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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

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Hot Air: No Global Warming for Eight Years

By Catherine Salgado

Recently published data from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) shows that there has not been global warming for the past eight years. And NASA satellite data reportedly confirms that evidence, showing no global warming for eight years and five months, according to JunkScience's Steve Milloy. But leftists are quick to warn people against drawing the obvious conclusion that the world isn't about to become a burning ball of fire.

Recently published evidence also showed that there was actually a near-record low of major hurricanes in 2022, indicating that weather isn't getting progressively and exponentially worse globally, despite the climate frenzy of the media and governments. And the Northeast is currently experiencing record cold in a harsh winter, with Mt. Washington, N.H., yesterday dropping to -45.5 degrees Fahrenheit and -107 degree wind chill.

Axios, which normally loves to scare-monger about global warming, reported today, "Arctic outbreak shatters records in Northeast." I'm going to go out on a limb — or a glacier — and say that the Northeastern U.S. is definitely

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Vital energy lessons for Virginia and America

Legislators shouldn't Californicate Virginia or America on EVs and Green Energy

By Paul Dreissen

When they open their 30-day session January 11, Virginia's Senate and House of Delegates must correct some serious energy mistakes they made two years ago, when Democrats controlled nearly the entire state government and passed the "Virginia Clean Economy Act."

One of its party-line provisions requires that Virginia adopt California's requirement that only low emission vehicles (LEVs) be sold by model year 2025 and only zero emission vehicles (ZEVs) by MY 2035. That means in barely twelve years only new electric vehicles (EVs) could be sold in Virginia.



Again mimicking California, in addition

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Fragile Egos, and the Surprising Challenge to a SUCCESSFUL Republican County Chairman

By Paris Procopis, January 22, 2023
https://newsundone.com/_the-surprising-challenge-to-a-successful-republican-county-chairman/

Anybody who has read my articles over the years knows that I am no stranger to going against the Republican Party leadership status quo when necessary.

I have been going after outgoing Milwaukee County Chairman David Karst for years, and more recently, I have gone after Dane County Chairman, Scott Grabins. Why? They both have ineffective and failing records as chairmen of their respective counties. They like to 'talk' but rarely if ever, seem to act.



Like I said above, take on Republican leaders 'when necessary,' and in the case of both Karst and Grabins, it was TOTALLY NECESSARY. Unfortunately, some

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How Green Investors Pay the Media to Promote 'Climate Change'

AP takes millions from groups leveraged in green investments to promote the need for green investments.

By Daniel Greenfield

The Associated Press revealed last year that it had scored $8 million to promote claims of global warming. The AP impartially described this massive conflict of interest as an illustration of "how philanthropy has swiftly become an important new funding source for journalism".

"This far-reaching initiative will transform how we cover the climate story," its executive editor claimed. That is no doubt true. And an incredibly damaging admission.

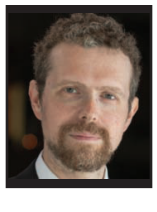
The philanthropic quid-pro-quo saw five organizations fund the AP's dedicated team of "more than two dozen journalists" to cover "climate issues" that the wire service would then plant in papers around the country to terrify Americans into supporting 'green' taxes and subsidies.

The Associated Press did not bother to explain to its readers or the newspapers that run its stories why these organizations were impelled to throw millions at it except sheer benevolence.

Nor did it explain why they might be particularly interested in convincing Americans that the climate sky is falling and that our economy must be dismantled and 'greened': raising energy prices and putting millions out of work. The paragon service of journalism did not even bother explaining to its readers what one of the five, Quadrivium, was beyond a Latin word.

Quadrivium is the pet project of James Murdoch and his wife, the 'black sheep' of Clan Murdoch, who left the family business in a huff "due to disagreements over certain editorial content published by the Company's news outlets". Quadrivium seeks to reach "a majority of the public" to generate "urgent action" on the bipartisan passage of a US climate strategy."

The proposed template is the "carbon rebate plan" which would tax Americans through their carbon use and then promise to pay some of the money back to them. The plan comes from the Climate Leadership Council whose board includes Kathryn Murdoch: James's wife.



CLC's partners include major banks, JP Morgan, Santander and Goldman Sachs, energy companies, BP, Shell and Conoco, who believe that the proposal will be good for them.

The AP has helpfully promoted

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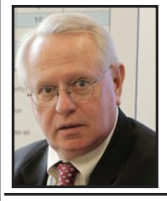
Trust Is Government's Most Important but Disregarded Asset

By Williams Kovacs

Trust is a simple concept; it is the assured reliance on the character, ability, strength, or truth of someone or something. In simple terms, it means the person or institution does what it states it will do. The United States government has a hard time persuading a majority of its citizens to trust it. A Pew study found "[O]nly two- in-ten Americans say they trust the government in Washington to do what is right 'just about always' (2%) or 'most of the time (19%)" The lack



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CDC Data Now Shows That COVID Vaxx 'Lowers Lifespan By Up To 24 Years'

By En-Volve.com

Multiple Covid vaccinations can shorten a person's lifetime by up to 24 years, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The CDC's data on all-cause death show that rates of immune system destruction from covid vaccines are steadily rising with each passing year.

Naturalnews.com reports: "So taking 2021 as the base line, a 5 dosed person would be 350% more likely to die in 2031 and 700% more likely to die in 2041 and 1050% more likely to die in 2051

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Delusional SOTU Goes Unchecked: Are We Surprised?

By Larry Bell

President Biden's Tuesday State of the Union address to the nation demonstrated epic disinformation-tolerance on the part of mainstream media networks regarding false utterances of the doddering gaffer they put in America's highest office.



The Economy

Biden said, Two years ago, the economy was reeling … we created 12 million new jobs –

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Steve's Say . . .

How the Lie About Carbon Dioxide Opened my Mind



Next week I leave for Florida to attend the 15th International Conference on Climate Change (ICCC) organized by the Heartland Institute heroes. God blessed me to attend the first and all subsequent ICCCs within US territory until the 2021 event broke my streak. But I'm going back now.

The first ICCC occurred in the heart of New York City at the Marriott Marquis hotel in Times Square in February 2008. I met so many people there, scientists as well as activists, patriots and just regular folks. A portfolio of detailed, factually substantiated information I knew nothing about assailed me from Smart Growth (Stupid local planning), Regional Planning Commissions (Local commissars) and Agenda 21 (you will own nothing and love it).

I learned directly from Dr. Dennis Avery why burning food (biofuels including corn ethanol) may be the stupidest pursuit yet by mankind, how the IPCC got started then morphed into the totalitarian support entity it was born to be. I learned about Maurice Strong, what he did in his life, and how he pulled together all of the pieces to fabricate the CO2 lie into the Holy Grail of One World Totalitarian government, known today as "The Green New Deal."

An attendee I met at the first ICCC from my home state asked me some questions about evolutionary theory and challenged me to look into it. Reluctantly I started down that path and found out things to be quite different than I previously believed. I discovered I accepted evolutionary theory as true because I was told to, not because facts demonstrated it to be so. The more I looked into it, consuming much literature and talking with others involved heavily in genetic pursuits, the factual basis for that theory really didn't exist. I was duped. Had I not been involved in the fight against the CO2 lie for the previous 20+ years, admitting such folly would've been much harder. But I had learned through the war on CO2 that many things given to us as truths are in fact lies.

Once a person realizes they've been lied to about something they held as factual, it opens everything up to question and scrutiny. And since that time I've discovered most elements of recent history (past 150 years) didn't happen like narrated in the books I studied. The US government owns Mao's communist takeover of China. The Bush family origins from Nazi Germany explain much of the totalitarian New World Order garbage pursued by both George Sr. and Jr. The Clinton's family tree show why they became prominent members of the Elitist club. And of course we all know that the staged JFK assassination, ensuing cover up and hidden, inaccessible records prove a much larger conspiracy than the Oswald-Ruby nonsense shoved down our throats. We know Joe McCarthy, the demonized Wisconsin Senator of the '50s, identified 100% correctly the infestation of communists in our government, Hollywood and media. Now today add in Big Tech, Big Pharma and the Medical Mafia and you're just about there. What about HAARP? Earthquake weapons? Hidden cancer cures?

Conclusion: A criminal syndicate of gangsters runs our government and almost all others around the globe. Payoffs, extortion, blackmail and murder hold the entire thing together. And the central banking cabal underwrites the entire operation with it's ability to create fiat money without limit. When you can create an infinite supply of cash out of thin air, payoffs, extortion, blackmail and murder follow directly. You can also buy some expensive toys and weapons.

President Donald Trump's election to the US Presidency in 2016 wasn't supposed to happen. The greatest voter fraud network ever created (as articulated to the mainstream media in October 2020 by none other than Uncle Joe Biden himself) could never let that happen. But it did. And the irrational craziness of the Deep State actors all through government and both political parties proved Trump's election jeopardized their carefully crafted plans for world takeover.

Then Trump demonstrated how culling regulations, reducing taxes, pursuing true energy independence and implementing rational trade policy can quickly reverse the economic destruction of the past, even while still playing in the fake money system of the criminal Federal Reserve. The bullets of the totalitarian globalists and fake news media bounced harmlessly off the impenetrable armor of Trump's policies based upon factual evidence and truth.

So they had to get rid of him at any cost, by any means possible. They tried assassination many, many times without success, though some efforts got uncomfortably close. Thus came forth the great stolen election of 2020. But in order to even have a chance, they had to first unleash the plandemic, that fraud of a "mutated bat virus" indicated by the even more fraudulent PCR test. Lockdown the world, stay 6 feet apart and muzzled in a mask (or 2 or 3), constantly wash your hand till chaffed, then put on alcohol-based hand sanitizer. But if you get sick stay holed up in a corner until you're ready to die. Then go to the Hospital so they can implement the Fauci protocol to get you to the end. And be sure to not take Ivermectin or HCQ or you'll die for sure, never mind the billions of humans that have successfully used each for 50+ years.

All lies. 100%. And that includes the 2020 election. Everyone knows Trump won in a landslide. But sadly many people are OK with voter fraud as long as their side wins, and many more refuse to acknowledge the truth, because that forces them to take on the fight and hard work to deal with this obvious reality. And the vicious perpetrators know that a platform with a noose lies at the end of their trail should they lose this war. The domestic traitors and foreign actors who executed the final coup to capture the US federal government in November 2020 now believe a clear runway spreads before them to bring forth the Great Reset and One World Government. But do they? I think not.

Because I believe in God and His Son Jesus Christ, sent into the world to save it. Nothing is bigger than God and nothing exceeds His power. He sent us Donald J. Trump to demonstrate how the world could look if we followed His economic system of free enterprise, even a little bit. God made us to flourish and be fruitful, to enjoy His creation and prosper in our faith in Him.

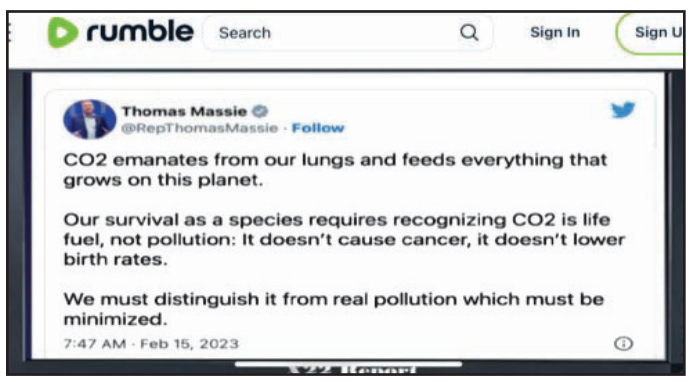
No, I don't believe Donald Trump is finished by any means. Nobody ever stole from him before and got away with it. Everything he said he would do he did as president. Everything he's predicted ever since has come to pass, or will soon like the Taiwan invasion. Many of us know him to be the figurehead of the white hat world alliance organized long ago for this exact battle against the world Deep State. How that plays out exactly none of us know, but you can sure see that the Deep State players are on the run. Their Ukrainian money-laundering human-trafficking bio-lab hideout will soon be finished off by our Russian allies and the truths of their activities fully exposed. Watch how hard they try to keep this fate from coming to pass and what they are willing to do to keep all their vile sins hidden. Keep in mind the Chinese balloon falsehood and the magical environmentally disastrous Ohio train wreck which happened to be exactly like the movie put out a year ago filmed in the same place.

The greatest lesson history teaches those who study it: There are no coincidences.

One of the greatest moments I experienced at any event happened at the first ICCC in New York. Vaclav Klaus, the EU president at the time and former president of the Czech Republic, personally addressed the group at a lunch session. I learned then that he stood in front of the United Nations assembly, all alone, calling out the CO2 lie for what it was. No one backed him up or even listened all that much. When I saw that demonstration of political courage while meeting him in person, I said to myself, "if that man can boldly speak the truth in front of the whole world, I certainly can do my little part."

Go out and boldly preach the truth. Lies require seven more lies to keep them covered. Today, the heap of lies of the past lay bare before us, for no one can manufacture enough lies to keep them all covered. Only truth can make the lies disappear.

The truth will truly set us free. WWG1WGA!



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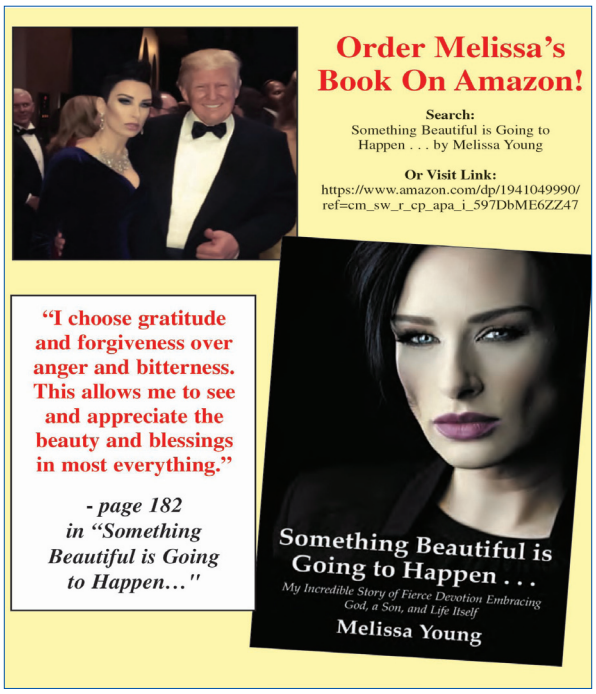

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California's Deluge: Unprecedented? No. Missed Opportunity? Yes.

By William Balgord

According to Dictionary.com, the term "atmospheric river" originated with scientists at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology back in the 1990s. More recently, the term gained currency with climate-change advocates as a way of boosting their dodgy narrative. Lately, the mainstream media picked it up and applied it lavishly in accounts of the recent heavy rains in California.

The rain-making phenomenon, common around the globe, occurs at various places and can better be understood as acting similarly to an escalator driven by the jet stream. The diving jet pulls with it warm, moist air from tropical regions of the oceans, such as the region of the Hawaiian Islands, northeastward toward the North American Continent—there known as the "Pineapple Express." As streams of saturated vapor impinge on the higher elevations of the continent, copious amounts of rainfall. Higher in the Sierra, the moisture falls as snow.

The more common times for the Polar Jet to deviate from its normal course down toward the Hawaiian Islands are late autumn and early winter. The most damaging precipitation events (with severe stream flooding and landslides) have occurred up and down the west coasts of the United States and Canada during November, December, and January. This is how the region gained its rugged topography over geologic time—streams and landslides carving up the ridges and mountains.

"Bomb cyclone" is another exaggerated term that originated in 1980 with a paper jointly authored by a McGill University professor and an MIT scientist who was describing the rapid formation of a low-pressure system during winter months, resulting from the clash of extreme high pressure with a strong low-pressure system.



The term went mostly unnoticed in the mainstream media until 2018, when some aspiring writer at the Washington Post applied it to a developing nor'easter. Other correspondents, not particularly known for originality, quickly adopted it to dramatize what they misinterpreted as growing evidence of an impending climate disaster—fostered, of course, by man-made climate change wrought by greenhouse gas emissions.

"Weird weather" is another favorite of reporters who closely follow climate change and have a penchant for vivid terminology to hammer home the notion that climate change makes devastating weather events occur with greater regularity and severity. Their insistence belies a profound ignorance of both recent and past history.

Consider the flooding rains that struck California from the Christmas holidays into early January. A brief web search would return many past weather disasters that should dispel the idea that it was in any sense "unprecedented." Yet that word turns up in many media accounts.

"Unprecedented" is tough to prove against thousands, or even just a few hundred, years of natural history.

In 1861–1862, on the eve of the Civil War, California was awash in the greatest flood in post-Columbian history along the West Coast. For nearly two months, a large part of the central valley reverted to a lake. An estimated 1,000 Chinese workers on a project along the Napa River were washed away, never to be seen again. Thousands perished statewide.

California's population in 1860 was less than half a million. With comparable infrastructure but more than 75 times as many people, an event of similar scale today would have killed proportionately more thousands, not just the 22 last reported.

Geologic evidence suggests that an even more massive flood occurred some 1800 years earlier. Recurring mega-floods have happened in approximately 200-year intervals in California going as far back as has been examined. Nothing new here in 2023.

Journalists should curb their hubris when pretending to know about events that preceded their births.

In addition to the deaths, tragic though few, the heavy precipitation over the last few weeks brings a benefit: some recharging of aquifers and reservoirs. But because California officialdom seems to exist in a permanent state of denial when it comes to solving its critical problem of water scarcity, the blessing will be far less than it might have been.

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Be Armed Against the Dangers of Science Falsely So Called

Question any part of the climate-change "consensus" (how much climate change is going on, how much humans contribute to it, what if anything we should do about it), and you're instantly declared "anti-science" or even a threat to the future of the human race.

But don't be intimidated—or fooled. That response is itself anti-science. It is rhetoric designed to win not by persuading others but by silencing them.

And it arises not just about climate change. From good old Darwinism (goo to you by way of the zoo) and Malthusianism (population growth inexorably exceeds food production and causes a sudden die-off), to the Obama Administration's insistence that employers must provide insurance coverage for contraception and abortion regardless of their religious conscience, and COVID-19 mask, social distancing, travel, church worship, and vaccine policies.

People in America and around the world are in danger of becoming slaves of scientism and scientocracy.

It's not that science itself is all bad. Science can be wonderful.

But as C.S. Lewis pointed out, science and magic are more closely related than at first meets the eye. And when they merge—as happens increasingly today—the consequences can be disastrous for human freedom and dignity.

To prevent that, Christians, especially, need to gain a better understanding of science and its limitations.

That's what John G. West offers in "The Magician's Twin" (the introductory chapter to a wonderful, multi-author book by the same title), which we are pleased to publish.

Drawing on Lewis's extensive writings, West points out three important ways in which science and magic merge—and the dangers inherent in them: when science merges with, or becomes a new variety of, religion; when people speaking in the name of science encourage credulity—"a stunning lack of skepticism"; and when science promotes or even becomes the pursuit of power.

This essay is powerful ammunition in the hands of those who want to preserve freedom and dignity from the onslaught of scientism and scientocracy. Learn its lessons and pass them on to others!

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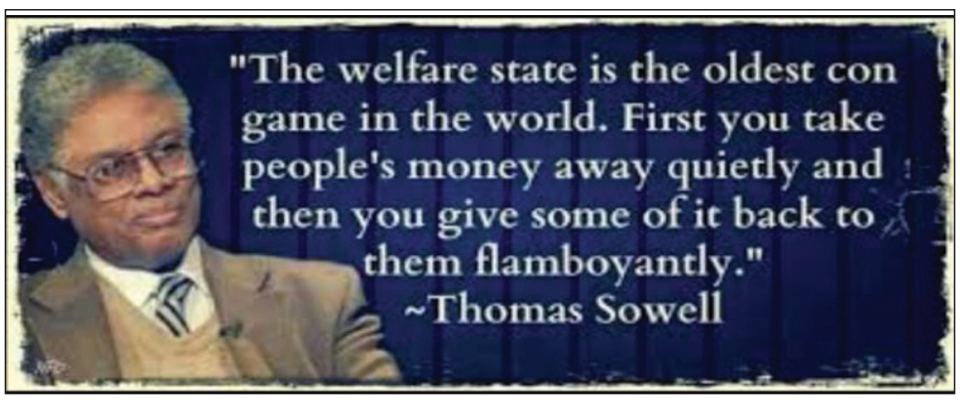

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Herbert J. Walberg, R.I.P.



By Joseph Morris

The death of Herbert J. Walberg is a loss to everyone who cares not just about improving schooling but about building and preserving a free society.

Herb served for several years as the Chairman of the Board of the Heartland Institute and continued, until his death on Monday, as a Senior Fellow of the Institute. All of us associated with Heartland know of his tireless work in building this organization and sharpening its focus.

Herb was deeply devoted to making life better for children, especially through creating opportunities for them to become educated and to learn how to continue educating themselves for their lifetimes.

Many other institutions benefitted from his scholarly and administrative contributions, including The University of Chicago, where he earned his Ph.D.; the University of Illinois at Chicago, where he taught; and the Hoover Institution at Stanford University. He reached thousands of lives directly, making them better, through his work in classrooms and conference rooms throughout America and the world, as well as through his prodigious output of books and learned articles.

He will be deeply missed, not just by Heartlanders but by citizens of the Republic of Letters and free people everywhere.

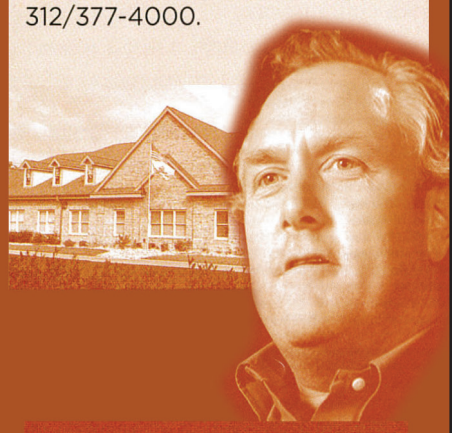
ANDREW BREITBART FREEDOM CENTER AT THE HEARTLAND INSTITUTE

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.



"Walk toward the fire. Don't worry about what they call you."
ANDREW BREITBART

Climate Change Weekly #460: Biden Offshoring Pollution, Environmental Injustice

By H. Sterling Burnett

In pursuit of President Joe Biden's stated goal of reducing U.S. greenhouse gas emissions 50 percent below the 2005 level by 2030, the White House has initiated efforts to build 30,000 megawatts of traditional offshore wind facilities (with structures attached to the ocean floor) in federal waters by 2030, plus 15,000 megawatts of floating industrial offshore wind power generation by 2035.

To meet those goals, Biden and company will have to approve building thousands of huge offshore turbines, towering up to 620 feet above the water, over thousands of square miles of ocean. The Biden administration is soliciting leases in federal waters in the Gulf of Mexico and Gulf of Maine and off the coasts of New England, the mid-Atlantic states, North Carolina, South Carolina, California, and Oregon.

In an earlier CCW, I discussed the terrible threat the Biden administration's grandiose and economically and environmentally unjustified offshore wind plans pose to the survival of endangered North Atlantic Right Whales.

The threat to whales is hardly the only problem with Biden's plan, as proven by an analysis of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management's (BOEM) draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind Project (CVOWP). The CVOWP EIS is so inadequate and incomplete that it can fairly be labeled arbitrary and capricious. That would open it, and any permits that flow from it, up to legal challenges. What's true of the CVOWP EIS is probably equally true of those for the entire range of wind projects now in the planning, leasing, permitting, exploration, or construction phases along the U.S. east coast, the Gulf of Mexico, and California.

Among the myriad problems I have identified when examining the CVOWP draft EIS is its artificially constrained assessment of the project's effects on air quality and environmental justice. In a highly controversial and legally contested move, the Obama administration set a new standard for environmental reviews by federal agencies such as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Energy, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and the Interior Department. It began to lard up the traditional and legally required calculation of the domestic benefits and costs of proposed actions with purported benefits of proposed rules and executive actions to people in other countries. The Biden administration has not disavowed that decision, as it should, but has instead embraced it. For example, Biden touted the global impact of his decision to cancel the Keystone XL pipeline project and his push for rapid expansion of renewable energy and electric vehicle use in the United States.

If the administration believes it is legitimate to count benefits to public health, the environment, and the climate in other countries in its calculation of the benefits of U.S. executive agency actions, it should also include the short-term, long-term, cumulative, and permanent costs or likely negative consequences of its actions in its Environmental Impact Statements.

For every offshore wind project, this would require accounting for worldwide air quality effects of the mining, refining, manufacturing, and transporting of the huge amounts of rare earth elements and critical minerals vital to the manufacturing and functioning of the magnets used in offshore wind turbines, the cables and stations used to transmit and transform the electricity produced from turbine to final destination, and the massive battery backups to maintain the electric power supply and reliability undermined by the intermittent nature of offshore wind.

The International Energy Agency notes offshore wind requires more scarce minerals, rare earth elements, and other critical metals per kilowatt hour of energy produced than any other source of electric power generation, renewable or nonrenewable. The vast majority of these critical minerals and elements are mined abroad, and almost all the refining is done in China.



A single onshore wind turbine requires up to three metric tons of copper and magnets, composed in large part from rare earth elements difficult to mine and refine. Much-larger offshore wind turbines will require even more copper and magnets with rare earth elements. Thousands of pounds of ore must be mined to produce a single pound of these rare earth elements, and even more for the combination of rare earth elements required for the magnets used in wind turbines. Then there are the metals and sheathing for the cables and transformers. In addition, between 200,000 and 1.5 million pounds of earth must be mined and moved to produce the lithium, cobalt, copper, nickel, and other metals and trace elements necessary to produce a battery pack for a single electric vehicle.

This means hundreds of billions of tons of these minerals will have to be mined and refined to produce the thousands of batteries that will compose the large-scale facilities used to back up and regulate the electricity produced by the Biden administration's planned offshore wind projects.

In addition to the water-polluting toxic sludge produced during the refining process, mining produces dust, and the factories refining it emit air pollution. The fact that the air pollution occurs thousands of miles away in countries with few or no environmental protection laws and limited or nonexistent enforcement—certainly nothing comparable in stringency to those of the United States—should not exempt the BOEM from acknowledging the air pollution produced in building our offshore wind industrial facilities. These emissions, contrary to the BOEM's claims based on its limited accounting, are likely to be major and negative, not minor, moderate, or beneficial.

The federal government requires fossil fuel-related energy and transportation infrastructure projects to account for all emissions from production to final use in the EISs required to justify new pipelines and other projects. It hardly seems reasonable for companies involved in offshore wind development not to be held to the same standard.

And since the vast majority of the emissions from activities devoted to discovering, acquiring, refining, producing finished products, and transporting the vast majority of the raw material and finished products used in assembled turbines will be produced far away, it is arbitrary and capricious for the

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Carlos Conquers Carrington

By John Haller

The Solar Storm of 1859.

Nobody living today can remember two significant events that occurred in September 1859. These events were separated by a 24 hour break. Our ever-dependable friend the sun, sent two "death rays" our way, sometimes referred to in technical jargon as CMEs, or Coronal Mass Ejections. Solar storms.

Humankind had not noticed, nor had they ever been affected by these regular solar events in the past, because they didn't have a noticeable effect upon a world without electrical technology. CMEs were a hitherto unknown electromagnetic hazard waiting to shake hands with humanity, just as soon as we gained a certain level of electrical technical ability.

By 1859 we had just done so. A fledgling transcontinental electrical network fed the telegraph system via large batteries and dynamos, and it was now linking two continents. North America and Europe were online 24/7, albeit comprised of Morse encoded dashes and dots.

The Sun fires CME's regularly, but only when the sun's plasma discharges align with the earth do they have any chance of reaching us. When certain types of sunspots near the sun's surface reach the required peak electromagnetic intensity, they can pose a real threat to us.

The 1859 CMEs really were almost death rays for a few of the telegraph operators at the time. The telegraphers continued their transmissions as expected, even when everything indicated that there was something very unusual happening. These telegraphers did not even have to switch on their battery connections to send and receive Morse code, because the telegraphers could not switch them off. The electrical telegraph systems hummed and buzzed with an overload of uncontrollable electromagnetic energy.

Then there were strange auroras, brightly illuminating the evening skies just like curtains of moonlight as far south as the Bahamas. The population of the Southern hemisphere was also witnessing these purple hued Auroras. Really unusual!

Unfortunately, several telegraphers received intense electric shocks and indeed some telegraph buildings caught fire from the surging electrical current that the sun was sending to them. The sun and the earth had formed a monolithic electric circuit across the vast empty space between them. There was nothing visible to be seen connecting the sun with the earth, but this whole space was alive and pulsing with surging tantric waves of electricity, all ninety-three million miles of it.

The SUN was doing this to us? Who could have guessed?

One resolute contemporary solar observer and astronomer, Richard Carrington, was able to graphically reproduce in real time, the sunspot patterns that represented these CMEs. He observed through a specially constructed telescope which transferred the sun's surface image onto a wall, just like a movie or slide show. Inspired by Richard Carrington's devotion to solar observation, The Royal Astronomical Society named this solar phenomenon in Carrington's honour. The Carrington Event of September 1859 had become a thing.

The Solar Storm of 2029

In 2029 more than a dozen northern hemisphere cities were affected by just such a Carrington-like event, but this time it was even more catastrophic. Whole cities went offline completely. One or two indefinitely, Mad Max territory. The city that Carlos lived in avoided the most destructive outcomes of this CME.

Somehow and by what good fortune, his city seemed to have been out of the direct focus of this CME.

There had been a blackout, but for less than twenty-four hours. "Que Bueno" – what a relief - everyone shouted when the lights turned on again that evening. All the locals including Carlos and the fellow residents of his condominium jumped for joy and fisted the air victoriously. Life could continue. Earlier that evening they had all congregated in the darkened streets, to see how everything might proceed if the day long blackout continued, but also to behold the strange fiery trails of meteors earthward bound. There were some who said that one had crashed into an apartment block just a few kilometres away, but at this stage no one knew anything for sure. Electronic communication had ceased. Everything had been during this momentous day, just word of mouth.

The meteors were low earth orbit satellites of one sort or another and the CME had interfered with or simply cut communication with their earth-based ground control. Unable to make any micro-telemetric adjustments to maintain their orbital integrity, they became prisoners of earth's gravity. They headed back down faithfully, just like Brown's Cows for milking, to the ever-loving and welcoming open arms of Mother Earth. Streaks of golden fire marked their self-destructive re-entry into the evening sky, their welcome home. After all, this is where they came from decades earlier.

Now Carlos was facing another more pressing problem. The medication for his ADHD (his monthly supply), was meant to be delivered that morning. Faced with imminent cold turkey, withdrawal from his prescribed Ritalin was an unwelcome but assured outcome. He determined to make a shopping run to the local public charging station/take out restaurant which sold a type of Absinthe spirit. He had used it as a substitute if he had ever overused his strictly prescribed ADHD supply in the past.

The only problem was that the power grid had gone out during the previous evening, and this meant that his e-scooter was not 100% charged. But his scooter had the super battery that could provide extra acceleration if you needed a quick getaway. He set off soon after the city lights returned hoping that the public charging station/ restaurant was still operational.

He passed the local playground park, which was now a shanty town of tents and makeshift lean-to dwellings and had become the inferior sub-section of the modern city that Carlos lived in. It had been like that for many months - it smelt like it too. Public toilets were unavailable because of security reasons. Discarded trash and human waste was deposited in surprising locations. If he was desperate enough, he might be able to score home-baked meth-amphetamine from there to substitute for his prescription, but at what price and at what risk?

He pressed on but noticed that he had menacing and unwelcome looking company in his vicinity - three of them riding e-scooters formed up behind him.

The bright shiny net zero carbon future, promised to us by all those future fakers from the climate alarm ranks, had gotten everything wrong - a full 180 degrees out of alignment with reality. Global cooling, not warming, was upon us. A mini–Ice Age.

Unnoticed back in 1859 the Carrington event had another surprise for humanity and for animal life susceptible to it. The magnetic North and South poles were inexorably moving from their stationary historical locations. The ever-reliable compass points were imperceptibly on the march. Those solar pulses of 1859 had affected earth's invisible magnetic shield aka, the Magnetosphere, as if there was a giant unseen hand sliding a contact lens on a monolithic eyeball (The Earth's surface) to readjust it for comfort. Thus: the magnetic North pole was heading south, and the South magnetic pole was heading north.

Migratory animals were affected by this, especially herds of Pilot whales and Sperm whales. They relied on their internal magnetic pointers to guide them safely through deep water channels and bays. The gradually shifting North South magnetic axis was sometimes just enough out of expected alignment to cause the whales to beach in an unfamiliar bay, which when it drained at low tide, prevented them from returning to safety.

The drifting magnetic North and South poles liberated by the Carrington event in 1859 were also causing serpentine deviations in the usually linear patterns of the circumpolar vortices and jet streams. They pulled down unusually intense Arctic and Antarctic oceans of frigid icy atmosphere to lower latitudes. Thus, positioned they hung in place week after week, month after interminable month.

The climate pundits had set our future as if we were going to be inhabiting an imaginary tropical island, "Christmas in Heaven". The reality was more like World War Two. Stalingrad January 1943. Hitler's doom. The Nazis vs the frozen Soviet Russian Front!

The climate was unambiguously growing colder and no one in their right mind could deny it.

The practical outcome of this steadily intensifying coldness meant that due to increasing demand, electricity was becoming a luxury that many could no longer afford. For those who could purchase the outlandishly expensive E-cars, they were being subsidised by the average consumer who was charged ever increasing electricity bills to offset the cost of recharging these cars. Charging one consumed many times the usual domestic daily household usage. Private car ownership was now out of the question for most and there was almost no private traffic on the roads either, especially after dark.

Energy demand became higher. Electricity supply had become more like a rare commodity than the ubiquity it once had been.

One of the first effects of this "Net Zero Carbon" was over-husbanding of electrical power. This meant that the original voluminous streetlights, once seemingly fit for purpose, were replaced by tiny LEDs which barely illuminated the base of the poles that they were attached to. Big pools of scary darkness broken only by something that resembled a star in the night sky. They were almost indistinguishable from the rest of the distant firmament.

Carlos had just flashed underneath one of these impotent miracles of efficiency, when he noticed that his escorts, potential muggers on e-scooters, were gaining on him.

The time had come for him to crank open the super battery function of his scooter and go for broke. Onwards to the public facility not far ahead and to hell with his less-than-optimal charge status for the moment! With a certain grandiosity, and accelerating himself clear of his pursuers, Carlos arrived at the public facility easily. He watched as his trackers forlornly slid past, drifting back into the darkness and unlikely to bother him now that he had reached this bright oasis of light.

There were people enjoying the relief of the return of the light, wining, and dining in the restaurant corner of the public bar and there was the unmistakeable magic hum of excited voices, as if to greet him, when Carlos pushed open the entrance door to the garish interior of the public. It was a great relief to be in a world of light again.

Carlos slumped on one of the benches and ordered "A beer, please"!

He was safe, for now.

Biden Pollution *cont. from page 4*

BOEM to limit its accounting for air emissions to "the airshed within 25 miles (40 kilometers) of the Wind Farm Area (corresponding to the OCS permit area) and the airshed within 15.5 miles (25 kilometers) of onshore construction areas and ports that may be used for the Project." Every offshore wind project considered by the BOEM will cause profound emissions far beyond the immediate area of construction and operation.

In all its regulations and EISs, the Biden administration is careful to highlight and account for the expected "environmental justice" effects of a proposed rule or project. The CVOWP EIS is no different in this regard, with the White House claiming the effects will be "negligible," "minor," or even "beneficial," depending upon the alternative chosen. This position is untenable if one considers the broader, comprehensive environmental justice effects, cradle to grave, of the CVOWP and other offshore wind developments.

Congo is the largest producer of cobalt, which is necessary for technologies critical to Biden's net-zero goals. Cobalt is an essential component of offshore wind turbines. Most cobalt in Congo is mined under appalling working conditions at small mines. Child labor is not the exception but the norm there. The Biden administration's State Department has acknowledged child labor is rife in the production of cobalt. Increasing the demand for cobalt will raise the pressure on miners to produce, meaning more children will be put to work or current child laborers will be forced to work harder and longer hours under dangerous conditions. These facts hardly show concern for environmental justice.

In China, the source of most raw minerals and finished green energy products and most of the world's mineral refining capacity, forced or slave labor is common. Much of this involves persecuted religious minorities such as the Falun Gong and Uighurs. The Biden administration has acknowledged this problem, signing the Uighur Forced Labor Prevention Act in 2021 and blocking the importation of thousands of Chinese-made solar panels. Still, the reality of today's supply chain, combined with insufficient intelligence on the ground to track forced labor in manufacturing and still less in the development of raw materials, it is likely every offshore wind turbine will be built using or containing minerals, rare earth elements, and parts produced through the exploitation of slave labor. The BOEM should consider this in its assessment of the environmental justice implications of every offshore wind project proposed. Failure to do so is arbitrary and capricious.

The U.S. government should not be offshoring its pollution when constructing offshore wind facilities, nor should it ignore the environmental justice considerations in the creation of their core components. If such concerns can be ignored in the BOEM's EISs for the CVOWP project and others, Biden should not use them to limit oil and gas leasing, production, and transportation projects in the United States.

Even if reducing greenhouse gas emissions to prevent dangerous climate change were a worthwhile goal (which, of course, I doubt), constructing thousands of huge offshore wind turbines would be an environmentally destructive, unjust, and economically foolish way to go about it. Biden should not ignore the negative effects of his climate and energy policies on the global community.

If we are to believe Biden's rhetoric, climate change is a global problem. Therefore, assessing the global effect of U.S. climate policies is not just justified but virtually required from the moral, political, environmental, and economic points of view.

Quote of the Week:

"No problem can be solved from the same level of consciousness that created it."
— Albert Einstein

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This Week:

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

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

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

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

You can help in two ways:

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And thank you.

SCIENCE & ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY PROJECT

The Week That Was February 11, 2023

Scope: The issues addressed this week include the following: In its latest Summary for Policymakers (2021) the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has attempted to suppress natural variation from any discussions on climate change over the last 2000 years. Ecologist Jim Steele continues to try to provide a better understanding of natural climate change. In the latest presentation he discusses the dynamics of Arctic sea ice and how the emphasis on surface air temperatures hides important features of climate dynamics.

Roy Spencer continues with the second part of his efforts to estimate an influence of urbanization on land temperature-monitoring stations used in the Global Historical Climate Network (GHCN). Using Landsat-based data he develops an average change over 40 years (1975 to 2014) for 19,885 GHCN stations from 20N to 82.5N latitude.

Judith Curry was interviewed by Jordan Peterson. She reported on the interview but did not comment on the contents. In hopes that the text will be posted, TWTW will delay comments. It recognizes that Curry's views on climate modeling may differ from those expressed in TWTW. See links under Seeking a Common Ground.

Planning engineer Russell Schussler and New York energy commentator Roger Caiazza present traditional planning for new generation and explore characteristics for a good path moving towards Net Zero emissions of carbon dioxide in the generation of electricity. Many politicians have embraced shutting down electricity generation using fossil fuels but have not carefully considered what is available to replace them. Can the replacements provide reliable, affordable electricity?

Manhattan attorney Francis Menton continues his call for a demonstration project to be used to calculate the real costs of providing electricity through wind and solar generation plus the necessary storage.

Jennifer Marohasy continues her efforts to obtain the records of a weather station in Australia where both thermometer probes and mercury-based thermometers were used simultaneously. Such records are needed to establish a period of standardization showing both types of instruments measure the same thing the same way.

Energy professional Donn Dears begins a series to discussed materials needed to convert the automobile industry to 100% battery powered vehicles. He begins with a material that is seldom discussed – graphite.

This week, the US military shooting down weather balloons became a news fad. Weather balloons are extremely important in weather forecasting and in obtaining information needed for modern atmospheric science (rather than speculation). For example, the HITRAN database used by William van Wijngaarden and William Happer is based on laboratory measurements under ideal conditions. Pressure and temperature, however, modify the cross-sections in calculable ways. The weather balloons give them the data they need to make the corrections. Cliff Mass explains the instruments on board and the wind currents that can be used to track the path of weather balloons.

Changing Arctic Ice: Few acts better exemplify the disregard the IPCC and its authors have for scientific integrity than the sudden inclusion in the Summary for Policymakers (SPM, AR6, 2021) of a two-thousand-year hockey-stick (Figure SPM.1) under the heading "Human influence warmed the climate at a rate that is unprecedented in at least the last 2000 years." The graph even shows the recent warming greater than the "Warmest multi-century period in more than 100,000 years." Not stated is that the reconstruction is made of tiny bits and pieces of proxy data, not standardized, or calibrated to ensure they measure the same thing. It is like calling furniture made of sawdust and glue with a thin veneer solid wood. In a long series of posts, discussed in past TWTWs, Stephen McIntyre has demolished this false "hockey-stick.."

In a clear video with text, Jim Steele discusses the Atlantic Multidecadal Variability or Multidecadal Oscillation which represents 20 plus years of warmer temperatures in the north Atlantic than the south, then reversing. He concludes:

"This oscillation is intimately linked to variability of the surface currents in the Atlantic's surface Meridional Overturning circulation within the Ocean Conveyor Belt.

"First detected in the 1980s and officially named around 2000, the positive phase represents a warmer north Atlantic that is linked to several climate dynamics. From the 1930s to 60s and then 1990s to present, the positive warm phases were associated with less Arctic sea ice, increased Sahel rainfall, increased hurricane activity, and frequent heat extremes in the southwestern USA.

"The negative phase from the 1960s to 1990 …, saw a reversal of those dynamics as Arctic sea ice rebounded from its 1930s low extent. Accordingly, a 40-year research project over the Arctic ocean during a cool phase and published in 1993 determined there was an "absence of evidence for greenhouse warming" over the Arctic ocean."

To build to this conclusion, Steele starts:

However, a dubious narrative uncritically attributes rising CO2 to those [Arctic temperature] anomalies, then speculates about a future warming crisis while ignoring important natural dynamics such as ocean currents.

But there is a wealth of scientific research that has shown ocean currents can also cause those higher temperature anomalies, but that isn't obvious from this anomaly illustration. To add to the misunderstanding, the high Arctic temperatures are paradoxically due to heat ventilating out from the ocean and cooling the earth, thus actually preventing future extreme warming.

The warm 2016 winter temperatures in the eastern tropical Pacific were caused by a natural El Nino event that also ventilated heat previously stored in the western Pacific, briefly warming the air but again actually cooling the earth.

El Nino events also contribute to warmer sea surface temperatures simply by reducing the trade winds that drive upwelling of cold subsurface water. Such warming when upwelling is inhibited is observed globally. For example, a 3-month study showed how monthly changes in wind direction … caused a 6 to 8C (11-14F) surface temperature change.

Along the coast of Oregon, when winds blow in a southward direction, upwelling is enhanced, and surface temperatures fall ...

Conversely, when winds blow to the north upwelling of cooler deeper water is inhibited causing temperatures to rise by 6-8C (11-14F).

Such dramatic natural temperature changes have nothing to do with radiative heating from the sun or greenhouse gases. Nonetheless warmer temperatures from reduced upwelling are often mistakenly incorporated into the global average temperature as seen during El Nino events and then attributed to CO2 warming.

It is far more insightful to understand climate change by looking at actual temperature changes. Using publicly available national weather service data, a quick survey of subarctic temperatures on January 29th, 2023, at 60 degrees latitude just south of the Arctic Circle, reveals how ocean currents alone cause tremendous temperature differences.

Steele shows that temperatures varied significantly on that date. He further states:

"Even though all measurements were taken at the same latitude, on the same date and same time, there is a huge 40C or 73F temperature difference between the Hudson Bay and Norwegian coast.

"Indisputably, that variability is caused by heat transported northward by ocean currents and ventilated to the Arctic atmosphere. It is the ocean currents that are the Arctic's climate 'control knob,' not atmospheric greenhouse warming, as witnessed by the extremely cold Hudson Bay."

Steele gives maps showing the various currents in the North Atlantic and the Arctic and asserts that carbon dioxide (CO2) concentrations are poorly correlated with the extent of Arctic winter sea ice. He discusses the frequently ignored deep basins in the Arctic Ocean that hold the warm and cool waters for up to two to three decades.

He then goes into the perplexing problem of the Younger Dryas, a sudden cooling lasting about 1300 years followed by a sudden warming, between roughly 12900 and 11600 years ago, which CO2 concentrations cannot explain. Steele suggests:

"Natural dynamics affect the flow of heat in the Atlantic segment of the Ocean Conveyor Belt. One dynamic is the location of the Intertropical Convergence Zone (or ITCZ) which caused a dramatic temperature effect at the end of the last ice age.

"Ice core data show temperatures that had been rapidly warming suddenly dropped by 20C or 36F in the northern hemisphere for about a thousand years during a cold period called the Younger Dryas (YD). In contrast, southern hemisphere temperatures slightly warmed.

"Proxy data suggests the westward trade winds and ITCZ had shifted southward causing the warm South Equatorial Current (SEC) to also shift southward. Brazil's eastern most land, Ponta do Seixas amplified that shift by deflecting more warm water back into the south Atlantic and thus cooling the north Atlantic.

"The warmer 10,000 years of the Holocene period correlates with the ITCZ shifting northward, causing the warm South Equatorial Current to deliver more warm water across the equator, to warm the north Atlantic while cooling the south.

"A similar but smaller southward shift of the ITCZ corresponds with the Little Ice Age which mostly cooled the northern Atlantic regions. The Little Ice Age ended around 1850 as the ITCZ moved northward for our most recent 150 years."

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Number of the Week: Paul Homewood reports that the BP Energy Review, 2023, shows that despite extensive fanfare over the past several decades wind and solar power only make up about 10% of world electricity generation and since 2010 there has been a bigger world-wide increase in fossil fuel electricity generation than in solar and wind generation. Coal is # 1 and growing; Gas is # 2 and growing. TWTW confirmed these statistics with energdata.net and statista.com

Achieving Net Zero

By Viv Forbes

According to the clerics of the Green Cult, once we blow up our last coal mine, send all diesel engines to the wreckers, stop using concrete, reinvent sailing clippers, cover the grasslands with solar clutter and the hills with wind machines and then slaughter all of our cattle. . . global climate will become serene - not too warm, not too cold. Wild weather will cease, and there will be no more droughts, floods, cyclones or snow storms and no more plant and animal extinctions.

But the records written in the rocks tell a far different story about climate changes. Even when nature was in full control, it was not a serene place.

Long before the first steam engine puffed along the first railway, earth was periodically battered by natural disasters – earthquakes, tidal waves, pole shifts, magnetic reversals, volcanic eruptions, wild weather and droughts. Huge areas were covered by suffocating continents of ice, desert sands, massive flows of mud and lava, beds of salt and thick coal seams. Thousands of species disappeared including dinosaurs, mammoths and Australia's megafauna.

Modern humans are not immune to the threat of extinction, but it will not come from today's warm, moist, atmosphere or from the gas of life, carbon dioxide. It will probably come from the next glacial climate cycle of this era, where long bitter glacial eras are separated by short warm periods. These global weather cycles are triggered by changing orbits in the solar system.

In every short warm era like today's Holocene, the warming oceans expel enough carbon dioxide into the atmosphere to support the abundant plant and animal life that currently surrounds us. But never has this "global warming" prevented the cyclic return of the ice. The Holocene warm era in which we live has already passed its peak and long before we reach Net Zero Emissions, the cold will return.

When blizzards blow and glaciers grow, the great ice sheets will spread again. Carbon dioxide will be removed from the atmosphere into the cooling oceans and most of mankind will be threatened by frosts, droughts, crop failures and starvation. A lucky few living in equatorial regions or clustered in shelters and hot houses around coal or nuclear power stations may survive.

Those still able to extract uranium, coal, oil or gas may manage to generate enough warmth and carbon dioxide plant food to partly offset the cold sun, the permafrost and the dry, barren atmosphere. And a few with appropriate skills and tools may become hunters and gatherers again (but most Neanderthals did not survive the last glacial cycle).

We should celebrate, not fear, the Modern Warm Era and give thanks for the many benefits gained from using those marvellous natural stores of hydro-carbon and nuclear energy to warm our homes, pump water, recharge batteries and feed our animals and plants.

These good times will not last forever.

When the ice returns, derelict wind turbines and snow-bound solar panels will remain as stark tomb-stones in the graveyard of the failed Green religion.

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Most of California is desert, or nearly so. The state has just experienced nearly eight years of drought or near-drought, falling well behind its annual average precipitation.

In such a climate, capturing water when it comes is critically important. Yet the state's existing system of reservoirs is woefully inadequate to retain rainfall in its rare wet years to serve in its frequent dry years.

Hence, in many watersheds, the water deposited by the prolonged storm will not be captured to any meaningful degree compared with future needs. A trillion gallons have escaped already through rivers into the ocean. And within six months, predictably, California officials will again complain, to the dismay of the rest of the nation, about how their ongoing drought continues to leave them high and dry.

Instead of investing in strategically placed new reservoirs where the major streams leave the Sierra Nevada, the parade of recent governors had thought it better to spend from $75 to over $100 billion building an unneeded high-speed rail connection from Los Angeles to San Francisco through the inland Imperial Valley. That pet project, plagued by demands that it twist around to serve lots of small to mid-sized towns, offsetting the benefit of its speed, is mired in financial inertia while the money that could have been used profitably to construct several new reservoirs was never appropriated.

California bureaucrats are little different from their counterparts elsewhere who often wish not to solve problems but to perpetuate them to guarantee job security.

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Vital Energy *cont. from page 1*

to EVs, the VCEA also requires a massive shift from affordable, reliable coal and natural gas-generated electricity to expensive, weather-dependent, land-intensive wind and solar electricity, stabilized and backed up by huge batteries.

As I've explained previously (here, here, here and here), this is unworkable. Texas, Buffalo and the Midwest have demonstrated that heavy reliance on wind and solar can bring deadly blackouts during blizzards. California told residents not to charge their soon-to-be-mandatory EVs during last summer's heat waves, to prevent blackouts. Switzerland might ban EV charging this winter for the same reason.

The Suburban Virginia Republican Coalition PAC (SUVGOP) recognizes these realities, and understands that the wind turbines, solar panels and transmission lines will not be in Democrat strongholds like Alexandria, Arlington, Falls Church and Richmond. They will be in beautiful rural Virginia, which will also be hardest hit by bans on gasoline and diesel vehicles. SUVGOP has therefore gotten the ball rolling on reversing these ill-advised laws, by launching a campaign to repeal LEV/ZEV mandates.

SUVGOP calls its campaign "Don't CA my VA." (When I lived in the Centennial State, bumper stickers proclaimed a crasser version of this message: "Don't Californicate Colorado.")

Arguments for avoiding or terminating LEV/ZEV mandates are compelling – for Virginia and America.

* While great for short hauls and some motorists, EVs don't get you far along on your 800-mile vacation trip; recharging can take hours, depending on multiple factors; and charging stations are more limited off main highways.

* You don't want to get caught in your EV during a hurricane evacuation or blizzard, especially since already limited battery life decreases in cold weather and with heater or AC use.

* EVs (and backup batteries) can burst into chemical-fueled infernos, especially if they get immersed in water. That can be catastrophic and deadly if the EV is in a home or underground garage (or on a cargo ship loaded with EVs). The fires cannot be extinguished with water.

* EVs require 3-4 times more metals than internal-combustion cars: copper, iron, nickel, aluminum, cobalt, lithium, rare earths and others. Those materials don't just appear via Materials Acquisition for Global Industrial Change mechanisms (MAGIC). They must be dug out and processed, somewhere.

China's BYD Auto company alone used 13,000 tons of copper to make EVs in 2016. Based on average porphyry ore deposits today, every 100,000 tons of copper requires processing 23,000,000 tons of copper ore, after removing 35,000,000 tons of overlying rock – using explosives and fossil fuels!

Start calculating how many billions of tons of copper and other metals and minerals would be required for all the EVs, wind turbines, solar panels, transmission lines, and grid-stabilizing and backup batteries Virginia, or your state, or the United States or entire world, are planning to mandate. Then calculate how many trillions of tons of ore that would require – and how much mining, blasting, processing and fuel.

Where will all that work take place? In whose backyards? With how much ecological destruction, air and water pollution, hazardous waste generation, slave and child labor, and human health risks?

"Clean" energy and vehicles? There may be zero emissions out of Virginia EV tailpipes – maybe even at the electricity source, if it comes from wind or solar power, when the wind is blowing and sun is shining.

But there is no "zero emissions" for mining, processing and manufacturing. It just happens somewhere else, often in Africa or Asia, often by Chinese companies – affecting someone else's air and water quality, scenery, croplands, wildlife habitats, wildlife, health and wellbeing.

Meanwhile, millions of acres of Virginia and US lands would be covered with turbines, panels, transformers and transmission lines; millions of birds, bats and other animals would be killed annually.

Bottom line: There is no such thing as "clean, green, renewable, sustainable" energy or vehicles. It's just a matter of where and how and how much the mining and materials processing, manufacturing and emissions take place. It's just a matter of how good the "green" PR programs are; and whether US environmentalists, journalists and politicians recognize ... or cancel and censor ... these realities.

Earth's atmospheric, oceanic and climate systems are global. The loss of habitats and species is a global problem. We should think globally, and act locally.

Regarding backup batteries, the VCEA mandates acquisition of 3,100 megawatts of storage. Assuming legislators meant 3,100 megawatt-hours, this would require some 36,000 Tesla half-ton 85-kWh modules; and it would still meet less than 1% of Virginia's average daily electricity consumption (and less than 0.5% of its peak demand). This doesn't include batteries to stabilize wind-solar grid fluctuations.

Virginia legislators therefore need to address these vitally important issues, as well – with some precision:

* How many wind turbines, solar panels, transformers, backup/grid-balancing battery modules, and miles of new transmission lines will The Old Dominion need to replace existing coal and gas generation?

* How many more will it require after half of all cars, trucks and buses are electric? After restaurants and new and remodeled homes are forced to have electric home and water heating, stoves and ovens, instead of gas – and upgrade home and neighborhood electrical systems to handle the added loads?

* Where and on whose property will all these "renewable" systems and power lines be installed? How many millions of acres of land and coastal areas (and their wildlife) will be impacted? Will residents or local governments be able to veto developments? How often will eminent domain be employed?

* How many millions (billions?) of tons of metals, minerals, carbon-fiber composites, plastics, concrete and other materials will be needed? How much ore, overburden and fuels? How many tons of pollution will be emitted, cumulatively, throughout the mining-processing-manufacturing-transportation process?

* How many of these materials (and turbines, panels, battery modules and transformers) will come from China or other adversarial nations, or their surrogates?

* Under what pollution control, wildlife habitat and endangered species protection, workplace safety, slave and child labor, and other "responsible sourcing" laws will all this work be done?

* Where will worn out, broken and obsolete solar panels, enormous wind turbine blades and other non-recyclable equipment be landfilled?

* How many billions or trillions of dollars will all this cost Virginia and US ratepayers and taxpayers?

It takes more than declaring that actions taken under "clean economy" laws are "in the public interest" to make it so. It's vital that legislators look beyond tailpipes, and beyond Virginia or US borders, to avoid destroying the planet with wind and solar, to save it from fossil fuels and "manmade climate change."

The 2023 legislative session is a perfect opportunity to start reexamining "clean economy" assumptions, misconceptions and mandates – and implementing reality-based Environment-Social-Governance (ESG) principles. Are Virginia's legislators up to the task?

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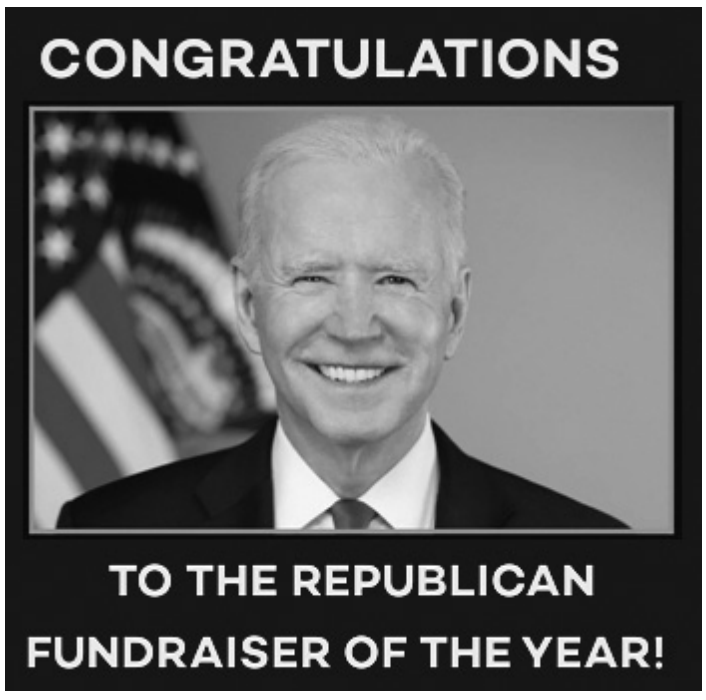


An Interview With God



By Gary Wickert

"If the Creator stood before a million men with the light of a million lamps, only a few would truly see him because their truth is already alive in their hearts. Truth can only be seen by those with truth in them. He who does not have Truth in his heart, will always be blind to it." --Suzy Kassem (Rise Up and Salute The Sun)

It happened some years ago when I was living in Houston. There wasn't much that I didn't feel capable of accomplishing back then. I had a lucrative and enjoyable career, a beautiful wife and children, great health, and pretty much anything else that I wanted. My life was truly blessed, but there was still a big lesson I had yet to learn.

I had learned all of the Bible stories in school. I believed in God, but did I rely on Him as much as I relied on myself and the things I surrounded myself with? That was, and still is, a difficult question for me to answer.

I volunteered at Texas Children's Hospital back then. I was a "patient pal", walking from room to room reading to and playing games with patients. On the 5th floor, in the infectious diseases ward from where the infamous David the "Bubble Boy" had lived, and died, a young, five-year-old girl from Nacogdoches named Chrissy was battling epidermolysis bullosa, a genetic connective tissue disorder that makes skin extremely fragile. It is excruciatingly painful and the only treatment consists of controlling the pain.

I recall walking into Chrissy's room for the first time and introducing myself to her and a social worker. Her bed resembled a baby's crib, with metal bars to prevent her from climbing out. Nearly half of her body was covered in open sores lathered with white medication. She was in great pain. The social worker told me that she couldn't provide the details of Chrissy's situation, but did tell me that her father was dead and her mother didn't visit her.

I read books to Chrissy, and occasionally told her about Jesus – even though it was against hospital policy. She had never been to Sunday School and listened intently, especially to the stories about Jesus healing the sick. She would occasionally jerk with pain and rub her IV. In the middle of a sentence she would simply burst out in tears, and then stop just as suddenly, ready for more of the story. Occasionally, a nurse would appear and increase her morphine drip.

Despite the grotesque nature of her disease, Chrissy's eyes were bright and cheerful, and she seemed to look forward to my visits. Spending time with this little girl gave me a feeling I had never experienced. Still, I struggled to hide the look of pity on my face.

On the day it happened, I was busy at the office and almost didn't go to the hospital. The hallway was unusually quiet. I walked into Chrissy's room to find her bed empty - its white linens neatly folded alongside it. A wave of anxiety came over me and I hurried to the nurse's station hoping to learn she had been moved to a different room. She hadn't.

I did something rare on the way home that night – I cried. I gave my own children a big hug. I wanted more than anything to ask God how he could allow such a tragedy to happen to someone so young and innocent. That night I got the chance. I had a dream. God was sitting on a rock in a field of tall, green grass. His appearance was so bright he was hard to look at. On his lap sat Chrissy, still in her hospital gown. All of her sores were gone and she was prettier than ever. She waved and I cautiously waved back. God smiled. "So, you have something to ask me?" God said. His voice was clear and calming, yet I suddenly felt overwhelmed in his presence. "If you have the time," I said nervously. "Of course I have the time," He replied. "I have eternity. What would you like to know?"

"Why did you let her suffer?", I asked feebly after a short pause. "Why did you take her?" Chrissy tilted her head and looked at me as if surprised by the question. "My ways are not your ways," God replied. Nothing happens without my knowing about it. And everything happens for a purpose." I instantly realized how presumptuous I had been, and my mind was flooded with questions – wanting to make the most of this opportunity - but I had so many questions. I quickly blurted out the first one that came to mind. "What surprises you most about mankind?" I asked, moving closer. He didn't smile this time. Instead, he appeared to grow sad and then slowly responded.

"Men take my goodness for granted. Their feet are swift to run to mischief, even though I am slow to anger and rich in love. They spend their lives storing riches that cannot last, and foolishly ignore the opportunity for eternal treasures. They worry anxiously about how they are going to live another day and in the process, add not a single hour to their lives. They ignore my House and the study of my Word, saying that they haven't the time. They do not return the love they have been given."

I couldn't move. Chrissy kept her gaze fixed on me. This time the look of pity was on her face. Something that had bothered and puzzled me for years instantly came to mind. "Why don't you just come to earth with a powerful display of miracles? Surely everyone would believe in you then. Why did you come to earth as a little child, helpless and poor, and suffer like you did? He smiled again and his eyes looked directly into mine.

"I made myself lowly in order that men might freely decide for themselves, instead of being won over by the type of powerful king people were expecting. No fire from heaven would have brought about the response I desired – only love can summon a response of love. My love is endless, and only love has the power capable of conquering the human heart. Take up your cross and follow me."

"Take up my cross? What does that mean?" I blurted out, my hands outstretched as if begging for the answer. "The cross you bear must precede the crown you wear." He answered slowly, as if to emphasize these words. "Where do you put your trust?" He continued. "In the things of this world or in me? Relying totally on me comes easier for those who are blessed with poverty and suffering, like Chrissy. The merciful are blessed because man's mind does not make him human – his heart does - his capacity to love."

I was amazed at the clarity of the answer. I had heard all of these words before, but I hadn't been able to fully grasp their meaning until then. A feeling of peace spread over me and at that instant I understood Chrissy's look of pity. I woke in a sweat. In the most humbling moment of my life, I realized for the first time it was not I who had helped Chrissy – it was Chrissy who had helped me.

Priest says his brain tumor has totally disappeared after visit to Lourdes

By Lifesite News

Fr. John Hollowell has been completely healed of a large brain tumor upon going on pilgrimage to the Our Lady of Lourdes shrine in France. The tumor began developing several years ago shortly after the priest prayed for the grace of suffering on behalf of the victims of clerical sexual abuse.

When Hollowell was first diagnosed with the tumor in 2020, he said he understood it to be an answer to a prayer he had made in the wake of the priestly and episcopal abuse scandals that have rocked the Church in recent decades, from the 2001 Boston cases to the McCarrick scandal in 2019.

In his online announcements about the diagnosis, the priest stated, "In 2018, I asked, if it be God's will, that I might be given some small share of the Cross to carry for victims of priestly abuse … I feel like this is that cross, and I embrace it willingly. I would love to have a list of victims of priestly abuse that I could pray for each day. I would like to dedicate each day of this recovery/chemo/radiation to 5-10 victims, and I would like, if possible, to even write them a note letting them know of my prayers for them."

Hollowell went into his first major surgery with about 170 names of abuse victims for whom he prayed and offered his sufferings. Many months and several surgeries later left the tumor largely the same size and the priest sometimes wholly unable to offer Mass. When doctors told him he was not fully cured, he decided to offer his life to God in reparation for the sins of sexual abuse perpetrated by priests and bishops and for the healing of those who had suffered such abuse.

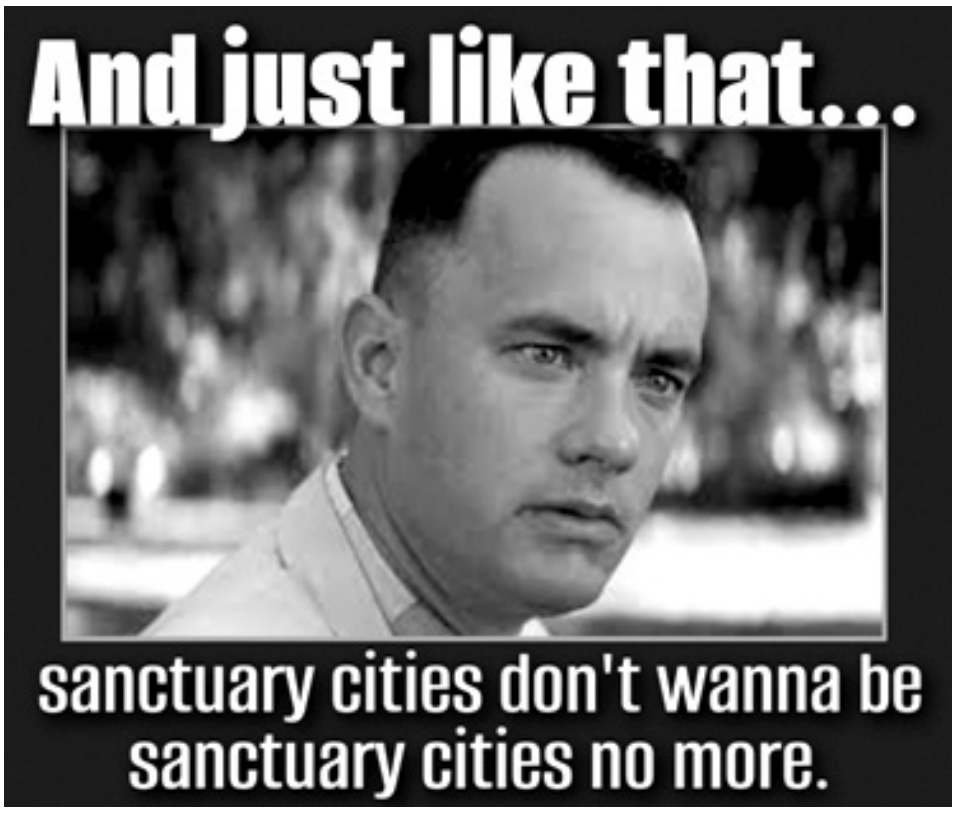
"I just decided if it [the aggressive tumor] comes back … I'm just going to let nature take its course," Hollowell explained. "So then the prayer became … If it's God's will, to even die, I'm not afraid, I'm at peace with that."

The priest then made a pilgrimage to Lourdes, known for the miraculous healing power of the springs of water that arose after the apparition of Our Lady to St. Bernadette in 1858. At Lourdes, Hollowell's brain tumor — 80 percent of which had been left by his surgeries — wholly disappeared.

In announcing his healing online, the priest expressed his deep gratitude to God and said he hoped that it would serve to bring souls back to the Church.

Reflecting once on the words of St. Peter, the priest said it is suffering like Christ, out of love for others, that the Christian finds ultimate happiness. "Christ suffered for us, leaving us an example that we should follow, and I think what the Church has always understood that to mean is, we should suffer for other people as well, in imitation of Christ, and in that we will find our ultimate happiness and fulfillment."





The Clown Car of Climate Deists

By Scott Hogenson

What do Harold Camping and Paul Ehrlich have in common?

The two men are worlds apart; one a devout Christian, the other a secular biologist. Despite their divergent worldviews, both were prophets of doom with perfect records of always being wrong.

A civil engineer by trade, Camping predicted Judgement Day would be September 6, 1994. That didn't happen so he changed it to September 29, then to October 2. Some years later, he predicted the second coming of Christ would occur on May 21, 2011, followed by the destruction of the planet by October 21.

Ehrlich's skill at failing rivals that of Camping. In 1970, he predicted hundreds of millions of people would starve to death over the following decade. Shortly thereafter, he upped the ante by predicting four billion people, including 65 million Americans, would perish in "The Great Die-Off" in the 1980s. In 1975, Ehrlich predicted that 90% of Earth's rainforests would disappear within 30 years.

Camping's predictions ended with his death in 2013 but Ehrlich and a very large clown car of climate deists are continuing their dire predictions of global catastrophe. Ever since I was a kid reading about how global cooling would destroy Earth, those who worship at the altar of weather apocalypse have never been right.

Camping, Ehrlich, and others have consistently failed in their predictions for a multitude of reasons. But the simplest, most straightforward reason is found in Scripture.

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Biden and Harris Push 'Assault Weapons' Ban After MSU Shooting — There's Just One Thing

Julio Rosas

The Gospels of Matthew and Mark point out, with nearly identical language, that "No one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father," when the world will end.

Without speculating on the motives of Camping and Ehrlich, it's clear that both men supposed they knew more about the end of the world than Jesus Christ himself. It's hard to imagine a greater conceit than that of ordinary men who claim to be wiser than the Son of God. Yet it happens all the time.

The ideology of global cooling or global warming or, when all else fails, climate change, has long been more of a religion than a theory. Its followers are convicted and believe what they cannot see, apostates are excommunicated, its disciples are evangelical and non-believers are deniers.

I don't know anybody stupid enough to deny climate change. Climate always changes. It is in a continual state of flux. It has never not been changing. But the issue becomes contentious when trying to ascertain why the climate changes.

It's not as if the climate didn't change before the 21st century or the industrial revolution. It's been changing long before recorded history. But today, climate deists demand we believe that climate changes because of man. Forget the adage that 'correlation does not equal causation,' there isn't even a correlation between climate change and the presence of humans. I await the publication of a scientific White Paper claiming mastodon flatulence caused the Ice Age.

Undaunted by logic, reason, or history, climate deists yell at us as they issue their latest prophecies of doom. They do this in the most heartless of ways knowing they are inciting fear and anxiety among kids naive enough to believe them. It takes a special kind of evil to do so much harm to children. It's like some creepy guy driving a windowless van through your neighborhood with the word 'CLIMATE' written on the side with duct tape.

The religion of climate is not predicated on truth. Its worldview is centered on the individual, founded on fake science, with a vision as tiny as a single planet in a vast universe.

Biblical Christianity is different. It is centered on the Creator and Savior, based on the truth of Scripture, and is as expansive as the cosmos. Detractors claim biblical Christianity is mythology, and I am happy to remind them that not everything in the Bible has been empirically proved, but none of it has been disproved.

Climate deists, on the other hand, have been disproved at every turn. How anyone can believe an ideology with a win/loss record of 0 - All The Numbers escapes me. The best theory I can postulate is that these frauds spend less time studying science than the works of P.T. Barnum (or one of his competitors) who observed, "There's a sucker born every minute."

Ehrlich, Camping, and others are not new; they were warned of millennia ago. John's First Epistle gave Christians a simple and enduring piece of advice: "Do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world."

No kidding. But the false prophets of the second coming are pikers compared to climate deists whose cataclysmic divinations are uniformly garbage designed to subjugate people through the terror of impending doom. It's a false religion and merits only our derision.

The Final Nail in The Coffin Of "Renewable" Energy

By Scott Hogenson

Douglas Pollock will be known to many readers here as a regular and popular speaker at Heartland conferences. After several years researching the effect of unreliables on electricity grids the world over, Douglas has discovered a truly fascinating scientific result.

He had been looking at nations such as Britain, whose government has gone further towards reducing the economy to third-world status by its unhinged nut-zero policies than any other. As a direct result of this fatuity, Britain now suffers the costliest electricity prices in the world.

The manufacturing industries in which we once led the world have died or gone overseas to Communist-led China, India and Russia. Manufacturing now accounts for just 8% of Britain's already-imploding GDP. The workshop of the world has become its workhouse.

Industries large and small are going to the wall at a record rate, wrecked by the endless hikes in electricity prices whose root cause is the enforced and pointless shuttering of long-amortized and perfectly viable coal-fired power stations that used to produce electricity at only $30 per MWh, and their replacement with wind and solar subsidy farms producing intermittent and unreliable electrical power at anything up to $11,500 per MWh.

What is more, this disastrous industrial and economic collapse has been deliberately precipitated by a once-Conservative "government" that has long abandoned the no-nonsense economic realism and free-market ideals of Margaret Thatcher and Ronald Reagan.

Curiously, though, the crazed infliction of pig-ugly, wildlife-wrecking, landscape-lacerating windmills on the British people is not reducing our electricity-driven CO2 emissions.

More and more windmills and solar panels are industrializing and destroying our formerly green and pleasant land. Yet the fraction of the nation's electrical power contributed by unreliables stubbornly remains at just below 25%. Douglas Pollock wondered why.

He consulted widely among the ranking experts on grid management, but no one had any idea why grids such as Germany and the UK, whose installed unreliables capacity is so much greater than 25% of total generation, are incapable of getting their mean annual contribution from wind power, in particular, above 25%. True, on some days wind can generate about two-thirds of Britain's electricity. But on average – a la larga, as they say in the casinos of Puerto Rico – the contribution of wind and solar is stuck at 25% of total grid generation.

So Douglas scratched his head and thought about it. After a good deal of research and a lot more thinking, he discovered what was wrong. It was a subtle but devastating error that none of the whinnying enviro-zomb advocates of unreliables had noticed.

Douglas' argument is a beautifully simple and simply beautiful instance of the logical application of mathematical principles to derive a crucially-important but unexpected and hitherto wholly overlooked result. Read it slowly and carefully. Admire its elegant and irrefutable simplicity.

Let H be the mean hourly demand met by a given electricity grid, in MWh/h. Let R be the average fraction of nameplate capacity actually generated by renewables – their mean capacity factor. Then the minimum installed nameplate capacity C
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A Life-Size Poop Sculpture Of Ron Johnson Is Touring Around Milwaukee

By Lifesite News

The human version of Sen. Ron Johnson (R-Wis.) is in Washington, D.C., on Thursday. But back home, a life-sized poop version of him spent the day touring Milwaukee.

Activists with the progressive groups NextGen PAC and MoveOn hosted events around the city with a six-foot-tall, 80-pound "scatue" of Johnson made out of dried cow manure.

The kaka creation silently stood with activists in solidarity as they protested Johnson's belief that climate change is "bullshit," a claim he made last year.

Johnson has long spread misinformation about climate change. He made the "bullshit" reference in June 2021, when he was caught on camera at a local Republican event dismissing the crisis.

"I don't know about you guys, but I think climate change is as Lord Monckton said bullshit," the senator said at the time, mouthing the word without uttering it. He was referring to British conservative climate change denier Lord Christopher Monckton.

"By the way, it is," Johnson continued, and "there are more and more scientists" who are writing books "just laying this to waste."

Climate change activists in Wisconsin casually talk with a feces sculpture that looks like Sen. Ron Johnson.

Climate change activists in Wisconsin casually talk with a feces sculpture that looks like Sen. Ron Johnson.NextGen PAC

Thursday's tour of the shit statue, which was created by "a manure artist" from Colorado, is part of a broader effort by progressive activists to unseat Johnson. During their stop at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, the groups collected students' pledges to vote and urged them to show up for Johnson's Democratic challenger, Lt. Gov. Mandela Barnes.

Barnes, who is slightly trailing Johnson in the polls, chaired the Wisconsin governor's task force on climate change.

Sonja Chojnacki, the Wisconsin state director of NextGen PAC, said there was "great energy" at the university's campus on Thursday.

"Young people are fired up because they understand the urgency of the climate crisis and are hungry for change," Chojnacki told HuffPost. "We are ready to roll up our sleeves and get people to the polls. Ron Johnson must go!"

A Johnson campaign spokesperson did not respond to a request for comment about the existence of a poop sculpture with the senator's likeness, or about the criticisms of Johnson's claims about the very real crisis of climate change not being real.



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Don't underestimate the power of climate bullshit

The claim that net zero policies are to blame for the energy crisis is starting to gain traction

By Financial Times

FLOODS in Pakistan killed more than 1700 people this year. China had its longest heatwave since national records began. The UK sweltered in 40 C° heat and the past eight years are set to be the planet's warmest on record.

What a relief it would be if none of this had anything to do with climate change. Imagine if scientists had got it wrong and there was no need to stop burning coal, or build more wind farms, or reduce carbon emissions to net zero.

As it happens, some people say this is actually the case. They may be in a minority but, in a year of spiralling energy costs, there are signs their guff is hitting home. It is to them that my 2022 climate bullshit awards are dedicated.

Canada produced an early contender in January, when writer and psychologist Jordan Peterson claimed the climate models that underpin our understanding of global warming were bedevilled by serious defects.

Speaking on the Joe Rogan Experience podcast, Peterson said trying to model something as complicated as the climate posed a "big problem" and "as you stretch out the models across time, the errors increase radically".

That might be the case for weather forecasts but it's different for climate, which is average weather over time. And, in fact, climate modelling published as far back as the 1970s has done a remarkably good job of predicting future warming patterns.

Not every warming estimate has been 100 per cent spot on, but the overall record shows the models are more than capable of simplifying a highly complex world usefully.

None of this has deterred Christopher Monckton, a veteran climate bullshitter who deserves a lifetime achievement award this year for his efforts. The British hereditary peer spent much of 2022 claiming global warming had flatlined for at least seven years, all the better to bolster his view that "global warming will continue to be, as it has long been, small, slow, harmless and net-beneficial".



Green Investors *cont. from page 1*

the CLC's carbon tax plan in puff pieces like "Carbon tax plan worthy of bipartisan support". Its editorial board described the CLC as a "group of venerable Republicans" and claims that taxing Americans for the benefit of special interests would be "a quintessentially conservative plan". That was a strange new respect from the AP which has relentlessly tried to associate Republicans and conservatives with Nazis.

The "venerable Republicans" currently on CLC's board include not only Kathryn Murdoch, but also a former Goldman Sachs executive focusing on climate finance, a board member of the Brown Advisory Sustainable Investing Advisory Board and a founding managing partner of "Qiming Venture Partners: one of China's premier VC firms" that was an early investor in TikTok.

That is what ESG looks like underneath the Gen Z activists being paid to scream in the streets even as the AP is being paid to scream more respectably in stories planted in local papers.

Serious journalism would ask questions or at least mention some of this in passing. The AP instead acts as a mouthpiece without even enough lingering self-respect to disclose any of that.

James Murdoch has put a lot of money into green projects. His foundation joined a consortium of investors piling into BlackRock's $250 million climate fund. He's also on the board of directors of Tesla, and a potential candidate to succeed Musk, and the EV car company's business model depends on a government subsidized climate panic.

Lupa Systems, Murdoch's venture capital fund, also has some investments in environmental startups. The AP might have mentioned this to its readers before writing an article congratulating itself for taking cash to promote Murdoch's views. But it's not just Murdoch.

The Rockefeller Foundation, which is another of the Big 5 funding AP's climate propaganda, put $500 million into green energy abroad. The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, another of the AP's climate sugar daddies, has numerous climate initiatives, and these include the Climate Finance Fund. The Foundation refuses to invest in companies that drill for gas or oil.

The Howard Hughes Medical Institute, set up by the eccentric tycoon as a tax shelter, was quickly hijacked after his death. Delaware, where it was incorporated, appointed a board that sold off Hughes Aircraft to GM. But HMMI's original emphasis on medical research has more recently declined into wokeness. Last year, HMMI announced a $2 billion investment to increase "diversity" in science. HMI appears to be a major investor in Kreido Biofuels,

And finally there's the fifth of the AP's big five climate funders: the Walton Family Foundation.

The foundation of the Walmart heirs has four board members. Lukas Walton, Sam Walton's grandson, also serves as its Environment Program Committee Chair. Lukas' $4 billion Builders Version organization directs 90% of its investments into ESG. S2G Ventures, its capital fund, declares that its mission is "investing in a humane and healthy planet." It has an extensive portfolio of 'green' companies including Bluestar Energy Capital, a green energy investment company, Common Energy, a solar power company, Electric Hydrogen, and Carbon America which focuses on carbon capture.

Those investments seem likely to do better if Mr. and Mrs. America, or at least the CEOs and financiers who take the media seriously, keep reading about the threat of "climate change".

The AP is taking money from organizations heavily leveraged in green investments to promote the need for green investments. And it fails to disclose the financial interests that its funders have in promoting global warming hysteria.

The closest that it gets to addressing the inherent conflict of interest comes when Brian Carovillano, AP's vice president for grants, concedes that, "this is a mutually beneficial arrangement."

The AP's benefit is obvious. What's the benefit to the donors?

Instead of answering that question, the AP story simply notes that Brian Carovillano had to "get used to the idea that funders weren't just being generous; they had their own goals to achieve."

The AP echoes Carovillano's insistence that the money comes "without strings attached; the funders have no influence on the stories that are done". Except that the whole point of the grant is for the service to produce stories on the topic that the funders are interested in. Since the AP is not about to report that there are more polar bears than at any time since the 1960s or that climate doomers keep changing the date when everyone will die every few years, the content is predictable. The AP would like to benefit from repeat business from these massive foundations, so it's going to produce the kinds of stories that will bring more money flowing its way.

That's the way to maintain the "mutually beneficial arrangement" aimed at helping the Associated Press pay the bills while helping its generous donors fulfill their "goals".

In recent years, Democrats and the media have targeted conservative groups like the Heartland Institute claiming that they act as "fronts" for oil companies. The AP promoted documents stolen from the Heartland Institute about its funders and has spent years running hit pieces on Heartland without revealing that the wire service is a paid shill for green special interests.

The AP's arrangement sheds light on the media's financial agenda in promoting green programs that would destroy the lives and livelihoods of hundreds of millions of Americans. While the media has its biases, these are not wholly organic. The ability of special interests to capture the media at the source by targeting wire services like the AP shows how what we read about the environment is being manipulated by networks of special interests with billions at stake.

The next time you see an AP story about "climate change", you know who's paying for it.

Democrats have proposed an investigation of Heartland and the oil companies. It may be time for an investigation of the AP and the financial interests funding its global warming propaganda.

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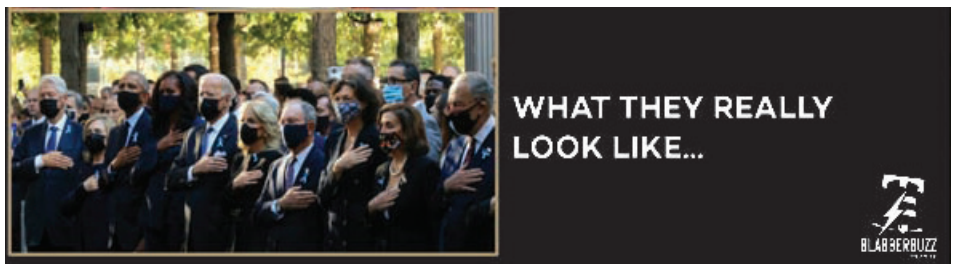

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would be required to meet the hourly demand H is equal to H/ R.

It follows that the minimum installed nameplate capacity N < C required to generate the fraction f of total grid generation actually contributed by renewables – the renewables fraction – is equal to f C, which is also f H / R ex-ante.

Now here comes the magic. The renewables fraction f, of course, reaches its maximum fmax where hourly demand H is equal to N. In that event, N is equal to H ex hypothesi and also to fmax H/ R ex-ante, whereupon H is equal to fmax H/ R.

Since dividing both sides by H shows fmax / R is equal to 1, fmax is necessarily equal to R.

And that's it. In plain English, the maximum possible fraction of total grid generation contributable by unreliables turns out to be equal to the average fraction of the nameplate capacity of those reliables that is realistically achievable under real-world conditions.

For onshore wind, that capacity factor R is a depressingly low 25%. For offshore wind, one might get 30%. The reason is that a lot of the time the wind is not blowing at all, and some of the time the wind is blowing too much to allow safe rotation of the turbines.

What Douglas Pollock's brilliant and, at first blush, unexpected result means is that the miserably low capacity factor R is in fact also the fundamental limit fmax on the contribution that unreliable can make to the grid without prohibitively expensive and logistically unachievable large-scale static-battery backup.

That means that wind and solar power cannot contribute more than about a quarter of total electricity demand on the grid, unless there is battery backup. However, as Professor Michaux' 1000-page paper of 2021 for the Finnish geological survey has established, there are nothing like enough techno-metals to provide battery backup of the entire grid worldwide.

Just for the first 15-year generation of static-battery backup for the global grid, the Professor calculates that one would need the equivalent of 67,000 years total current annual production of vanadium, to name but one of the scarce techno-metals that would be required in prodigious quantities. In another 15 years, another 67,000 years production will be needed, for batteries are short-lived, as anyone with a cell-phone knows to his cost. So battery backup is simply not an option on a global scale, even if it were affordable.

Now consider just how devastating is Douglas Pollock's brilliant result for the climate-Communist narrative. First, it is simple. Even a zitty teenager in high school can understand it. Secondly, it shows that even if global warming were a problem rather than a net benefit there is absolutely nothing we can realistically do about it, except sit back and enjoy the sunshine. Thirdly, it shows that the climate Communists, in placing all their eggs in the electricity basket, have a basket-case on their hands.

For the imminent, enforced replacement of gasoline-powered autos by electric buggies will not only impose an enormous extra loading on the grid – for which most grids are wholly unprepared – but, since the batteries add 30% to the weight of the typical buggy compared with a real auto, the entire transport sector will be squandering 30% more energy than it does now. And that energy is supposed to come from the already overloaded grid, powered by unreliables that can only deliver a quarter of total grid capacity in any event.

It gets worse. In the UK, the "government", in its final thrust to destroy the British economy, is ordering every household with a perfectly good oil-fired boiler to tear it out in two years' time and replace it with a ground-source or air-source heat pump, which will deliver far less heat at far greater cost. And where is the electricity for the heat pumps going to come from? From the grid, that's where.

The bottom line is that, because vastly more electricity than now would be needed to achieve nut zero, and because the Pollock limit means only about a quarter of grid electricity can be delivered by unreliables, the net effect of attempts at nut zero will be to increase global emissions significantly, because, as Douglas has decisively proven, nut zero – even if it were at all desirable, which it is not – is impossible.

Nut zero, then, is a striking instance of Monckton's Law, which states that any attempt by governments to interfere in the free market in pursuit of some political objective or another will tend to bring about a result that is precisely the opposite of that which was – however piously – intended.

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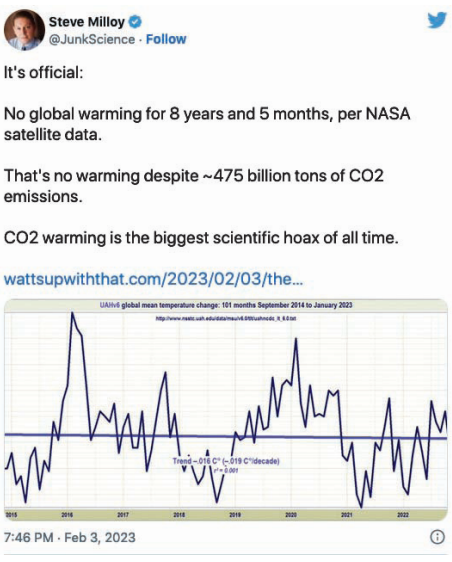
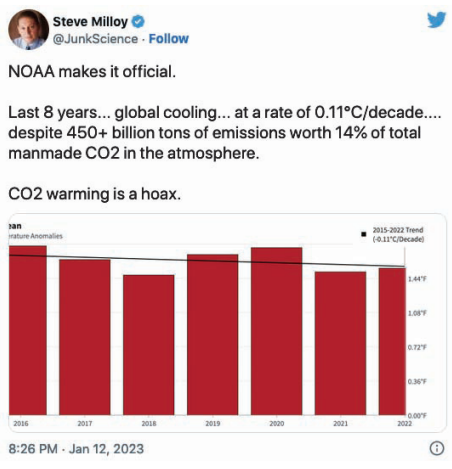




not about to suffer devastating effects from "global warming."

Reuters actually issued a Feb. 3 "fact check" of the above Milloy tweet. The outlet can't explain away the data, of course, but it hastened to assure readers that the eight years of global cooling are not a trend. Whole decades of such data must occur before we can stop expecting the imminent end of the world. Please fear, people!

"Fact Check-Eight cooler years cannot be extrapolated to draw conclusions on long-term global warming

At least several decades' worth of data is needed to infer trends in global temperatures, climate experts told Reuters, and while short-term fluctuations might lead to several years that are cooler than a peak year preceding them, the longer-term trend is still upward.

Users online are sharing a post showing graphed temperature data over the past eight years from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) alongside claims that the data mean the Earth is cooling despite ongoing greenhouse gas emissions … The circulating graph shows NOAA "Global Land and Ocean" temperature data from 2015 to 2022, with 2016 as the hottest year on record and yearly fluctuations after that adding up to an average decrease of about one tenth of one degree Celsius over the decade. The graph was published in January."

Reuters ignores the fact that climate alarmists have in fact been wrong for decades — at least fifty years. But this time the "experts" are sure to be right. Your car is still killing the planet — trust Reuters. I like how we are not allowed to question scientists who extrapolate relatively minor temperature changes to predict the end of humanity and civilization, but we're not allowed to "extrapolate" years of data to reach an obvious conclusion. Reuters is full of hot air.

Herbert J. Walberg, a Leading Advocate of Parental Choice in Education, Passed Away on February 6.



By Joseph Bast

Herbert J. Walberg, one of the world's most distinguished scholars of school productivity and reform and a leading advocate of parental choice in education, passed away on February 6, 2023. He was chairman emeritus of The Heartland Institute. Some obituaries can be found here:

Chicago Tribune
University of Illinois Chicago
Hoover Institution
Heartland Institute

Dr. Walberg was a long-time chairman of the board at The Heartland Institute, a senior fellow for education policy, and author, editor, or contributor to many of its publications. He joined the board of directors in 1993 and served as its chairman until 2018.

Herb, as he preferred to be called, was a major figure in education reform debates in the United States and worldwide. He wrote or edited more than 75 books and published more than 425 articles in prominent scholarly publications such as Daedalus, Educational Leadership, Kappan, and Nature as well as popular publications such as the Chicago Tribune, Wall Street Journal, and Washington Post.

Herb was elected a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Royal Statistical Society (London), the American Psychological Association, and the Australian Association for Educational Research. He was appointed by President George W. Bush in 2004 to a three-year term on the National Board for Education Sciences. Additionally, he served as vice president of the International Academy of Education.

"Truly an international scholar, he gave invited lectures in Australia, Belgium, China, England, France, Germany, Italy, Israel, Japan, Netherlands, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Taiwan, Venezuela and the U.S., as well as many other national and international venues," said Jennifer Walberg, his daughter-in-law.

I was privileged to know Herb for some 30 years, to work with him while I was president of The Heartland Institute, and to coauthor or edit several books with him. He was an excellent board chair, always on call for advice and quick decisions and with a natural talent for running meetings. He was an excellent researcher and writer, with an encyclopedic knowledge of education policy and keen dedication to concision and accuracy. He was generous with his time and praise for others, and financially too.

The first book we wrote together was a small one, We Can Rescue Our Children (1988), documenting the failure of the Chicago Public Schools, called "the worst in the nation" at the time by Secretary of Education William Bennett, and proposing a parental choice plan that would provide property tax rebates to parents who chose private schools for their children. The book was widely distributed in Chicago, with some parents even setting up card tables in front of churches and giving away copies on Sunday mornings. The book launched the school choice movement in Chicago.

Our next book was Education and Capitalism (2003), a hefty volume published by the Hoover Institution aiming to convince parents and policymakers that the provision of K-12 education should be returned to the private sector through school vouchers. The book introduced readers to the "failure of the public school monopoly," "what is capitalism," "what is economics," "design guidelines for school vouchers," "why conservatives and libertarians should support vouchers," and more.

Myron Lieberman, chairman of the Education Policy Institute and author of many books on school reform, said "perhaps no other book combines such a clear presentation of the opposition to vouchers with the intellectual tools required to demolish it."

Education and Capitalism was followed by a shorter book titled Let's Put Parents Back in Charge! (2004, 2005), which became the most widely distributed book about school choice in the world. More than 100,000 copies of the first edition were distributed followed by some 30,000 copies of a bilingual (English and Spanish) edition.

Then came the first of four editions of The Patriot's Toolbox (2010 – 2017), "a guide to public policy for patriot-activists in the Tea Party movement as well as for candidates for public office, incumbent office holders, civic and business leaders, and journalists assigned to cover the movement." The first edition offered ten principles for guiding policy on each of eight topics (health care, energy and environment, school reform, privatization, business climate, telecommunications, state fiscal policy, and property and casualty insurance). Later editions deleted some topics and added new ones, resulting in ten topics and 100 principles in the last edition.

Stephen Presser, a distinguished professor of law at Northwestern University, said of The Patriot's Toolbox: "This is more than just a patriot's toolbox, it is, in fact, an owners' manual for the sovereigns of the United States, its people. … If studied and implemented by policy makers, government officials, and concerned citizens, this brilliant and learned volume could do more than any other to bring about a return to our core conceptions of the rule of law and rule by and for the people."

I helped Herb write several smaller books for other organizations, including School Choice: The Findings (Cato Institute, 2007), Advancing Student Learning (Education Next Books, 2010), and Tests, Testing, and Genuine School Reform (Education Next Books, 2011).

Our final book together was Rewards: How to use rewards to help children learn—and why teachers don't use them well (2014), a defense of using rewards and incentives to promote academic achievement in K-12 education. Herb's mastery of psychology and my familiarity with economics combined to take down the flawed arguments against allowing competition and choice in education.

Charles Glenn, an education professor at Boston University, said our "solidly documented book challenges the naïve belief that intrinsic interest is enough, and the parallel assumption that teachers are so high-minded that there is no need to reward them for efforts going beyond the mediocre routine. Their account of how a variety of rewards function in families as well as in schools is bracingly realistic and packed with practical strategies."

Herb's tenure as chairman of The Heartland Institute's board of directors, spanning some 23 years, saw the organization grow from a small think tank focused on the Midwest to a national think tank that is ranked as one of the 50 most influential think tanks in the United States. He played no small role in that success. He was a philanthropist as well as a leader and scholar, generously supporting Heartland financially as well as by donating his time.

He leaves behind countless friends and colleagues who knew and loved him, and a world made better by his good works.





Short Takes

By Ken Van Doren

The only way to discover the limits of the possible is to go beyond them into the impossible. -Arthur C. Clarke

To love one that is great, is almost to be great one's self. -Samuel Johnson

I've been on so many blind dates, I should get a free dog. -Wendy Liebman

Nothing is as obnoxious as other people's luck. -F. Scott Fitzgerald

Just as a candle cannot burn without fire, men cannot live without a spiritual life. -Buddha

Curiosity will conquer fear even more than bravery will. -James Stephens

The most important thing about Spaceship Earth - an instruction book didn't come with it.
-R. Buckminster Fuller

Too much of a good thing can be taxing. -Mae West

If you're going to do something tonight that you'll be sorry for tomorrow morning, sleep late. -Henny Youngman

A garden must combine the poetic and the mysterious with a feeling of serenity and joy. -Luis Barragan

Sunsets are so beautiful that they almost seem as if we were looking through the gates of Heaven. -John Lubbock

If you cut down a forest, it doesn't matter how many sawmills you have if there are no more trees.
-Susan George

Simplicity and repose are the qualities that measure the true value of any work of art. -Frank Lloyd Wright

A bank is a place that will lend you money if you can prove that you don't need it. -Bob Hope

It is better to rust out than wear out.
-Edwin Markham

Wisdom to Live By

"Never reach out your hand unless you're willing to extend an arm." -Pope Paul VI



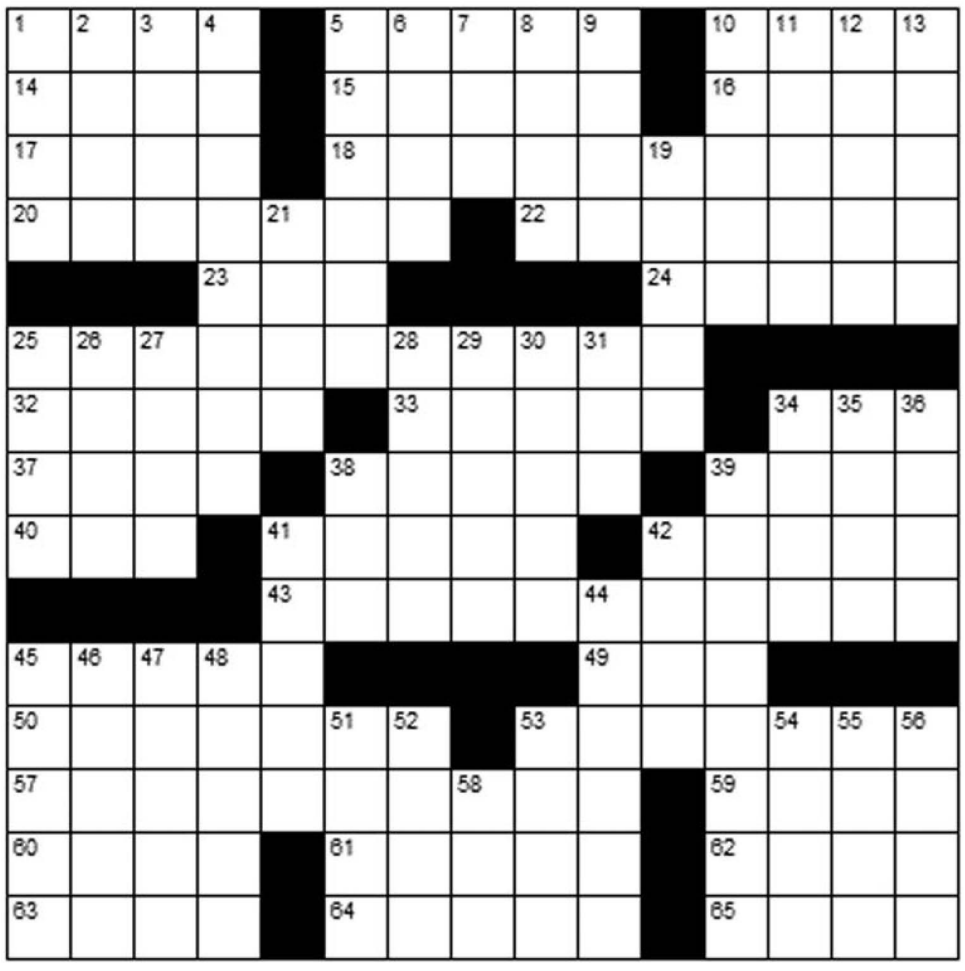
History Is not there for you to like or dislike. It is there for you to learn from it. And if it offends you, even better. Because then you are less likely to repeat it. It's not yours to erase. It belongs to all of us.

THE GAME PAGE

Crossword Puzzler

ACROSS
1. Appear
5. Naughts
10. Wanes
14. Diatom
15. Put forth, as effort
16. ___ du jour = Meal of the day
17. Shower
18. Cubbyhole
20. Perceptiveness
22. The presiding officer
23. Cook in hot oil
24. What place?
25. Science investigators
32. Pretentious
33. Product of bees
34. Bleat
37. Pace
38. Light purple
39. Graphic symbol
40. East southeast
41. Data stream manipulator
42. Slowly, in music
43. Being filled with wonder
45. Muscle contraction
49. Hearing organ
50. Snipped
53. An endocrine gland
57. Opposition
59. Relating to aircraft
60. Qualified
61. Revere
62. Trigonometry (abbrev.)
63. G G G G
64. Clan emblem
65. Cocoyam

DOWN
1. Indian dress
2. Distinctive flair
3. Auspices
4. Apparent
5. Greek god of the west wind
6. Way out
7. Regulation (abbrev.)
8. Mining finds
9. Cease
10. Ancient unit of dry measure
11. Fellow
12. A machine for baling hay
13. Cubic meter
19. Chatty
21. A neutral color
25. Anger
26. Historical periods
27. Anagram of "Ties"
28. Scold
29. Gaps
30. Make into law
31. Record (abbrev.)
34. Built in bed
35. Pot
36. Many millennia
38. Not high
39. Play
41. Temporary lodgings
42. Teller of untruths
44. Ransom
45. Scrawny one
46. Academy freshman
47. Lane
48. Secret agents
51. French for "State"
52. Carpenter's groove
53. Unit of land
54. Egghead
55. Dry
56. Corporate image
58. Excluding



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Answers on page 19

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The Pandemic of Doubting God



By Rob Pue

Worry. Anxiety. Depression. These disorders have reached pandemic proportions — afflicting people from all walks of life, worldwide. According to the National Institute of Mental Health, here in America, more than one in three adults (37%) suffer from depression or some form of major anxiety disorder. It was recently reported that among Gen Z young people, that number rises to nearly 60%.

For those afflicted, there's no shortage of fuel for our worry and anxiety. Today we face job losses and record unemployment, even in the midst of hyper-inflation. People — especially men and heads of households — worry about paying the bills, keeping food on the table and heating their homes. Our so-called "government leaders" have deliberately orchestrated crisis after crisis for American citizens as a means of control. Real people are being seriously hurt by their actions, yet they're never held accountable.

Faced with these threats, many are ready to give up their freedoms in exchange for Big Brother's promise to make it all better. Yet we know that big government and socialism isn't really the answer — and so we worry more — if not for ourselves, for our children and grandchildren.

The truth is, the world has always been in turmoil, ever since the fall of Adam and Eve in the garden. I wonder what people worried about a thousand years ago — or two thousand years ago — or five thousand years ago. Surely they all had worries of their own. Our parents had worries. Our grandparents had worries. And today, we carry on the tradition, but we've amped it up a bit.

I don't mean to make light of the situation, because anxiety disorders are real. Those who suffer these maladies can't help themselves. Sufferers often know their emotions are out of control, their feelings are unreasonable, their worries are largely unfounded. Yet they can't seem to pull out of it. It becomes a downward spiral, often into deep depression, or to the point where they can no longer function normally.

So they turn to pharmakea — prescription medications — in a futile effort to feel "normal" again. But with many of these pills, the number one side effect is the very thing it's supposed to suppress: depression. For some of these so-called "medications," a major side effect is "suicidal thoughts or tendencies." The poisons in these drugs aren't the answer, friends.

God's Word tells us 365 times (once for each day of the year) to "Fear Not." Fear not. Jesus Himself spent a lot of time teaching on this subject. In Luke 12, He said, "...Don't worry about your life, what you will eat; or about the body, what you will wear. For life is more than food and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they don't sow or reap; they don't have a storeroom or a barn; yet God feeds them. Aren't you worth much more than the birds?"

He went on to ask the question, "Can any of you add a single cubit to his height (or one moment to his life span) by worrying? If then, you're not able to do even a little thing, why worry about the rest?"

Then He said, "Don't keep striving for what you should eat and what you should drink, and don't be anxious. For the idolaters eagerly seek all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first the kingdom of God and all these things shall be added unto you."

Indeed, where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. You know, most of the things we worry so much about never happen. In our world today, there are predictions of catastrophe coming at us from every direction. Threats of more global tyranny; a total disruption of our food supplies; a 'Great Reset' of our financial system and everything else; a looming invasion and threats of war. And our country has never before been as sick, perverted and Godless as it is today. I dare say things have never looked worse for the future of America.

The things that are predicted may or may not happen. Granted, the Globalists are not giving up, they're digging in deeper to enslave the whole planet. Those are their plans and they have little to no opposition. It's no wonder people worry. But this world and the things in it — and the lifestyles we're used to — should not be where our "treasure" lies. We need to fix our hearts and minds on the things above, not on earthly, fleshly desires.

I understand that's easier said than done, when you go to the grocery store and eggs are $8 a dozen. When you get your heating and electric bills and they're double what they were a year ago. When companies are laying off record numbers of people, our economy is failing, and for many, when they don't know where their next meal will come from.

We need to remember that God provides for everything He has made. He sustains this old world. And He cares deeply about each of those who are His children. The Bible says He even numbers the very hairs of our heads! God feeds the birds of the air personally. Isn't that amazing?! How He cares for, and provides for His creation! And as His children, He especially delights in providing for all of our needs. Even more so when we look to Him and trust Him for His provision and acknowledge His hand of care upon our lives, with gratefulness, humbleness and thanksgiving.

Consider a tree. From its roots to its trunk, to its branches and beyond, it draws water and nutrients up to the tips of the upper-most leaves. Man, in all his wisdom, cannot build a pump efficient enough to do a task like this. Yet God has equipped the trees to survive and thrive — automatically! And look at the intricacies of a leaf and consider how the tree cleans our air and provides oxygen for all the earth's creatures!

Consider your own body. The Bible says that God "knit" each of us together in our mother's wombs. Scientists are now coming to understand that this word "knit" is more appropriate than anyone realized previously. Our muscles and sinews and internal organs and bones are literally "knit" together, and — the process begins at the moment of conception. We are fearfully and wonderfully made. Consider your eyes, your hands, your senses. Consider how our bodies heal themselves and fight infection and disease, with no need of a poison jab!

Consider the delicate balance of nature, how the Earth is the perfect distance from the Sun to provide us with the ideal climate. Consider how the Moon not only lights our night sky, but also controls our ocean tides, so the water of our planet is not dead and stagnant, but moves, cleans itself and sustains life.

Truly, when Jesus was teaching this lesson on worry, He meant for us to look to God's creation and understand that what He creates, He sustains and provides for — and more than that — cares for on a personal level. Awhile back, when I was particularly troubled by a certain situation, I was in prayer when the Lord spoke to my heart and asked directly, "Rob, how old are you? Haven't I always taken care of you, all of these years? Look at all you have been through in your life. Wasn't I always there for you? Why, then, do you doubt Me now?!"

My point — and probably God's point — is that it's only the doubting that causes the worry, anxiety and depression. These are all tools the enemy uses to torment us, but he can only use those tools when we doubt — when we doubt GOD.

A friend of mine noted: "time and time again God provided and did wonderful and miraculous things for the people of Israel, yet each time when they were faced with a crisis, they cried out in disbelief that God would actually come through. In Exodus 16, the Israelites said, 'if only we had died by the Lord's hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death.' Verse 4 goes on to tell us how God provided manna from heaven with very strict instructions on how it was to be dealt with. God even tells them that He will test them to see whether they will follow His instructions. Of course this wasn't good enough. They wanted meat. (So He even provided meat for them in the desert).

"The people of Israel are continuously faced with a crisis that they cannot meet by their own means. Each time they are faced with an impossible obstacle, God provides for them with His incredible power. Do they remember the last time that God delivered them? NO. Each time when a crisis comes up, starting at the banks of the Red Sea, all they can think is, 'I want to go back to slavery.' As God moves them forth through the waters of the Red Sea, provides fresh drinking water where there should be none, provides food where there should be none, these people cannot remember how God protected and provided. You would think that after they saw God spread the waters of the Red Sea they would believe all things are possible, but sadly, that was not the case."

My friend continued, "We know that the people of Israel had to wander through the desert for forty years. Forty years is a long time to walk considering the journey only would have needed 17 days to complete. Why did God make them walk and wander for forty years? The answer is because it took forty years for them to trust God. I believe we would all like to think that we would not have had to wander forty years in the desert to learn these lessons if we had been there. Unfortunately, speaking for myself, I know that's not the case. It took me forty years to see the blessings that God had given me in my life,

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The Constitution Party of Wisconsin

America is **NOT** a democracy!

In 1787, when leaving the Constitution Convention, delegate Benjamin Franklin was asked by a Mrs. Powell, *"Well, Doctor, what have you given us, a republic or a monarchy?"* Without hesitation, Franklin answered, *"A republic, if you can keep it."*

When the Framers were having heated debates at Independence Hall about the wording of the amendments and what form of government they wanted, they chose a republic. The Framers knew what democracy was – that is why they did **NOT** want it. They loved the new nation they fought for too much to curse it with a democratic form of government. Here are some of their cautionary words –

Alexander Hamilton – *"...our real disease; which is democracy..."*

John Adams – *"Remember, democracy never lasts long. It soon wastes, exhausts and murders itself. There is never a democracy that did not commit suicide."*

James Madison – The Father of the Constitution, wrote in Federalist Paper No. 10 that pure democracies *"...have ever been spectacles of turbulence and contention; have ever been incompatible with personal security or the rights of property; and have in general been as short in their lives as they have been violent in their deaths."*

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Polar bear kills Alaskan mother and baby



By Craig Rucker

When Summer Myomick stepped out into a snowstorm with her 1-year-old son Clyde, she had no idea that a savage predator lay just outside.

The AP reports that a polar bear killed the 24-year-old mother and her baby in the town of Wales, Alaska, as she stepped out of a school on her way to a health clinic 150 yards away. Apparently, the bear's white coat camouflaged it within the heavy falling snow.

Our hearts and prayers go out to Summer, Clyde, their family and friends. May they rest in peace.

Polar bears' pretty white coats make them perfect propaganda poster children for the global warming-Left, who count on comfortable city-dwellers to view them through a disneyesque, anthropomorphic lens.

Remember adorable little Knute the Berlin polar bear? Knute was so cute that it scored a fashion photo shoot with famed photographer Annie Liebovitz for the May 2007 "Green Issue" of Vanity Fair. In 2009, one woman was so smitten with Knute's cuteness, that she jumped the fence at the Berlin Zoo to play in the polar bear enclosure. Another bear brutally attacked her.

The tragic attack in Alaska, and the all-too-preventable attack in Berlin, remind us that a polar bear's striking white coat is not a fashion statement, but a means to a predatory end. Polar bears may be cute (from a safe distance), but they are nothing like cuddly. Inhabiting the frozen North places polar bears always on the lookout to kill anything that will yield a sustaining meal of protein and fat, people included.

The AP couldn't help but use Summer Myomick's tragic death to push the warming narrative, writing, "as climate change reduces the amount of Arctic ice, forcing the bears to spend more time on land, the number of encounters between people and bears is on the rise, researchers say."

Conveniently left out of the AP story is the fact that the global polar bear population has soared from as few as 5,000 in the mid-20th century, to as many as 26 to 58 thousand today. This resulted from successful conservation efforts which greatly limited polar bear hunting. Polar bears are thriving, despite what the Left would have you believe.

Contrary to the warming-Left's polar bear narrative, Summer and Clyde's tragic loss was not caused by the car you drive, your electric appliances, or the rest of your supposedly over-the-top lifestyle. It was caused by two things. First nature, as the saying goes, is "red in tooth and claw." Living near predators means that occasional tragedy will result. It's the same for those who live near alligators, sharks, rattlesnakes, wolves, coyotes or any other wild animal that views humans as food or a threat. Second, as the AP acknowledges, "the polar bear patrol in Wales became inactive due to a confluence of factors — including the COVID-19 pandemic, the relative lack of bears and the recent death of its leader."

Polar bear attacks are rare. It is likely this attack was not preventable, and no human's fault. With precaution, we can share the planet with polar bears and other predators. We should not, however, give in to those who ask us to surrender our reason to childish notions that dangerous animals are as cute and harmless as cartoons or plush toys.

Polar bears are neither cuddly friends, nor drowning or starving because you live in freedom and prosperity. It is well past time to end polar bears as propaganda.

For nature and people too,
Craig Rucker, President



Anesthesiologists hide painful climate plan after Climate Depot exposé



By Craig Rucker

A ridiculous plan to reduce anesthesia to combat climate change disappeared online after CFACT's Marc Morano exposed it at our Climate Depot news and information service.

The article was pulled from the American Society of Anesthesiologists website within 48 hours of Marc posting it and tweeting about it.

The ridiculous justification for limiting anesthesia is that inhaled anesthesia accounts for up to 0.1% of the world's carbon emissions, and that an hour of surgery using an inhaled anesthetic is equivalent to driving as many as 470 miles, according to a 2010 study.

The notion that people should risk pain and suffering during surgical procedures to "save" the planet is a perfect example of the crazy cult climate change has become. Human sacrifice is demanded. The fact that your future pain will not alter the temperature of the globe to a degree anyone can perceive in any meaningful way is entirely beside the point.

Marc explained the whole thing and more on Sebastian Gorka's OAN televisionshow and on In Focus with Addison Smith.

Marc further reports that the Harvard Medical School faculty is discussing intertwining climate into its entire medical teaching curriculum.

Subordinating our medical care to the climate regime seems a surefire way to violate a doctor's basic Hippocratic oath to "first do no harm."

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The cult of Davos

By Craig Rucker

"Davos", the joke goes, "is where billionaires tell millionaires what the middle class thinks."

The mega-elites in Davos have invested completely in climate, prompting CFACT policy advisor Joanne Nova to describe the gathering as, "what it would look like if a doomsday cult had a billion dollars to spend on a skiing holiday."

Headlining Davos this year were the comedy team of Kerry and Gore.

Gore's global warming exaggeration traveled far beyond the pale:

"We're still putting 162 million tons into it every single day, and the accumulated amount is now trapping as much extra heat as would be released by 600,000 Hiroshima class atomic bombs exploding every single day on the Earth... That's what's boiling the oceans, creating these atmospheric rivers and the rain bombs and sucking the moisture out of the land and creating the droughts and melting the ice and raising the sea level and causing these waves of climate refugees predicted to reach 1 billion in this century... Look at the xenophobia and political authoritarian trends that have come from just a few million refugees. What about a billion? We would lose our capacity for self governance on this world."

Phew! Have you been to the ocean lately? Was it "boiling?"

Maybe Gore and the Davos crowd are confusing the ocean with the hot tubs at their swanky resorts (although hot tubs don't "boil" either).

Kerry tried to one-up Gore with bizarre rhetoric which soared right off the planet.

"It's so… almost extra-terrestrial to think about, saving the planet." President Biden's Climate Envoy said, "If you say that to most people, they think you're just a crazy tree hugging and lefty liberal, you know, do-gooder, whatever."

Kerry's "most people" are absolutely right about him.

Could Kerry and Gore be any more out of touch with climate reality or the hard-working Americans they purport to speak for?

CFACT's Marc Morano summed up Davos perfectly on Dan Bongino's Show on Fox saying, "We're living in a time now where conspiracy realities outnumber conspiracy theories."

For nature and people too,
Craig Rucker, President



New Docs Reveal Department of Defense Controlled COVID-19 Program from the Start

By James D. Agresti

WASHINGTON, DC - According to congressionally passed statutes, research of active laws, and extra

details obtained through the Freedom of Information Act, the Department of Defense owns, implements, and oversees the COVID-19 vaccine program as a "Countermeasure" to foreign attack. While the public was bombarded with an orchestrated fear campaign, the U.S. Government managed the Covid response as a national security threat.

The research and documents were obtained by a former executive of a pharmaceutical Contract Research Organization (CRO), Sasha Latypova, and intensive legal researcher Katherine Watt. You can watch Latypova detail her groundbreaking findings here.

The Four-Legged Stool

The undercover operation was orchestrated utilizing four critical legal maneuvers:

1. Public Health Emergency (PHE),

2. Emergency Use Authorization (EUA),

3. Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness (PREP Act), 4. Other Transactions Authority (OTA).

On January 31, 2020, Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary, Alex M. Azar declared a Public Health Emergency (PHE) pursuant to section 319 of the Public Health Services (PHS) Act, 42 U.S.C. 247d, for the entire United States. A PHE bestows a substantial amount of war-time authority upon the HHS Secretary. This PHE declaration was one day after a similar declaration by the WHO.

On March 10, 2020, HHS Secretary, Alex M. Azar, issued a "Notice of Declaration" to activate the PREP Act to provide liability immunity for Covered Persons and Covered Countermeasures. The PREP Act declaration filled six pages of the Federal Register on March 17, 2020 that can be found here, https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2020-03-17/pdf/2020-05484.pdf

Covered Countermeasures are any antiviral, any other drug, any biologic, any diagnostic, any other device, or any vaccine, used to treat, diagnose, cure, prevent, or mitigate COVID–19.

The administration of President Trump placed the National Security Council in charge of the Covid policy. Covid-19 vaccines are "medical countermeasures" – a grey area of products that are not regulated as vaccines or medicines. According to government documents acquired by Latypova, $47.5 Billion was awarded in contracts by BARDA as of 10/29/2021 for Covid-19 vaccines, therapeutics and diagnostics.

"They put the National Security Council in charge and treated it as an act of war," said Latypova.

According to Operation Warp Speed/ASPR reports, the DoD ordered, oversaw, and tightly managed the development, manufacture, and distribution of Covid countermeasures, mainly utilizing the DoD's previously established network of military contractors and consortia.

Department of Defense, BARDA, and HHS ordered all Covid countermeasures, including "vaccines" as prototype demonstrations of large-scale manufacturing, avoiding regulations and transparency under Other Transaction Authority (OTA). As prototypes used under EUA during PHE, Covid countermeasures, including "vaccines," need not comply with the U.S. laws for manufacturing quality, safety, and labeling.

"The implication is that the U.S. Government authorized and funded the deployment of noncompliant biological materials on Americans without clarifying their 'prototype' legal status, making the materials not subject to normal regulatory oversight, all while maintaining a fraudulent pseudo- 'regulatory' presentation to the public," said Latypova.

"Most incredible is the fact that current Laws enacted by the United States Congress appear to make the coverup actions LEGAL!"

Under the PHE, medical countermeasures are not regulated or safeguarded as pharmaceutical products (21 USC 360bbb-3(k).

The American people were led to believe that the FDA, CDC, and figureheads like Anthony Fauci oversaw the COVID-19 vaccine program. Their involvement was an orchestrated information operation. All decisions concerning the COVID-19 vaccine research, materials acquisition, distribution, and information sharing were tightly controlled by the DoD.

Hundreds of Covid countermeasures contracts have been uncovered. Many disclosures are in redacted form. However, Latypova and Watt have found sources to fill in the details. A review of these contracts indicates a high degree of control by the U.S. Government (DoD/BARDA). It specifies the scope of deliverables as "demonstrations" and "prototypes" only while excluding clinical trials and manufacturing quality control from the scope of work paid for by the contracts. To ensure that the Pharma is free to conduct the fake clinical trials without financial risk, the contracts include the removal of all liability for the manufacturers and any contractors along the supply and distribution chain under the 2005 PREP Act and related federal legislation.

Why is no action by regulators or courts? According to Latypova and Watt, a combination of recently passed legislation and executive orders make it LEGAL to LIE! The HHS Secretary is accountable to no

one if the Health National Emergency continues to be extended by Congress every three months.

A significant information operation was set in motion the minute COVID-19 hit. The U.S. government, the intelligence community, the media, and Big Tech colluded to orchestrate and implement an intense

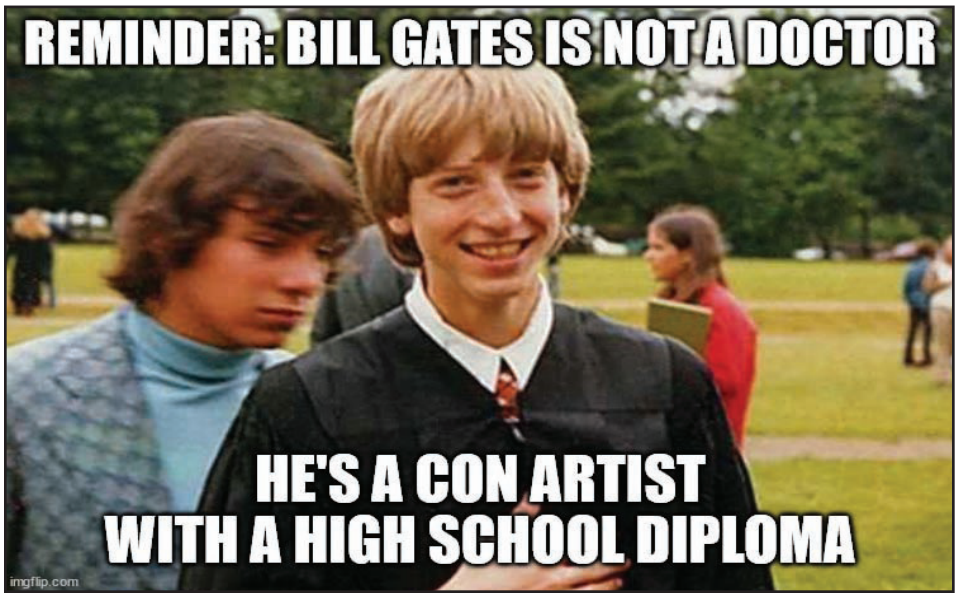
pressure campaign designed to get the vaccine legally designated under the Emergency Use

Authorization Act while vilifying dissenting doctors, critics, and viable alternative treatments. This designation allowed for speedy manufacturing devoid of the standard safety and public health protocols.

For a vaccine to receive designation under the EUA, there can be no other known treatments or

cures. Therefore, many proven treatments such as ivermectin and hydroxychloroquine were blacklisted in the media and dismissed as "horse dewormers" when these cheap, readily available drugs were in the past heralded for their effectiveness.

Eminent COVID-treating doctors such as Peter M. McCullough and Pierre Kory have faced unprecedented attacks on their medical credentials.



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than an unvaxxed person," The Exposé reveals. "It is just like compound interest."

"Using this result, we can calculate the loss in life expectancy for a 30 year old male as follows … The life expectancy of a 30 year old unvaxxed male in the UK is around 80 years. So he can expect another 50 years of life."

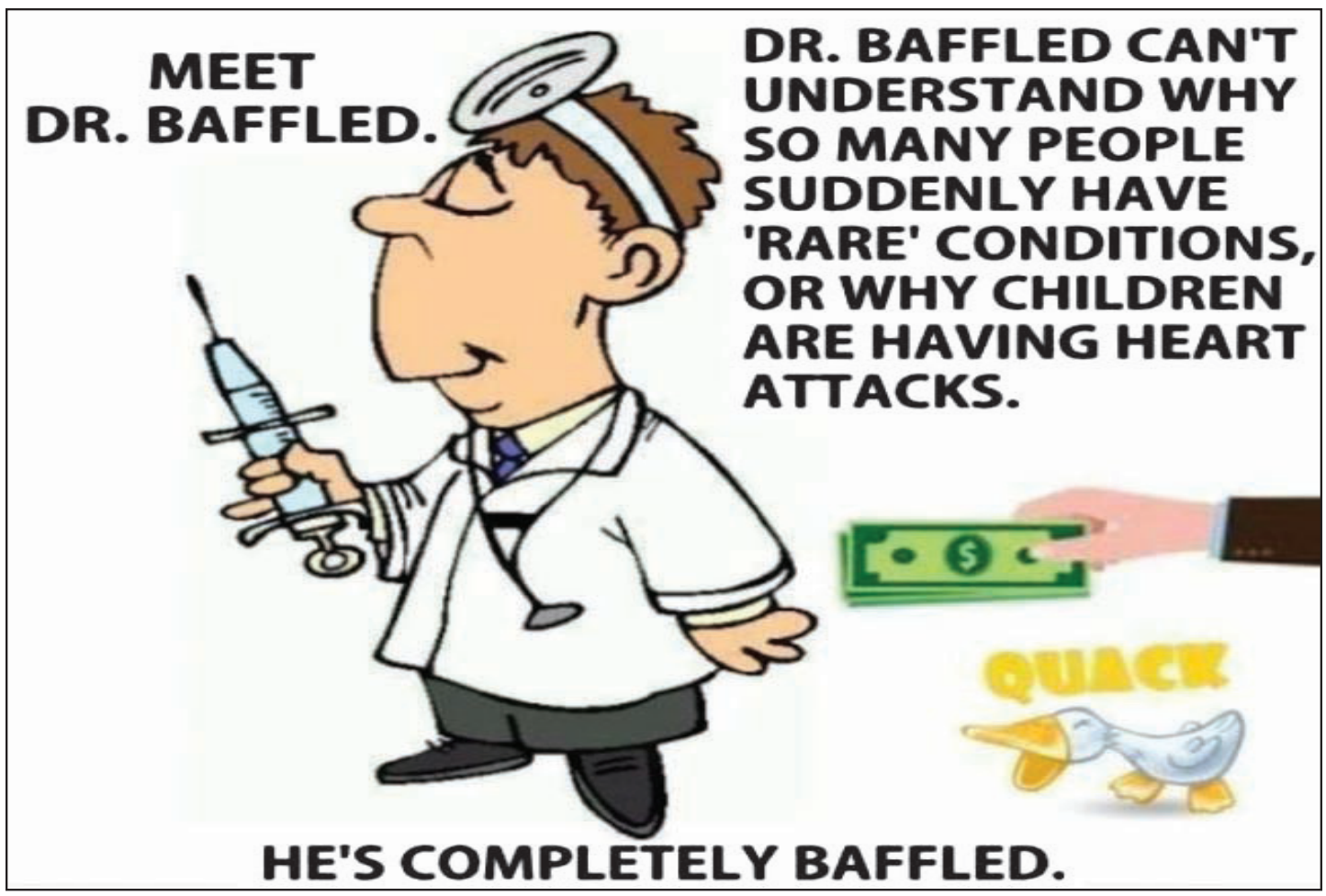
Conversely, a 30-year-old male who has taken four covid injection will only live, on average, until age 56, based on U.S. data. If that same 30-year-old male gets a fifth covid injection, he will have lost 24 years of life expectancy.

"That is the price you pay for trusting the NHS, trusting the government and trusting the BBC and the Main Stream Media," is how The Exposé put it.

Australia makes a great case study in all this because the vast majority of its population is at least double-jabbed. The data coming out of that country continues to show that overall health is declining and people are increasingly dying earlier than expected, all because of the injections they are taking in obedience to their government.

"And yet I'm still not allowed to talk to any family members about any of this," noted a commenter on a story about these damning revelations. "It's heartbreaking that they still see me as the unvaccinated fool."

"The people who are pushing these bioweapons need to be in prison for crimes against humanity," wrote another about the perpetrators of these poison syringes.



Dear Sister . . . Let's have an open & honest talk about COVID and Misinfo

By Alti Nunio

I recently shared a scientific article to my big sister regarding COVID and Bradykinins, a type of blood plasma protein. I received an email back shortly thereafter denouncing the piece as misinformation and was politely reminded and warned about the dangers of it in our day and age.

She had missed the entire underlying message of my email. It went completely over her head, and I now realize why. Her brain has been completely reprogramed. This was a new person living in a different world whose principles had been completely undermined and paved over in the last 3 to 20 years. She is not alone, but minds are awakening across the world.

The intent of my email was to share practical information on the scientific role of Bradykinins in COVID, possible options for treatment, and for my siblings to acknowledge how odd it is that the topic of my college senior thesis may be directly tied to one of the world's greatest man- made pandemics, COVID-19.

The topic of my college thesis was Bradykinins, and now decades later scientists are correlating them with COVID-19. As I had poured out my mind and energy into producing the thesis based on years of research and scientific data, in one fell swoop a loved one completely disregarded not only my work, but that of recent scientists trying to contribute to a global pandemic. My heart goes out to those like "one crying in the wilderness" have not been heard.

You see, the article was truly fact-checked, unlike the paid (aka bribed) fake fact-checkers many without any type of science background that were hired by Big Tech, Big Pharma and MSM to cover up any science and spread whatever lies and misinformation regarding COVID and vaccines over the past 3 years. The Bradykinin article had an extensive list of references with hyperlinks. The references were peer-reviewed, a virtuous sign of a true fact check.

The true scientists and researchers I refer to were not paid large sums of money by politicians, Big Pharma, the Medical Technocracy, and individuals such as George Soros, Al Gore or Bill Gates. The scientists had actually retained their integrity. They were committed to the scientific method, not beholden to global wealth and power or communist influences.

So big sis, let us begin exchanging the olive branch with a dialogue and exchange of ideas, instead of just squashing others opposing views and data as misinfo. Let us start with asking each other a series of questions: What is your definition of misinfo? Who are the true purveyors of misinfo? Are they elective officials of the US? Do they have any ties to foreign governments or entities?

Are these individuals being paid large sums of money to spread the actual misinfo that you perceive to be misinfo and control a desired message? Do the opinions, facts and data of true scientists and medical professionals matter anymore in the open debate of hypotheses, or is their freedom of speech simply censored like the days Gestapo of Nazi Germany? Is the peer review process allowed anymore?

This dichotomy in beliefs has been created by a small greedy and evil group of people. They are trying to control the narrative and divide families and friends. They are living by their own rules, redefining critical words such as "vaccine", and using statistical trickery to manipulate data. This permits them to create their own science, controlling the message to the world, censoring and labeling those with differing opinions as "misinformationists". But science is not opinion, and opinions can be left to the individual, not forced upon the general populace. But the misleading of the masses has been forewarned by a good friend.

For the Good Book warns us "For from henceforth there shall be five in one house divided, three against two, and two against three. The father shall be divided against the son, and the son against the father; the mother against the daughter, and the daughter against the mother; the mother in law against her daughter in law, and the daughter in law against her mother in law."

I guess I have been divided from you, big sister. Your unwillingness to have an open and honest conversation based on facts is the heart of the issue, but this is clouded by your political prejudice. I understand that you have been deceived, and I still love you and always will.

However, know that my faith, heart and mind are true. My resolve will last to the end.

If the veracity of the Bradykinin Hypothesis proves true, and the early predications regarding

negative side effects of the jabs are unveiled to all, the world will need family more than ever to help one another to recover both emotionally, physically and medically from this COVID fiasco.

Go seek out for yourself the CDC's forced FOIA release of PRR data showing hundreds of safety signals for adverse events from the jabs, followed by FDAs slow drip of their safety monitoring data. You will not find this info on MSM. You will have to dig deep outside of MSM to find it.

The great awakening has become, with much thanks to Elon Musk's purchase of Twitter. And I know, that once the overwhelming fraud of the election system revealed by truth and justice, our nation and the world will know that We The People are the majority and can no longer cower. For the elitist super minority's megaphone is slowly being taken away, and their real agendas exposed. Why? Because all the suppressed and censored facts that you call misinfo are slowly leaking out, ...as lies! And we all know that the truth will set us free!

Djokovic's Australian Open win is a symbolic victory of the unvaccinated over COVID tyranny

By Lifesite News

Novak Djokovic called his win against Stefanos Tsitsipas in the Australian Open final the "biggest victory of my life." But it wasn't mainly a win against Tsitsipas, as it was a victory of the COVID unvaccinated against tyranny.

Last year, Djokovic's visa was canceled, and he was forced to leave the country after a back-and-forth between the Serbian tennis star and Australian authorities. They claimed his presence could "excite anti-vaxers," and with that implicitly admitted that the deportation wasn't about health but about politics.

What made Djokovic's win even more epic was the fact that arch-globalist and vaccine propagandist Bill Gates was in the stands, watching the unvaccinated tennis star win the prestigious tournament for the tenth time. Only a few days prior, Gates admitted that the COVID shots failed and were basically useless.

Keep me updated via email on this petition and related issues.

A year ago, Djokovic did not know if he was ever going to play in a Grand Slam tournament again due to his vaccination status. In a BBC interview last year, "the Djoker" revealed what he was willing to give up to stand by his principles.

"Ultimately, are you prepared to forgo the chance to be the greatest player that ever picked up a racket, statistically, because you feel so strongly about his jab?" he was asked.

Djokovic sat there, confidently looking the interviewer in the eye, and replied "Yes, I do."

"Why, Novak, why?" the interviewer gasped.

"Because the principles of decision-making on my body are more important than any title."

People who do not follow professional tennis may not be aware of how good Djokovic actually is and that he may be the greatest tennis player ever. He was ready to give up the chance to build his legacy by remaining unvaccinated. He was also putting his reputation on the line since he certainly knew that he would be smeared by the media as an "anti-vaxxer," "anti-science," et cetera.

Some might say that since he was already rich and famous, he would not be giving up much. However, if you are an athlete and you have the chance to become the greatest of all time, giving up the opportunity is a big price to pay, as anyone who has some competitive drive will understand.

But here we are, one year later and Djokovic won his 22nd Grand Slam tournament, tying Raphael Nadal for the all-time record. Djokovic won. The unvaccinated won. Perseverance won. After months and months of persecution around the world, the globalist tyrants had to retreat and leave alone the dissidents who refused to be injected, at least for the time being.

"He [Djokovic] is the greatest that has ever held a tennis racket," Tsitsipas declared after his defeat.

He is certainly the greatest for many of the unvaccinated, who themselves stood firm in their principles and beliefs in the face of persecution.







‘Greens’ Ignore India’s Lethal Cold Spells

By Vijay Jayaraj

It is not uncommon to witness freezing temperatures in winter in Europe and North America. However dangerous the cold can be in higher latitudes, such weather is even more so where people and infrastructure are ill-prepared for it.

One such place is India, well known for its hot, tropical weather. Every year, some Indians find themselves in the midst of record-breaking cold even as the mainstream media and others obsessively speak of catastrophic global warming. Reports indicate that “there has been a 1.6-fold increase in cold wave days in India in the last decade.”

On Jan. 6, 2022, a cold wave in India intensified, driving temperatures in the capital of Delhi to 2 degrees Celsius (35 Fahrenheit). Visibility dropped to just 50 meters in the early hours, making it almost impossible for people to navigate roads packed with cars, bikes, and trucks.

The cold — extreme even for one of the subcontinent’s northern cities — delayed trains and flights and strained the power grid. On Jan. 10 alone, 70 flights were delayed, and dozens were canceled throughout the week. The government extended the winter vacation in schools.

Having spent three years of my professional life as an environmental consultant in Delhi, I am familiar with the construction materials and design of the city’s houses. They are not built to protect against unusual cold. During the especially cold winter of 2019 there, I was fortunate enough to have an electric heater to keep me warm.

But many among the city’s 30 million people — then and now — have nothing but heavy clothes and bonfires to fend off the biting cold. That includes thousands of homeless families who are exposed directly to the weather. Some lower-income households have only polyethylene sheets as their roof. Three of every 10 Indians (around 400 million people) have a high vulnerability to cold waves.

“According to the India housing report, more than 100 million people are living in slums, which are ramshackle structures with limited power supply and basic habitation facilities,” reported The Quint, a news outlet.

During the latest cold snap, temperatures went below freezing in Delhi’s neighboring states, where ice cubes flowed from water pipes on agricultural lands. Sadly, 25 people were killed by the cold wave in the northern state of Uttar Pradesh.

According to the Cardiology Institute in the city of Kanpur, some 723 heart patients sought emergency treatment. “About 41 patients were in critical condition and were admitted, and around 15 patients were brought dead to the emergency room,” the institute reported. Health experts warned that heart attacks during cold weather are not restricted to the elderly but can also affect youngsters.

Cold, which is often accompanied by disease, is a bigger killer than heat. Between 1985 and 2012, cold weather killed 20 times as many people as heat, according to a study that analyzed 74 million deaths in 13 countries. Of those, 5.4 million deaths were related to cold, while 311,000 were related to heat.

The sharp difference between heat- and cold-related deaths is because low temperatures cause more problems for the body’s cardiovascular and respiratory systems, said the study, which was published in the British journal The Lancet.

In India, researchers say that “extreme cold and moderate cold kill a lot more people than moderate or extreme heat. Public health strategies should reflect this.” A study found that short-term exposure to temperature accounted for 6.5% of all-cause mortality, with 88% of that amount caused by cold weather and only 12% by hot weather.

So, where is the hysteria over cold weather? Why are journalists not warning people about an imminent ice age? Why are they not calling for an increase in greenhouse gas emissions to warm the atmosphere?

As ridiculous as those questions may sound, they follow the climate catastrophists’ logic of the last two decades. Every time there is a spell of extremely hot weather, they present it as a sign of a dangerously warming world. Yet when extreme cold occurs, it is never a sign of a cooling world.

Consider Delhi’s case: The cold wave has been “attributed to a large gap between two western disturbances which allowed the chilly northwesterly winds from the mountains to affect the plains for a longer-than-usual period.” Period. Nothing about climate change. When warm-weather events occur in summer, however, they are branded as consequences of man-made climate change that is an “existential threat.”

The media’s different treatment of cold and hot weather makes no sense except that it perpetuates the fallacious narrative of apocalyptic global warming.

Despite having no means to accurately predict temperatures far into the future, alarmists press for restrictions on the use of fossil fuels to “slow down” the warming of the planet. Yet these same people ignore increasingly cold winters in tropical countries and the evidence that warmth is better for people.

We suppose the death of a few dozen Indians is too insignificant to divert them from their irrational green agenda.

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to recognize that this was His doing. It took me forty years to learn to believe that the Bible is truly God’s Word. It took me forty years to understand the importance of prayer each day. It took me forty years to know that God works all things for good. It took me forty years to realize truly who Jesus is and what He did for me with an understanding that comes from the heart and not the mind. It took me forty years to realize that God is sovereign...”

What incredible blessings we forfeit when, instead of going to God in prayer, we operate in our own flesh, we rely on our own understanding, and worst of all, we doubt God. Our adversary, Satan, wants us to be lost and fearful. But that’s the opposite of God’s plan for His children.

The truth is, no matter what comes, we can’t help or save ourselves. Apart from God, we can do nothing. (John 15:4-5). When we become hard-hearted and believe we can control and do things in our own power, it’s no wonder we worry and become anxious.

There IS a pandemic in this world and it’s more serious than anything the Centers For Disease Creation can cook up. It’s the pandemic of doubting God. We say we believe Him and we say we believe His Word. So why, then, do we worry, when the cure for this ‘pandemic’ is so simple? In Jesus’ name, cast out the enemy’s evil spirits of unbelief, anxiety, pride, fear, faithlessness and self-sufficiency, and then turn to the Savior, who will rescue you. Isaiah 26:3 says of the Lord, “You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in You.” Perfect peace — the perfect antidote to the pandemic of anxiety! And what does the Scripture say we must do to obtain this peace? Keep our minds steadfast on the Lord, and simply believe and trust Him.

Satan and his minions can only do what God allows. His will WILL be done here on earth as it is in heaven — with or without us. My final bit of advice is, focus on that. And more than that, put your own personal needs and comforts aside and become one of His remnant faithful believers, pushing back against the lies, deception and tyranny of the enemy, and do your utmost to see that God’s will IS done on earth. Get on God’s team. Occupy until He returns. If you’re a true believer in Christ, you have the very power of God within you. And even if you become a martyr for the cause of Christ in these dark days, while doing your part to see that God’s will is done on this earth, what, really, do you have to worry about?

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of trust in the federal government is seriously eroding its creditability. If it continues to grow, it will impact the federal government’s ability to govern the nation.

The government of the United States has massive assets. It owns 27% of all the land in the country, and through the use of eminent domain, it can acquire whatever other lands it desires. It has trillions of dollars to spend on its wishes while passing its debt to future generations, so it does not burden the current “taking generation.” It controls a well-armed military and an overly arbitrary Federal Bureau of Investigation, to keep any dissent in its place, down to parents at school board meetings. Through the doctrine of sovereign immunity, the Supreme Court holds the federal government “can do no wrong,” therefore it is immune from suit and accountability unless it allows some commoner to sue it.

Yet, having these many powers and riches to do what it wants, and to be free of legal challenges, is not making the lives of citizens better.

The Pew Research Center’s study of trust in government from 1958-2022 found only two in ten Americans in 2022 trust the government in Washington. In 1958 seventy-five percent of Americans trusted the federal government to do the right thing almost always or most of the time.

Trust is the foundation of democracy. The philosophical theories underlying democracy believed that it was only by persuading man to trust the benefits of civil society (primarily the protection of property) that man was willing to abandon his state of nature, that wild, primitive state untouched by civilization. When trust in government is lost, it is hard to ensure the continuation of democracy.

In a civil society, humans renounce individual power and comply with the rules of the community by trusting the community will safeguard them and subject offenders to punishment. When the bonds of civil society break, people no longer feel protected from their enemies, which can include government.

As a radically polarized country, Democrats have more trust in government when they control government, just as Republicans have more faith in government when they control it. This situation leaves half the nation in perpetual distrust of those who rule the country.

The seeds of this distrust are sown by those who seek public office. These office seekers do not seek office to be our servants. They seek it to be our masters. They do not have loyalty to the Constitution and the rule of law. Their loyalty is to their brand, and the political party and interest groups that help elect them. To these office seekers, being a federal office holder is about being a ruler of the people, not a trustee of the Constitution. This misguided loyalty destroys our Constitutional structure by ignoring the separation of powers mandate to ensure each branch of government is an independent check on the other branches to limit the powers of government.

Institutional integrity is lost when the powers of the several branches of our government become blended due to party affiliation. Once in this situation, the rights of the people are only protected by Republicans or Democrats, depending on who is in power and who they want to protect. In this situation, Congress generally diminishes itself by allowing the Executive to legislate through Executive Order, rulemaking, arbitrary enforcement, or non-enforcement of the laws.

As our public officials abandon strict adherence to the separation of powers structure of the Constitution, government separates itself from the people. The new structure replaces the sovereignty of the people with the authority of government officials.

Our government officials:

• saddle future generations with such massive amounts of debt; they are placing these generations into involuntary servitude to the government;

• enforce a two-tier system of justice in which justice is administered according to political beliefs, not according to the actions of individuals;

• mislead, misinform, and lie to the public so frequently that the public can no longer decipher facts from conspiracy theories;

• impose laws on the people that they do not follow; as such citizens observe hypocrisy, not leadership; and

• by rewarding friends (saving Hunter Biden) and punishing enemies (raiding Trump’s residence), one-half the public views only corruption.

How can citizens have faith in a government that acts in this manner? John Locke believed these government actions put it in a state of war with its people. Locke writes, “Whensoever, therefore, the legislature [government] shall transgress this fundamental rule of society… [by] this breach of trust they forfeit the power the people had put into their hands for quite contrary ends, and it devolves to the people who have a right to” establish a new government.”

Today the government of the United States is in a perpetual state of war with half the people of the nation. The United States truly depicts Lincoln’s “House Divided.” While a congressional election in a few months may restrain some of the hostility directed at many citizens, it will not be sufficient to heal the nation. Over the next few elections, the country needs to elect representatives who seek to be our servants, not our rulers. Only when citizens elect Representatives who pledge to serve as fiduciaries to the nation and trustees of the Constitution, will we have a government that restores trust in the government.

While the government must have the trust of the people, the actions U.S government are at war with fifty percent of its population. This makes trust impossible.

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Abortion pill tragically kills 19-year-old Canadian woman: report

By Lifesite News

A 19-year-old Canadian girl died after taking the abortion pill.

The Canadian government's online system that tracks adverse reactions to pharmaceutical drugs reveals that a hospital reported on July 4, 2022, that a 19-year-old female used the abortion pill Mifegymiso to kill her preborn child (read full adverse reaction report here). This information was first noticed by pro-life researcher Patricia Maloney who published news about it on her blog Run With Life.

Tragically, the teenager died of "septic shock," a known risk of the chemical abortion pill.



Product literature listed on Health Canada's website for chemical abortion (also called RU-486) states that there is a risk of serious harm and even death to women who use it.

Mifegymiso's product monograph states there is a "risk of infection and sepsis" for users. "Cases of serious bacterial infection, including very rare cases of fatal septic shock, have been reported following the use of Mifegymiso."

"Clostridium sordellii infection was observed in some women without abdominal pain or fever, that progressed rapidly to multi-organ failure and death," states the product's monograph.

The abortion pill was approved by Health Canada on July 29, 2015, for its "safety, efficacy and quality," even though Health Canada knew of its risk of causing death from septic shock, exactly what happened to this 19-year-old girl. The drug became available in 2017. Advocacy groups have recently raised serious concerns about its safety.

"This girl did not deserve to die," said Jeff Gunnarson, National President of Campaign Life Coalition.

"She had her whole life ahead of her. Like most women her age, she may have enjoyed socializing with friends, listening to music, and exploring new interests. She may have been on an exciting new path of education and career development," he continued.

"Her untimely death is a tragedy that deeply affects everyone involved, including her family, friends, and community. The loss of young lives with so much potential is always devastating. It leaves behind a void that cannot be filled," he added.

Chemical abortion, often called "medical" or "medication" abortion by advocates, is the direct and intentional killing of a pre-born human being living within his or her mother typically by means of a two-drug combination taken in the form of pills. The mother first takes a drug orally in the form of a pill called mifepristone. Mifepristone blocks progesterone in the mother's body, a naturally produced hormone that sustains and nourishes her pregnancy. This shuts down the woman's pregnancy-sustaining mechanism, killing what product literature refers to as a "growing embryo." After 24-48 hours, the woman then ingests the second drug, in the form of a pill, called Misoprostol. This drug initiates powerful uterine contractions that cause the woman to bleed heavily as she expels her dead baby.

This is not the first death of a woman in Canada from the abortion pill.

A 26-year-old Canadian woman also died in 2001 from septic shock after a chemical abortion at 10-weeks gestation during a clinical trial of the abortion protocol. The "previously healthy woman was hospitalized because of abdominal pain, vomiting, and foul-smelling vaginal discharge," Quebec doctors stated in a 2002 report about the case. The woman's death stopped the expansion of the drug for a time.

Campaign Life Coalition has been warning for decades that the chemical abortion pill is "dangerous" and must be blocked. In 2013, it unsuccessfully petitioned the then-Minister of Health Rona Ambrose to block the drug from coming to Canada.

"RU-486 is a human pesticide which kills the pre-born child and harms women," said Campaign Life Coalition in a 2015 press release denouncing Health Canada's approval of chemical abortion. "We have fought against this drug coming into Canada since 1999 in order to safeguard the health of women and save unborn children from early deaths," added the press release.

Pro-abortion, feminist authors Renate Klein, Janice G. Raymond, and Lynette Dumble conclude in their 2013 book RU-486: Misconceptions, Myths and Morals that chemical abortion constitutes medical violence against women, stating that it is an "unsafe, second-rate abortion method with significant problems."

Alberta becomes first province to publicly oppose Trudeau gov't expanding euthanasia

By Lifesite News

Alberta premier Danielle Smith said her province "objects" to the expansion of Canada's euthanasia laws to include people who suffer solely from mental illness and has vowed her government will investigate the matter.

"We are consulting with legal and mental health experts regarding the proposed legislation and its impact on those with mental health challenges," reads a statement sent from the Premier's Office to media yesterday.

The statement from Smith also noted that given the Alberta government's "responsibility to deliver health care services and to regulate the healthcare profession," the province outright "objects" to "the federal government moving forward with expanding MAiD eligibility without agreement from the province."

The statement from Smith's Office places Alberta as the only Canadian province to publicly object to new Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) legislation which is set to become law later this year.

While Smith herself has a mixed track record when it comes to life issues such as abortion, the United Conservative Party (UCP) under her and her predecessor Jason Kenney have allocated millions to life-affirming palliative care programs.

On the national level however, pro-life advocates have sounded the alarm over the Trudeau government's euthanasia program, which has continued to increase in its permissiveness.

Until a last minute delay was announced by Trudeau's Minister of Justice David Lametti following intense pushback from pro-life groups, mental health associations, and conservative politicians, Canada's MAiD laws were set to be expanded in March 2023 to apply to those suffering solely from mental illness and even children deemed "mature minors."

The expansion was to come as part of the 2021 passage of Bill C-7, which further liberalized the practice of euthanasia after it was first legalized in 2016.

According to Alex Schadenberg, who serves as the president of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition, it was likely because of negative media coverage that the Trudeau Liberals decided to delay the implementation of Bill C-7.

He told the Western Standard that there was "overwhelming" pressure on the government to "hold back now."

Schadenberg noted that the Liberals might have sought to delay expanding MAiD due to a possible spring election, but as it stands now it will be at least a year before any final guidelines with respect to the new rules come to light.

Canada's increasingly permissive laws have allowed euthanasia to rise 32% since 2020, with more than 10,000 people dying in 2021 alone.

Earlier this month, Canadian disability groups took it upon themselves to tell their members that their lives "matter" and that they will not be recommending they obtain government-sanctioned assisted suicide.

Concerningly, as noted by pro-life advocates, data shows that since MAiD became widespread over half of the world's organ transplants are from those who were euthanized in Canada.

Reacting to this development, president of the pro-life Delta Hospice Society Angelina Ireland told LifeSiteNews a few weeks ago that Canadian lawmakers have "unleashed Pandora's Box upon our nation."

"We have seen Canadians who are not even dying being eligible for state-sanctioned execution," she said. "One of the most horrific and macabre consequences of liberal euthanasia policies is the increase of human organ trafficking on the 'red market.'"

Puzzle Answers

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Canadian high schooler Josh Alexander undeterred after arrest for protesting children's drag queen event

By Lifesite News

Canadian high school student Josh Alexander says he will "not back down" despite being arrested, held in a police car for hours, handcuffed, charged for trespassing, and then dumped on the side of the road after preaching the Gospel in protest of a drag queen event geared toward children last week in Ottawa.

Ottawa Police arrested four people protesting a drag queen story time event on February 8 at the National Arts Centre. One of those people arrested was Alexander, who had co-organized the protest.

In speaking with LifeSiteNews today, Alexander said the protesters had been allowed by a liaison to gather outside the venue but quickly were outnumbered by aggressive counter-protesters and "pushed away from the doors."

Alexander had been reading passages from the Gospel via a megaphone.

"We got surrounded, pushed up against the wall," he said. "They hit us a bit, they shoved us, they grabbed us, they ripped my hat off, stomped it out into the ground. I never got it back, my hat."

"When the police saw this, instead of stopping our attackers, they grabbed myself and my crew and they threw us into traffic."

Alexander said they tried to get back onto the sidewalk but were thrown back onto the road by the Ottawa Police Service.

"The cops that were on the road decided to arrest my brother (Nick) for being on the road," Alexander said.

Nick was arrested but let go after about 30 minutes and was not charged.

Alexander arrested after preaching the Gospel

"As I was quoting John 3:16, the police grabbed me and arrested me for disruption," Alexander said. "They told me if I didn't stop using the megaphone I would be arrested, and they arrested me."

Alexander was handcuffed, held in a police cruiser for nearly two hours and charged with trespassing. Police later "dumped" him on a side street.

Alexander noted that he was not "even on the property when I was arrested."

"I was on a public sidewalk," Alexander said. "It doesn't make any sense."

A video clip of the incident from CTV

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Open letter to Kamala Harris: Pro-lifers will not back down in our defense of the unborn

By Lifesite News

An NPR article covering a speech you gave in Florida just after the anniversary of Roe v. Wade caught my attention. The article stated that "the Biden administration would work to expand abortion access."

And then it quoted you as saying, "The right of every woman, in every state, in this country, to make decisions about her own body is on the line…I said it once, and I'll say it again: How dare they?"

Your misplaced indignation saddens me. Since reading the article, I have not been able to stop thinking about those three little words: "How dare they?"

The "they" you speak of are Supreme Court justices who studied the Constitution and who correctly found that there is no "right" to abortion in it. Roe v. Wade was a travesty that resulted in the deaths of over 63 million babies.

And though the Dobbs decision reversed Roe, abortion is far from over. Now that states can decide, the fight is simply on different ground. Yet instead of fighting for moms and babies, you're fighting for moms to kill their babies. Instead of pledging financial help to care for moms and babies, you're pledging more death. Instead of advocating for the voiceless child within his mom's body, you deny that baby's existence and argue that a woman must have the right to make decisions about her own body.

You know what, Mrs. Vice President? I agree with you that a woman should have control over her own body when it's just her body. But when a woman is pregnant, she has another human being in her body. She is already a mom.

Science proves that a baby comes into existence the moment the sperm fertilizes the egg, and that person should have rights too. That person should be able to live in her mom's body safe and secure in the fact that her mother will not take her life.

So when you ask "How dare they?," I too have to ask that of you and those who fight so hard for abortion.

Every day, good pro-life people—of all religions and of no religion—give their time, their talents, and their treasures to help protect both moms and babies. We do it out of love. We do it out of compassion. We do it because we know that there are so many women out there who are scared, alone, homeless, financially insecure, and just downright terrified. And we do it because we know that killing a baby is never the answer.

We are also realists because we know that a surprise pregnancy can be incredibly difficult. But instead of telling women they can't have a career, go to school, or follow their dreams AND have a baby, we dare to tell them that they are capable of all these things. We dare to help make them stronger, to believe in themselves, and to love that child growing inside of them.

Here are some of the other things we dare to do.

We dare to open pregnancy resource centers throughout the country to help moms and babies. Yet those who are pro-abortion bomb and vandalize them.

We dare to implement programs to give moms a helping hand and a place to live. Yet those who are pro-abortion claim we stop helping a mom once her baby is born.

We dare to teach that adoption is a loving option. Yet those who are pro-abortion say this isn't a good option.

We dare to teach our children to protect all human beings from creation until death. Yet those who are pro-abortion teach young women to scream "my body, my choice."

You could do so much good for moms and babies, yet you choose to fight for death. You have the power to make a real difference in people's lives, to help enact legislation to protect babies, and to influence policy so that more money can go toward programs that help instead of destroy. Yet you don't do these things, and I have to ask why.

What is it that makes you look at a pregnant mother who wants her baby and react with excitement while also looking at a pregnant mother who is scared to have her baby and react with violence?

The pro-abortion movement is built on lies—lies that tell women they cannot be successful and have a baby, lies that say a growing baby is just a blob of tissue, lies that tell a mother she will never regret her abortion, and lies that tell the country we will never be free unless we have the "right" to kill a child.

In your speech, Mrs. Vice President, you said, "Know this: President Biden and I agree, and we will never back down…We know this fight will not be won until we secure this right [to abortion] for every American."

We who are pro-life will never back down either. We will never back down because a baby is a person from the moment he is created, and as human beings it is our job to love, protect, and cherish him and his mother. So as long as you pledge to continue the killing, we pledge to continue educating. That is what we dare to do.



Delusional *cont. from page 1*

more jobs created in two years than any other president has created in four years.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, that job growth was fueled by a post-pandemic recovery that started under President Trump following a 21.9 million loss from a pre-COVID February 2020 employment peak.

Whereas it's true that the U.S. economy has added 12.1 million jobs in Biden's first 24 months, it also added 12.5 million jobs in Trump's final nine months in office.

Inflation and Wages

Although Biden bragged that Inflation has fallen every month for the last six months, while take-home pay has gone up, he didn't clarify that whereas the 6.5% rate in December was the sixth straight month, that the year-over-year inflation rate had declined, or that "real" weekly earnings, adjusted for inflation and measured in dollars valued at their average level in 1982-84, actually declined 3.7% since Biden took office in January 2021.

Energy Prices

A major contributor to inflation of transportation, food and commodity costs is the direct consequence of Joe Biden's war against fossil energy, including banning of the Keystone XL pipeline along with myriad other executive orders placing regulatory restrictions on drilling.

It is perhaps forgivable that Republican attendees loudly groaned at his ironic temerity in blaming oil companies for lagging in domestic production because they correctly told him: We're afraid you're going to shut down all the oil wells and all the oil refineries anyway, so why should we invest in them?

Deficit and Debt

Joe claimed he had cut deficit spending by a record $1.7 trillion — largest deficit reduction in American history, failing to note that most of this was due to expiring emergency COVID outlays, or that the deficit in FY 2022 was still nearly 41% higher than it was in FY 2019 before the pandemic hit.

He also said no president added more to the national debt in any four years than his predecessor, and that nearly 25% of the entire national debt was added by Trump.

Most of the four-year $7.8 trillion Trump administration contribution to the national debt was due to bipartisan coronavirus relief packages. That public debt had gone up $8.1 trillion during the eight pre-COVID years when Biden served as vice president in the Obama administration.

Prior to the pandemic, the deficits in the three prior years under Trump were lower than all of the deficits in Obama's first four years in office (but higher than the deficits in Obama's last three years in office), and significantly lower than any year under Biden so far.

Medicare and Social Security

Republicans booed and Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene shouted "liar" when Joe falsely stated that some among them proposed to "sunset" Medicare and Social Security.

He was apparently disingenuously referring to Sen. Rick Scott, R-Fla. who only suggested that all federal legislation be subject to renewal every five years in order to "fix" and "preserve" those social programs so that they are financially solvent for the long term.

The Southern Border

Republicans shouted in unison "your fault" when the president said: We know we now have a record number of personnel working to secure the border, arresting 8,000 human smugglers, seizing over 23,000 pounds of fentanyl in just the last several months.

That fentanyl, he stated, is killing more than 70,000 Americans a year… You got it?

Not acknowledged, was that this crisis is fully attributable to his open border policy, or that the $1.5 billion budget provided for "border management" in the recently passed Senate Omnibus bill specifically doesn't permit use of those funds to hire permanent agents, or to deport illegal aliens.

The money only allows for processing and transportation of migrants to American communities.

Biden China Bravado

Conspicuously not mentioning their giant spy balloon which was allowed to traverse the continental United States before being popped by a missile, President Biden stated: Before I came to office, the story was about how the People's Republic of China was increasing its power and America was failing in the world. ... Not anymore.

He followed this doubtful declaration, dubiously claiming: But make no mistake about it: As we made clear last week, if China threatens our sovereignty, we will act to protect our country. And we did.

Today, he said, we're in the strongest position in decades to compete with China or anyone else in the world. Anyone else in the world.

This is at a time when the nearly $1 trillion 2022 U.S. trade deficit hit a record high, with more than a third of the total coming from China where it widened 8% to $383 billion.

Bear in mind here that none of these factual misrepresentations among others too numerous to mention in this brief summary were merely muddled mutterings of an old fool famously known for a lifetime history of prevarications.

No, these are the best talking points that Joe Biden's desperate handlers could muster to explain Democrat policy disasters, reliably confident that a compliant and complicit media won't call them on accountability.

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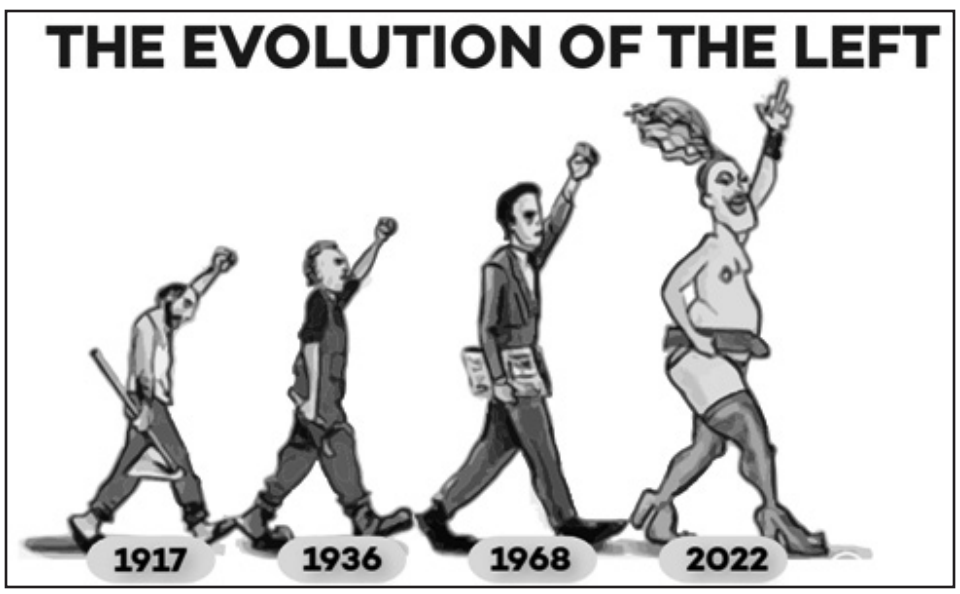

Patriot News

Patriot Events and Activities

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

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Ottawa shows Alexander and his brother being cornered by police.

Alexander said in the CTV video clip that it "is just wrong" to have kids around drag.

"It's an inherently sexual thing," he said. "Drag's always been sexual. We've recently politicized it."

Video posted online by Lincoln Jay of Rebel News also showed Alexander being placed in handcuffs before being put in the back of a police car. Additional video shows protesters and counter-protesters clashing outside the National Arts Centre.

Alexander noted to LifeSiteNews that before the demonstration he went inside to see for himself what the event was like. After about 20 minutes, Alexander was told by security that he was not allowed in and that if he did not leave police would be called.

At that point, he said police came into the building and "grabbed my bag and pulled me out."

Alexander told LifeSiteNews that he left and did not attempt to go back inside the building.

"I got to see what I needed to see — drag queens prancing around in their inappropriate attire," he said.

The arrest was the second time Alexander was detained by police in a week. Last Monday, he was arrested and charged at his school for attending class.

Alexander had protested last year at his Catholic school, St. Joseph's in Renfrew, Ontario, for allowing gender-confused males to use girls' bathrooms and was then suspended.

Josh's attorney, James Kitchen, the chief litigator for Liberty Coalition Canada (LCC), told LifeSiteNews recently that Alexander's decision to go back to school was "an intelligent choice of a young man who knows what he is doing."

Kitchen said they will appeal the suspensions and will soon be making an official complaint with the Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario.

Alexander: I won't 'back down'

Alexander is now considering next steps with his trespassing charge but is adamant he will continue to protest the sexualization of kids.

"I'm certainly not going to back down," Alexander told LifeSiteNews. "I will continue to protest if necessary and we'll see what they throw at me for the next one."



He noted to LifeSiteNews that police still have his $600 camera and rig setup. He was initially told he would be contacted within two days after his arrest.

"They haven't given it back," he told LifeSiteNews. "I've heard nothing."

As reported by LifeSiteNews, Alexander was handed a 20-day suspension on November 23, 2022, after organizing a school walkout in support of girls' rights to access their facilities without the presence of male students.

The teenager had told LifeSiteNews that, in accordance with Catholic teaching and the Bible, he believes that there are only two sexes.

In recent years, there has been a noticeable push in western nations to actively promote gender ideology to young people, particularly in the United States and Canada.

In fact, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's federal government pledged a whopping $100 million in funding last year for LGBT activist groups.

Fragile Egos *cont. from page 1*

Republicans feel the need to unnecessarily take on one of the few effective Republican County leaders in Wisconsin.

To quote Joe Biden, 'C'mon man!'

I just received word that someone is planning to challenge Waukesha County Chairman Terry Dittrich. WHAT?!?

Clearly, anybody has the right to challenge any leader, but this one makes absolutely zero sense. I have no issue with the challenger, but I do have an issue with what seems to be behind the challenge. More on that later.

When Terry was elected as Chairman of the Waukesha GOP in 2019, he was a breath of fresh air, because he showed he's a man of action, not just a talker. He's done everything from helping to protect the Kooyenga State Senate Seat to helping conceive and spearhead the incredibly successful WisRed Initiative.

Even in the difficult Republican election of 2022, Terry Dittrich managed to snatch victory from the jaws of defeat for the State Senate and State Assembly.

With State Senator Dale Kooyenga choosing not to run for reelection at the 11th hour, this left a dangerous void in the 5th Senate District. With little time to spare, it was Terry Dittrich who took the lead and helped recruit Rob Hutton to run for and eventually WIN the seat.

This seat gave Republicans a supermajority in the State Senate. And frankly, saved me from being represented by a total crackpot in the Senate. This is to say nothing about the Assembly Seats Waukesha County picked up under Terry Dittrich's watch.

Then, there's the WisRed Initiative.

IT WAS BRILLIANT and had NEVER been tried by Republicans in Wisconsin. The Republican Party would traditionally sit out local races statewide because they were considered 'non-partisan.' But why, the Democrats are doing it? Terry Dittrich challenged history and spearheaded the effort to get the Republican Party involved in recruiting and running Conservatives for local seats like City council and school board.

In Waukesha County, the largest Republican voter base in the state, Republicans would normally get trounced in these races, but that changed with WisRed. Because of Republican Party Involvement in Waukesha County, Conservatives were able to win in excess of 350 of these seats over the past three election cycles.

In fact, it's so successful that another group wants to take over the initiative in Waukesha County so they can claim credit for the successful WisRed strategy in their own future political runs. Perhaps that group should focus on other counties? But that's another subject altogether.

The reality is, we shouldn't be voting Terry Dittrich out, he should be reelected and his SUCCESSFUL efforts need to be duplicated throughout the state. Heck, with the fact that Democrats have been owning local offices for decades, I'd say this needs to be duplicated nationwide.

I cannot think of any reason to replace a rare workhorse like Terry Dittrich at this juncture. The numbers matter and they are heavily in his favor. Sadly, I fear there is something more sinister, and frankly petty, at play here.

Why would someone try to derail one of the more successful GOP operations in the State bu removing its Chairman?

It clearly comes down to the fact that he Dittrich had the audacity to remain publicly neutral for the 2022 Governor primary rather than bend the knee and gravel at the feet of the self-proclaimed 'chosen one.' And now that Camp is aggressively trying to exact its revenge by picking off anyone who didn't do as they were told in the primary. I am also hearing of a similar effort in Ozaukee County with the same suspicious framework.

Could somebody be strategically working to have 'YES' people in place in key county leadership to prepare for someone's forthcoming US Senate race? Hmmmmm?

If this camp had worked even half as hard in the effort to elect Tim Michels, perhaps we would have had a different result. Of course, we got nothing but crickets from them, but now they feel entitled to control the most important Republican County in the state.

As I said, PETTY, and frankly childish. It's sad that people are still engaged in fighting the same primary battle of 2022 when there are more important things than coddling the fragile ego of a former Governor candidate.

So, here's the scoop. Terry Dittrich has proven and has earned re-election as Chairman of the Waukesha County Republican Party. He's arguably incredibly successful and the most important County Chairman in the state.

In order to vote at the Caucus, you must be a current member of the Waukesha County Republican Party. Also, YOU MUST BE PRESENT at the Caucus to vote, that date is Saturday, February 25th, from 9:30 am-Noon.

There is plenty of 'noise' out there that should be largely ignored. Some even attack Terry Dittrich's passionate and outspoken personality by saying he's 'too confident' or 'too cocky' for their tastes. But, as Rush Limbaugh is famous for saying, 'It ain't braggin' if you can do it.'

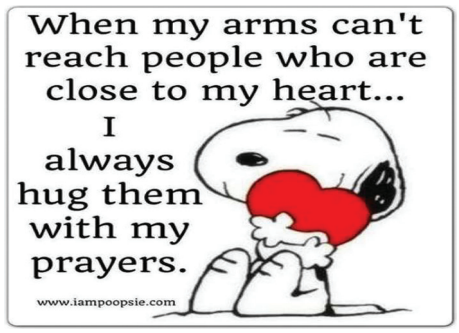
On the Waukesha County Republican website, Dittrich states, 'My goal as Chairman is to make sure the Republican Party of Waukesha County continues to "Lead the Way" in the County, State and nationally to promote the conservative principles that made this country great!'

Waukesha and Wisconsin both need more like Terry Dittrich throughout the state, not less.



One Nation Under God

The secular world is waking up to just how terrible contraception is for young women



By Lifesite News

As a pro-life person, I am morally opposed to many forms of so-called "birth control" not simply on religious grounds, but on ethical grounds. Many forms of hormonal birth control have the capacity to function as abortifacients and can end the life of a child at a very early age – something nearly all users are unaware of and something many medical professionals deny. For those interested in the facts on this, Alexandra De Sanctis penned a very helpful explainer at National Review titled "Yes, Some Contraceptives Are Abortifacients," and the pro-life educational organization Live Action has a very thorough reference guide on that subject that you can peruse here (and if you have any questions, I strongly recommend taking a look).

With that aside, there are many other practical good reasons to avoid birth control that ethicists and academics have been highlighting for years, most notably perhaps in Dr. Janet E. Smith's popular and prescient presentation "Contraception: Why Not?" As usual, it has taken secular observers some time to catch up with religious scholars on this subject, committed as they are to "reproductive healthcare" that serves the function of enabling the sexual revolution's commitment to facilitating sex without procreation. The latest comes from New York Post columnist and News Features reporter Rikki Schlott, who covers campus culture, Gen Z, higher ed, and women's issues in a column titled "Why more women, like me, are abandoning the pill over emerging health concerns."

Schlott writes that she, like most girls her age, started taking the pill in high school as a treatment for acne. During the pandemic, after six years taking it, she started wondering what effect it was having on her. She decided to stop taking it. "Many of my friends," she writes, "are independently doing the same, whether it's driven by concern for their mental health, desire for something more natural—or curiosity about what the world looks like when you're not in a hormonal fog. For more and more Gen Z women, there's an intuitive sense that hormonal birth control might be messing with us, and our brains. And research is backing it up, showing correlations between the pill and a decreased sex drive, as well as higher rates of depression and suicide, and even stress reactions similar to PTSD survivors."

Schlott then refers to a 2019 book by research psychologist Dr. Sarah Hill titled This is Your Brain on Birth Control: The Surprising Science of Women, Hormones, and the Law of Unintended Consequences, which she wrote after discovering how different she felt after she stopped taking the pill herself. She suspects that many other women are feeling the same way, citing a nine percent drop in oral contraceptive use between 2002 and 2017, and doctors anecdotally observing women wanting something different. Viral social media videos and TikTok and elsewhere feature women talking about the impact of the pill on their health, driving a long overdue conversation. Many, ironically, find that the pill was killing their sex drive – a side effect that academics like Smith have been talking about for years.

"We are moving, culturally, toward a place where we're recognizing that putting a bunch of chemicals in our body isn't necessarily a great idea," Hill said. "People are looking for more natural approaches." Schlott cites a wide range of examples of women who found their lives dramatically improve upon abandoning the pill – and many found that they were even attracted to different people once the pill was not impacting their minds. Most noted that their mental health changed markedly.

Students who attended March for Life kicked out of Smithsonian for wearing anti-abortion hats

By Lifesite News

Catholic students were expelled from one of America's most important museums for refusing to remove hats which expressed their pro-life beliefs.

On Friday, January 20, following the 50th Annual March for Life in Washington DC, a group from Our Lady of the Rosary School in Greenville, South Carolina was kicked out of the federally-funded Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum for wearing hats emblazoned with the words "Rosary PRO-LIFE."

"My daughter just called from DC [:] a dozen kids from Greenville just got kicked out of the Air & Space Museum for wearing Pro Life hats," tweeted the mother of one of the students later that evening. "They were told to remove their hats or leave. Daughter told man they had to wear [them] to find each other in crowd. KICKED OUT for refusing to remove!"

"They didn't get the phone out soon enough [to record] – said the entire thing happened in under a minute," the mother continued in response to queries. "But a lot of students witnessed the intimidation."

The mother also mentioned on Twitter that another individual was allowed to express her ideological beliefs, a woman in a LGBT "Pride" mask, without being driven from the museum.

The American Center for Law and Justice (ACLJ), a pro-life legal organization specializing in "constitutional law with an emphasis on First Amendment freedoms of speech, assembly, and exercise of religion," responded to the story on Twitter, offering legal assistance

"As a non-profit law firm specializing in 1st Amendment pro-life free speech law, we saw your tweet and are astounded!" they wrote. "We'd like to talk with you and see if any action can be taken. Services are pro bono. Please DM us, and we'll connect."

According to an article by the ACLJ, the federally-employed Smithsonian staff told the students that the museum was a "neutral zone," and that they would have to remove their hats if they wanted to stay. ACLJ also stated that the staff called the students by "expletives" and were mocking them before kicking them out.

"This was a clear-cut First Amendment violation, not only of their freedom of speech but of religion as well," they said. "The federal government simply cannot ban speech with which it or its employees disagree."

In their article, where ACLJ mentions that the mother has since become their client, they stated that they are "absolutely appalled" at the Smithsonian's actions and won't let this behavior stand."

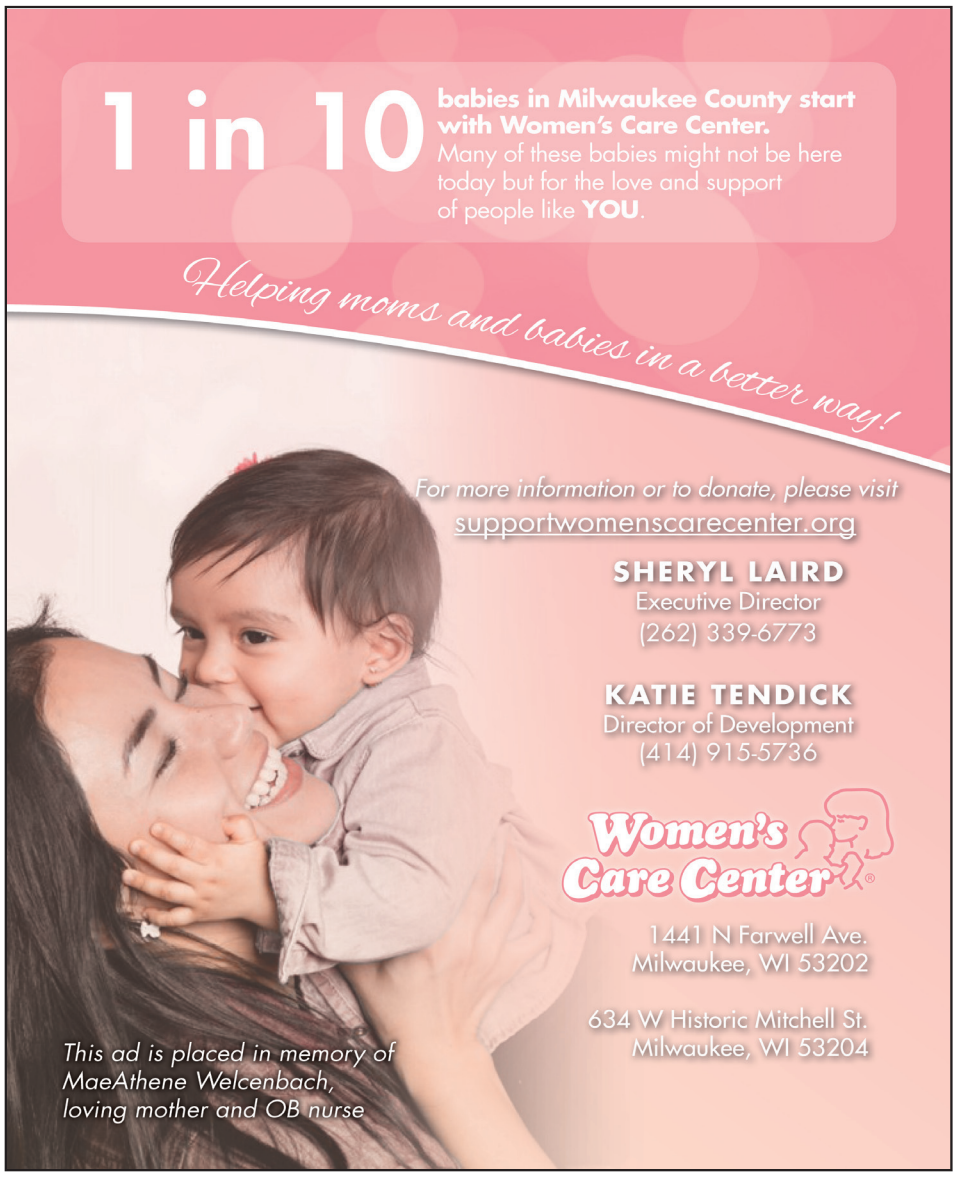
"We are preparing to bring legal action to defend the constitutional rights of these children," they said. "No one, especially kids, should have to fear being kicked out of a national museum by government officials simply for wearing a Christian pro-life hat. We will keep you updated as this situation progresses."

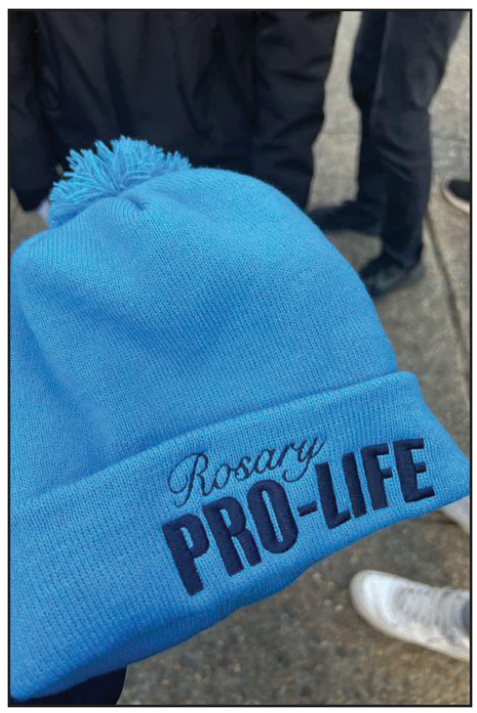
Although the museum has since responded on Twitter to the complaint, they have not yet apologized.

"Thank you for bringing this to our attention," they tweeted. "The Museum takes complaints like this seriously. What you have described is not in keeping with our policy and we are following up with our security on this situation."

"There's going to be litigation in this one," ACLJ said in a broadcast on their station. "We're preparing that and we are proud to be doing it. We are standing up for life whether it is at the Supreme Court of the United States or now, at a district court in Washinton DC."

This is not the first time that Catholic pro-life youngsters have experienced discrimination during a National March for Life. The most celebrated case of recent years concerned students from Covington Catholic High School, most notably the then-16-year-old Nick Sandmann, in 2019. Sandmann was libelled and vilified by mainstream media. The teenager sued, and such press giants as the Washington Post and CNN settled with him out of court.





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Illegal Immigration at Southern Border

By Ivan Lang

The main stream media, Democrat Party, and never-Trumpers have been infected by Trump Derangement Syndrome (TDS) for six years and they have spent a lot of their time either lying about MAGA policies or trying to hide the results of MAGA policies from the public. Therefore, it is difficult to find an article or publication that presents the MAGA policies and their excellent results. However, given the total failure of the Biden policies, in less than two years, the MAGA policies are very difficult to hide anymore. Most of the failures of Biden are directly due to his reversing the MAGA polices and he did this not because the policies did not work, but because of his TDS. For people with TDS, if Trump did it, it had to be bad no matter what. However, the data clearly proves just the opposite, and this publication presents the data of some of the major MAGA policies: illegal immigration, crime, energy independence, employment, income, Middle East peace, economics, minority development, health care, and military security.

The southern border had been a major problem for decades and Trump initiated a number of executive orders and changes to regulations that greatly improved the limitation of aliens illegally entering the US through the southern border. In addition, Trump worked very hard to start building a wall at the southern border, but unfortunately that was not finished before he left office.

Trump issued an executive order, i.e., Border Security and Immigration Enforcement Improvements, on 1/27/2017 that instituted the following policies regarding the southern border. The stated purpose of the executive order was to secure the southern border from illegal immigration and to prevent trafficking of drugs and humans. The policies of this order were to: a) construct a wall, b) detain apprehended migrants until legal status determined, c) expedite the legal immigration determination process, d) expel illegal aliens, and e) facilitate cooperation between Federal and State enforcement of immigration laws.

Aliens who violated immigration laws were be detained, and the Department of Homeland Security "catch and release" policy was terminated. The Department of Homeland Security ensured that unaccompanied alien children were properly processed, received appropriate care, and placed in the custody of the Department of Homeland Security, and when appropriate were safely repatriated in accordance with the law. Aliens determined to have entered the USA illegally by the immigration judges were returned to the territory from which they came. 5,000 additional border patrol agents were hired.

Trump not only instituted the executive order above, but he deployed 4000 national Guard troops, and 5900 active-duty military personnel to assist in securing the border. Trump also instituted the Migrant Protection Protocol (MPP) in January 28, 2019, also called "the remain in Mexico plan". This protocol sent 68,000 migrants who crossed the border illegally or lacked proper documentation back to Mexico for the duration of their immigration proceedings. In conjunction with the MPP, Trump had signed an agreement with Mexico in which Mexico pledged to increase its own immigration enforcement operations, target smuggling networks, and accept the MMP program. As such Mexico deployed 25,000 of its National Guard to enforce immigration laws across the Mexico-USA border. Trump also suspended $396 million of foreign aid to El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras because they failed to attempt to prevent their citizens from migrating to the USA without authorization.

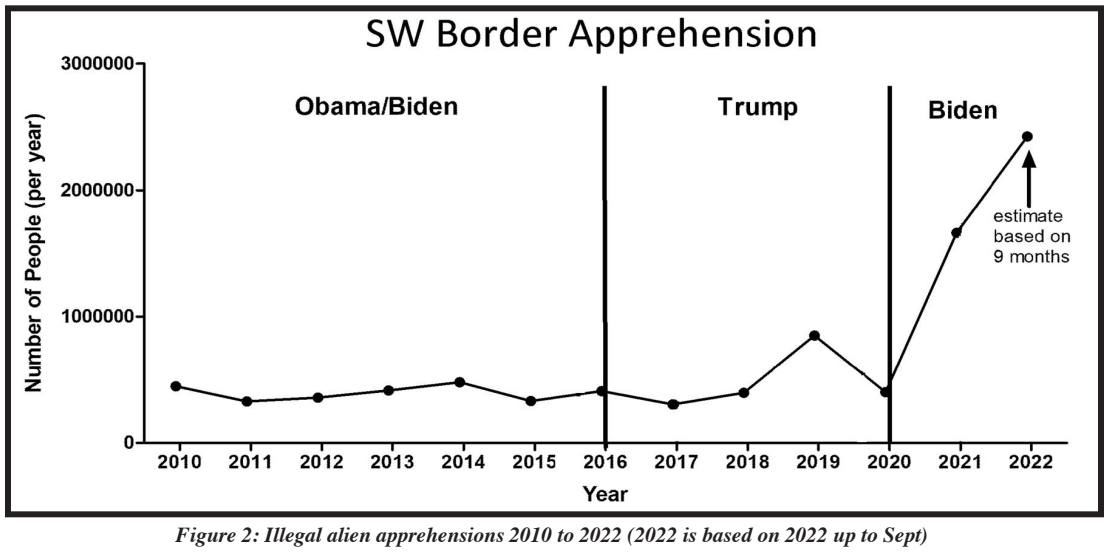
When Trump became president in 2016 and instituted strong border policies listed above, the southern border tightened and the apprehension rate of illegal aliens (Figs. 1 and 2) and criminals (Fig. 3) started to decline. These policies also increased removal proceedings of illegal aliens from 92,000 in 2016 to 140,000 in 2019. This increased enforcement caused a significant reduction in immigrants applying for permanent residence by 17% in 2019 and 22% in 2020. However, there was a spike in apprehensions of illegals at the southern border in 2019 (Fig. 1) due to Title 42, which was short-lived. Title 42 was designed to prevent foreigners with covid from entering the USA and Trump used it to block immigrants at the southern border. Title 42 made it more difficult to enter the USA as a family, so families broke up before attempting to enter and many individuals attempted to enter multiple times. This increased the number of recorded apprehensions even though the actual number of immigrants did not increase.

By January 2021 Trump had built 458 miles of the 600 mile wall when he left office. Although the wall was not finished at this time, most of the materials needed to build the unfinished wall had been purchased and were placed on site by the construction company.

When Biden became president, he eliminated most of the Trump policies that secured the border and he literally told the immigrants to come across the border at will, and they did. Biden also did not finish the wall and all of the material purchased to finish the wall were wasted. The number of apprehensions of illegal aliens not only increased but hit record levels and it is estimated that there will be as many as 2.5 million this year (This is a mathematical estimate based on the number apprehended up to September 2022). Not only did the illegal immigrant crossings increase (Figs 1 and 2), but also the number of criminals (Fig. 3) and the amount of drugs, especially fentanyl (Fig. 4). Fentanyl now kills over 100,000 Americans every year.



Figure 1. Yearly Encounters 1960 - 2021



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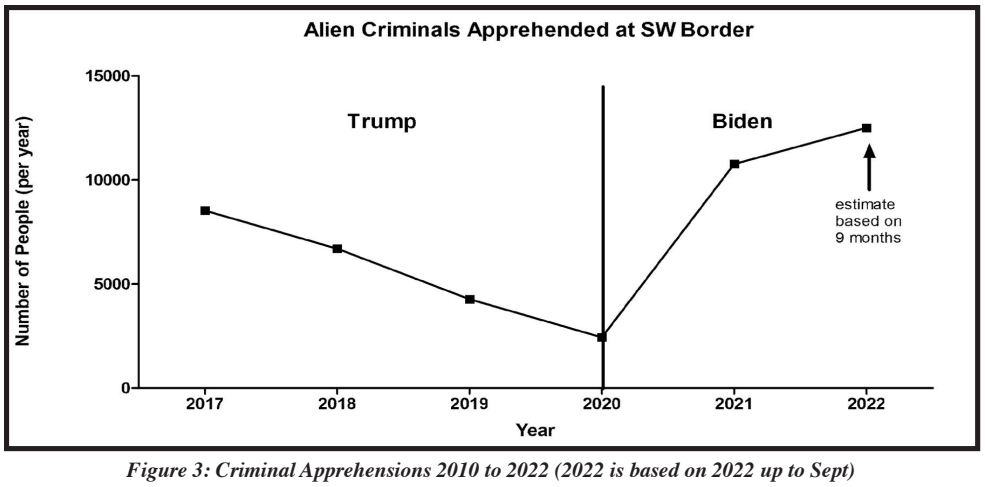

Figure 3: Criminal Apprehensions 2010 to 2022 (2022 is based on 2022 up to Sept)

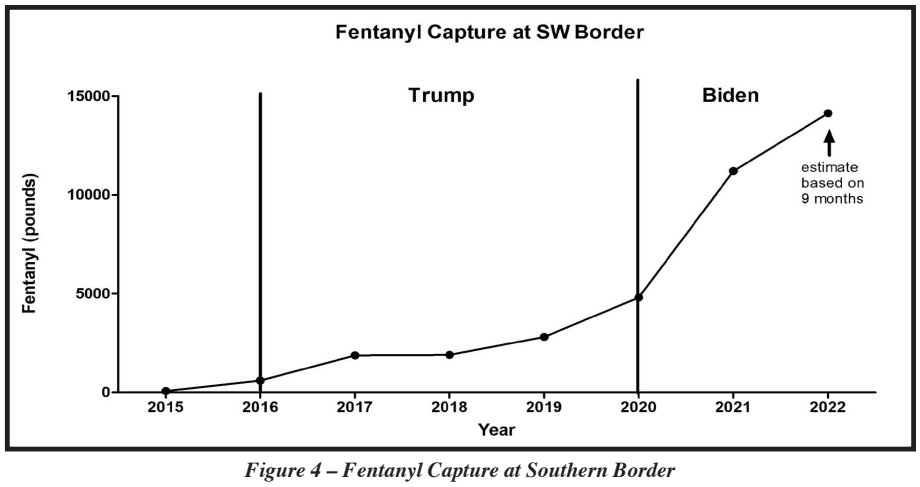

Figure 4 – Fentanyl Capture at Southern Border

The data above on illegal aliens only measures the number of aliens actually caught at the border. We do not know how many crossed the border and were not caught. It is estimated that only 68% of illegal aliens get caught at the southern border, therefore, it is likely that over 3,500,000 illegal aliens will cross our southern border by the end of 2022.

While in the past the illegal aliens crossing our southern border were from Central America, today we know they come from every continent and over 150 countries. In addition, we know that some are people who are on our terrorist watch list (78 in 2022, so far) and many are from terrorist countries, e.g., Iran. The most disturbing and dangerous issue is that we have no idea who those 32% of illegal aliens who are not caught are, and based on the estimated total of 3,500,000 there might be 1,000,000 of such unknown illegals crossing the southern border just in 2022.

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Crime and Justice

Rogue prosecutors and Scold-and-Release policies have predictably resulted in a huge spike in violent crime; Milwaukee leads the nation. DAs and judges across the state routinely refuse to prosecute, dismiss serious gun charges, and release dangerous criminals with low- or no bail. And over the past 4 years our Department of Corrections has worked to let felons back on the streets without requiring them to abide by the terms of their supervision as they complete their sentences.

Meanwhile, efforts to improve transparency and accountability are ignored in favor of spending more on 'education' programs for prisoners who, data tell us, will be back in prison in short order. It's time to abandon Scold-and-Release and make public safety the priority.

Rein in Rogue Prosecutors

Across the nation, prosecutors charged with keeping neighborhoods safe are refusing to prosecute criminals and releasing them from custody on low- or no bond. This drives the violent crime rate up.

We have a process for removal of rogue prosecutors, but it's not enough. We need to roll back prosecutorial and judicial discretion and provide legal repercussions for those in the justice system who pick and choose which laws to enforce.

Bail Reform

We need to tie bail amounts to potential danger to the community and institute mandatory minimum bail for certain crimes.

CCAP Expansion

It's time to stop hiding information about bail, plea bargains and sentencing, because judges and DAs object to the public learning about their record. CCAP should be broadened to provide more transparency into our justice system.

Reform Release Policies

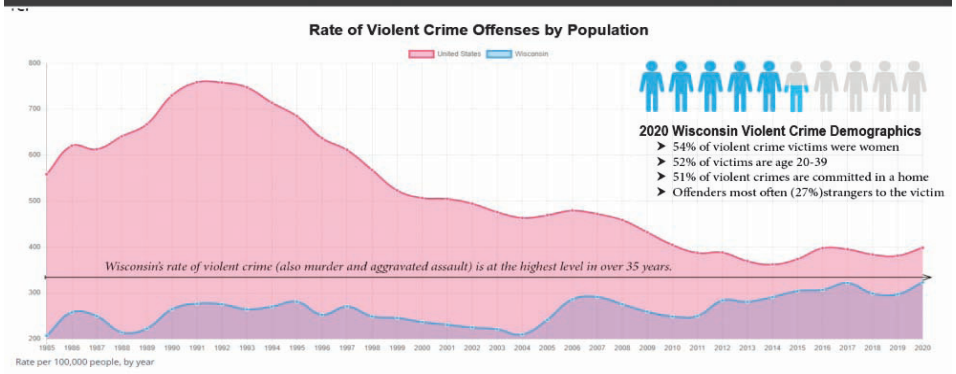
The other side of the coin is the corrections system. In the past few years, we've seen our prison population reduced about 15%, and hundreds of discretionary paroles including murderers, rapists, and child molesters.

Evers' Department of Corrections has turned a blind eye to felons who violate conditions of their release. Rules surrounding extended supervision, probation and parole policies must be reevaluated, strengthened and enforced.

Rights Restoration

Fines, fees, restitution and any other conditions imposed by the court should be considered part of the sentence, and rights restored only after payment in full. Felons convicted of murder or rape, and those convicted of 2 or more violent felonies should have their rights restored only by a 2/3 vote of the legislature.

Violent Crime on the Rise in Wisconsin



Violent Crime Rate	Change 2010 to 2020
Wausau	Up 71%*
Green Bay	Up 49%*
Eau Claire	Up 37%*
Kenosha	Up 31%*
Racine	Up 7%
La Crosse	Down 16%

*Highest rate in a decade

2019-20 rate/100K Increase	Violent Crime	Murder
US	4.6%	2.7%
Wisconsin	***8.9%***	***6.6%***

2019-20 # Murders	Increase
US 16,669 to 21,570	29.4%
Wisconsin 187 to 308	***62%***

Statistics from the FBI's Crime Data Explorer

Overall crime numbers have decreased, however there is a sharp spike in violent crimes. Violent crime includes murder, aggravated assault, rape and robbery.

Tax Policy

	2005-2020 % Increase
Gross Levy	44%
General Fund Tax Collections	54%
Gross Levy and GF Tax Collections Combined	51.5%
Median Wisconsin Household Income	50%

We've said it before, and we'll say it again: Wisconsinites are overtaxed. Despite some progress with tax cuts, collections have outpaced – many times over – the income growth of taxpayers, and the legislature and governor have continued to increase spending apace.

	2001-2021 % Increase
Wisconsin Population	10.7%
Wisconsin Median Household Income	42.8%
U.S. Inflation: Everyday Price Index	52.2%
Wisconsin State Budget Expenditures	82.5%
Wisconsin GPR Tax Collections	94.5%

A fair, flat tax – we advocate 3% – would level the playing field and cut the rate for every taxpayer.

Taxpayers are the best stewards of their money and as we face generationally high inflation, it's time to keep more money in family budgets and out of the hands of the government.

But that tax relief cannot come wrapped in the sheep's clothing of shifts, swaps and special treatment of one group over another.

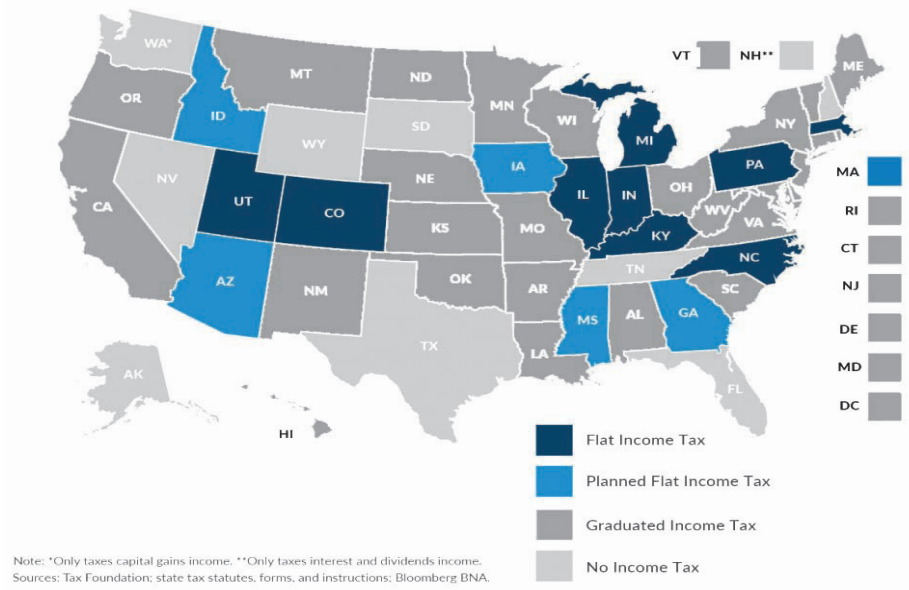
3% Flat Tax

The chart above says it all: we're increasing the size of state government at nearly twice the rate of family income. Reducing the income tax across the board to a flat 3% would leave $4 billion in family budgets, and out of government's clutches.

In the past, we've advocated a glide path, but generationally high inflation argues for more immediate action to let workers keep more of their money. The $6.6 billion budget surplus negates any argument that the state cannot afford to do it in the next budget.

States Inaugurate a Flat Tax Revolution

State Individual Income Tax Structures as of November 2022



Note: *Only taxes capital gains income. **Only taxes interest and dividends income.
Sources: Tax Foundation; state tax statutes, forms, and instructions; Bloomberg BNA.

Cut Corporate Tax to Midwest Average

Wisconsin's corporate tax rate of 7.9% is above the Midwest average. Cutting that rate to 6.5% – still more than double our proposed 3% flat tax – would encourage economic development.

Spending Limits

The rapid growth of state spending even under conservative leadership demonstrates a clear need for spending limits. Whether through a formula as local governments are limited, or tying any increases to a predetermined limit, action is needed to stop the spending sprees.

No Tax Swaps or Shifts

In recent years, tax shifts have been hyped as tax cuts, and some advocate for increasing the sales tax to make up for any income tax decreases. It's clear Wisconsin has a spending problem; the solution is real tax cuts, not shifting the burden and calling it fiscal restraint.

Election Integrity

Trust in clean elections is foundational to democracy. But in the past years we've seen that trust eroded by problems big and small: inconsistency in administration, skirting election law, allowing outside groups to purchase access to local election activities, and state elections commissioners who lack commitment to the law or to voter trust.

Restoring the integrity of our elections, along with the trust that goes along with it, is one of the most important jobs facing the next legislature and governor.

Return to In-Person Voting

It's clear we do not have the technology or the policies in place to adequately ensure accurate voter rolls, much less prevent fraudulent mishandling of ballots. It's no coincidence that the counties with the highest absentee voting were targeted by the Zuckerbucks' election-manipulators. We advocate a return to in-person voting on Election Day, with exceptions for military personnel and those with a documented medical reason.

Restore Voter Roll Integrity

Our voter rolls have been only haphazardly updated, blame resting both on clerks and WEC. We need specific statutory language mandating checking and correcting the lists repeatedly throughout the year to guarantee as much accuracy as possible.

Outlaw Ballot Harvesting

WEC issued illegal guidance telling clerks ballot harvesting was OK, though statutes do not allow it. A court ruling is currently preventing clerks from following the guidance, but statutory language banning ballot harvesting, and penalties for clerks who ignore the law, is needed.

Ban Election Outsourcing

Clerks are elected to run clean elections, not outsource the work to eager interest groups for cash. We need legislation banning private dollars and influence in election administration.

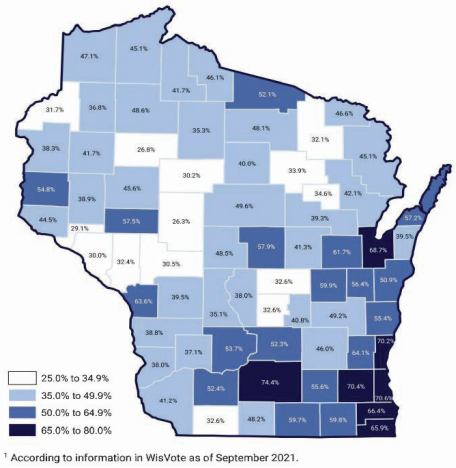
Fraud Investigations and Penalties

There is no consistent mechanism for potential fraud reporting, and no requirements for investigation or reporting on any investigations. We need both. And there should be stiffer penalties for voters, groups and election officials who break election laws.

Reform WEC

Leaders and staff in any election administration body must be committed to fair, clean elections, conducted with stringent adherence to the law. The many past iterations of WEC show it's difficult to get right, but the legislature must make reforms.

Absentee Ballots as a Proportion of All Ballots Cast, by County[1]
November 2020 General Election



[1] According to information in WisVote as of September 2021.