist causes.

The fact is life is better, safer and more affluent, and offers more opportunities for more people, than ever before in history. Just about all emotionally stable, mature people should be walking around the West almost delirious at their good fortune. Americans in particular should feel this way. But leftists (again, as opposed to many liberals) are not usually emotionally stable and are certainly not mature. That is why depression among young Americans (and perhaps Swedes) is at the highest levels ever recorded. So, like Greta, they look to left-wing causes to find meaning and emotional fulfillment. Until she embraced climate crisis activism — a chance, as she sees it, to literally save the world — Greta Thunberg was so depressed "she stopped talking." But thanks to climate activism and other left-wing activism, she is now "very happy" (an assessment I suspect many observers find hard to believe).

Feminism and "fighting patriarchy" (in an age when American women have more opportunities than ever before and more opportunities than women almost anywhere else in the world), fighting racism (in the least racist multiracial society in history), fighting white supremacy (which has almost disappeared from American life) and fighting on behalf of myriad other leftist causes — in other words, fundamentally transforming society — gives meaning to people with no meaning.

None of that is morally or rationally coherent. But it is very emotionally satisfying. Just ask Greta Thunberg's dad.

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Bernie Sanders and The Communist Manifesto

"For the leaders of this people cause them to err; and they that are led of them are destroyed." Isaiah 9:16

By Riley J. Hood—Milwaukee County Constitution Party

I try to right short articles and not impose too much on your time. Some subjects can't be covered in under 600 words, and this is one of them. I asked for your clemency as you read this. What he stands for is so ungodly, that every time he speaks it is like nails on a chalk board.

He was born on September 8, 1941, in New York. He lived in Brooklyn, a child of Jewish immigrants from Poland. His father sold paint. He grew up in a rent controlled apartment. As a child, Bernie said, "I saw unfairness. That was the major inspiration in my politics." He decided he should be the commissar of what is fair. He has never grown up.

Sanders attended James Madison High School and Brooklyn College. He transferred to the University of Chicago. He was involved in the Congress of Racial Equality, participating in a sit-in against segregation in 1962. In 1963 he marched on Washington. In 1964, he was given a degree in political science. He lived in a kibbutz in Israel before settling in Vermont. During the Vietnam War, Sanders applied for conscientious objector status. His status was rejected, but by then he was too old to be drafted. He is a draft dodger. He failed at his first marriage to Deborah Schilling. In 1968 he impregnated Susan Mott and had a son, Levi, in 1969. He never married Susan, so he failed at fatherhood. He failed at private sector work. He failed as a teacher for low-income children through Head Start. He decided to become a tax-user rather than a taxpayer.

In the 1970s, he made several unsuccessful bids for office as a member of the anti-war Liberty Union Party. He left the group in 1979. In 1981, he was elected mayor of Burlington, Vermont. He had support from the Progressive Coalition. In 1990 he won a seat in Congress. He opposed the Iraq War. Vermont sent him to the Senate in 2006. In 2010, he made an eight-hour filibuster against extending the Bush43 tax cuts. He sought the 2016 Democrat nomination for President. His book, Our Revolution, brought Sanders $880,091.14 in 2017. In November 2018, Sanders published Where We Go From Here: Two Years in the Resistance, a platform-boosting book to support his campaign.

Bernie is calling for "a political revolution." His platform is a never ending list of demands, and if he ever reaches those goals he will make up more, because revolutions always come back for more as opposed to movements. According to berniesanders.com, he wants AOC's Green New Deal, and 100 percent renewable energy, "to solve the climate crisis." His "Medicare for All" is an expansion of LBJ socialism. He wants to, "Create a single-payer, national health insurance program to provide everyone in America with comprehensive health care coverage, free at the point of service." Taxation for all, rationed services for some. It is a "Every man from his ability to every man according to his need," Marxist scheme. This includes "reproductive and maternity care," meaning abortion, sterilization and population control. He wants to "repeal the Hyde Amendment and fully fund Planned Parenthood, Title X, and other initiatives that protect women's health, access to contraception, and the availability of a safe and legal abortion." He will "Oppose all efforts to undermine or overturn Roe v Wade, and appoint federal judges who will uphold women's most fundamental rights," aka baby killing.

He wants "College for All: Guarantee tuition and debt-free public colleges, universities, HBCUs, Minority Serving Institutions and trade-schools to all." He wants to forgive all current college debt, with your money. He wants to double union membership, calling that "Workplace Democracy." He will eliminate all State Right to Work laws. He wants "Housing for All," by "investing $2.5 trillion to build nearly 10 million permanently affordable housing units." He wants national rent control. He wants to ban evictions. He wants more Section 8 vouchers and dreams of ending homelessness. This amounts to the abolition of private property altogether. He wants to end cash bail and "Cut the national prison population in half." He wants to abolish the death penalty for the guilty, end three strikes laws, and mandatory minimum sentences. He wants to legalize marijuana and expunge past convictions. He wants a "Prisoners Bill of Rights," whatever he means by that. He wants to federalize schools and guarantee public school teachers 60k per year starting wage. He thinks after 50 years of forced busing schools are still segregated. He will end charter, choice, private and Christian schools, and put all education into the hands of the state. He wants a tax on "extreme wealth." The income tax was sold under the banner of "soak the rich" as a 1% tax on the wealthiest 1%, and look what it became.

He wants gun-control, to "Take on the NRA and its corrupting effect on Washington." He will expand background checks. Ban assault weapons. Ban high-capacity ammunition magazines. He wants a national buyback program and Red Flag laws. He wants complete citizen disarmament, and like his buddy Fidel Castro, asks "Armas para que?"

I have only skimmed the Sander's Platform. At best he is trying to be a Socialist Santa Claus, but his Platform goals comport with the 10 Planks of Marx's 1848 Communist Manifesto, which are:

1. Abolition of private property in land and application of all rents of land to public purpose.
2. A heavy progressive or graduated income tax.
3. Abolition of all rights of inheritance.
4. Confiscation of the property of all emigrants and rebels.
5. Centralization of credit in the hands of the state, by means of a national bank with state capital and an exclusive monopoly.
6. Centralization of the means of communication and transportation in the hands of the state.
7. Extension of factories and instruments of production owned by the state; the bringing into cultivation of waste lands, and the improvement of the soil generally in accordance with a common plan.
8. Equal obligation of all to work. Establishment of Industrial armies, especially for agriculture.

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Brexit: Will It Make Britain Great Again?

By Larry Bell

On Jan. 31, 2020 following 1,316 days of political upheaval, the now remaining 27-nation European Union bloc lost its second-largest member economy — the world's fifth-largest — along with a major military force with nuclear weapons and a first-class intelligence network.

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson, who won a landslide campaign election last year over the matter, acknowledged the painful sense of public disquietude and polarizing disunity surrounding the action, saying, "For many people, this is an astonishing moment of hope, a moment they thought would never come.

"And there are many, of course, who feel a sense of anxiety and loss . . . I understand those feelings, and our job as the government — my job — is to bring the country together now and take us forward."

Long-awaited Brexit enactment portends significant, but as-yet entirely uncertain, geopolitical ramifications.

Key among these is the question of whether the U.K. will continue to stick with its European neighbors to enhance their globalist multilateral worldviews, or drift across the Atlantic to team up with America's Trump administration foreign policies.

In an ideal world, Britain will now be free to forge new economic relations with both the E.U. and the U.S., while maintaining a diplomatic equilibrium that allows it to be a power broker between the two.

President Trump has promised a big U.S. trade opportunity for Britain after it leaves the European Union, which he said had been a drag on Britain's ability to cut a good deal.

Accordingly, America's 2020 election outcome is a potentially important factor in determining the U.K.'s post-Brexit future at a time when the Trump administration is working to renegotiate the transatlantic relationship that pivots attention away from Europe and the Mideast to focus more upon competition with China and Asia.

The stakes for Johnson and the U.K. are high.

A trade deal with Washington can ease the pain of breaking with Europe, Britain's largest trade partner. Conversely, that political victory can also be expected to extract a big cost in weakened relationships with traditional EU allies.

Johnson must carefully navigate a dangerous China minefield that stretches across Europe.

On one hand, stagnating EU economies welcome Chinese investment.

On the other, that investment comes with recognized privacy risks attached to allowing state-owned Chinese information technology companies to operate in Europe.

Last month, despite serious security concerns, Johnson's government decided to allow the giant Chinese telecom firm Huawei to build non-core parts of the U.K.'s 5G network. That determination was premised upon a disturbingly implausible claim that Huawei's role in the project would be restricted to areas that "don't present risks."

Meanwhile, the U.S. is continuing to pressure allies to block Huawei from their next-generation wireless networks.

The U.K. and its EU allies are also engaged in difficult and complicated relationships with Russia. They continue to depend heavily upon Russia for investments and natural resources, while at the same time, are sanctioning them for illegal annexation of Crimea.

In addition, Russia is held in great disfavor over alleged state-sanctioned attacks on Russian dissidents living in Europe. Arguably the most high-profile of these cases was the alleged poisoning of Sergei Skripal in England.

While serving as British foreign secretary at

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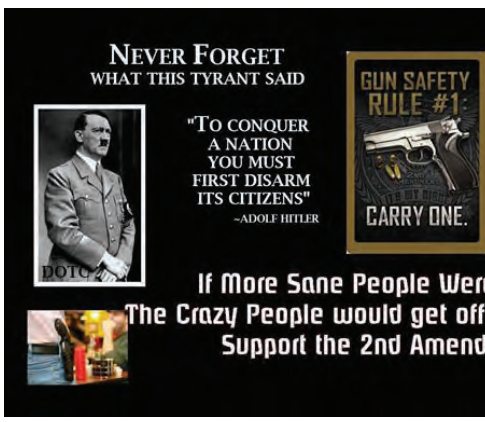



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The Reformers and the Pre-Born

"If thou fail in the day of adversity, thy strength is small. If thou forebear to deliver them that are drawn to death, and those that are ready to by slain." Proverbs 24:10-11

By Riley J. Hood—Milwaukee County Constitution Party

John Powell wrote a book on abortion, "The Silent Holocaust." Most Americans today view abortion as a Catholic matter, or the cause of unevolved cavemen. Roland Bainton wrote that the Church "very early forbade contraception" (p.56 Early Christianity,1960.) Until 1930, no Church sanctioned contraception, or abortion, though there were "backsliders" who engaged in such evil, as it is today. There are apostates from every Church, both Protestant and Catholics, who "just don't want to pay for a kid."

Martin Luther called the Pro-Choice crowd, "Swine, stocks, and logs." In another place he asserted their memories deserved to be wiped out from among the living, adding, "Who is there that would not detest these swinish monsters?"

John Calvin declared, "the unborn, though enclosed in the womb of his mother, is already a human being, and it is an almost monstrous crime to rob it of life," (Commentary on Exodus 21:22) He also stated, "When a woman in some way drives away the seed out the womb, through aids, then this is rightly seen as an unforgivable crime."

William Gurnall wrote, "It is unnatural for a man to be cruel to his own flesh; for a woman to go about to kill the child in her womb, O how your ears tingle at such a flagitious act!" John Owen wrote, "Paul tells us of the old Gentiles that they were "without natural affection." That which he aims at is that barbarous custom among the Romans, who oft times, to spare the trouble in the education of their children and to be at liberty to satisfy their lusts, destroyed their own children from the womb." This comment appeared in 1881, "Violations of the sixth commandment are manifestly on the increase all over the land by suicides, murders, homicides, parricides, fratricides, infanticides, feticides; and these awful crimes are often perpetrated with such circumstances of horrid cruelty as to cry to heaven for vengeance." Original Covenanter Magazine (Vol. 3:1-3:16, 1881)

Lutheran Pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer, hanged by Hitler in 1945, said the, "Destruction of the embryo in the mother's womb is a violation of the right to live which God has bestowed upon this nascent life." He added, "The simple fact is that God certainly intended to create a human being and that this nascent human being has been deliberately deprived of his life. That is nothing but murder." Pastor Matthew Trewhella confronted the belief that God nowhere in Scripture condemns birth control, "By virtue of the fact that God commands us to be fruitful and multiply, He speaks against birth control. He further asserts, "If you were to list all the reasons why Christians use birth control, you would see that they are the same reasons why a woman aborts her child. The number one reason (according to all studies ever done) a woman aborts her child is because the child is an inconvenience."

The Milwaukee County Constitution Party means to end America's Silent Holocaust. We are Christian Statesmen, and we are on our annual Pre-Born Can't Wait Campaign. We are asking you to copy the petition, send it to your friends, and sign the petition, and send it to Tony Evers using the address on the top left of the petition. May God Bless your efforts.

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Showing their true heart was to advocate for babies in a peaceful way, the group began to sing Amazing Grace.

Other pro-lifers felt the strong need to pray for Nancy Pelosi and for the abortion industry to end, so they kneeled down in front of her office to pray.

But the Capitol Police weren't having it.

They threatened to arrest the pro-lifers if they didn't stop praying and leave.

A few faithful (9 to be exact) refused to stop praying, and were led away in handcuffs by the police.

They ended up being arrested.

The protestors were strategic about the day they chose to head to Capitol Hill.

Calling themselves the #PurpleSashRevolution, these protestors decided to go to Pelosi's office on the 47th anniversary of Roe v. Wade – a day that legally allowed millions of babies to be slaughtered.

They hoped to bring attention to a bill which was drafted to protect babies who survived abortions – but Pelosi wants nothing to do with the bill.

According to Life News, the pro-aborts in the House refuse to vote on a bill that would give proper medical treatment to a baby who survived an abortion.

Even young pro-life students joined the cause!

Life News reported:

"It should be common-sense and completely bipartisan to support any bill banning infanticide. Democrats have become so extreme that they are even stalling a vote that protects innocent babies born alive during an abortion. We are calling on Speaker Pelosi to allow a vote immediately to protect the rights infants born during an abortion. Abandoning a child born during an abortion is inhumane and should be unthinkable and illegal," said Stephanie Stone, Capital Area Regional Coordinator for Students for Life of America."

It's a chilling reality the fact peaceful Americans petitioning their government can be arrested, simply for praying in a hallway.

There were no physical threats, no violence, just a group of Christians speaking out against infanticide and giving a voice to all the babies who don't yet have their own voice.

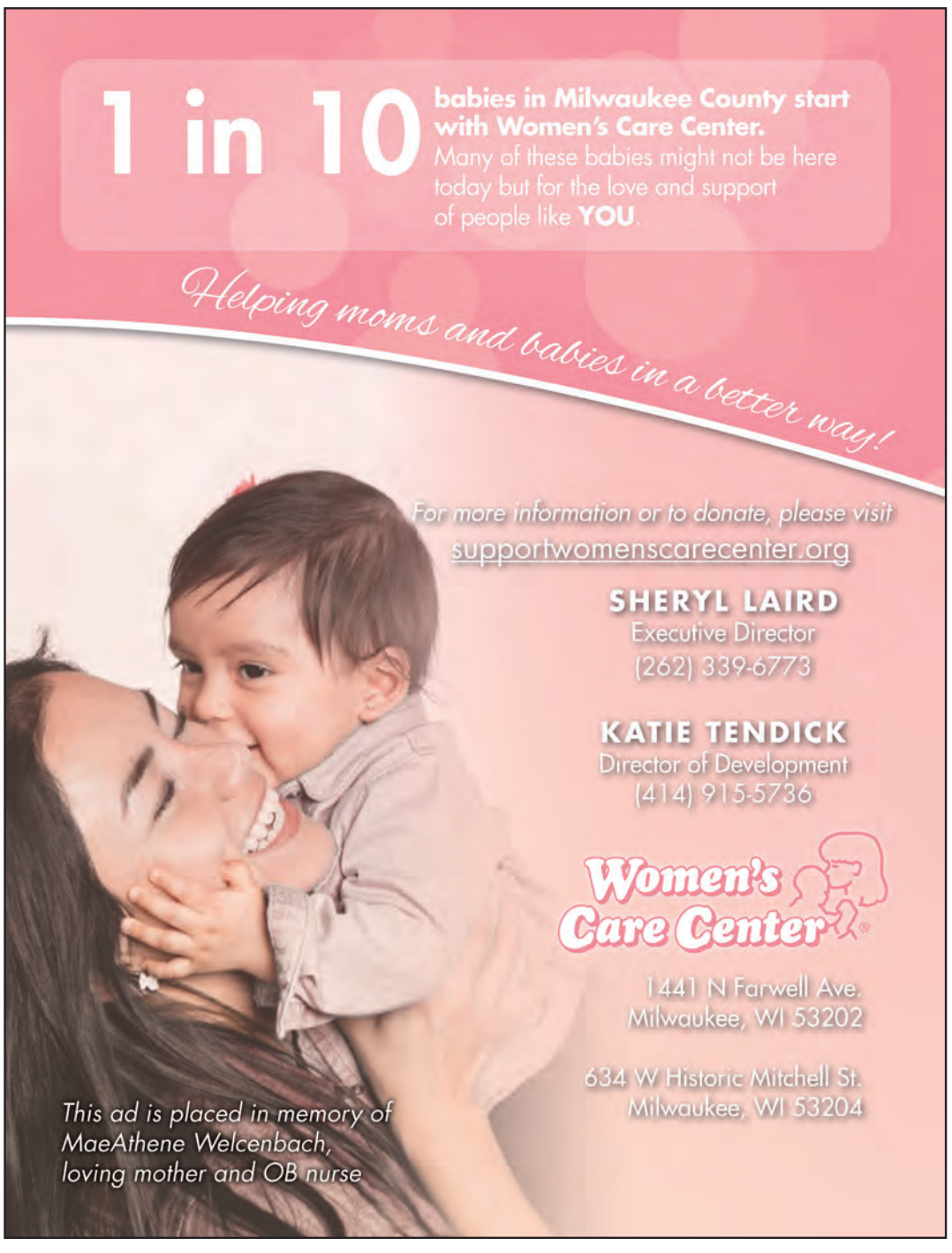
Even more horrifying, the fact that Democrats are so against pro-life measures, they won't even allow a vote which protects babies who survive a botched abortion.

The battle of life rages on, but the encouraging news is the next generation of leaders are overwhelmingly pro-life.

Media outlets might not cover what takes place, but the streets were filled during the March For Life with pro-lifers speaking up for innocent babies.

Cheers to the pro-life activists who are brave enough to stand up for what they believe in, whatever the price.







VOICE OF JERUSALEM

Trump's heroic truth and Israel's historic opportunity

By Caroline Glick

In Israel's early years, every time the US ambassador traveled to Jerusalem to meet with government leaders, he would have his chauffeur stop his car at the entrance to the city, and replace its diplomatic license plates with regular civilian plates. The State Department refused to recognize that Jerusalem was part of Israel. The license plates were for Israel. And so, in a show of contempt and rejection of Israel's right to its capital city, he removed his diplomatic plates before entering Jerusalem, and put them back on when he left.

President Harry Truman was the first world leader to recognize the State of Israel, just moments after David Ben-Gurion declared its independence on May 14, 1948. But his recognition was skin deep. Truman, like all of his successors until Donald Trump, recognized Israel's existence but didn't recognize the Jewishness of Israel. He saw Israel as a refuge for Holocaust survivors and other Jews fleeing persecution. But he didn't accept that the nation of Israel in 1948 was the nation of Israel from the Bible. He didn't accept that the Jewish refugees in European DP camps were the descendants of the prophets or that the forefathers of the kibbutzniks in the Jezreel Valley were the priests at the Temple in Jerusalem.

Israel, as far as he was concerned, was a new state, a poor state of Jewish refugees. And he treated it accordingly.

Truman's anti-historical view of the Jewish state produced a two-faced American policy towards Israel. On the one hand, the American officials spoke warmly of the Jewish homeland. On the other hand, they treated Israel like a beggar that should be thankful for scraps and loose change.

This patronizing American approach changed after the 1967 Six-Day War. President Lyndon Johnson realized that a nation capable of triumphing over four enemy armies in six days and tripling its size is a nation worthy of respect and better treatment. Johnson upgraded Israel militarily and supported it diplomatically in the aftermath of the war.

But America's ambivalence towards Zionism – the liberation movement of the ancient Jewish people – persevered. The US's adamant refusal to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital and Washington's opposition to all Jewish settlements in Judea, Samaria and Gaza attested to this fact.

For America to recognize the legitimacy of Israel's control and Israel's sovereign rights to these areas, America's leaders would need to recognize the simple fact that Israel is not a refuge for a persecuted, pitiable people, but the homeland of the eternal nation of Israel. And all US presidents until Trump preferred to deny this truth. As a matter of US policy, they transferred the Jewish nation's historical rights to the Palestinians who have no national history.

But then, three years ago, Trump entered the White House. Tuesday, Trump said that Israel is a light to the nations, that the land of Israel is the promised land, and the historic homeland of the Jewish people. He said that Jerusalem cannot be liberated because it's already been liberated. He said that no one will be removed from their home for peace. Among other things, he conditioned Palestinians statehood on full Palestinian recognition of the Jewish people's rights to their historic homeland in the land of Israel.

Ahead of Trump's announcement, Barack Obama's ambassador to Israel Dan Shapiro delivered a not-particularly-veiled threat to Israelis who might be tempted to accept Trump's framework for peace. Shapiro stunned the diplomatic world when he refused to leave Israel at the end of his term and instead took a position at a left-leaning Israeli think tank. He has used his position to criticize President Trump's Middle East policies.

In an interview with Army Radio Sunday, Shapiro said, "I think Israeli citizens should take into account that in less than a year there could be a new, Democratic administration – if not in a year then in five years. Trump won't be president forever. It is important to know that any Democratic candidate will oppose this plan and that no Democratic president will be bound by it."

Shapiro continued, "If Trump is encouraging Israel to take unilateral steps such as annexing the Jordan Valley and the settlement blocs, that guarantees there will be a clash with a Democratic administration in less than a year. I don't think this is a positive thing for the relations between the countries and I advise against immediate actions that future administrations will oppose."

In other words, Shapiro said, if Israel supports Trump's plan, which supports Israel in ways that no previous president ever did – least of all Shapiro's boss Obama – the Democrats will punish Israel for doing so. If Israel wants good relations with a Democratic administration in the future, it will need to agree to not secure its interests, not now, and not ever.

It is not at all clear that Blue and White leader Benny Gantz understands the gravity of the moment. Shapiro essentially reinforced the point that Trump is providing Israel with a chance to secure its interests that it isn't likely to receive again. The fact that Gantz thought it was appropriate to attack Netanyahu from Washington on Monday indicated that he places his personal ambitions above the good of the country.

So too, it is far from clear that the leaders of the Israeli communities in Judea and Samaria understand the significance of Trump's actions. On Tuesday, Trump recognized the truth at the foundation of Zionism and made that truth the foundation of America's policy regarding the Palestinian conflict with Israel.

Trump is a true friend of the Jewish people. He didn't offer us a perfect plan. But he offered us a plan that we can live with. That alone sets it apart from all the American plans that preceded it. It would be a sin for us not to support it. Netanyahu pledged to apply Israeli law to the Jordan Valley and the Israeli communities in Judea and Samaria on Sunday. Every Jew in Israel and worldwide should expect that he and his ministers fulfill this pledge. And every Jew in Israel and worldwide should feel thankful to Trump for his friendship and for his courage to embrace the truth.

Communist Manifesto

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9. Combination of agriculture with manufacturing industries; gradual abolition of the distinction between town and country by a more equable distribution of the population over the country.

10. Free education for all children in government schools. Abolition of children's factory labor in its present form. Combination of education with industrial production.

A glaring fault with Sanders and other Democrats is their hypocrisy. They pretend to be working people, but like Karl Marx, they are agitators posing as workers. They rail against rich businessmen, who turn a profit producing products and services, while they themselves are rich from the tax-money of the American people. According to www.opensecrets.org Bernie had, "an estimated net worth of $712,516 in 2015," and www.cnbc.com states on May 26, 2019, "both 2016 and 2017, Sanders and his wife, Jane, had adjusted gross income of about $1.1 million." Michael Kruse on Politico.com, said, "In the wake of his 2016 presidential run, the most lucrative thing he's ever done, the 77-year-old self-described democratic socialist is a three-home-owning millionaire with a net worth approaching at least $2 million, taking into account his publicly outlined assets and liabilities along with the real estate he owns outright. In a strict, bottom-line sense, Sanders has become one of those rich people against whom he has so unrelentingly railed." What Dems don't emphasize is that they are the party of the wealthy, Michael Bennet 6.6million, Fake Cherokee Warren is worth 4.7million, Corey Booker 700K, Amy Klobuchar 600k, Kamala Harris 400k, and that is nothing compared to Hilary or Michael Bloomberg. It is another case of "do as I say, not as I do."

The Milwaukee County Constitution Party asserts none of Bernie's platform is original thought, but is an application of Marxism and the Communist Manifesto. The 10 Planks of Communism has led to the liquidation of hundreds of millions since 1917, under Lenin, Stalin, Mao, Ho Chi Minh, Pol Pot, and is still murdering. American doesn't need Marxist ideology, and we don't need Sanders, Warren and the Democrat Party to impose it on us.

Criminal Assault

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been beaten and stabbed in Milwaukee, while two suspects have been taken into custody. It happened about 2:30AM Tuesday at the corner of North 67th Street and West Villard Avenue on the city's northwest side." WTMJ said, "The victim is described as a 60-year-old male and a veteran of parking enforcement." (I have tried for the last eight months to find his name, but that is oddly missing from any news sources.) Tom Barrett lisped, "Our concern goes out to the employee who was senselessly attacked this morning. We wish him a speedy recovery." According to Tv6 Milwaukee, "The two suspects are no strangers to law enforcement. Tony Bornes has been wanted since 2018, and Isaac Ali recently got out of prison." Parking Checker Doe's life was saved because he wears a ballistic vest: Doe said, "because of prior assaults he has suffered during his 22 years doing this work."

The Milwaukee County Constitution Party asserts several solutions. The first is an Amendment to our State Constitution, bringing back the death penalty for murder. Second, a change in our State law, if you kill somebody when you are driving on a suspended license: that is automatically vehicular homicide or murder. All these cases are of perpetrators who happen to be affirmative action malcontents, who were never enslaved, nor discriminated against, but catered to for the entire spoiled lives. The lack of safety in the City today is a repeat of the lack of safety in the Public Schools starting in the 1970's, it is the result of secular humanist social engineering. There may less "people of color" in our prisons, but crime is going through the roof. It is time to stop being guilt manipulated, and stand up to these brats. On a final note, it is the actions of criminals like these that are driving the Gun Control movement. Why should I trust the City of Milwaukee for my defense, when they can't even defend themselves?

The Green Oscars

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halfway around the world in a container ship fueled by "the dirtiest of fossil fuels." Even worse, organic farmers have been found to use toxic pesticides on a regular basis.

And don't forget: oil and gas are the feed stocks for synthetic fibers – while coal and natural gas (and nuclear power, which most Hollywood stars also detest) generate most of the electricity that makes clothing factories, movie studios and fashion shows possible.

All the hullabaloo about fashion as evil has impacted Hollywood's fanciest. Fashion writer Faran Krentcil wrote last February of a fashion phobia that started in 2014, when the social media campaign #askhermore (created by the wife of current California Governor Gavin Newsom) virtue-shamed the very idea that actresses should celebrate their expensive gowns.

According to one red-carpet reporter, Krentcil shared, "We're nervous if we bring up clothes." Networks, she asserted, were shying away from style questions in favor of asking the stars about their activism.

But fashion, Krentcil argued, "isn't a shameful or stupid topic. In fact, it creates art – and jobs – for millions of Americans." The style sector, she concluded, is one of the biggest employers in America, putting over $250 billion back into our economy. And the Oscars' red carpet is itself a million-dollar enterprise. So are the movies that have made these superstars super rich.

Perhaps the overemphasis on activism and the downplaying of fashion can be blamed for declining Oscars viewership, which Fortune reported reached an all-time low in 2018. The Nielsen ratings that year were down 20% from 2017 alone (but were up slightly in 2019).

Not all Oscar nominees this year are hypocritical political ideologues. One-time Best Actor winner Anthony Hopkins, nominated at 81 as Best Supporting Actor for his role in "The Two Popes," admits he keeps his political opinions to himself. He once told activist actor Brad Pitt, "I don't have any opinions. Actors are pretty stupid. My opinion is not worth anything."

And that's the way most of us regular folks like it.

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Tamerlane

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were committed without using gunpowder. Thought-Co states, "Contemporary sources say that Timur's forces killed about 19 million people during their conquests. Timur does seem to have enjoyed massacre for its own sake." According to warhistoryonline.com, "Cities would be razed. In some cases, salt would be sown in the earth so nothing would grow there for ages to come. Men, women, and children were killed. Some were taken into slavery." "Rape and torture were the order of the day. When the killing was over, the heads of the slain would be thrown onto a pile, making great mounds or pyramids to bear witness, and some people were allowed to escape, as Timur knew that they would flee to the next city with tales of horror." And, "He even allied himself with enemies of the Ming Dynasty in China, in a vain attempt to conquer that vast empire," because, "Many cities, hearing of his cruelty, surrendered."

The City of Isfizar resisted, but when it fell, Timur decided that his prisoners should be cemented into the walls of the city alive. He murdered everybody in the Tulamba, it ceased to exist. He did the same thing to Khiva. Isfahan rebelled against Timur. Outside the city gates, 28 towers of 1,500 heads each were erected.

Timur was lionized in the west: Christopher Marlowe's "Tamburlaine the Great" and Edgar Allen Poe's "Tamerlane" are good examples. That is how I first heard of him. He is the national hero of Uzbekistan, and the name is popular among Uzbeks, Chechens etc. One of the Boston Marathon Bombers was a "refugee" named Tamerlan Sarniev. Does Tamerlane's behavior remind you of anybody? ISIS? Boko Haram? Al-Shabab? Hezbollah? Hamas?

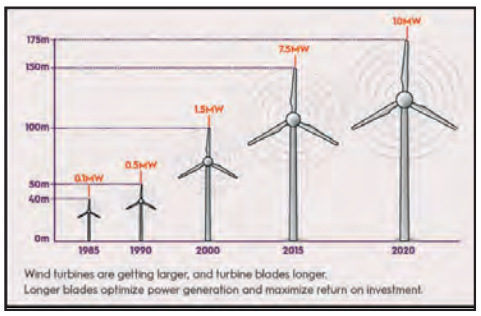
The Milwaukee County Constitution Party asserts, that Tamerlane, Saladin, the Ottomans, the Caliphs are examples of full force Jihad, and why arming Muslims and giving them technology is not only an act of strategic incompetence and historical ignorance, it is treason. We reject the "candy coated strategy" of Bush43 who said in October of 2001, "Islam is a vibrant faith. We honor its traditions. Our enemy does not. Our enemy doesn't follow the great traditions of Islam. They've hijacked a great religion." In our recent history, arming the Pashtuns, Waziris, Sadaam Hussein, and on and on, have produced the same results. Yesterday's freedom fighter is tomorrows America-hater, when you refuse to assess people by their worldview and character.

50,000 Tons Of Non-Recyclable Wind Turbine Blades Dumped In The Landfill

By SRSROCCO

Funny, no one seemed to consider what to do with the massive amount of wind turbine blades once they reached the end of their lifespan. Thus, the irony of the present-day Green Energy Movement is the dumping of thousands of tons of "non-recyclable" supposedly renewable wind turbine blades in the country's landfills.

Who would have thought? What's even worse, is that the amount of wind turbine blades slated for waste disposal is forecasted to quadruple over the next fifteen years as a great deal more blades reach their 15-20 year lifespan. Furthermore, the size and length of the newly installed wind turbine blades are now twice as large as they were 20-30 years ago.



Wind turbines are getting larger, and turbine blades longer.
Longer blades optimize power generation and maximize return on investment.

Honestly, I hadn't considered the tremendous amount of waste generated by the so-called "Renewable" wind power industry until a long-term reader sent me the link to the following article, Landfill begins burying non-recyclable Wind Turbine Blades:

Hundreds of giant windmill blades are being shipped to a landfill in Wyoming to be buried because they simply can't be recycled. Local media reports several wind farms in the state are sending over 900 un-reusable blades to the Casper Regional Landfill to be buried. While nearly 90 percent of old or decommissioned wind turbines, like the motor housing, can be refurbished or at least crushed, fiberglass windmill blades present a problem due to their size and strength.



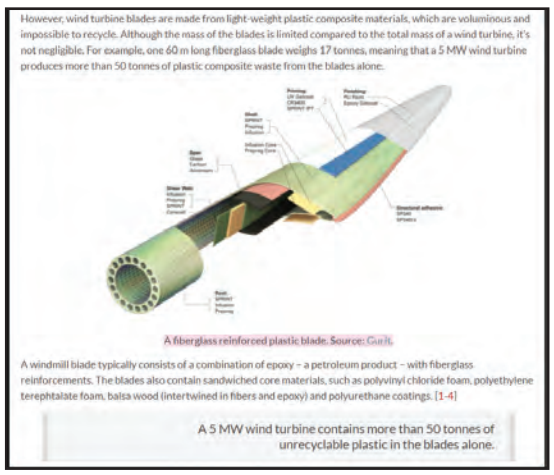
"Our crushing equipment is not big enough to crush them," a landfill representative told NPR.

Prior to burying the cumbersome, sometimes nearly 300-foot long blades, the landfill has to cut them up into smaller pieces onsite and stack them in order to save space during transportation.

Wyoming isn't the only landfill accepting worn-out wind turbine blades. They are also being dumped in IOWA and SOUTH DAKOTA. Although, there's probably a lot more landfills across the country, especially in Texas, that are accepting old wind turbine blades. Texas has the largest amount of wind-generated energy in the United States at 27,036 MegaWatts, followed by Iowa (8,965 MW), Oklahoma (8,072 MW), Kansas (6,128 MW), and California (5,842 MW). (source: Wikipedia)

So, with Texas powering more wind energy than the next three states combined, they will be discarding an enormous amount of wind turbine blades in the state's landfills over the next 10-20 years.

Now, why is the Wind Power Industry discarding its blades in landfills? Unfortunately, due to the way the blades are manufactured, it isn't economical or practical to recycle them even though some small-scale recycling has been done. Here is an image from the Low-Tech Magazine website explaining why the large wind turbine blades aren't recyclable:

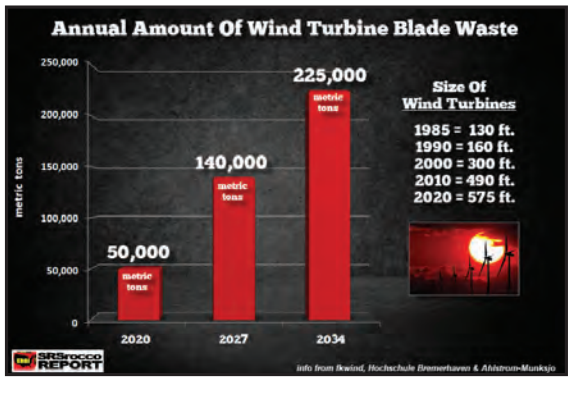


The wind turbine blades are a toxic amalgam of unique composites, fiberglass, epoxy, polyvinyl chloride foam, polyethylene terephthalate foam, balsa wood, and polyurethane coatings. So, basically, there is just too much plastic-composite-epoxy crapola that isn't worth recycling. Again, even though there are a few small recycling centers for wind turbine blades, it isn't economical to do on a large scale.

As I mentioned, the wind power units built today are getting much taller and larger. Check out the 83.5 meter (274 feet) long wind turbine blade being transported for a 7 MegaWatt system:



This picture was taken in 2016. So, in about 15-20 years, this blade will need to be replaced. Just think of the cost to remove three massive blades this size, cut them up, transport them to the landfill and cover them with tons of soil. Now, multiply that by tens of thousands of blades. According to the data from Hochschule Bremerhaven & Ahlstrom-Munksjo, the wind industry will generate 50,000 tons of blade waste in 2020, but that will quadruple to 225,000 tons by 2034. I have read that some estimates show an even higher amount of blade waste over the next 10-20 years.



I don't believe the public realizes what a horrible waste of resources that wind energy is when you start to look at the entire operation from beginning to end. Wind energy is definitely not RENEWABLE. And, even worse… the wind turbines are not lasting as long as the 20-25 years forecasted by the industry. A study that came out in 2012 by Gordon Hughes, researching the relatively mature Dutch and U.K. Wind Industry, suggested that only a few of the wind farms would be operating for more than 12-15 years.

Wind & Solar A Disaster On The Electric Grid

The one thing not mentioned by the "Renewable Energy Aficionados" is that the more solar and wind that is added to the grid, the more volatile and problematic it becomes. You see, the U.S. Electric Grid has been powered by BASELOAD energy from Coal, Natural Gas, and Nuclear… for the most part. This type of energy generation is very stable, which is precisely why it's called BASELOAD ENERGY.

When wind and solar came onto the picture, the Renewable Energy Aficionados thought this "CLEAN GREEN ENERGY" was going to get rid of the dirty fossil fuel power plants. Unfortunately, the more wind and solar that are added, the more BASELOAD energy has to be removed. Why is that unfortunate? Because when the wind stops blowing and the sun stops shining, then the Electric Utility Industry is forced to TURN ON the Natural Gas Power Plants to make up the difference.

And let me tell you, this is becoming much more of a big problem when the wind energy that was generating 40% of the electricity in the area totally falls off the very next day when the wind stops blowing. I have read several articles showing examples of the extreme shut-in of wind and solar electric generation in a very short period of time.

There is so much information out there about this "Intermittency" problem, let me provide a perfect example taking place in Germany. Germany installed one hell of a lot of wind and solar, and it is now becoming a nightmare because they are suffering from black-outs, while at the same time their citizens are paying some of the highest electricity rates in Europe.

Germany's Renewable Energy Disaster – Part 1: Wind & Solar Deemed 'Technological Failures'



Germany's wind and solar experiment have failed: the so-called 'Energiewende' (energy transition) has turned into an insanely costly debacle.

German power prices have rocketed; blackouts and load shedding are the norm; and idyllic rural communities are now industrial wastelands (see picture).

Hundreds of billions of euros have been squandered on subsidies to wind and solar, all in an effort to reduce carbon dioxide gas emissions. However, that objective has failed too: CO2 emissions continue to rise.

But you wouldn't know it from what appears in the mainstream media. Its reticence to report on what's actually going on in Germany probably stems from the adage about success having many fathers, and failure being an orphan. Having promoted Germany as the example of how we could all 'transition' to an all RE future, it's pretty hard for them to suck it up and acknowledge that they were taken for fools.

REST OF ARTICLE HERE: Germany's Renewable Energy Disaster – Part 1: Wind & Solar Deemed 'Technological Failures'

That article above came from the website, StopTheseThings.com, which I highly recommend checking out. They put out a lot of excellent material on the global wind industry.

Dangerous Winds

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warming that has yet to occur, despite increasing use of fossil fuels by China, India, Indonesia and other countries. It also assumes the world will still be using increasing amounts of coal and natural gas 100 to 1,000 years from now – a highly dubious proposition. And it ignores every point made in this article, which clearly explains why wind energy is not really cleaner than coal or gas.

Maybe, my friends, the answer is not blowing in the wind.

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For example, I found this interesting article about a wind turbine that was purchased by Akron-Westfield's School Board that went operational in 1999. The wind turbine was supposed to provide the School District with approximately (2) teachers' salaries worth of revenue once the loan was paid off after ten years. According to the article from StopTheseThings.com, Turbine Trouble: School Board's Wind Turbine 'Investment' Ends in Financial Disaster:

After a decade of dashed financial hopes, mechanical failures and punishingly costly repairs, the school has been left to lick its wounds and lament. The experience to date has been a total financial failure. And now comes the whopping cleanup bill to have the nightmare removed, for good.

A-W wind turbine removal may become budget item

The Akron Home Towner
Julie Ann Madden
11 October 2019

What will it cost to remove the Akron-Westfield's inoperable wind turbine from its site?

According to A-W School Board Member Nick Mathistad, about $220,000:

$183,000 for disassembly and disposal of the wind turbine; and

$37,000 for foundation removal/disposal, dirt fill and seeding of site.

"These are budget numbers, and the scope of work would be bid out at a later date if it comes to that," Mathistad explained in a text to The Akron Hometowner.

I recommend reading the entire article because it is worth a GOOD LAUGH. I believe the author of the article misunderstood and thought the town of Akron was in Ohio, but it was located in Iowa. Once you read the article, it plays like the typical TRAIL OF TEARS as the poor school board was plagued with mechanical failures and issues that cost one hell of a lot of money and just when the wind turbine was going to be paid off after ten years, it broke down for good… LOL.

That's correct, and the wind turbine has been sitting there idle for nearly a decade… rotting away. And now, it seems that the school board is placing the $220,000 cost to disassemble and dispose of the wind turbine in their $5.2 million bond. Again… LOL.

I have to tell you; I am simply amazed at the level of INSANITY and STUPIDITY taking place by individuals, companies, corporations, and countries that are ramping up wind and solar energy. They are a complete disaster and will only get worse as time goes by.

Lastly, the world should have used the energy that has been investing in wind-solar and put it into transitioning our society to a smaller footprint or DEGROWTH. That was the smart and logical move. However, we are taking the last bit of good fossil fuel energy and putting into Non-Recyclable "supposedly renewable" Green Technology Boondoggles that will become serious liabilities in the future as we won't have the available energy to properly disassemble and dispose of the tens of thousands of wind turbines dotting the landscape.