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Birthright Citizenship Isn't a Black and White Issue

By Larry Bell

An Executive Order (EO) issued by President Trump denying automatic citizenship to children of illegal migrants and subsequently blocked temporarily by a federal judge on claimed constitutional grounds will likely wind up in the U.S. Supreme Court for final resolution.

The controversy presents complicated ideological and legal conflicts and questions that cut to the heart and soul of our nation's founding principles and core values.

By way of framing key arguments, Trump's executive order asserts that children born to parents without legal status in the U.S. are not subject to U.S. jurisdiction and are, therefore, not entitled to U.S. citizenship.

The EO also extends to children born to parents with temporary legal status in the U.S., such as foreign students or tourists.

Within days of signing the EO, the Trump administration was hit with at least four separate lawsuits from coalitions opposed to it, including nearly two dozen state attorneys general, a group of pregnant mothers

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Mine, Baby, Mine!

Western and Alaskan mineral exploration is key to American defense, security and resurgence

By Paul Dreissen



President Trump is determined to make America not just energy self-sufficient, but energy dominant. The USA already produces more oil and gas than any other nation, and he intends to unleash its full potential – for energy and for petrochemical feedstocks for 6,000+ pharmaceutical, plastic, paint, fabric, cosmetic and other products. As he puts it, "Drill, baby, drill!"

Abundant, reliable,

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It is Time to Prosecute the Prosecutors

By Gary Wickert



One of the most laughable and despicable tag phrases that Democrats and those infected with Trump Derangement Syndrome (TDS) parroted over and over during the Biden years was the notion that Donald Trump was somehow the "greatest threat to democracy" in our lifetime. All one need do to remind themselves that liberal Democrats do not know how to think for themselves, is to search the internet for this phrase. Thousands

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Catch the left violating their own "book of rules" in the climate debate

By Tom Harris



If those of us who do not believe in the so-called "climate emergency" are to win the day, we need to take a page out of "Rules for Radicals – A Practical Primer for Realistic Radicals." Written in 1971 by Chicago-based community organizer Saul D. Alinsky, "Rules for Radicals" included the crucially important Rule #4:

"Make opponents

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Archbishop Vigano: Letter to American Catholics

By Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Eph 6:12

THE RECENT INAUGURATION of President Donald J. Trump, after his landslide victory in the Presidential Election, is a reason for great hope for every American Catholic, but also for all those Catholics in Western nations, which today have been subjected to the globalist coup, who are aware of the need and also the concrete possibility of rebelling against the tyranny of the New World Order – always with the help of God – before it is too late. What the deep state prevented with electoral fraud in 2020 has now been achieved: for the first time after years of woke madness, a President of the United States can carry out the program for which he was elected, restoring those principles of natural law that are the basis of civil life and a well-ordered society. It is the revolution of common sense, or, better said, the counter-revolution of common sense.

But if Christians and all people of

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Are Biden's Pardons Valid? Democrat Legal Scholars Say No

By William Kovacs



During President Donald Trump's first term (2017- 2021), hordes of Democrat lawyers took to research and writing law review articles on why Trump could not pardon himself, why pardons of family members and close associates would be invalid, and how Trump could be prosecuted as a co-conspirator for obstructing justice by abusing his pardon power. Since President Trump did not pardon himself, his family members, or staff, the Republicans on the

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Jaw-Dropping Study Finds Vaccinated Children Have 170% Higher Risk of Autism

By Children's Health Defense

Vaccinated children have a 170% higher chance of being diagnosed with autism compared to unvaccinated children, according to a new peer-reviewed study.

The study also found that vaccinated children had a 212% greater likelihood of developing a range of other neurodevelopmental disorders, including attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), epilepsy/seizures, brain inflammation and tic and learning disorders.

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About Time Climate, Green Energy Scams Take Well-Deserved Heat

By Lary Bell



Climate and Green Energy Scams Face Long-Overdue Scrutiny, Scorn

A costly Green New Scam premised upon conflicted special interests of climate pseudoscience science and rent seeking wind/solar industries mutually invoke entirely unwarranted fear and fantasies.

Any claim of a consensus that

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Steve's Say . . .

I Don't Owe the Federal Reserve a Dime, and Neither Do You



The re-election of Donald J. Trump back into the oval office already yielded vast dividends for the American People. The Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) on its first day of operation exposed massive fraud and monetary malfeasance in every agency and department they examined. That sun-lighting continues unabated and in fact accelerates daily as they peer deeper and deeper into the DC cesspool.

The USAID revelations did way more than uncover fraud and monetary malfeasance. This exposure proved several important truths; The "so called" Deep State clearly exists despite the subsidized propaganda media and Fake News denials, they fund maleficent operations like color revolutions abroad (think Ukraine 2014), bio-labs to create bioweapons (for population reduction?), domestic civil unrest, rioting and importation of illegals of all types including hardened criminals, rapists and murderers. These money trails clearly demonstrate Deep State support of Mexican Cartels and many other subversive organizations like Al-Qaeda, Hamas and other designated terrorist groups.

The Deep State's end game, a singular totalitarian global governing structure, began long ago, one could even say since the beginning of mankind. The players come and go, but the lust for power and domination over all others has always been, as documented in the Word of God. But in the more recent past, since the American Revolution, the first and only nation to declare that human rights come from God and not privileges of some government, presented and entirely new obstacle for the Devil's enthralled minions to subjugate humanity. Once a people testifies to the truth that all gifts come from God, those people become stewards of these blessings, and by following His Holy Law, abundance, prosperity, and peace inevitably results.

So America became the great obstacle to building the modern-day Tower of Babel. Even after the disastrous American Civil War, the country prospered to unbelievably new heights, where the Europeans murmured that "the streets are paved with gold!" And so they were, metaphorically, for nowhere in the world did more personal opportunity exist nor the ability to accumulate personal wealth through secured private property rights. By the end of the 19th century, America dominated the economic landscape of the planet.

So what happened? In 1913, a criminal enterprise commandeered the creation of American currency. This criminal enterprise we know as the Federal Reserve. Through a labyrinth of murderous plots, monstrous public deceptions, political payoffs and secret alliances, the power to create American currency was gifted to a small cabal of bankers and high profile elites. The Federal Reserve act, passed on December 23, 1913 and signed into law by Woodrow Wilson, created the pilot flame by which the Deep State players planned to ignite the inferno to cremate the American Republic.

I implore all Reality News readers to delve into the history of the Fed by reading the book "The Creature from Jekyll Island" by G. Edward Griffin and researching what really happened to the Titanic, who died in that tragedy and who didn't because they cancelled their trip at the last minute. I've written other Steve's Say pieces about the false flags that followed the birth of the Fed, from WWI, the Depression, WWII, the Cold War, and every war and terrorist act since, and how all propel forward the Deep State agenda.

The income tax amendment, supposedly ratified on February 3, 1913 after being passed by Congress on July 2, 1909, provided the needed groundwork for the Fed to be viably operable. The whole point of a private, currency creating entity loaning the currency to the public is to syphon off the wealth creating efforts of people that actually make and do things of real value for others, with the interest charged on the "loaned" currency. The income tax, i.e. slavery slice of your work effort, pays these scoundrels for their "services."

So here's the bottom line connection: the Fed underwrites all of the activities of the Deep State with the open-ended credit card of the US Congress. Thus no check valve on spending exists nor does any member of Congress have any real ability to stop the Madness. Some, like our Senator Ron Johnson, sounded the alarm and tried to do what he could, but I think he eventually realized that the bureaucracy controls all monetary flows, with Congress having very little say. DOGE now proves that truth evermore daily.

The only way such a system could ever be toppled would be the emergence of a fearlessly courageous leader immune to the evil schemes and traps used to bribe and extort political figures into compliant submission. Thankfully, by the grace of Almighty God, He's provided America with exactly that. President Donald J. Trump promised to obliterate the Deep State during his recent campaign, and the first 30 days shows he's made a terrific start on reaching this goal. DOGE massive revelations of the vast majority of government appropriations not funding any useful purpose shows half the story. The bigger half, where did the money end up, will really tell the tale. Trump foreshadowed this burgeoning aspect by asking, "who's getting the kickbacks?" I'm positive Chuck Schumer's road to $80 million+ riches on his < $200,000/year salary will be traced and disclosed for public examination.

So the screaming and screeching of these installed members of Congress portends the monetary beneficiaries of this criminal enterprise. No doubt Jamie Raskin and Fang-Fang's date will be at the top of the list. Coupled with the Epstein list of human trafficking pedophiliacs and all involved with P. Diddy, many of these public figures shown to be involved will need to be arrested, charged and tried for their crimes. If not, how would this crime syndicate ever be broken up?

But the big fish that needs to be speared and slaughtered, the Fed, can only be completed by exposure of all the Deep State workings. By these fruits the Federal Reserve will indict itself as the core enemy of We The People. Without the Fed, the Deep State could not exist. That's the bottom line. And, once Trump and his team disclose all these subversive activities along with declassification of all the murders, assassinations and war crimes done in the name of America, We the People will demand the Fed be disbanded.

Trump and the MAGA movement he leads must completely dismantle this criminal syndicate masquerading as the US Government for America to survive. Trump's promises to eliminate income tax and fund the federal government only through tariffs is no fantasy. This pathway represents nothing more than returning to the original constitution. He intends to do just that. And I believe he will be successful.

One thing all of us must bear in mind - no one owes criminals anything ever. The Federal Reserve, birthed from murder and public deception, has no place in America nor in the world. Just because criminals deceived your grandparents and got away with it ever since doesn't mean the off spring must remain their slaves. The proclaimed $35 trillion national debt supposedly owed by the citizens of this country was never approved by any of us nor accounted for by those who proclaim it. Just because we were born into this slavery, ignorant of its causes and nature until the recent Great Awakening, does not in any way mean we consented to any of this nonsense. And to whom do we owe this $35 trillion?

Trump last week indicated in some comments that this $35 trillion figure is actually considerably less due to fraud. Fraud eviscerates everything. I don't owe the Federal Reserve a dime, and neither do you.

"If the American people ever allow private banks to control the issue of their currency, first by inflation, then by deflation, the banks and corporations that will grow up around [the banks] will deprive the people of all property until their children wake-up homeless on the continent their fathers conquered. The issuing power should be taken from the banks and restored to the people, to whom it properly belongs." "I sincerely believe that banking establishments are more dangerous than standing armies, and that the principle of spending money to be paid by posterity under the name of funding is but swindling futurity on a large scale."

--Thomas Jefferson to John Taylor, 1816. ME 15:23

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G. Edward Griffin on the Federal Reserve:

"When I did my research on this topic I came to the conclusion that the Federal Reserve system does not need to be audited, it needs to be abolished.

The reason I say that is because if they audit the Federal Reserve system they would find out that it is doing exactly what it's supposed to do.. It's all out in the open...It's one of the greatest scams of all history. Out on the surface."

"It must be abolished for 7 reasons:

- It is incapable of accomplishing its stated objectives
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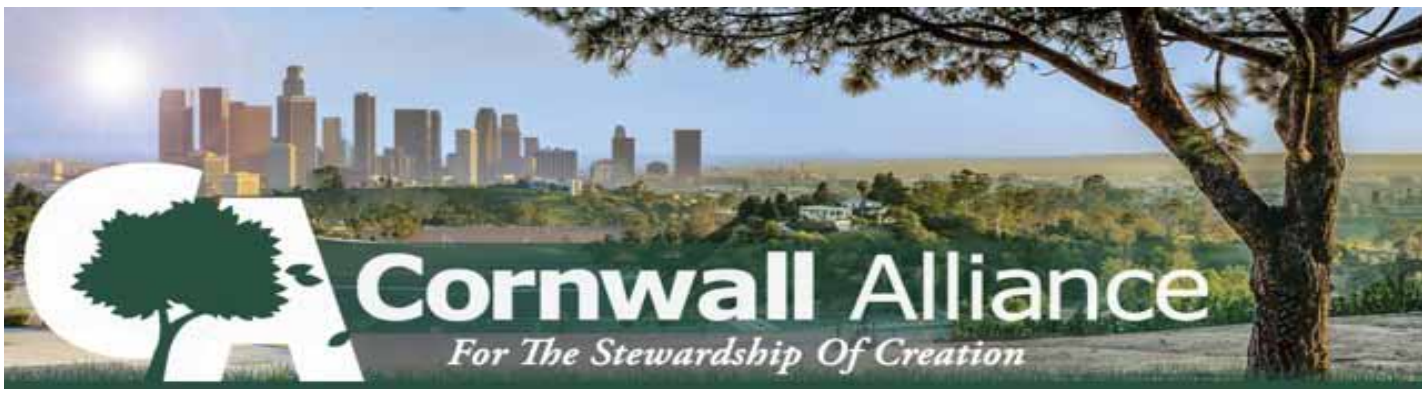
- It is the supreme instrument of usury
- It generates our most unfair tax
- It encourages war
- It destabilizes the economy
- It is an instrument of totalitarian control





Paper Exposes Pseudoscience Behind Methane War on Farmers

By Vijay Jayaraj

Methane emissions have become a focal point of the climate debate, triggering absurd agricultural regulations negatively affecting farming communities worldwide. Targets for abuse are ruminant animals, including cattle and sheep, that produce methane (CH4) through enteric fermentation – a natural digestive process that converts grass into protein-rich meat and milk for human consumption.

Even farmers from my family in India are possible targets of anti-methane assaults on agriculture that have been made in the Netherlands, Canada, New Zealand, the U.K. and many other countries.

Efforts to reduce emissions include forcing farmers to give up acreage and to pay high climate taxes. Dairy farmers are being required to feed cows a supplement known by the trade name Bovaer, which inhibits the production of methane.

Some major supermarkets in the U.K. – like Tesco, Morrisons and Aldi – already have sourced milk from medicated cows. Although a small portion of consumers boycotted this milk, most had little choice but to buy it.

Is such regulation of agricultural methane emissions justified? Not according to an updated paper titled "Methane and Climate" by two physicists, Drs. William Happer and W. A. van Wijngaarden of Princeton University and Toronto's York University, respectively.

First published in 2020 by the CO2 Coalition, Fairfax, Virginia, the updated paper meticulously dismantles the prevailing narrative that methane emissions from agriculture are a threat to the planet. By carefully analyzing the physical properties of methane and its interactions with Earth's atmosphere, the authors demonstrate that the warming potential of methane is negligible.

The Science Behind Methane's Limited Impact

At the heart of the two professors' analysis is comparison of the radiative forcings of methane and carbon dioxide. Radiative forcing is the difference in the net upward thermal radiation from the Earth to space through a transparent atmosphere and the lesser radiation through an otherwise identical atmosphere with greenhouse gases. In other words, it is used to understand how greenhouse gas in the atmosphere blocks some of the thermal radiation from escaping Earth into outer space.

Using radiative transfer calculations, the authors examine methane's contribution to the greenhouse effect. They find that one additional atmospheric methane molecule causes about 30



times more warming than one additional CO2 molecule.

This is because the greenhouse warming of relatively abundant CO2 is much more heavily "saturated" than that of methane. At higher concentrations, identical molecules get in each other's way and don't warm as efficiently as for lower concentrations. Nonetheless, atmospheric methane concentrations are increasing about 300 times slower than CO2 concentrations, so the annual warming from methane is about 1/10 that of CO2.

Methane is fairly common as the primary molecule making up natural gas and as a byproduct of various natural processes, including the decaying of organic material in swamps and forests. However, its relative presence in the atmosphere is small and its warming potential is ultimately inconsequential.

This stands in stark contrast to the apocalyptic warnings issued by some politicians and media outlets. Far from being a "super pollutant," as it is often described, methane emerges from this analysis as a minor player in the climate system.

A Call for Rational Policy

What, then, is the path forward? Policymakers should align their decisions with the best available science. The findings make it clear that the climate models often used to justify methane regulations exaggerate its impact.

By ignoring the nuanced interplay between methane, water vapor, and other atmospheric components, climate models create a distorted picture of climate change that fuels unnecessary panic and ill-advised policies.

Farmers are not the villains of the climate story; they are essential stewards of the land who provide food for billions. Punitive measures that undermine their livelihoods are not only unjust but also dangerously counterproductive.

For farmers around the world and for billions who consume their products, this study offers a glimmer of hope amidst the irrational, even immoral, war on methane. It is time to reject the scapegoating of agriculture and to embrace sensible policies that recognize the indispensable role of farmers in feeding the planet. The public should demand more rigor, more honesty, and more humility in those undertaking the complex science of climate change. It is time to dispense with top-down regulations from political bodies like the United Nations that advance agendas through scaremongering rather than rigorous scientific methods.

This commentary was originally published at American Thinker on February 3, 2024.

Africans Are Regaining Control Over Their Mineral Wealth

By Duggan Flanakin

The announcement of the inaugural African Mining Week (AMW 2025), to be celebrated in Cape Town alongside Africa Energy Week (AEW 2025) in early October, is a clear signal that Africans are exercising new muscle toward regaining control of the continent's vast mineral resources.

The event, sponsored by the Africa-focused global investment platform Energy Capital & Power, will highlight initiatives aimed at enhancing Africa's mineral value chains and promoting local processing to drive economic growth. Formerly called the Critical Minerals Africa conference, the rebranding reflects the integrated opportunities across the continent's energy and mining sectors and aims to drive a culture of collaboration among those strategic sectors.

The event will center on the theme, "From Extraction to Beneficiation: Unlocking Africa's Mineral Wealth," will convene global investors, policymakers, and industry leaders to explore opportunities in Africa's midstream and downstream sectors, featuring panel discussions, project showcases, and high-level deal signings.

Together with the AEW conference, whose theme is "Invest in African Energies," AMW 2025's dynamic platform seeks to foster cross-sector synergies and showcase the continent's energy and mining potential while positioning Africa as a premier investment destination for capital, technology, and project developers.

Research indicates Africa could generate up to $2 billion in additional mining revenue and create up to 3.8 million jobs by 2030 through expanded manufacturing of value-added mining products. Africa's mining industry is on track to reach a market value of $135 billion by the end of 2027, with an annual compound growth rate of 5.6%, driven by factors such as rising demand, supportive government policies, and advanced mining technologies.

The rapid pace of African nations and entrepreneurs to take back control is astonishing, given that in less than two decades after winning independence from colonial masters, short-lived African control of the mining sector had retrogressed into

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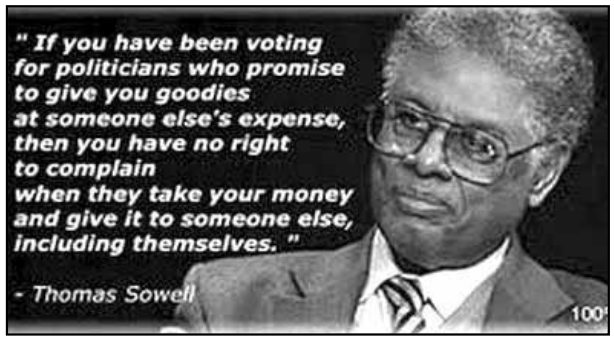

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Trump's Energy and Climate EOs Thus Far: Pt. 2



By H. Sterling Burnett

CCW 532 examined some of the executive orders (EOs) and policy memoranda President Donald Trump issued in the first hours of his administration to advance his goal of making America energy-dominant while creating jobs and shoring up national security. Below I discuss a few more of these actions and the responses so far.

Among Trump's day-one actions was a regulatory freeze pending review. As far as I'm aware, this is an action every new presidential administration takes to halt the finalization of regulations proposed or issued by the previous administration in the last 60 days before they went out the door. This is especially consequential in Biden's case because his administration embarked on an unmatched spending spree and regulatory flurry in the aftermath of Kamala Harris' defeat. From expedited EV mandates to new appliance efficiency standards, to tax credits for used EV and alternative vehicle purchases, dozens of Biden's slapdash late-term regs are now on hold while under review for approval or rejection by the Trump administration.

Trump's memorandum requires the following:

Do not propose or issue any rule in any manner, including by sending a rule to the Office of the Federal Register (the "OFR"), until a department or agency head appointed or designated by the President after noon on January 20, 2025, reviews and approves the rule. …

Immediately withdraw any rules that have been sent to the OFR but not published in the Federal Register, so that they can be reviewed and approved. ….

Consistent with applicable law and subject to the exceptions described in paragraph 1, consider postponing for 60 days from the date of this memorandum the effective date for any rules that have been published in the Federal Register, or any rules that have been issued in any manner but have not taken effect, for the purpose of reviewing any questions of fact, law, and policy that the rules may raise. During this 60-day period, where appropriate and consistent with applicable law, consider opening a comment period to allow interested parties to provide comments about issues of fact, law, and policy raised by the rules postponed under this memorandum, and consider reevaluating pending petitions involving such rules.

So, no new rules are to be issued for now; pending, unfinalized rules are to be withdrawn; and finalized rules that have yet to take effect are paused for review and possible reopening of public comment and review.

The Biden administration was on the ball and pushed across many new rules during the second quarter of 2024, so many bad regulations will be untouched by this memorandum, though Trump's new agency heads can reopen them. There are dozens of rules in various stages of development, review, and finalization, and possibly more than 100 will be halted by this action alone.

With Congress' help, Trump can even be more effective. The Congressional Research Service estimates as many as a thousand regulatory actions Biden implemented since August 1, 2024 could be rescinded by Congress passing CRA resolutions. The Congressional Review Act allows Congress to overturn major rules implemented in the last 60 legislative days (days Congress is working or officially in session) and under other select other conditions. CRA resolutions of disapproval are not subject to Senate filibusters.

Trump signed more CRA resolutions passed by Congress, reversing late-term Obama administration rules, than all previous presidents combined. Biden, by contrast, was confronted with more CRA resolutions than any previous president, and he vetoed more CRA resolutions than all previous presidents combined, resolutions attempting to reverse endangered species rules, appliance standards, energy, and climate actions, etc., all passed on a bipartisan basis with Democratic support.

With Republicans in control of both houses of Congress, no possible filibuster, and a thousand consequential rules open for review, Trump may have to get out his signing pens again. Among the rules open for CRA repeal are Biden's tax on methane emissions, tax credits for various "green energy" projects, and recent EPA drinking water rules. Sen. Ted Cruz (R-TX), joined by other Republicans, is already leading efforts to adopt a CRA blocking Biden administration restrictions on water heaters that would raise the cost to consumers and limit choices. CRA resolutions of disapproval might be the easiest way to get many rules off the books permanently.

Trump's EO 14037, Strengthening American Leadership in Clean Cars and Trucks, scrapped a Biden EO pushing the forced transition to half of all passenger vehicles on American roads being zero-emission by 2030, among other things. Biden's EO set specific goals for the Department of Transportation and the Environmental Protection Agency to establish new emissions, fuel economy, and fuel efficiency standards for passenger and heavy-duty vehicles. Trump's EO should effectively halt all of them because none of the new standards were scheduled to take effect until model year 2027.

Trump issued a moratorium on permits for industrial wind facilities, both on- and offshore. This action has thrown the wind industry into disarray. One onshore wind facility has been cancelled—Idaho's Lava Ridge facility, for which planning began in 2019 on property controlled by the Bureau of Land Management. Meanwhile, increasing costs and regulatory uncertainty have led to a number of companies pulling out of offshore wind projects along the east coast. New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy, long a proponent of offshore wind despite widespread open resistance from people, communities, and legislators in his state, saw the writing on the wall, finally threw in the towel, and canceled new wind project offers.

Even projects under construction that have building permits might be paused because Trump's hostility to offshore wind puts a dark cloud over the projects. In addition to the construction permits they currently hold, each project needs permits to operate and hook up to the grid, not just to be built, and the Trump administration may refuse to issue operation permits. That would entail a lot of foreseeable sunk costs and monetary losses, losses their stockholders could object to. Lawsuits might result.

Further undercutting government support for climate initiatives, Trump has ordered the agencies under his control to scrub their websites of claims that climate change is causing various types of severe weather and natural disasters. This is a reversal from Biden's "all of government" approach to hyping and lending support to climate alarm. Trump is on solid ground here: none of those agencies have a legal mandate or mission to study, report on, or fight climate change. Also, any published claims on government sites that state or imply climate change is causing weather disasters are unsupported by hard evidence or data. Such claims are lies and open to legal challenges which Trump's Department of Justice probably would not defend against.

Doug Burgum, Trump's recently approved Secretary of the Interior, is already hard at work putting some of Trump's EOs into action. Burgum's office issued a series of directives aimed at increasing domestic energy and minerals production. Reuters reports Burgum's early orders direct the Department of Interior (DOI) to, among other things,

… identify emergency and legal authorities to speed project development and permitting in line with Trump's energy emergency declaration and to eliminate burdensome regulations in part by reviewing appropriations under the Biden-era Inflation Reduction Act and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act laws.

… [T]he agency would eliminate at least 10 regulations for every new one introduced.

One of the orders revoked Biden's withdrawal of large areas of federal waters from new offshore oil and gas development, while another seeks to boost resource development on federal and state lands in Alaska.

Souds like the DOI is off to a good start in advancing Trump's agenda of making America energy-dominant.

As discussed in CCW 532, Trump's Unleashing American Energy EO directed the EPA to review the agency's CO2 endangerment finding for possible reconsideration and withdrawal. The same order also took on the unjustified and badly designed "social cost of carbon" (SCC) calculation EPA developed to account for purported harms CO2 emissions cause.

The SCC process and results were flawed in formation and execution. First, since it is impossible to tie any particular extreme weather event or trend or any specific health impact or trend to CO2 emissions, the attempt to produce an SCC was a vain project from the get-go. If one can't really identify a specific type of harm that is occurring due to CO2 emissions, as opposed to forecasted harms from flawed computer-model projections, there is no verifiable "social cost" to calculate.

Second, when shaping regulations, the EPA and other agencies are supposed to calculate the costs of the harms they are trying to prevent based on their domestic impact: how much impact on public health or the environment X problem, in this case climate change from CO2 emissions, is inflicting within the United States. In addition, the policies they propose

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what amounted to neocolonialism.

Retrogression toward neocolonialism

A little over a year ago, British political economist Ben Radley, in his book Disrupted Development in the Congo: The Fragile Foundations of the African Mining Consensus, lamented that, since the 1990s, transnational corporations again became the dominant force as owners and managers of major African mining projects.

Within just a few years after shaking off the chains of centuries of colonialism, African governments asserted sovereignty over their metal and mineral resources long exploited by European mining corporations. The return of transnational dominance was carried out through a three-stage process beginning with a misguided reading of African economic stagnation from the mid-1970s onwards.

According to Radley, the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) [then called Zaire] quickly required all foreign-based companies to establish their headquarters in the DRC and nationalized the largest Belgian-owned colonial mining subsidiary. By 1970, the Congolese public sector controlled 40% of national value added, with steady increases in copper production and state revenues topping out at US$630 million in 1970.

But the same oil crisis that hit the U.S. in 1973 hit hard, and the global copper price fell by two-thirds by 1975 at the same time government loan repayments came due and interest rates rose as the U.S sought to control inflation via monetary policy. The West, however, blamed industry declines solely on state intervention and government corruption.

The reversion to colonialism was hastened by US$1.1 billion in World Bank grants and loans to 15 of Africa's 17 mineral-rich, low-income countries. This gave the Bank leeway to implement a Eurocentric strategic vision for organizing and managing African mining. African economies grew increasingly dependent upon foreign direct investment and control into the current decade.

The final hurdle, said Radley, for transnational mining companies was to criminalize labor-intensive indigenous miners who recover gold, diamonds, silver, copper, cobalt, tin, tantalum, iron ore, aluminum, tungsten, wolframite, phosphates, precious and semi-precious stones, and rare-earth minerals (like lithium).

To undermine the legitimacy of indigenous miners, the World Bank, dependent African governments, and scholarly literature began casting them as "primitive," "basic," "inefficient," "rudimentary," and "unproductive." This led to actions such as the 2017 displacement of 70,000 miners by the Ugandan military and police to make way for a Canadian-listed mining corporation.

While several African governments recently adopted mining code and policy revisions that push back against foreign dominance, those small steps fell well short of a fundamental challenge to the dominant model of capital-intensive, foreign-owned mining industrialization on the continent and a far cry from the heyday of African resource sovereignty in the 1960s and 1970s.

A formula for repatriation

Meanwhile, in 2021, attorney NJ Ayuk, incensed that the European-sponsored Africa Oil Week was being relocated to Dubai, proclaimed that Africa was "ready and capable" to hold a continent-wide energy event in Africa, with a focus on finance, natural gas, electrification, hydrogen, upstream, and a just transition. The event's success apparently sparked continent-wide confidence that Africans should indeed oversee their own mineral wealth.

In February 2023, Ayuk laid out a four-point platform by which African could become a key player in the global minerals market. Africa, he said, harbors great potential for mining and exporting minerals used in emerging technologies that rely on the continent's abundant supplies of cobalt, copper, lithium, and other rare-earth minerals.

All that is needed, he said, is for African governments to prioritize and develop sustainable mining techniques, invest in skilled labor and training, and modernize existing infrastructure.

And one more thing.

By putting regulatory frameworks in place that are crystal clear and transparent to the public, African governments can satisfy prospective investors' needs for certainty about their investments and build public confidence.

African governments, it appears, are getting the message, even the military junta that took over Mali and demanded $500 million in back taxes from Canadian mining giant Barrick Gold and $380 million from Resolute Mining. As Justice Malala wrote last December in Japan Times, companies should expect perhaps a gentler type of pressure from other African nations.

Malala said that, after decades of largely being sidelined while profits from their mineral resources accrued to foreign firms and kleptocratic local leaders, Africa's new leaders (both democratic and autocratic) want a greater slice of the pie.

He warned that this movement, whether one calls it decoloniality or "resource nationalism," Africans are increasingly conforming to the view, expressed by South Africa's international relations minister Ronald Lamola at the United Nations last September, that his nation's priorities would include dealing with "issues of predatory mining by some countries and corporations, especially in the quest for Africa's raw material and critical minerals."

The sponsors of Africa Mining Week (and Africa Energy Week) have a different focus. In their view, Africa's energy and minerals industries are on the precipice of accelerated growth, yet Africa has barely scratched the surface of its energy and mining industries' potential.

With much of the continent's natural and mineral resources underdeveloped and underexplored, there is a critical opportunity for global and African players to collaborate and invest in Africa – with Africans as full partners in building an African century.

Africa's private sector, and hopefully African governments, are growing up – and the world would do well to take notice.



Mine, Baby *cont. from page 1*

affordable energy is the lifeblood of modern industrial societies. But they also need hundreds of metals and minerals, because nothing can be manufactured or grown, and no wells can be drilled, without them. That's why the President has also launched similar initiatives for those treasure troves in Alaska and the Lower 48.

That call to action is "Mine, baby, mine!" and before that "Explore, baby, explore!"

The Stone Age didn't end because our ancestors ran out of stones, nor the Bronze Age because they exhausted copper supplies. They ended because societies needed weapons and goods that were better, stronger, more durable – and innovators discovered iron substitutes, iron deposits and techniques for converting ores into finished products.

Indeed, every technological transformation throughout history required finding and mining previously unknown and unneeded metal and mineral deposits that suddenly became essential for progress.

Trump-47's Executive Orders for drilling and mining – and ending offshore wind, Green New Deal and electric vehicle mandates, subsidies and programs – will dramatically reduce the need for millions of tons of copper, steel, cobalt, lithium, rare earths and other materials. However, they won't end that need.

But now America can simply build more coal, gas and nuclear power plants – instead of 10,000 wind turbines and 10,000,000 solar panels, backed up by fossil-fuel generators … or huge battery warehouses like the one that recently became yet another conflagration in California.

However, today's rapidly evolving server, artificial intelligence, aerospace, military and other technologies still mean we must find and produce materials that almost no one ever mined or even heard of until recently: rare earth elements, cobalt, lithium and scores of other critical strategic minerals.

China controls 60% of global rare earths production and processes 90% of it – including ores mined in the USA and other countries. It also controls cobalt and lithium production and processing, and almost all the processed graphite used in lithium-ion batteries for cell phones, EVs and grid-scale backup batteries.

That means the United States is dependent on this adversarial nation for numerous technologies; even Navy SEAL equipment requires 20+ minerals that are at least 50% imported, many from China.

This untenable situation was underscored last December, when China severely restricted exports of antimony, gallium and germanium, especially to the United States, because they are essential for both civilian and military technologies. The Middle Kingdom could block many more such exports, using exports as a weapon of diplomacy, extortion or war.

The situation makes no geologic sense either. The plate tectonic and geologic history of Alaska and the western states in particular have blessed America with countless, often enormous deposits of metals and minerals across the periodic table of elements. Some are well-known, while others have yet to be discovered, mapped or developed to serve changing, growing and increasingly strategic needs.

Even the 1964 Wilderness Act recognized this. Section 2 permits prospecting to gather information about mineral resources and requires "planned, recurring" mineral surveys, if those activities are conducted in a manner consistent with preserving "the wilderness environment." There is no "end" date for this work.

Section 3 permitted mining claims and mineral leasing, exploration, drilling, roads, production, mechanized equipment, and other necessary operations and facilities, until midnight December 31, 1983. The only stipulation was that disturbed areas be reclaimed and restored "as near as practicable," once mineral extraction had ceased.

However, federal bureaucrats ignored this clear language and stalled, stymied or prohibited all requests for permits to conduct such work, including recurring government mineral surveys and assessments.

Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Rupert Cutler's comment to me in 1978 encapsulates their attitude, then and now. "I don't think Congress should have enacted that provision," he said. "But Congress did enact it, and you are obligated by your oath of office to follow the law the way it was written, not the way you think it should have been written," I responded. Dr. Cutler simply walked away.

Successive generations of federal land managers – in consort with preservationists, courts, presidents and legislators – havebanned or severely restricted even minimally intrusive exploration in huge wilderness, wilderness study, wildlife refuge, Antiquities Act, and even undesignated forests, deserts and grasslands – regardless of critical national needs or clear legislative language.

National parks should be off-limits. In most cases, these other lands should not.

By 1994, when I helped prepare perhaps the last detailed analysis, mineral exploration and development had been banned in federal land areas equal to Arizona, Colorado, Montana, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming combined. That's 420 million acres – 19% of the USA; 66% of all federal/public lands.

It's gotten "progressively" worse, even though processes unleashed by plate tectonics, volcanism and other forces created some of the most highly mineralized deposits in North America, and the world.

State and local legislators, regulators, judges and activists have treated non-federal lands the same way. Even world-class deposits have been deep-sixed, often on questionable grounds.

This cannot continue. These areas must be surveyed and explored by government agencies and private companies. Vital and high-quality deposits must be made available for mining, under sound environmental principles, to meet the requirements of current and future generations.

Failure to do so violates the most fundamental principles of national defense, national security, responsible government and societal need.

Alaska's Pebble Mine prospect has an estimated 55 million tons of copper ore, 3.3 billion tons of molybdenum, plus other metals needed for wind turbines, solar panels, EVs and other technologies; yet Biden's EPA rejected permit applications even before mining plans were submitted. Other world-class Alaskan deposits of copper, cobalt, zinc, titanium, gold, silver, zinc and other metals also sit in limbo.

Biden officials also reversed mining permits for the world's largest copper-nickel deposit, in Minnesota, and President Biden himself banned all mining in 225,000 acres of the state's Iron Range.

The fate of the Kings Mountain lithium deposit (possibly 5,000,000 tons of Li) in North Carolina is likewise uncertain, as is that of many other excellent prospects, even though modern US laws and technologies would ensure far better environmental practices than elsewhere worldwide.

Some concerns are certainly valid, others exaggerated, still others reflective of a determination to block mining anywhere in the USA, or even de-develop and de-industrialize America and the West.

However, environmental and other considerations must always be balanced against needs for critical metals, minerals and energy to sustain modern societies and living standards. Making America Great Again – and responding to today's national security threats and needs – requires changing federal and state perspectives, policies and laws to recognize this. It's a simple matter of reality and common sense.

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Quote of the Week:

Quote of the Week: "We can judge our progress by the courage of our questions and the depth of our answers, our willingness to embrace what is true rather than what feels good." — Carl Sagan (1934-1996) [H/t William Readdy]

Number of the Week: 15%

This Week:

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

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

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

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

You can help in two ways:

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

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

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And thank you.

SCIENCE & ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY PROJECT

The Week That Was February 15th, 2025

Scope: TWTW will continue with questioning whether climate science is a physical science. It begins with the Greenhouse Effect. Then continues with The Blue Marble, issues of forecasting rain with climate models, and a discussion on cloudy skies. Discussions also include topics such as the Texas blackout four years ago, the Paris Agreement, and the IEA politicizing its standards. Findings about USAID funding other organizations are discussed.

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The Greenhouse Effect: In discussing whether climate science is a physical science, TWTW stated:

"Satellite observations using spectroscopy instruments have verified ideas suggested by Karl Schwarzschild during WW I: different atmospheric gases, called greenhouse gases, interfere with (block) the emission of infrared radiation (IR) from the surface of Earth to space. This was first revealed by the Nimbus satellite flying near Guam in 1970. When intensity is plotted against frequency (wave numbers, the number, or wavelengths per centimeter), the Schwarzschild calculations produce a jagged curve which was observed. The Planck curve on the emission of IR from the surface produces a smooth curve. The difference between the two is the Greenhouse Effect."

Reader Christopher Game objected, stating that the part in boldface is a poor definition of the greenhouse effect. Although UN IPCC's Sixth Assessment Report uses that definition and assigns the symbol G to it, TWTW fully agrees, and that the sentence should include the phrase "a measurement of" to read: The difference between the two is a measurement of the Greenhouse Effect."

The particular observations were taken on a clear sky near Guam in 1970. In their papers AMO physicists William van Wijngaarden and William Happer have used the differences in other locations to test their model of calculations using the HITRAN database. For example, their paper published in the Science of Climate Change, Figure 9 (p.5) compares their model calculations with observations taken over the Sahara, the Mediterranean, and Antarctica.

"The right column of Fig. 9 shows spectra of long wave thermal infrared radiation that reaches the satellite from a cloud-free area of the Earth. On the left are theoretically modelled spectra. One can hardly tell the difference between the modelled and observed spectra."

The vertical axis of each graph shows that the intensity of the radiation varies significantly by locations. The caption under the Figure states:

"Figure 9: Comparison of modeled for a clear sky with data observed by a Michelson interferometer in a satellite over the Saharan desert, the Mediterranean and Antarctica. … Radiative forcing is negative over wintertime Antarctica since the relatively warm greenhouse gases in the troposphere, mostly CO2, O3 and H2O radiate more to space than the cold ice surface at a temperature of T = 190 K [minus 83 C, minus 117 F], could radiate through a transparent atmosphere."

Further, both the calculations and the observations show that the intensity of the radiation is significantly greater over the Sahara than over the Mediterranean. Thus, on Earth the greenhouse effect varies significantly with the latitude and with the atmospheric conditions of the location. See link under Challenging the Orthodoxy – Radiation Transfer.

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The Blue Marble: Writing for the CO2 Coalition, Vijay Jayaraj authored an easy-to-understand essay explaining key parts of the above-mentioned paper. Jayaraj states:

"Carbon dioxide (CO2) has been predominantly portrayed as the chief culprit driving global warming. For decades, this misconception has guided international policies, prompted ambitious targets for reducing CO2 emissions and driven a shift from reliable and affordable energy resources like coal, oil, and natural gas toward problematic wind and solar sources.

However, this theory overlooks important factors that influence Earth's climate system, including a critical variable in the climate system – the role of clouds, which remains woefully underestimated.

Recent work by physicists W. A. van Wijngaarden and William Happer challenges this prevailing paradigm: Their new paper, "Radiation Transport in Clouds," suggests clouds affect atmospheric temperature more than CO2 because they have a greater impact on the comparative amounts of solar energy entering Earth's atmosphere and escaping to outer space.

The Overshadowed Influence of Clouds

Clouds simultaneously reflect incoming sunlight back to space (cooling the Earth) and trap outgoing heat (warming the Earth). This dual nature makes clouds both powerful and perplexing players in our climate system. The net effect of clouds on climate is a balance between these opposing influences, thus a central component of the Earth's energy budget.

A recent study by van Wijngaarden and Happer, titled "Radiation Transport in Clouds," delves into this complexity. The 2025 paper says the radiation effects of clouds can easily negate or amplify the impact of CO2. The researchers highlight that clouds have a more pronounced effect on Earth's radiation budget than greenhouse gases like CO2.

For instance, their research reveals that a modest decrease in low cloud cover could significantly increase solar heating of the Earth's surface. In comparison, a doubling of atmospheric CO2 concentrations reduces radiation to space by a mere 1%: "Instantaneously doubling CO2 concentrations, a 100% increase, only decreases radiation to space by about 1%. To increase solar heating of the Earth by a few percent, low cloud cover only needs to decrease by a few percent."

This stark contrast highlights the disproportionate influence of cloud dynamics compared to CO2 fluctuations. Most state-of-the-art climate models are still in their infancy. We need more accurate measurements of clouds' properties and their influence on the electromagnetic components of solar radiation if they are to be useful inputs for climate models."

Last week, TWTW cited work by Tim Palmer, a pioneer in the development of operational ensemble weather and climate forecasting who stated:

"The direct warming due to a doubling of carbon dioxide is a little over 1°C. However, if we add this water vapor feedback, the warming doubles to just over 2°C (3.6°F)."

Yet, TWTW has not been able to find any effort by modelers to understand how this increase in water vapor influences clouds which have a significant cooling effect. In Climate, History, and the Modern World, climate research pioneer H.H. Lamb discusses how cloudiness was a characteristic in Europe of the Little Ice Age, with severe periods of starvation and strange diseases when crops did not ripen. It is sad that the IPCC and its collaborators totally ignore these glaring faults in their work.

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Forecasting Rain: Writing in the journal "Water," Demetris Koutsoyiannis asks "When are [Global Climate] Models Useful? In his presentation with significant mathematics, Koutsoyiannis uses data from the International Satellite Cloud Climatology Project. However, apparently the program has been discontinued, and the dataset runs from 1983 to 2018. Why this valuable program was discontinued is hard to say. Yet based on the data available from this and other sources, Koutsoyiannis concludes:

"The real-world application presented is a large-scale comparison of climatic model outputs for precipitation with reality over the last 84 years. It turns out that the precipitation simulated by the climate models does not agree with reality on the annual scale, but there is some improvement on larger time scales on a hemispheric basis. However, when the areal scale is decreased from hemispheric to continental, i.e., when Europe is examined, the model performance is poor even at large time scales. Therefore, the usefulness of climate model results for hydrological purposes is doubtful."

In short, after-the-fact claims that global climate models predict floods, droughts, etc., are of no specific value. The models are of no use (in forecasting specific events) years, or even months ahead.

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Cloudy Skies: Also, NASA has apparently stopped researching Earth's cloudiness. A 2015 article states: "Decades of satellite observations and astronaut photographs show that clouds dominate space-based views of Earth. One

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Number of the Week: 15%: As atmospheric physicist Richard Lindzen has stated, the administrations of major universities have grown enormously, in part from taking a large share of research grant money for indirect expenses. Some universities take up to 60% to 70% for such unquantified "expenses." William Briggs brings attention to a February 7 press release by the US National Institutes of Health that may change this practice. The press release states:

"For any new grant issued, and for all existing grants to IHEs retroactive to the date of issuance of this Supplemental Guidance, award recipients are subject to a 15 percent indirect cost rate. This rate will allow grant recipients a reasonable and realistic recovery of indirect costs while helping NIH ensure that grant funds are, to the maximum extent possible, spent on furthering its mission. This policy shall be applied to all current grants for [to go forward,] go forward expenses from February 10, 2025, forward as well as for all new grants issued. We will not be applying this cap retroactively back to the initial date of issuance of current grants to IHEs, although we believe we would have the authority to do so under 45 CFR 75.414(c)." [Boldface added]

If this 15% indirect cost rate is widely implemented, it may have great bearing on academic publications on climate change.

Scapegoating Climate to Hide Callous Government Malfeasance

Abject failures from Biden, Newsom, LAFD and others can no longer be ignored

By Paul Dreissen

Wildfires near Los Angeles have left Pacific Palisades looking like Dresden after the WWII fire-bombings. Over 12,000 homes, schools and businesses have been incinerated, dozens of people have died, at least 70,000 have been left homeless, and fires still rage.

AccuWeather estimates that just two of the fires will destroy $135-150 billion in property!

It's a doubly horrific tragedy, because most of the death and devastation could have been prevented.

California has 33,000,000 acres of federal, state and private forestland – equivalent to Wisconsin. As the state's population expanded, forests and wildlife increasingly merged with human habitats. And yet federal and state land managers – compelled by ideology, activists, legislators and judges – have steadfastly refused to permit timber cutting, tree thinning or brush removal, or take other actions that would reduce the likelihood of conflagrations.

So many trees are so jammed together now that they're starved for space, water, nutrients and sunlight. Many are diseased. They are skinny matchsticks, primed to erupt in flames. Some 36,000,000 trees died just in 2022, across just 8% of these forestlands. But even dead and diseased trees are rarely removed.

Rainy fall and winter months stimulate tree, brush and grass growth. Parched summers dry everything out. Extended dry periods leave all this fuel ready to ignite for more months.

Lightning, sparks from cars or power lines, campfires and arsonists set areas aflame. Dry Santa Ana winds (40-70 mph, withgusts of 120-150 mph) whip fires into infernos. Depleted, defunded fire departments often arrive long after they could extinguish fires in their infancy.

The conflagrations generate still more powerful winds that carry embers, branches, even small trees thousands of feet – often into communities that are ill-prepared to cope.

This barely begins the litany of California government failures that help cause repeated fire calamities. However, state and local politicians adroitly avoid responsibility.

Their most common excuse is manmade climate change. They even have a new fear-inducing term: hydroclimate whiplash! Fossil-fuel-driven climate change supposedly brought two exceptionally wet winters, spurring unprecedented plant growth – and then caused unprecedented arid conditions and previously unheard-of Santa Ana winds that made these infernos unpredictable but inevitable.

Calling the massive, repeated government failures "incompetence" is too generous. Deliberate, callous, destructive malfeasance is more apt. Criminal may be appropriate.

Governor Gavin Newsom wants a special session to discuss spending $25-50 million to "Trump-proof" state policies. He wants to use a new $10-billion "climate bond" to reduce farm and ranch greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, improve "equitable access to nature," build more parks in "disadvantaged communities," upgrade ports to handle deepwater offshore wind projects, and more.

California is still pouring billions into EV subsidies, its "clean" energy transition, and the $100-billion "bullet train to nowhere." It's spending more billions supporting "sanctuary" status for illegal immigrants, maintaining gender and DEI programs, and ministering to America's largest number of homeless people – which will now include 70,000+ who've lost everything to the 2025 wildfires.

One wonders whether they'll treat these now-homeless taxpayers as well as they have illegal populations.

Legislated restrictions on how companies may conduct fire-risk assessments and what rates they can charge for homeowners insurance in high-fire-risk areas have caused insurers to leave the state or stop issuing new policies. Hundreds of thousands of families are now uninsured, underinsured or dependent on the state's FAIR Plan, which has only $385 million in reserves.

Meanwhile, California devoted only $2.6 billion to "forest and wildfire resilience" across all state-managed forestlands, including Topanga State Park, where the fires started, right next to what once was Pacific Palisades – versus $14.7 billion for EVs and "clean renewable energy."

With memories of the horrific 2018 Paradise (Camp) fire still causing nightmares, Mayor Karen Bass cut $17.6 million from the Los Angeles Fire Department budget, fired 100 firefighters who didn't get Covid vaccines, and was partying at an embassy reception in Ghana as the fires erupted

LA Fire Department Chief Kristin Crowley (salary: $654,000) has spent millions on DEI programs and hiring more women, gays and minorities. Deputy/Diversity Chief Kristine Larson (salary: $307,000) says victims want to see emergency responders that "look like" them, and if she isn't strong enough to carry your husband out of a fire, he "got himself in the wrong place."

They then failed to keep extra firefighters and firetrucks on duty as winds picked up just before the first forest fires were spotted – apparently to avoid paying overtime. That meant the LAFD couldn't get there before fires roared out of control.

Exhausted firefighters trying to save multi-million-dollar homes in Palisades ran out of water. A major reason was that LA Water and Power Department CEO Janisse Quiñones (salary: $750,000) had the 117-million-gallon Santa Ynez Reservoir drained to repair cracks in its base. A full reservoir would have replenished huge storage tanks that feed and pressurize local fire hydrants.

Quiñones has said her "number one" priority is equity and social justice. Does that explain why the reservoir

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live up to their own book of rules. You can kill them with this because no one can possibly obey all of their own rules."

As discussed in part 1 of this series, progressives say that their "book of rules" includes basing their assertions on the findings of the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). But alarmists' fears about increasing floods, extreme rainfall, heat waves, intense storms and forest fires are, in fact, not supported by the UN IPCC. So, making them live up to their own rules, we need to call them on this every time.

I also discussed how we must hold leftists to their own book of rules when it comes to social justice, especially caring for the poor, the elderly and those who are disadvantaged in society. We do this by pointing out that, of the $1.27 trillion USD spent on climate finance in 2022/2023, only a paltry 5% went exclusively to helping poor people adapt to climate change, however caused, a clear social justice violation. Similarly, progressives need to be held to account for the violations in social justice that occur as a result of:

- The huge increase in electricity rates that is the natural result of the transition to wind and solar power, which hurts the poor and those on fixed incomes the most
- The diversion of food crops to the production of biofuels, causing food shortages and soaring prices
- The human rights abuses in developing countries that accompany the production of electric vehicle batteries as well as wind and solar power equipment
- The ruining of well water on farms in the vicinity of wind turbines.

Another item in climate alarmists' "book of rules" is the requirement that they are helping protect the environment and wildlife when they promote wind and solar power and grid-scale Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS). Yet nothing could be further from the truth and we should hold them to account for this in public meetings, etc.

In their 2021 book, "'Clean' Energy Exploitations: Helping Citizens Understand the Environmental and Humanity Abuses That Support 'Clean' Energy," authors Ronald Stein and Todd Royal explain:

"Green energy uses materials from some of the worst ecological and human rights offenders that exist on Earth… The volume of wind turbine waste is projected to soar in years to come, with mining and manufacturing waste, service waste, and end-of-life waste being the major sources. It is estimated that there will be 43 million metric tons just of [wind turbine] blade waste worldwide by 2050."

Lithium ion-based batteries used in BESS systems rely on a mix of materials that require massive amounts of energy to mine, transport, process and refine, far greater than the extraction and transport of oil and natural gas. Consequently, while batteries are often portrayed by manufacturers as generating no greenhouse gases, even the left-leaning Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) has pointed out that: "Mining and processing the minerals, plus the battery manufacturing process, involve substantial emissions of carbon."

The CBC cites Jennifer Dunn at Northwestern University's Center for Engineering Sustainability and Resilience, who explained: "The material that helps power the battery is produced from a number of different metals, things like nickel and cobalt and lithium." And of course, China controls most of the lithium and cobalt, which are often produced with no environmental standards, and often employ child labor and near-slave labor and follow practically no health and safety safeguards. University of Houston Professor Larry Bell reports ("China Targets US Weakness for Afghan Rare Earths, Taiwan Chips," America out Loud, September 25, 2021):

"China has amassed stunning control over 70% of the world's lithium supplies and 85% of rare earths supply chains to dominate global industries and jobs that depend on them."

Mining and mineral processing of lithium also requires large volumes of water and can pose contamination risks from mine drainage and wastewater discharge. Readers are encouraged to watch the 2020 documentary film "Planet of the Humans" by left-wing film producer Michael Moore. This 2-minute clip from Moore's movie demonstrates that, when you consider how these machines are made, and the huge volumes of toxic waste that is released when they are manufactured, wind and solar power may very well be the dirtiest and most environmentally destructive energy sources on the planet.

But perhaps the greatest lie we hear from "green energy" advocates is that the contribution of Industrial Wind Turbines [IWTs] to bird and bat mortality is negligible. In reality, IWTs cause mass slaughter of these animals, especially raptors such as golden eagles, which the Ontario government labeled as "Endangered."

Here are some statistics:

- According to a 2004 study by leading expert, Dr. Shawn Smallwood, financed by the California Energy Commission, an average of 116 Golden Eagles are killed every year by collisions with turbine blades at Altamont Pass Wind Station in California. Extrapolating that number, well over 3,000 eagles have been destroyed since the wind facility was built in the eighties. Other birds killed at Altamont Pass per year include:
- 300 hawks • 333 kestrels • 380 owls
- 2,526 doves • 2,557 meadow larks

And the situation is no better in other countries. Mark Duchamp, President, Save the Eagles International Chairman, World Council for Nature, tells us that birds are killed in Spain at a rate of about 200 birds per turbine per year. It is twice that number for bats, which die simply by flying in the low-pressure zone beside the blades which causes their lungs burst.



The slaughter of birds and bats by wind turbines is a powerful issue to bring up in public meetings with politicians. Retired teacher Karen Bourdeau provides a superb example of a member of the public confronting candidates for Ottawa mayor with this issue. An especially pathetic answer from the leading candidate for mayor, climate activist Catherine McKenney followed.

Ms. Bourdeau was so effective because she applied, not only rule #4, "Make opponents live up to their own book of rules," but also rules #2 and #3 which are:

Rule 2: Never go outside the experience of your people. The result is confusion, fear, and retreat. Feeling secure adds to the backbone of anyone.

Rule 3: Whenever possible, go outside the experience of an opponent. Here you want to cause confusion, fear, and retreat. Look for ways to increase insecurity, anxiety and uncertainty of your opponent.

As one would expect of a teacher, Ms. Bourdeau did her homework before asking her question and so knew far more about the issue than any of the candidates for mayor. Consequently, she came across as strong and confident while McKenney looked hopelessly uninformed.

Saul Alinsky must be rolling over in his grave that concerned citizens from the right of the political spectrum are using his rules to defeat the left. Let's keep doing exactly that!

Note: In part 3 of this series on the use of Alinsky's rule #4, I will discuss how to take advantage of the left's supposed support for:

- Tolerance of alternative lifestyles & opinions
- Rejection of authority & absolutism

Null and void?

If President Biden didn't comprehend what he was doing, are his laws, orders and regs valid?

By Paul Dreissen

Laws in every state govern wills and the transfer of estates and property upon a testator's death. For example, Virginia statutes provide that "any individual may make a will," except testators who are unemancipated minors or "of unsound mind."

Unsound mind generally means not having mastery of one's mental faculties, which could include being enfeebled enough that the testator is easily subject to improper influence by others, especially someone who would benefit from provisions of the will.

Virginia law considers someone to be of unsound mind if his or her cognitive capacity is totally impaired, meaning the person is incapable of acting rationally or understanding conversations, instructions or decisions. In other jurisdictions, impairment may not have to be "total." Wills executed by such persons are rendered invalid, null and void.

How might these guidelines apply in other circumstances – decisions by President Biden, for instance?

Joe Biden's declining mental and physical capabilities were apparent to many even before his election and inauguration. His Delaware basement campaign, to avoid awkward encounters with reporters and citizens, raised many questions. During his presidency, family, White House staff, legacy media, Democrats in Congress and others worked hard to hide, obfuscate, defend and excuse his infirmities, even as they became harder to deny.

Millions wondered just when President Biden became cognitively incapable of leading the United States and Free World. His inability became so obvious during the June 2024 Biden-Trump debate that Democrat Party leaders pushed the 46th president out of the race. But what about before that?

An article published shortly before President Trump's 2025 inauguration revealed that House Speaker Mike Johnson knew Mr. Biden was no longer "in charge" of the White House, presidency or country long before his cognitive incapacities were finally acknowledged by those whose jobs, prestige or political agendas depended on him being "the best Biden ever."

During a January 2024 Oval Office meeting with President Biden, the Speaker particularly wanted to discuss a Biden Executive Order that blocked liquefied natural gas exports to Europe. Russia's war with Ukraine, the likelihood of renewed European dependence on Russian gas if US LNG exports were terminated, and the extent that would enrich Putin's war machine made this a serious national security issue. Johnson wanted to know WHY Biden had signed the EO just weeks earlier.

"I didn't do that," Biden insisted. But in fact, he had.

Johnson suggested that Biden's staff print the EO, so that the two of them could read it together. Biden finally, but vaguely, acknowledged signing the order. But as PJ Media columnist Matt Margolis noted, it soon "became evident that the President had no grasp" of actually having signed the EO, or of the implications of having done so.

"I thought, we're in serious trouble. Who is running the country?" Margolis quoted Johnson. "I don't know who put the paper in front of him, but he didn't know," either, Johnson added.

"This exchange underscores a chilling reality," Margolis wrote. We had a president who not only was "struggling to remember critical decisions" but was also "unable to engage fully in high-stakes discussions with national security implications." Biden was clearly "not fully in charge."

When did that incapacity actually set in? And what does that imply for dozens, perhaps hundreds, of executive actions, regulatory sign-offs and presidential signatures enacting legislation into law?

Are they still valid? Or have some (or many) been rendered null and void, because President Biden was no longer in control of his mental faculties? Or because he was enfeebled enough that he was subject to improper influence by staffers who were pursuing agendas even more radical than the president would have agreed to, had he actually been "in charge," including staffers who might benefit from certain presidential decisions?

Executive Orders can be reversed by EOs signed by a successor president. President Trump did that with a flurry of signatures during his first week in office. Formal rulemakings must go through a more lengthy and thorough process but can still be undone or rewritten by another administration.

That will certainly be the case with the Obama EPA's "Endangerment Finding," declaring that plant-fertilizing, planetary-life-giving carbon dioxide "endangers human health and welfare."

However, the Biden Administration promulgated 3,248 final rules and regulations – a record 107,262 Federal Register pages. They reflect President Biden's determination to exert federal control over nearly every aspect of climate change, "equity and social justice," economic and environmental issues, and our daily lives – including "efficiency" rules for cars, stoves, dishwashers, furnaces and water heaters.

Many of these rulemakings will undoubtedly be examined and reversed under the Congressional Review Act. Others will fall outside its purview and require more than Trump Executive Orders.

And what about Biden's pardons, many of them murderers and hardened criminals; others convicted offenders like his son; still others people who haven't yet been charged or convicted of crimes but were given preemptive pardons, in case prosecutors later decide no one should be above the law?

Still more complicated will be legislation, such as the multi-trillion-dollar, pork-laden, Green-New-Deal-subsidizing Inflation Reduction Act, the $1-trillion infrastructure law, the Creating Helpful Incentives to Produce Semiconductors (CHIPS) and Science Act, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, and many others signed by Mr. Biden.

If they merit revision or recission, must Congress and President Trump go through an entire legislative process – and overcome almost certain Democrat "resistance" – to change or cancel them?

Or do some of these Biden Era laws (and regulations and pardons) fall within the parameters of a wills and estates "unsound mind" analog? If so, at what point was President Biden too cognitively impaired to know what he was agreeing to or signing? Who makes that determination, and on what basis?

It's definitely a case of first impression, and the outcomes are far from easy, ensured or predictable. But it's also another way for President Trump and Republicans to reexamine extreme Biden Era decisions.

I went to law school, was licensed in two states, practiced mostly legislative and regulatory law, even wrote a couple of Supreme Court briefs. But mostly I've been a policy wonk – pondering, developing, promoting, opposing, and implementing or rejecting public policies.

The Biden cognitive issue reminds me of humorist Will Rogers' answer to the threat of World War I German U-boats that were savaging Allied shipping. Rogers proposed that the US Navy "heat the Atlantic Ocean to the boiling point. Then, when the ocean gets too hot for them German subs to stay underwater, they'll have to come to the surface" and we can "pick 'em off one by one."

Of course, he averred, some admirals were likely to ask how they were supposed to boil the ocean. Rogers had an answer. "I leave that to the technicians. Myself, I'm a policy man."

Like Will Rogers, I'm just presenting policy ideas. It's up to President Trump, Congress, courts and neuropsychologists to figure out how to implement them.

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of websites—in unison with precisely the same verbiage—blindly mimic the mantra that Donald Trump is a "threat to democracy" and an "anti-democratic demagogue." If only the left knew how ridiculous they looked when all the while the most terrifying assault on American democracy was played out by the Left itself in the years leading up to President Donald Trump's exalted reelection last November. Journalists lost all credibility, talk show hosts embarrassed themselves, and famous actors like Robert DeNiro, talking in public with full blown Stage 5 TDS (clinically recognized by symptoms of ranting and public displays of hysteria), ruined what was left of their careers.

To the contrary, one of the biggest threats to democracy has been the weaponization of the Justice Department and the mobilization of TDS-infected state and county prosecutors like the George Soros-appointed Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg. In sensational style, D.A. Bragg proudly announced last May that he had obtained an all-count trial conviction of Donald Trump on "34 counts of Falsifying Business Records in the First Degree"—essentially, 34 felonies. Sounds horrible; and Trump Derangement Syndrome-infected leftists from all walks of life proudly trumpeted that the chances of Trump winning the presidency had vanished and he soon he would be in jail. After all, nobody would vote for a convicted felon. In fact, a convicted felon shouldn't even be able to run for president. Remember?

But what exactly were these "felonies" and why and how did Donald Trump commit them? Maybe it was simply the falsification of business records (which Trump did not do personally)? Maybe it was election fraud? Maybe it was more tax issues? Nobody seems to know. To be clear, not even the prosecutor knew exactly what the underlying crime was that allowed an alleged misdemeanor known as "falsifying of business records" to transform itself into 34 felonies! Neither did the jury. Are you beginning to understand why this may be the greatest criminal justice travesty and the greatest threat to American democracy in history? Read on.

The facts underlying the politically-motivated Trump's conviction are very unclear. A payment was made to the adult-film actress Stormy Daniels shortly before the 2016 election. She was paid $130,000 to keep quiet about her claim that she had sex with Trump, which he denies. Payment of so-called hush-money is embarrassing, to be sure, but it is not illegal.

The truth, however, is that Trump was convicted of 34 misdemeanors for paperwork errors (whose statute of limitations had run out) committed by employees of his, but which were then changed to felonies because he had supposedly violated another state law—nowhere mentioned in the indictment—that makes it a crime to use "unlawful" means to promote or oppose the election of a candidate. Donald Trump was never told what the "unlawful means" were. The biased prosecutor asked the biased judge to instruct the jurors that they didn't even need to agree on what the other crime was that Trump had purportedly committed—and the judge complied. He told the jurors that they could consider violations of tax law or a violation of federal campaign finance law (or any other unspecified law) to magically transform Trump's attorney's multiple (34 to be exact) recordings of the Stormy Daniels' payment as a "legal expense"—instead of as a "campaign expense." A settlement payment made to an individual who was represented by counsel is a perfectly legitimate, and perfectly legal, transaction. Criminal juries must find a defendant guilty by a unanimous vote; but, in complete derogation of two centuries of common law and Constitutional precedent, there was no requirement of unanimity on this. Alvin Bragg told the judge to instruct the jury that it did not have to be unanimous—and he again complied. After all, this is political warfare and the weapon of choice was our criminal justice system.

The friendly Manhattan judge might has well have been a member of the prosecution's legal team. Judge Juan Merchan—who donated money to both the Biden campaign and a group called "Stop Republicans"—ruled against Trump at every turn, and allowed the prosecution to commit reversable error at will—including admitting evidence and testimony that was completely irrelevant to the charges and the only purpose of which was to paint Donald Trump as a bad person. After the trial and verdict, Donald Trump said that the real verdict would come on November 5th—and he was right. On January 10, 2025, Judge Merchan, who should be removed from the bench, sentenced President Trump to an "unconditional discharge"—meaning he is now a convicted felon but will face no penalties or jail time.

The Biden Administration and its Storm Troopers ensconced in prosecutors' offices throughout blue cities around the nation engaged in an unprecedented, third-world weaponization of prosecutorial power to upend the democratic process. The federal government targeted individuals who voiced conservative views and support for Donald Trump, with numerous Federal investigations and politically motivated funding revocations, costing Americans access to needed services. The Department of Justice even jailed an individual for posting a political meme. And while the Department of Justice has ruthlessly prosecuted more than 1,500 individuals associated with January 6, and simultaneously dropped nearly all cases against BLM rioters.

Elsewhere in New York, Trump-hater, leftist-activist, and New York Attorney General Letitia James further threatened the rule of law in our country by filing a civil suit against Trump, his adult sons, and his former aide Allen Weisselberg, alleging a "scheme" in which Trump allegedly inflated his net worth on his annual financial statements to receive favorable loans from banks. Justice Arthur Engoron ruled that Trump must pay $355 million plus interest, the calculated size of his "ill-gotten gains" from fraud. The banks (i.e., the supposed "victims" whom Donald J. Trump is accused of defrauding) testified at trial that they did not rely on his net worth statements, lending support to the President's defense. James is still trying to collect these damages from our president.

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A Once-in-a-lifetime Daughter



By Scott Schara

On September 22, 2002, an angel came into this world. My wife, Cindy, and I named her Grace, after God's grace.

When someone with Down Syndrome joins your family, you don't know what to expect. I cried many times during her first two years, thinking, "Grace isn't going to be able to drive; Grace isn't going to be able to get married; …."

As things progressed, she learned to ride a horse, play violin, dance, public speak, and drive. She also taught me about unconditional love [I'm still in process]. She had a way of encouraging which always left the person she engaged with feeling better. She also enjoyed my literal humor and came up with her own jokes as she developed her unique style. During one Wisconsin deer season, while sitting in the stand waiting for the dream buck, she said, "Dad, I have a joke." I said, "What's your joke?" She said, "Where do bees go to the bathroom?" I said, "I don't know." She said, "The BP station."

She was special. As I learned about the gift she was, I thought to myself, "I wish I had Down Syndrome." What am I talking about? What would life be like to trust God, unconditionally; to love others unconditionally; to not let the stress of life get a stronghold - in short, to be in this world but not be of the world? Who does that? Grace did.

On October 13, 2021, her life was cut short by medical "professionals." If you ever wondered who the person behind the Fox Cities billboard campaign is, you just got a glimpse. Grace was from the Town of Freedom. Since her death, God has opened up countless doors to help save others' lives. One of those doors is a four-week jury trial, scheduled to begin on June 2, 2025, in Outagamie County.

I'll be writing more about what I've learned, since Grace's death, in upcoming issues. Stay tuned.

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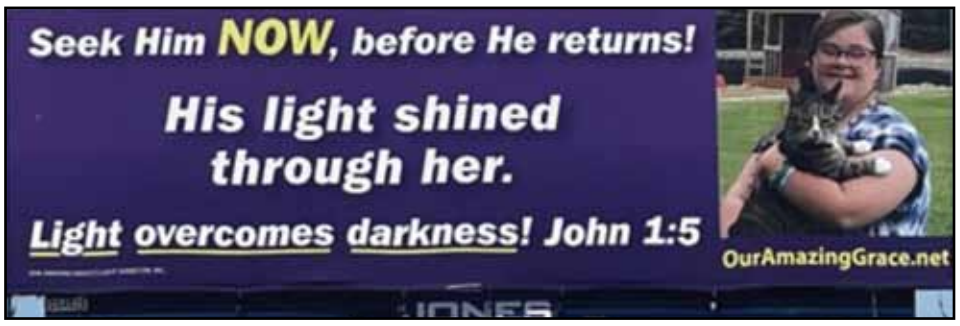



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or implement to fix the problem are supposed to reflect benefits solely accruing to the United States. The calculations of the costs and benefits are supposed to be limited to domestic harms from the problems, and domestic benefits from the proposed action to mitigate it. The EPA's SCC, by contrast and in violation of law, considered the "cost" of U.S. emissions on the globe, and when calculating benefits EPA likewise considered international benefits.

In addition, once the EPA decided on how to conduct the SCC analysis for agencies to consider when implementing rules or considering permits, it should have at least followed the standard practices for such exercises. Among those practices are: (1) to use a standard or reasonable discount rate when considering the long-term cost of the problem under consideration and (2) to do a fair comparison of both the benefits of the activity being considered for restrictions, and the costs of the proposed restrictions themselves. As numerous analyses have detailed (for example, here, here, and here), EPA violated both tenets. The discount rate EPA used was unreasonably low and thus overestimated the reasonably expected costs of CO2 to human health and the environment and understated the costs of the proposed regulations. Worse still, the EPA failed to consider at all whether rising CO2 concentrations produced any benefits—which they do, especially with regard to food production.

Under more reasonable discount rate assumptions, and considering the social benefits of CO2 and potential costs related to CO2 regulations, some analyses find increased CO2 produces a net benefit to the United States and, if one is concerned about it, the world as a whole.

With this in mind, Trump's Unleashing American Energy EO states,

The calculation of the "social cost of carbon" is marked by logical deficiencies, a poor basis in empirical science, politicization, and the absence of a foundation in legislation. Its abuse arbitrarily slows regulatory decisions and, by rendering the United States economy internationally uncompetitive, encourages a greater human impact on the environment by affording less efficient foreign energy producers a greater share of the global energy and natural resource market. Consequently, within 60 days of the date of this order, the Administrator of the EPA shall issue guidance to address these harmful and detrimental inadequacies, including consideration of eliminating the "social cost of carbon" calculation from any Federal permitting or regulatory decision.

In conjunction with that, Trump's EO states,

The Interagency Working Group on the Social Cost of Greenhouse Gases (IWG), which was established pursuant to Executive Order 13990, is hereby disbanded, and any guidance, instruction, recommendation, or document issued by the IWG is withdrawn as no longer representative of governmental policy.

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was drained in February 2024; no contractor was hired until November 2024; and even then no workers, equipment or materials were in place for 24/7 repairs?

Just as callously incompetent, why was there no plan (or no action taken) to utilize fireboats, tugboats, barges and other vessels from Long Beach Harbor and the San Diego Navy Base? Many are equipped with water storage, pumps, hoses and nozzles. They could spray seawater directly on coastal homes or run hoses ashore to connect to fire hydrant systems.

Some salt would remain in soils and kill some plants. However, the choice should be easy. Lose some prized vegetation to lingering salts – or have prized vegetation, homes, priceless heirlooms and artworks, and everything else incinerated by raging infernos. Homeowners never got to make that choice.

The incineration of these forests and communities released far more greenhouse gases than all the state's now-shuttered coal- and gas-fired power plants would have over many decades.

Further complicating matters, the fires sent ash and pollutants into skies and left toxic chemicals behind – from plastics, paints, batteries, solvents and other materials in homes, buildings and vehicles. They've contaminated waters and soils, which could result in long cleanup and rebuilding delays.

Governor Newsom says he wants to expedite rebuilding. But LA health officials say debris removal and reconstruction are prohibited until licensed officials have carefully examined sites for toxics – dangerous or barely detectable levels? New building codes for fire resistance? Or homeowner demands for them?

Citizens need to discuss all this at town hall meetings, before the next conflagration strikes – inevitably, if proper forest and water management and personnel hiring are not implemented immediately. Put simply, the woke idiots responsible for this rampant destruction and loss of life must be replaced with people who understand their Number One Job is protecting citizens from crime, fires and other natural disasters.

Mr. Newsom also wants an investigation into the loss of fire hydrant water pressure. Californians have good reason to suspect he's merely trying to find excuses and scapegoats, so that he and his favorite legislators can save their political hides.

Golden Staters need to revamp their political, bureaucratic, policy and woke systems. They need to rely less on government – and more on themselves, the way the Getty Villa and several neighbors did in Malibu, thereby saving homes, treasures and lives. Otherwise, these needless tragedies will be repeated.

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Wisconsin Judge Susan Crawford's DISHONEST Rape Kit Attack Disregards Victims' Wishes

By Jessica McBride

Dane County Judge Susan Crawford is slamming former Attorney General Brad Schimel for not rushing the testing of rape kits in which sexual assault survivors did not consent to the testing, rapists were already convicted or were acquitted, or the accusations were false.

Crawford, a liberal who is running against conservative Schimel for a seat on the state Supreme Court, argues he should have used taxpayer resources to test them all in two years.

Brad Schimel completed testing more than 4,100 rape kits right before leaving office in 2019 using private grants that saved taxpayers an estimated $4 million, at least, a monumental task no other AG ever accomplished. Crawford has repeatedly argued he should have rushed testing of the full 6,000, but Schimel (like Josh Kaul after him) excluded testing cases in the above categories, which no one thought was controversial until Crawford started launching political attacks. He also prioritized using taxpayer resources in the crime lab for current cases, especially where the evidence was needed in an upcoming court case or the statute of limitations was nearing.


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DOJ officials said victims who don't want to be part of the criminal justice system shouldn't be forced to cooperate. Jill Karofsky, executive director of DOJ's Office of Crime Victim Services, said the agency is trying to respect victims' wishes. Sexual assault exams are "super-invasive," she said, and victims may not want all those details going public in court.

In some instances, "the victim may have initially reported the sexual assault to law enforcement, but then later decided they did not want to pursue the incident and withheld consent to test," the Wisconsin DOJ's Sexual Assault Kit Initiative says, in a section explaining why 35% of the 6,000 kits weren't ever tested. "In keeping with the victim-centered approach of this project, these are currently not designated for testing."

This was not controversial until Crawford resurrected it as a political attack. In fact, victims' advocates stressed the importance of consent in news articles at the time.

You can't miss the Brad Schimel rape kit angle; Crawford has made it the centerpiece of her campaign's attacks on Schimel. "6,000 backlogged rape kits. 2 years of inaction," Crawford wrote on her campaign X page. "Only 9 tested. Justice delayed is justice denied, and Brad Schimel has failed survivors of sexual assault at every turn." And so it goes.

We took a deep dive into the Brad Schimel rape kit issue as a result, poring through DOJ statistics and archival newspaper stories.

Crawford has hammered Schimel relentlessly over the rape kit backlog that he inherited and fixed back in 2018. Specifically, she insists that he should have rushed through the testing of 6,000 rape kits, repeatedly using that number in political attacks. Yet thousands of those 6,000 kits fell under the aforementioned categories. In fact, in the case of acquittals, accreditation standards do not even allow testing, DOJ says.

Crawford's statement above also ignores the fact that, during those two years, Schimel was conducting an extensive inventory of police agencies to determine how many rape kits they had, for grant purposes. The kits were sitting on police agencies' shelves throughout the state in many cases, some of which did not cooperate. He was seeking complex federal grants, and taking other steps to shore up sexual assault protocols. These actions are documented on the DOJ's website but also in many news articles from the time. Crawford repeated the 6,000 figure in a campaign ad.

She also ignores the fact that almost no convictions resulted from the rape kits being cleared when all was said and done. Just six people were convicted, and two of those were already in prison, according to online court records and DOJ. In one of those cases, court records say the kit

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Biden's Pardons *cont. from page 1*

Hill and in the administration should repurpose the Democrats' excellent research. It is comprehensive research on the eight-hundred-year history of pardons, the constitutional case law on pardons, and the limits of the pardon power. Congress and the administration should read it as they seek to expose the truth behind Biden's pardons.

More significantly, these articles provide a well-crafted roadmap for the Trump administration and/or Congress to evaluate whether President Biden committed a crime by pardoning Hunter Biden and others who may have been involved in a conspiracy to defraud the federal government by giving false testimony and misusing government resources.

Let's start with the most common conclusion. In 2020, Bob Bauer, White House Counsel to Obama and Biden's personal lawyer, wrote:

A pardon or commutation is 'absolute' for the beneficiary of the crime pardoned. But a pardon does not afford the president, as the grantor, immunity from the commission of a crime in connection with granting the pardon.

While Bauer believes his target is Trump, his conclusions expose Biden to prosecution should the pardons be part of protecting himself.

Expanding on Bauer's narrow focus on abuses of the pardon power is a sixty-page, well-cited 2021 University of Chicago law review, Limiting the Pardon Power, by professor Albert W. Alschuler. The professor outlines several ways to prosecute President Trump if he misused his pardon power. The focus of Alschuler, like Bauer, was to ensure Trump was indicted for abuse of the pardon power. They assumed Trump would issue a self-pardon or participate in a conspiracy to obstruct justice. Under the law of unintended consequences, the Democrat's theory applies to Biden's use of the pardon power.

Alschuler notes:

The pardon power [1] does not authorize a president to violate criminal statutes that are broadly enforced and apply to public officials in the same way they apply to everyone else. [2] Pardons granted to individuals that fail to specify the convictions they forgive are invalid. [3] Pardons are also invalid when they have been obtained by trickery, bribery, or other fraudulent conduct.

All three concerns are relevant to the facts underlying activities of Hunter Biden's pardon and the pardons issued to the January 6th Committee and administration officials.

Under Professor Alschuler's theory, the pardons could be deemed invalid since President Biden did not specify the crimes committed. Moreover, the allegations against Hunter Biden, specifically the improper payments from Burisma and the implication of sharing them with Joe Biden, raise the question: was the pardon of Hunter and the other government officials granted as part of a conspiracy?

Professor Alschuler's law review introduces a novel and intriguing theory that liability could be attached to a president who violates the 'Take Care' clause by granting an improper pardon. He argues that the "Take Care" clause imposes a fiduciary duty on the president, requiring him to act impartially in the public's best interests and refrain from self-dealing and corruption. He cites other pardon scholars, i.e., Lieb and Shugerman, who conclude that "the president may not pardon himself or pardon his closest associates for self-interested reasons;" and that such pardons are "invalid."

Professor Andrew Kent of Fordham Law School agrees: "A pardon of a third party motivated principally by the president's desire to protect himself would seem to violate the faithful execution principles." He reasons that other enumerated and implicit constitutional principles constrain all provisions of the Constitution.

Professor Alschuler provides additional reasoning to Professor Kent's conclusion. He persuasively writes that the president's pardon power does not exempt him from broadly enforcing criminal laws. He uses the example that since the pardon power does not exempt a president from murder; it does not authorize him to induce a witness to lie or stonewall authorities. Moreover, pardon power does not authorize the president to commit crimes and protect himself.

The most persuasive argument is that a president cannot pardon members of a conspiracy he is a member of. Sam Berger, former senior policy advisor at the White House and senior advisor to the Center for American Progress, asserts that a pardon can only "apply to actions that occurred before it is issued, but in the case, any obstructive pardon would be a continuation of a conspiracy so that the crime would be ongoing. Put another way: you cannot pardon a crime when the pardon itself continues the crime." To allow "pardons of ongoing or future crimes would mean the president could suspend any and all laws for any person or group of persons, making a mockery of our legal system." Since a conspiracy is an ongoing crime, the pardon cannot eliminate the continuation of the crime. Such a pardon is invalid.

Acceptance of a pardon is an admission of guilt. Biden's spin on his preemptive pardons for General Milley, "Mr. I am science Fauci," members of Congress, the staff on the January 6th Committee, and certain witnesses before the Committee was that the pardons were issued because of threats of unjustified and politically motivated prosecutions by the incoming Trump administration. Biden stated:

The issuance of these pardons should not be mistaken as an acknowledgment that any individual engaged in any wrongdoing, nor should acceptance be misconstrued as an admission of guilt for any offense."

Fauci and Milley accepted the pardons, stating that they had committed no crime and were only accepting them to avoid immeasurable and intolerable distress for themselves and their families.

Biden's statement justifying the pardons is pure imagination. While no U.S. Supreme Court case is precisely on point, the courts that have addressed the limits of the pardon power view the acceptance of a pardon as an acknowledgment of guilt.

The U.S. Supreme Court, in Burdick v. U.S. (1915), addressed the status of a pardon by a person who refused to accept it so that he could assert his constitutional right against self-incrimination. The court noted that had the pardon been accepted, it would have absolved the petitioner of the consequences of every such criminal act. However a pardon is an "imputation of guilt and acceptance of a confession of it."

More recently, the liberal DC Circuit held that a pardon does not blot out guilt. In another case, the court sitting en banc held that while a pardon sets aside the petitioner's convictions and their legal consequences, it does not require the court to close its eyes to the offense. Instead, the pardoned offense could be used in disciplinary proceedings to assess the petitioner's moral character.

There is a long way to go before the results of the Biden pardons are known. The pardons issued by Biden are unique in American history because they are preemptive and apply to family members and a significant number of government officials not yet charged with crimes.

There are two parts to the Biden pardon story that need further investigation. Part one is whether there is a conspiracy between Joe Biden and his son. Since Hunter Biden can no longer plead the Fifth, he must testify since he is no longer at risk of being charged with a crime other than perjury should he lie. If he refuses to testify, he can be charged with obstruction of justice. Part two is whether those pardoned can claim to the world they are innocent.

Congress and the administration should forget about prosecutions, which will take more time than they have. Since none of those pardoned will be jailed, there is no reason to allow history to write Biden and Trump tried to jail their political opponents. Let Joe Biden be the sole president with that stigma printed in the history books.

Congress and the administration need to make a comprehensive factual record of Biden's pardons. History will then be able to provide the truth about the actions of Joe and Hunter, the January 6th committee, and the Biden family. History can administer justice much quicker, and such justice will be far more punishment than any jail cell can inflict.

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Beglinger Blast.....

Dominance is Not a Dirty Word

By Joan Beglinger

Dominant performance differentiates the best from the rest of the pack. Dominant performance made America great. We defeated our enemies; achieved athletic superiority; led in scientific discovery; advanced technology; excelled academically; and produced goods and services that were the envy of the world. We are living proof that ingenuity and hard work in pursuit of dreams create endless possibilities. Arthur Ashe, a famous tennis player once said on achieving greatness, "Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can."

Today we are living in an upside-down world of liberal ideology where dominance as a virtue has given way to mediocrity (or worse) and lying to ourselves about how we are doing has replaced honest appraisal. We give trophies for participation. We lower the bar when performance is substandard. We promote the idea that "I'm OK, You're OK" and, in a sick, ironic twist, the more we focus on how we are feeling rather than how we are doing; the more people feel anxious and depressed. You cannot lie to yourself.

There is no freedom without self-sufficiency. The foundations of self-sufficiency are the knowledge and skills acquired through education. Our education systems are failing in Wisconsin and across the nation. President Donald Trump made the return to academic excellence a hallmark of his candidacy. He is already laying the groundwork for the elimination of the Department of Education. Trump will do his part and we must do ours.

The Truth About Academic Performance in the United States and Wisconsin

Last month the "Nation's Report Card" for 2024 was released. The report card is the result of nationwide testing called the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). Students are tested in reading and math for both knowledge and ability to apply skills. The results are unacceptable and, if trends are not dramatically reversed, we will cease to be a country capable of greatness.

At the national level, 31% of 4th graders and 30% of 8th graders are proficient or above in reading. Proficiency is defined as performing at grade level. 39% of 4th graders and 28% of 8th graders are proficient or above in math.

In Wisconsin, 31% of 4th graders and 31% of 8th graders are proficient or above in reading. 42% of 4th graders and 37% of 8th graders are proficient or above in math.

Jill Underly Has Got to Go

The April 1 Wisconsin election is around the corner. Electing Brad Schimel to the Supreme Court and Brittany Kinser as Superintendent of the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) are critical steps in the battle to take our country back. Here is what you need to know about the Superintendent race.

There are 3 candidates for Superintendent of DPI, which means there will be a primary on February 18. Only the 2 top vote getters in the primary will be on the ballot on April 1. It is critical we get out the vote on February 18 to secure Kinser's spot on the ballot.

Jill Underly is the current Superintendent of DPI. She is a liberal educator who is seeking a second term with the full backing of the Democratic Party. She is endorsed by the American Federation of Teachers (AFT), a large teacher's union. She is full of excuses for the performance of Wisconsin schools and has nothing to say about accountability – hers or anyone else's. Wisconsin schools will not improve performance with Underly at the helm. Her argument for reelection is, "I think there's something to be said for a strong incumbent and continuity."

Liberal ideology runs deep through Underly's approach. According to her, "…it's a very high benchmark to be proficient in NAEP" She claims, "Wisconsin has gone from 13th in the nation in 2020 to 6th in the nation when it comes to education. We have among the highest graduation rates in the nation." Graduation rates are a measure of how many students are pushed through the system. They do not necessarily correlate with what students have learned in the process.

True to her liberal roots, Underly is focused on Wisconsin being the worst state in the nation for racial disparity with the widest gap in math and reading scores between Black and White students. She is emphatic that we "have to fix it" and proposes we do so by adding $4 billion to the next biennial budget. At no time has Underly specified how more money will improve outcomes. Wisconsin already spends $9 billion annually, which translates to more than $16,000 per pupil every year. Black students comprise just 9% of the Wisconsin public school student body. 51% of Black students are chronically absent, which is defined as missing 10% or more of the school days. They are not alone. Chronic absenteeism for all Wisconsin students is a problem at nearly 20%, as is the behavioral disruption that is an everyday occurrence in many schools. In the Milwaukee district, the police are called more than 3,700 times in the school year.



Last year Underly unilaterally changed how student success is described and lowered the threshold for proficiency at the state level. This drew widespread criticism including from liberal Governor Tony Evers. The changes are a brazen attempt to deceive and make it impossible to compare student performance from past to present. As a result, the DPI reported that 94% of public-school districts met, exceeded, or significantly exceeded expectations.12 public schools with less than 15% proficiency in reading were scored meets or exceeds expectations.

Jeff Wright is the Superintendent of the Sauk Prairie School District. He is a Democrat. The political action committee of the Wisconsin Education Association (WEA) Council, a statewide teacher's union, has recommended Wright receive its endorsement. The full organization has not yet endorsed. Wright has experience as a teacher, a principal, and a district administrator. He is not the change Wisconsin needs.

Brittany Kinser has been an education professional for more than 25 years. Most recently she has worked as an educational consultant. She has been an administrator in charter school organizations and a teacher in both public and charter schools. Kinser has resisted Party affiliation in this race but aligns closely with conservative priorities. She is a strong supporter of parental choice and will assure parents have meaningful voice in their child's education. She has embraced a platform of "ensuring students can read, write and do math skillfully," and emphasizes that she "wants to restore high academic standards and make sure students have the skills they need for good jobs after graduation."

A Chain is Only as Strong as its Weakest Link

Effective schools are a vital component of a high performing society. They can only be achieved through effective leadership. It is equally true that society cannot compensate when the nuclear family does not do its job. Teachers are aided or limited by what happens in the students' homes. My fourth-grade teacher sent a note home informing my parents that I had not learned the multiplication tables as assigned. Six decades later, I have a vivid memory of my mother sitting with me at the kitchen table every night drilling me with multiplication flash cards. I mastered the assignment in one week.

Make America Great Again

Wisconsin voters are once again called upon to make sure the upcoming election is too big to rig. We must get out the primary vote on February 18 to secure Brittany Kinser's place on the ballot and elect her as our next Superintendent of DPI on April 1. It's time to make America great again with a return to dominant performance as the standard for everything we do. Dominance is not a dirty word.

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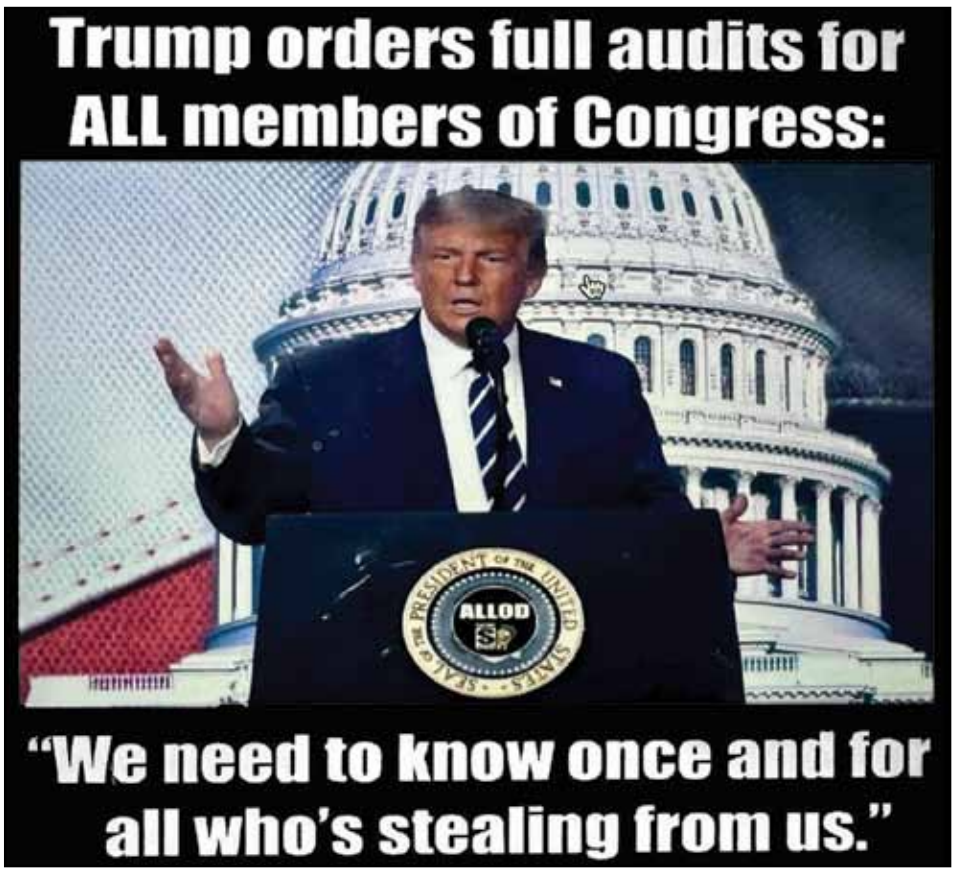

Beglinger Blast..... We Will Not Settle for Rearranging the Chairs on the Deck of the Titanic

By Joan Beglinger

Voters all across Wisconsin who are concerned about election integrity will not be silenced by the efforts to distract and deflect that keep popping up. The latest is a new organization that calls itself the Democracy Defense Project (DDP). Led by former elected officials from across 8 states including Wisconsin, the DDP refers to itself as a bipartisan organization working to restore trust in our election system. Their website asserts that the "problem" is the erosion of faith in our democracy caused by politicians advancing "false narratives" about "stolen elections." They warn that mistrust in the electoral system is putting democracy at grave risk. They give no indication they understand that to be trusted, you must be trustworthy.

Two of its members, Republican J.B. Van Hollen and Democrat Mandela Barnes, wrote an opinion piece published in last Sunday's Milwaukee Journal Sentinel (JS) entitled "Two Things Wisconsin Must do to Boost Trust in our Elections." They make a number of statements that expose either their ignorance or dishonesty. Van Hollen and Barnes inform the readers that, "We joined the Democracy Defense Project to help educate Wisconsin voters about the steps being taken to protect our elections…" They go on to propose their solutions. "We can undercut the arguments made by election deniers with simple fixes" – counting absentee ballots before election day and implementing a standard set of rules for drop boxes. They close with, "It's time to figure out why folks continue to doubt these results and address them…"

Ignorance or dishonesty. Van Hollen and Barnes didn't come close to the real issue with their two simple fixes. There is nothing to "figure out." Wisconsin elections are unverifiable. System flaws make it impossible to substantiate that every vote cast has been cast by an eligible voter. Until this becomes the focus of those who are trying to "help" us, we will know they are simply pretenders. Until the problems are corrected and our elections verifiable, voters will continue, appropriately, to mistrust the results. Two of the major flaws have been well-documented and are priorities for immediate correction: 1. The Wisconsin Registered Voter List contains the names of more than 4 million ineligible voters, creating a large reservoir for sophisticated hacking. Requiring the Registered Voter List to contain only the names of currently eligible voters is the responsibility of the Wisconsin state legislators. They have ignored demands from their constituents to address this. 2. There have been at least 250,000 Wisconsin driver's licenses issued to non-citizens who reside in the state legally. These licenses are identical to those issued to citizens and can easily be used fraudulently as ID for voter registration or casting a ballot. It is the responsibility of the Wisconsin state legislators to require these driver's licenses to be clearly designated "not for voting." They have refused to correct the problem. These are the real simple fixes. There is no credible defense of these serious threats to election integrity.

Who are J.B. Van Hollen and Mandela Barnes?

Van Hollen is a lawyer who hails from northwestern Wisconsin. In 1993, three years after getting his law degree, Governor Tommy Thompson appointed him to District Attorney of Ashland County and later to District Attorney of Bayfield County. He was also appointed to a US Attorney position in Wisconsin before being elected Attorney General of Wisconsin in 2007, a position he held until 2015.

It is common for elected officials to join lobbying firms when they leave office. Through lobbying, their political connections are translated into big money and influence. In 2018 Van Hollen joined the high-powered lobbying firm of Michael Best Strategies. Michael Best Strategies reported more than $197 million in gross revenue in 2023 "giving clients the tools they need to navigate the inner workings of government and public policy".

Mandela Barnes was a "social justice advocate" early in his career and in 2012, at the age of 26, he was elected to the Wisconsin Assembly. He won the Democratic nomination for Lieutenant Governor in 2018 at the age of 33, was elected, and held that position with Governor Tony Evers from 2019 – 2023. In 2019 he admitted he lied about earning a bachelor's degree from Alabama A&M. In 2022, he failed in his bid to defeat Senator Ron Johnson. Upon leaving elected office he started the Long Run Political Action Committee to "support diverse and groundbreaking pro-democracy candidates."

Van Hollen and Barnes are political careerists. They represent the wrong side in the battle we are waging to take our country back. Wisconsin voters, who clearly understand the problems with our election system and know that elections will be vulnerable to cheating until they are verifiable, do not need further education to trust our elections. We need change.

Demand. Expose. Replace.

The will of the people is threatened until election systems are designed to prevent cheating to the extent humanly possible. We will continue to demand that our elected representatives correct the serious flaws in our system. We will expose and replace those legislators who continue to blatantly ignore their constituents and their responsibility. We will not settle for rearranging the chairs on the deck of the Titanic. We want an unsinkable ship.

Beglinger Blast..... Wisconsin is Not For Sale

By Joan Beglinger

When a titan of the liberal media like the New York Times (NYT) shines a light on the corruption of a liberal candidate for Supreme Court in your own back yard it puts a puny player like the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel (JS) in a tough spot. That may have been the motivation for Daniel Bice, a member of the JS "watchdog team," to report on candidate Susan Crawford's brazen attempt to entice big Democratic donor support of her candidacy by suggesting a win might put congressional seats in play. The JS is usually a reliable advocate for the liberal agenda, withholding whatever information and telling whatever lies are necessary in the process. It was completely out of character for Bice to expose the corruption at play in the upcoming Supreme Court race but, with the NYT out in front on the story, what choice did he have?

Susan Crawford took Wisconsin judicial elections to a new low when, as a candidate for Supreme Court, she chose to participate in a major donor briefing on January 13 that was billed as "Time-sensitive: Chance to put two more seats in play for 2026". The briefing was sponsored by Focus for Democracy, a liberal group that channels money to voter turnout efforts. The invitation recounted how the new liberal majority Supreme Court struck down Wisconsin's legislative districts in 2023 resulting in a pickup of 14 seats in the state legislature for Democrats in 2024. It teased that …"winning this race could also result in Democrats being able to win two additional US House seats, half of the seats needed to win control of the House in 2026". Media coverage of the event suggests that the seats being referred to are those currently held by Republicans Bryan Steil and Derrick Van Orden. Following the redistricting mandate handed down by the Supreme Court in 2023, emboldened Democrats tried to get the Supreme Court to revisit Wisconsin's congressional districting. The Court declined but there is little doubt they will address the issue if they can secure a liberal majority with a Crawford win until 2028, the next opportunity to tip the majority back to conservative.

Historically, candidates for the state Supreme Court go to great lengths to reassure voters that they will rule on the cases that come before them with no political bias. Crawford isn't even pretending that will be the case. Reporting in both the NYT and JS pointed out that Crawford's claims of impartiality fly in the face of receiving $1 million from the state Democratic Party and the January 13 donor briefing which had ties to Reid Hoffman, a billionaire Democratic donor who has given more than $14.5 million to the state Democratic Party.

Elections have become an embarrassing obscenity on both sides of the aisle. Millions are poured into races from outside interests seeking to control the political direction of the entire country; candidates are shamelessly smeared with bald-faced lies; and winning by cheating is real and happens wherever systems allow it.

The April 1 election for Supreme Court is both an opportunity to regain conservative control of the court and a threat to freedom. The obstacles are significant. In 2023 when the election of Janet Protasiewicz flipped the Court to a liberal majority, $51 million was spent on the race. With outside money pouring in, it is anticipated that spending on this year's election will exceed the 2023 record. The ads being aired are nasty and deceitful. Wisconsin's election system remains vulnerable to cheating and voter turnout for spring elections is typically low – less than half of a general election.

Freedom-loving Wisconsinites maintain control of our most powerful weapon: massive voter turnout. Brad Schimel, conservative candidate for Supreme Court and Susan Crawford, liberal candidate for Supreme Court both have records. We know who they are. Schimel will not waver from his commitment to adhering to the written law and to the Constitution in every judicial decision. Crawford will join her fellow activist judges to legislate from the bench, casting aside the law as written in favor of what they believe the law should be. Crawford has a long record of activism for the most extreme liberal positions. She has shown herself willing to stoop to new lows by suggesting to potential donors they will be rewarded with a favorable redrawing Wisconsin's congressional districts.

Let's get out the vote on April 1 to elect Brad Schimel to the Supreme Court. Wisconsin is not for sale.

Thousands Of Bird Deaths Later, PG&E Cuts Ties With Ivanpah Solar Over High Costs And Failures

By Nick Page

One of the most expensive green energy projects ever undertaken in American history looks like it is now on borrowed time after eating up massive amounts of taxpayer dollars and killing thousands of birds. [emphasis, links added]



Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) — a major utility company — announced in January that it is terminating power purchase contracts with the owners of Southwestern California's Ivanpah Solar Power facility, a massive and unique solar project that received hundreds of millions of subsidy dollars as it launched in 2014.

Just over a decade after it started operations the facility appears to be headed toward its demise after killing thousands of birds because it could not provide the utility with sufficiently cheap energy.

"PG&E determined that ending the agreements at this time will save customers money," the company said in its Jan. 17 statement on the plant.

The original owners of the plant — which cost about $2.2 billion to build — included Google and NRG Energy, according to the Las Vegas Review-Journal.

The Los Angeles Times reported in 2016 that the Ivanpah project killed an average of 6,000 birds each year, with some of the unlucky creatures colliding with the development's 40-story towers and others being incinerated instantly upon flying through concentrated sunlight while chasing prey.

The project received tax breaks, a $1.6 billion loan guarantee from the Obama Department of Energy (DOE), and a further $535 million subsidy from the Obama Department of Transportation (DOT), but it failed to reach advertised power output levels, according to analysis by Benjamin Zycher, an energy-focused senior fellow at the American Enterprise Institute (AEI).

"It was the future. It would demonstrate how to save the planet. It would produce electricity clean and cheap and immune to the vagaries of international shifts in prices, interest rates, currency exchange values, and the caprice of foreign governments," Zycher wrote of the project in his analysis for AEI.

"It was a demonstration of the massive achievements possible from public/private 'partnerships,' that is, central planning American style."

The Ivanah project consists of three large towers that are surrounded by fields of reflective mirrors that concentrate sunlight on the towers, according to the DOE.

That energy is then used to heat water into steam, which then powers a turbine that generates electricity.

The power

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Short Takes

By Ken Van Doren

There is no prejudice that the work of art does not finally overcome.
-Andre Gide

I always wanted to be somebody, but now I realize I should have been more specific. -Lily Tomlin

The most worth-while thing is to try to put happiness into the lives of others.
-Robert Baden-Powell

Kindness in women, not their beauteous looks, shall win my love.
-Washington Irving

We shall never know all the good that a simple smile can do. -Mother Teresa

You can't depend on your eyes when your imagination is out of focus.
-Mark Twain

Life is something to do when you can't get to sleep. -Fran Lebowitz

The progress of rivers to the ocean is not so rapid as that of man to error.
-Voltaire

The first wealth is health.
-Ralph Waldo Emerson

If technique is of no interest to a writer, I doubt that the writer is an artist.
-Marianne Moore

My brother Bob doesn't want to be in government - he promised Dad he'd go straight. -John F. Kennedy

Girls we love for what they are; young men for what they promise to be.
-Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

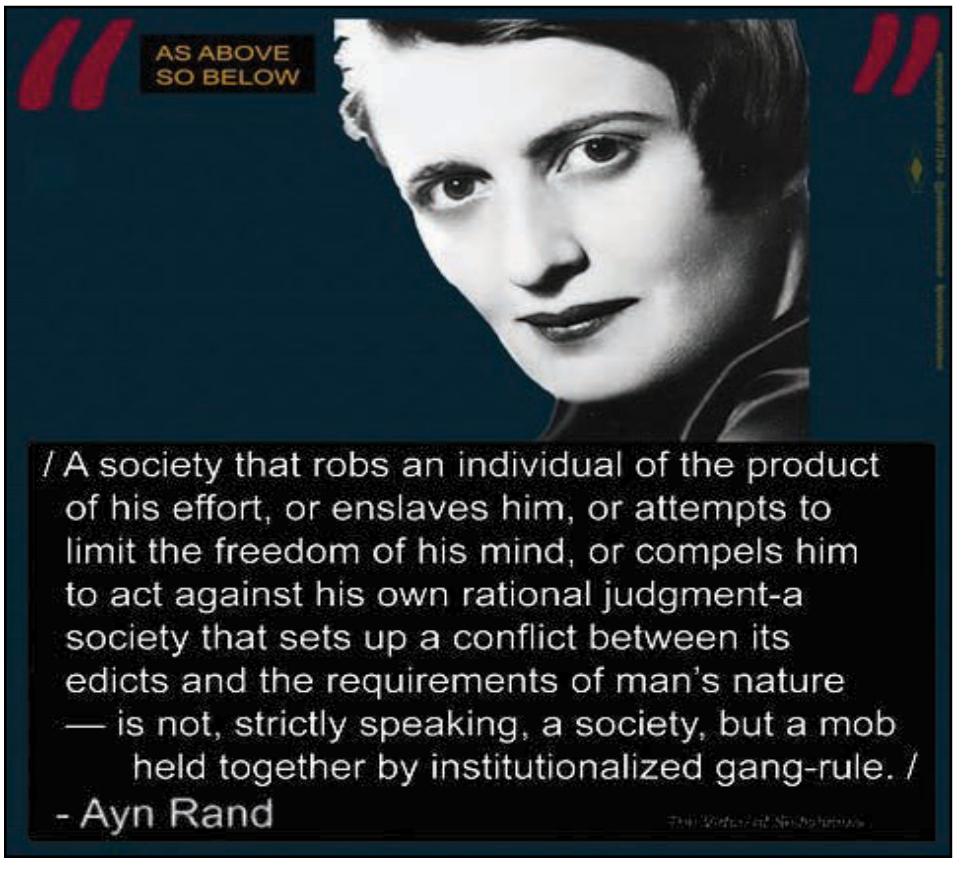
Love is when he gives you a piece of your soul, that you never knew was missing. -Torquato Tasso

It is only an auctioneer who can equally and impartially admire all schools of art. -Oscar Wilde

Nature reserves the right to inflict upon her children the most terrifying jests.
-Thornton Wilder

Wisdom to Live By

"If virtue & knowledge are diffused among the people, they will never be enslav'd. This will be their great security." - Patriot Sam Adams



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Crossword Puzzler

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

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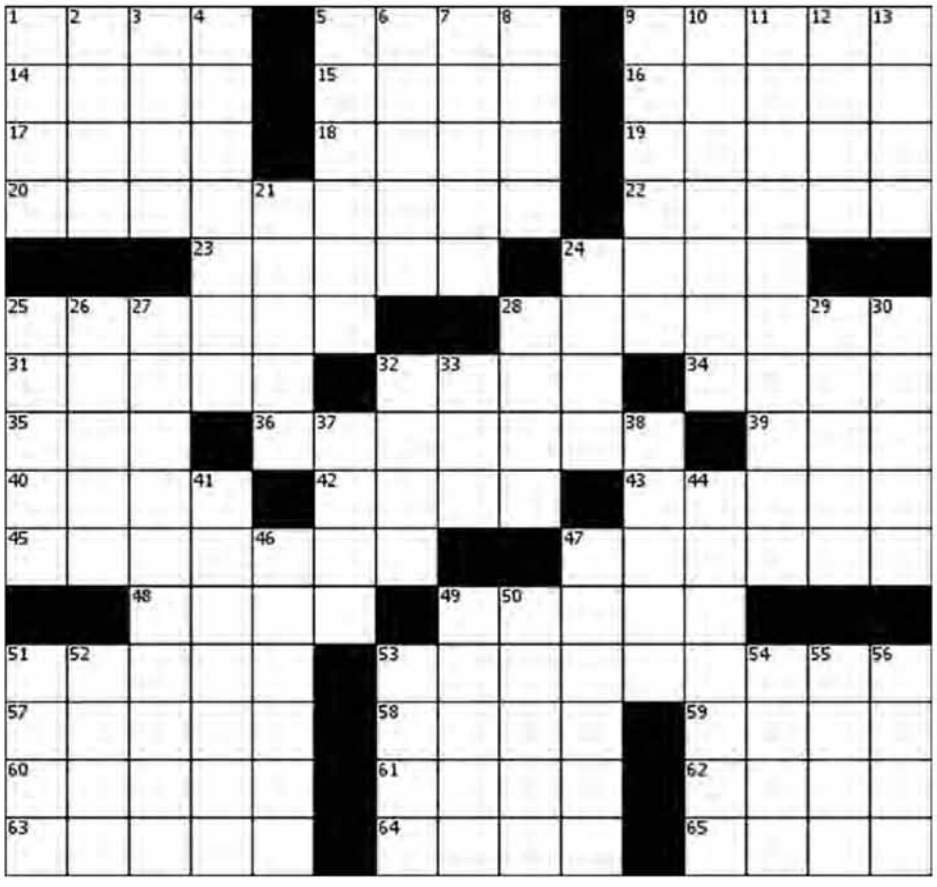
55. Borrowed without permission
56. Slight advantage



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Time Climate *cont. from page 1*

"science is settled" regarding the existence of a dire climate crisis caused by carbon dioxide is a deceptive, destructive, and costly fraud.

A "World Climate Declaration" made public by the non-profit scientific Global Climate Intelligence Group (CLINTEL) endorsed in 2023 by 1,609 informed scientists and professionals - including two Nobel Laureates — asserts the opposite, that here is no such climate emergency consensus.

On top of this, proposals driven by climate alarmism to rapidly transition America away from the more than 80% of energy provided by fossil fuels by sufficiently increasing intermittent wind and solar systems currently producing about 3% combined are additionally delusional, with solar producing less than 1%.

The Wall Street Journal's Barton Swaim observes that over the past three decades, someone who pigheadedly didn't embrace the belief that "science was settled" that life on earth faces imminent extinction from "global warming" and, later, "climate change," was labeled a crank, or worse a "climate denier."

The latter characterization — an offensive epitaph sometimes hurled against me and many of my writings on the subject — presents an obvious correlation with ignorant disbelievers who've denied horrific historical events.

So yes, climate changes, and has been doing so ever since our planet had an atmosphere. Besides, if it didn't, we wouldn't need a word for it other than just "weather."

As Swaim points out, "The possibility that an entire academic discipline, climate science, could have gone badly amiss by groupthink and self-flattery wasn't thought possible. In many quarters this orthodoxy still reigns unquestioned."

Fortunately, that circumstance appears to be changing.

As observed in this writer's previous Feb. 7 column, President Donald Trump's landslide election offers heaping amounts of evidence, that a majority of Americans have lost patience and charity for woke government policies.

Edicts premised upon unsupported alarmist climate claims and wildly unrealistic green capacity projections that choke energy-driven consumer commodity costs and lifestyles, business and employment opportunities, and national prosperity and security.

All one need do is look at California and New York as painful examples.

California's Legislative Analyst Office (LAO) recently released a report revealing that the Golden State's average monthly electricity rates for residential customers have nearly doubled since 2019, a trend negatively influenced by green energy policies.

LAO attributes major contributing factors for these price hikes to "ambitious" greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction targets and taxpayer-funded energy programs, leading to the nation's second highest rates following Hawaii.

The California Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) requires that by 2030, 60% of an electricity provider's portfolio must come from more costly "renewable energy" resources, and legislation signed by Gov. Gavin Newsom, D-Calif., in 2022, seeks to require that 85% of the state's GHGs are reduced to below 1990 levels by 2045.

Making matters worse, Californians are also seeing increased energy costs resulting from programs that are using their tax dollars to build many thousands of charging stations for electric vehicles (EVs), which-in turn, increase electricity demand and shortages.

As consequences, LAO found that, "On average, residential electricity rates in California are close to double those in the rest of the nation."

Nevertheless, New York is making great progress in competing with California and Hawaii to achieve distinction for the nation's highest electricity costs.

In attempting to meet a state-wide mandate that 70% of power generation come from renewables (including hydropower from Quebec) by 2030, investor-owned Con Edison, which serves New York City and its suburbs, proposes to hike utility bills by 11.4% on average and 13.3% for gas service.

This will raise average residential electricity bills to about $500 monthly, $154 more than five years ago.

And that vital hydropower from Quebec?

Another transmission line under construction to provide more is costing a whopping $6 billion, four times more than Con Edison's proposed electricity rate increase this year.

Still, in November the New York Independent System Operator warned of potential power shortages next year if the line isn't operational by May.

Meanwhile, last spring state regulators cancelled three offshore wind contracts owing to rising interest rates and inflation along with a planned 175-mile-long transmission line to power New York City from gigantic upstate wind and solar farms.

It hasn't helped that former Gov. Andrew Cuomo mandated a premature shutdown of the Indian Point nuclear plant that generated about a quarter of New York City's power plus banned shale fracking and vetoed gas pipelines.

These actions will continue to drive up electricity costs since Con Edison says they need more money for infrastructure upgrades to strengthen their power grid as more intermittent renewables come online, particularly at a time of increased electricity demands related to New York's climate regulations banning gas hookups for new buildings.

There should be no wonder why deep blue New York and California, along with Illinois, led the nation in 2023 population losses.

Ironically, those who are least able to afford these unnecessary financial burdens caused by woefully misguided climate-alarm energy policies are typically the same lowest income ones, including many elderly, who can't afford relocation expenses . . . the very same populations that virtue-signaling liberals hypocritically purport to care most about.

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Offshore wind projects imperiled by Trump's executive orders

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By Craig Rucker

WASHINGTON, DC (January 30, 2025) – A group of public interest groups trying to save endangered whales and other marine life in the Atlantic Ocean from the harms of massive wind projects predict that President Trump's current and future executive orders could imperil many projects already underway.

The Committee for a Constructive Tomorrow (CFACT), the Heartland Institute, and the National Legal and Policy Center (NLPC) today responded to claims by the offshore wind industry that the numerous federal orders recently issued by the Trump administration would have little impact on the viability of wind projects off the U.S. East Coast.

On January 20, 2025, the day of his inauguration, President Trump issued an executive order which canceled Lava Ridge, a large wind energy project in Idaho, and also called for government officials to conduct a study to determine the "viability" of East Coast offshore wind projects. The study will determine if the offshore wind projects should be "amended or terminated." The study's recommendations will be sent to President Trump and his Assistant for Economic Policy, Stephen Miller, at a later date.

Proponents of the offshore wind projects, such as Maryland Gov. Wes Moore, have claimed that Trump's executive order will have no effect on the construction and operation of the offshore wind project recently announced for the federal waters off the coast of Maryland.

Last year, CFACT, The Heartland Institute, and NLPC sued the Biden administration to halt construction of the offshore wind project being built in Virginia by Dominion Energy citing harm done to the endangered North Atlantic right whale. That case is pending in the US District Court for the District of Columbia.

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"Maryland's governor is jumping to conclusions that Trump's executive order doesn't impact his state's offshore wind factory. Even if they have federal permits for the time being, some of these will require reauthorization and others may be needed to operate during and after construction. Forging ahead and building Maryland's wind project at this point is an incredible financial risk, especially if a reassessment of the project's impact on whales and other marine life uncovers significant potential harm. Maryland taxpayers will be on the hook for any premature construction cost."

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"President Trump should be taken at his word when he pledged that he does not want a single windmill to be built during his second term. The delays will add costs to the projects and combined with the revised studies required by the executive order, which suggest that some of these wind projects may be 'terminated.' could have severe consequences for future offshore wind construction. For the sake of the reliability of the electrical grid, energy's cost to ratepayers, the fishing and tourism industries, and endangered and protected marine mammals, one can only hope President Trump's efforts to stop these industrial monstrosities are successful. Only time will tell."

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"Offshore wind developers are clearly whistling past the graveyard when they claim the Trump administration will have no effect on their construction plans. There will be new leadership at highest levels of the federal government who have publicly stated their dim view of the economics and environmental impact of offshore wind."

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In 1985, the Committee For A Constructive Tomorrow (CFACT) was founded to promote a much-needed, positive alternative voice on issues of environment and development. Its co-founders, David Rothbard and Craig Rucker, strongly believed the power of the market combined with the applications of safe technologies could offer humanity practical solutions to many of the world's most pressing concerns. A number of leading scientists, academics, and policy leaders soon joined them, along with thousands of citizens from around the U.S. and around the world.

Today, CFACT is a respected Washington D.C.-based organization whose voice can be heard relentlessly infusing the public-interest debate with a balanced perspective on environmental stewardship and oth er important issues. With an influential and impressive scientific advisory board, effective collegiate program on U.S. college campuses, CFACT Europe, official United Nations' NGO representation, Adopt-A-Village project, Global Social Responsibility program, and "Just the Facts" daily national radio commentary, CFACT continues to offer genuine solutions to today's most important global challenges.

CFACT has been termed "invaluable" by the Arizona Republic, it has been lauded for its "effort to bring sound science to the environmental debate" by a former president of the National Academy of Sciences, and has been praised by a respected Boston Herald columnist for "a record of supplying absolutely solid information."

Make it last

By Craig Rucker

With President Trump back in office, there's a wave of optimism sweeping across our nation.

On day one, the President took aim at stopping offshore wind, getting the U.S. out of the Paris Accord, and ending the Green New Deal through a series of ambitious executive orders. These were bold moves, ones we at CFACT have been championing for years. But as you and I both know, to make these revolutionary changes "stick" and survive past the next few years we can't let up on the gas pedal.

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by Special Counsel Jack Smith on federal charges for stealing, retaining, and making false statements about classified documents that he took from the White House after losing the 2020 election. The FBI broke into and raided Trump's home in Mar-a-Lago, Florida, seizing evidence without even telling Trump what they took. Meanwhile, Joe Biden did exactly the same thing in his garage, and the weaponized Justice Department released a report concluding that the "evidence does not establish Mr. Biden's guilt beyond a reasonable doubt", so "no criminal charges are warranted in this matter." The case against Trump was later dropped.

More damage was done when Trump was indicted in Georgia by District Attorney Fani Willis for "election interference." Willis had an affair with special prosecutor Nathan Wade, which tainted the entire prosecution. Fulton County Superior Court Judge Scott McAfee allowed Willis to continue with the prosecution if Wade resigned, which he did, but the case has been derailed by an appeal from Trump and the other defendants. Fani Willis, a partisan hack, was removed from the case by a state appeals court, and the Georgia Senate has now begun investigating Fani Willis over her prosecution of our president.

Trump was again indicted by Special Counsel Jack Smith for election interference in the 2020 election. Issues arose regarding the standard for presidential immunity and an appeals court ruled that a former president has no immunity for crimes committed while in office. The Supreme Court reversed that in Trump v. United States. Prosecutor Jack Smith has attempted to limit the indictment to address the Supreme Court's immunity ruling, but serious immunity questions remain. The case was pending before Judge Tanja Chutkan, a Barack Obama appointee. It has since been dropped.

No American should be the victim of political persecution by their government; and weaponizing America's civil and criminal justice systems for political attacks on an adversary is something that has previously only taken place in third-world countries. Nobody should have to endure eight years of impeachments, indictments, FBI raids, hearings, trials, convictions, and assassination attempts, in order to serve, protect, and save their country from those who want to destroy it. Instead of searching for a name of someone who committed a crime, these biased and politically-motivated prosecutors have repeatedly searched for a crime committed by a name—the name being Donald Trump.

Thankfully, Donald Trump and the new administration is going to clean house at the Justice Department; and it's about time. During his first administration, in 2017, a lawsuit was filed by conservative groups such as Linchpins of Liberty and NorCal Tea Party Patriots against Barack Obama's Internal Revenue Service, for unfairly targeting and investigating conservatives. The I.R.S. had begun using inappropriate criteria to screen applications for 501(c) (tax exempt) status. These criteria included names such as "Tea Party," "Patriots," "9/12", or policy positions concerning government spending or taxes, education of the public to "make America a better place to live," or statements criticizing how the *continued on page 17*

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According to the study, the childhood vaccination schedule is likely a significant contributor to the higher rate of autism and neurodevelopmental conditions in vaccinated children.

The study of 47,155 9-year-old children enrolled in the Florida Medicaid program since birth was published on Jan. 23 in Science, Public Health Policy and the Law.

Karl Jablonowski, Ph.D., senior research scientist for Children's Health Defense, said the paper "is unignorable simply by the soundness of its methods."

"The sheer hazards associated with severe childhood diseases is jaw-dropping," Jablonowski said.

The paper's authors — Anthony R. Mawson and Binu Jacob of the Mississippi-based Chalfont Research Institute — hypothesized that:

Childhood vaccination is associated with autism and other neurodevelopmental disorders.

Increasing numbers of vaccinations lead to a higher risk of autism.

Vaccinated preterm babies are at greater risk of neurodevelopmental disorders than unvaccinated babies.

The study's findings confirmed the authors' hypotheses. Experts said the results of the study cast doubt on government claims that vaccines are not linked to autism.

"The vaccine propaganda campaigns operated by our regulatory agencies, pharmaceutical companies, and legacy media continue to claim that the link between vaccines and autism has been 'debunked,'" said epidemiologist Nicolas Hulscher. He said the findings of this study "completely dismantle" this narrative.

Jablonowski noted that the study was based solely on government data. He said:

"The government has had this data for decades, professing safety while simultaneously refusing to study safety. The facade of U.S. government public health is crumbling, revealing a culprit in chronic disease in this country: willful ignorance."

The authors of the study noted that government-sponsored studies have not compared health outcomes in vaccinated versus completely unvaccinated children. Mawson and Jacob told The Defender they hope the government will initiate such studies.

Childhood vaccination schedule likely factor in increased autism diagnoses

The study found that, across all metrics, vaccinated children had a higher rate of neurodevelopmental disorders compared to those who remained unvaccinated. According to the findings:

The relative risk of developing a neurodevelopmental disorder grew as the number of doctor's visits that included vaccinations increased. Children with just one vaccination visit were 1.7 times more likely to have been diagnosed with autism compared to those who were unvaccinated.

Children with 11 or more vaccination visits were 340% more likely to be diagnosed with autism compared to unvaccinated children and 89% more likely to be diagnosed with autism compared to children with one vaccination visit.

Vaccinated children who were born preterm were 258% more likely to be diagnosed with at least one neurodevelopmental disorder, compared to children born preterm who remained unvaccinated. Nearly 40% of vaccinated preterm children were diagnosed with such a disorder, compared to 15.7% of those who were unvaccinated.

Vaccinated children were 419% more likely to be diagnosed with encephalopathy (brain inflammation), 525% more likely to develop tic disorders and 581% times more likely to have a learning disability, compared to unvaccinated children.

Among children born preterm who were subsequently vaccinated, the risk of brain inflammation and learning disabilities grew by 612% and 884%, respectively.

"While the connection between receipt of vaccines and autism has been of grave concern to many parents, this study makes it clear that even in the absence of an autism diagnosis, children's brains are being damaged," said biologist Christina Parks, Ph.D.

Autism prevalence has grown from 1 in 1,000 children in the 1990s to 1 in 36, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The study's authors noted this increase is commonly attributed to greater awareness of autism-related symptoms and higher exposure to toxic chemicals.

However, the authors said their results suggest the childhood vaccination schedule may also be a key factor behind the sharp increase in autism diagnoses.

"The geographically widespread increases in ASD [autism spectrum disorder] and ADHD suggests a role for an environmental factor to which virtually all children are exposed. One such factor is routine childhood vaccinations," the study noted.

The authors cited figures showing that the number of vaccines included in the CDC's latest U.S. childhood schedule increased nearly threefold compared to the 1983 vaccination schedule.

"Although vaccination is said to be safe and effective for the great majority of children, a legitimate question is whether the expanded schedule could be contributing in some way to rising rates of NDDs [neurodevelopmental disorders]," the study stated.

"Any planned additions to the childhood vaccination schedule should be delayed until research to determine the safety of its impact on children's overall health is completed," Mawson and Jacob said.

Results indicate childhood vaccination schedule 'needs a complete overhaul'

According to the study, the impact of vaccination on children born preterm has not been sufficiently examined.

"The possibility of adverse effects of vaccination on preterm infants may have been obscured by the primary importance placed on vaccinations for preventing neonatal infections," the study said.

A peer-reviewed study published earlier this month found that preterm infants who received their routine 2-month vaccinations had a 170% higher incidence of apnea compared to unvaccinated babies.

The study also noted that while studies have often attempted to connect rising autism rates to specific vaccines, there has been less research exploring a possible link between the cumulative childhood vaccination schedule and autism.

"A link between vaccination and ASD could be due to the cumulative impact of all preceding vaccinations rather than to a specific vaccine alone," the study said. "ASD and other NDDs could be triggered by the last vaccination administered or by one or more of a series of vaccinations."

"There is an urgent need for research to identify biological mechanisms and potential causal relationships between individual vaccines, combinations of vaccines, and other potential factors associated with neurodevelopmental disorders," Mawson and Jacob said.

Hulscher said the study suggests that the current "CDC hyper-vaccination schedule needs a complete overhaul." He added, "Not only is it likely contributing to the autism and chronic disease epidemics, but almost all of the vaccines were licensed without proper long-term, placebo-controlled trials."

Parks said the study's results reinforce the importance of parental choice.

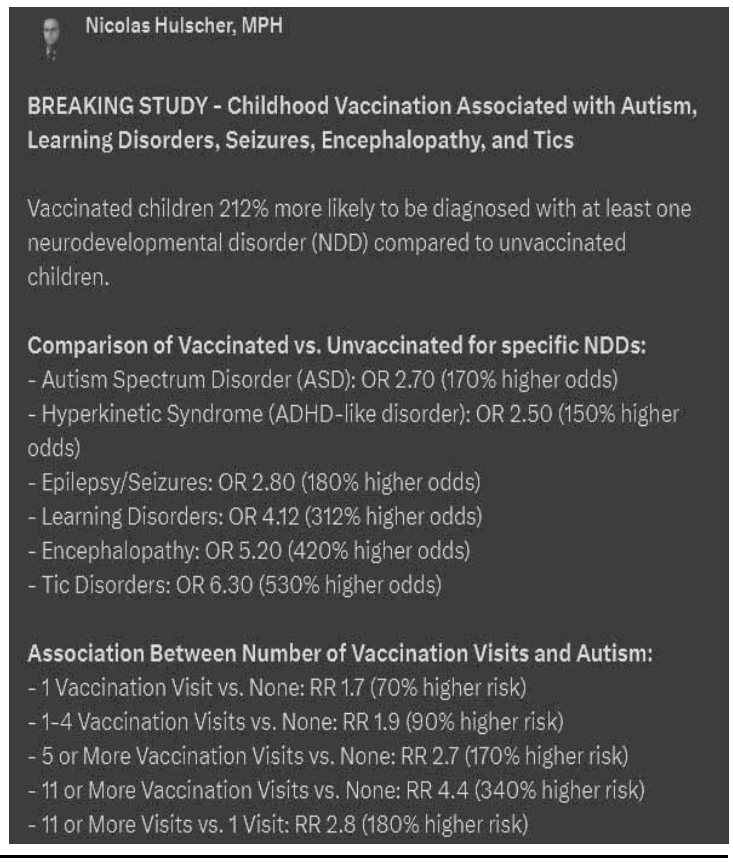
"However, there were some findings that parents may find comforting," Parks said. "While preterm infants are extremely vulnerable to encephalopathy and seizures, if parents chose not to vaccinate them, they were statistically no more likely to develop neurodevelopmental disorders than normal-term infants."

According to a September 2024 CDC report, vaccination rates among children born in 2020 and 2021 were lower than those for children born in 2018 and 2019. Hulscher said that an increasing number of Americans are becoming aware of the risks of childhood vaccination.

"The American public is becoming increasingly aware of the real risks of vaccines," Hulscher said. He attributed the growing mistrust to "the COVID-19 mRNA injection debacle that killed, injured, or permanently disabled millions of people."

Hulscher said the study's results "warrant further study by the new U.S. administration."









Gravy Train of NIH "Indirects" Gets Bull-DOGEd

By Peter A. McCullough, MD, MPH

I talked to someone today who has recently received a coveted NIH RO1 grant. Instead of being happy she said she is terrified. Why? Recently, Elon Musk and the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) has trimmed back "indirects" universities and hospitals slap on top of the direct research funded projects. This rate has grown from 15% over decades to >50% at many prestigious medical centers. The current indirect rate at Harvard is 69%.

Research administrative personnel costs have exponentially grown over time creating more bureaucracy with all the policies and procedures put in place to justify those positions, office space, and resources.

The new policy, currently blocked by a federal court, would limit NIH research funding for "indirect costs," or overhead expenses, to 15%, which is far below what most institutions receive.

I think this is a healthy trim for government-funded research in the United States. The public deserves more dollars going to the research itself and less being siphoned off as indirect, poorly justified overhead costs which amount to administrative largess.

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country was being run. As a result of these criteria, the IRS transferred hundreds of applications to a specifically designated group of IRS agents for additional levels of review, questioning and delay. In many instances, the IRS then requested highly sensitive information from applicants, such as donor information, that was not needed to make a determination of tax-exempt status. The federal government settled those lawsuits and (with our hard-earned tax dollars) paid $3.5 million to these conservative groups. The I.R.S. publicly apologized for mistreating these conservative organization. So, the next time a liberal says that there has been no weaponization, let them know that the Obama Administration admitted to it and apologized for it.

And it began all over again during the Biden Administration. Department of Justice employees and various state attorney generals who intentionally fabricated piles of ridiculous accusations against Trump for the sole purpose of removing him from being a candidate for reelection should be fired, prosecuted, and imprisoned for life. All of the time and effort that was invested into destroying the life of an American patriot only ended up putting him in office. But that shouldn't excuse the conduct.

The prosecutors and government employees responsible for targeting Trump must be indicted and imprisoned in order to save this country. The prophylactic action of imprisoning the prosecutorial tools of the left who violated their oaths and their sacred trust should be swift and severe. If it isn't, we will surely see this pattern of liberal Gestapo tactics repeat itself. We are potentially less than four years from another Democratic administration who will no doubt pardon these people and we will wind up right back where we were—with the weaponization of our Justice Department and our civil and criminal justice systems, destroying democracy in the process.

WSJ Editorial Board Sweeps Itself into Dustbin of History

By John Leake

In the course of 2024, the Wall Street Journal Editorial Board expressed signs that it is not entirely composed of venal nitwits who are owned by military-industrial, financial, and pharmaceutical interests. Especially encouraging were Opinion pieces enumerating the evidence that SARS-CoV-2 was, in fact, produced in a lab.

However, just a few days ago, the WSJ published a report headlined Trump Order Seeks to Stop Virus Research That Critics Have Linked to Covid in which the two reporters made mind-bogglingly stupid assertions such as:

Some Republicans have blamed gain-of-function work for the Covid-19 pandemic, asserting the virus leaked from a laboratory in Wuhan, China.

Many scientists and public-health officials have said there isn't any public evidence that an experiment at the Wuhan lab could have created the virus that caused the pandemic.

Where does the WSJ find its reporters? Standing at a random bus stop in downtown Manhattan?

This morning the Editorial Board swept itself into the dustbin of history by publishing an Opinion piece (Why RFK Jr. Is Dangerous to Public Health) that is pure Big Pharma propaganda—repeating the same tired mantras, distortions, and ideological articles of faith we've been hearing since 1986, when the National Vaccine Injury Act granted liability protection to vaccine manufacturers.

Farewell WSJ. You suck.

Instead of addressing RFK, Jr.'s concerns about data transparency and safety when it comes to injecting children with products for which manufacturers bear no liability, the WSJ Editorial Board dismissed them out of hand. Of the Opinion's many inanities, the most notable is the following:

He says he merely wants to ensure that vaccines are safe and thoroughly studied—who doesn't?—and that Americans have access to more information. In Mr. Kennedy's case, this means opening the industry to lawsuits by the trial bar.

Can the editors name a single other industry in the United States that is shielded from lawsuits in the event that its service or product results in injury or death? Would aircraft and car manufacturers maintain stringent quality control standards if they never had to worry about a lawsuit in the event of a crash?

On a Southwest Airlines flight in 2018, a fatigued fan blade broke free from a CFM International jet engine and penetrated a cabin window, causing a catastrophic depressurization and the killing a passenger. Following the disaster, multiple passengers sued Southwest. The company conducted rigorous diagnostic tests on these engines in its fleet to correct the problem. CFM International also launched an investigation, disclosed its findings, and issued service bulletin to CFM56-7B operators.

Contrast this with vaccine manufactures, who simply deny that there is a problem and dismiss anyone who claims there is to be a crazy conspiracy theorist. What is most astonishing about this state of affairs is that it was the vaccine manufacturers themselves who sought liability protection because, by their own admission, it is inevitable that some children will be injured or killed by vaccines.

With their smear of RFK, Jr. this morning, the WSJ Editorial Boards signals that it has—despite all the dreadful revelations of the last five years—remained willfully or unintentionally ignorant of the fact that American public health and public health policy are in a terrible state.

We the People want Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. to serve as our HHS Secretary because we want a man who cares about our interests, and not merely those of Pfizer, Dow Jones, the Murdoch family, and their Big Pharma advertisers.

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produced by two of the three towers will no longer be purchased by PG&E.

Southern California Edison — the utility that buys the rest of the power produced by the facility — is reportedly in contact with the Ivanpah solar project's owners and the federal government about a possible buyout for its contract with the facility, according to The Associated Press. …

Other than causing numerous bird deaths, the redirected concentrated sunlight that is central to the project's operation almost caused a severe problem when a misalignment led to that concentrated energy being focused on the wrong part of a tower, resulting in a small fire that forced the closure of the plant for several hours.

Moreover, the project also gave off a glare strong enough to affect the vision of pilots flying far overhead.

The project, which was built to reduce emissions and provide energy from a non-fossil fuel source, also used considerable quantities of natural gas to operate, according to UtilityDive.

In fact, the Ivanpah solar project used enough natural gas in 2014 to qualify for California's cap-and-trade emissions program, but it was not covered by the policy because the gas it burned at night to keep itself running was not counted toward its allowance for fossil fuel use.

In 2016, local California news outlet The Press-Enterprise reported that emissions from the facility's natural gas use increased by nearly 50% in 2015 and that the plant's gas consumption through the first three quarters of 2016 was up 7% compared to the same period in the previous year.

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wasn't a factor in the prosecution anyway. Far from prioritizing public safety, now Attorney General Josh Kaul's prosecutor asked for a signature bond in one case. Six other people were acquitted or had their cases dismissed, according to DOJ records.

Schimel has responded to Crawford's attacks by saying he's proud of his work to protect victims. He accused Crawford of lying to rape victims. It begs the question of what the decade-old rape kit controversy has to do with a seat on the state Supreme Court anyway (as opposed to, say, Crawford's legal efforts to overturn Act 10 and Voter ID or her recent sentencing decisions going easy on child molesters); Schimel is not running for AG. But Crawford is just resurrecting a dishonest page from the partisan playbook of Josh Kaul, who flogged Schimel with the issue, narrowly defeating him in a blue-wave year with a third-party candidate on the ballot.

Jill Karofsky Defended Schimel's Office

It turns out that liberal state Supreme Court Justice Jill Karofsky, who ran the Schimel DOJ's crime victim services unit at the time, was heavily involved in the rape kit testing decisions during Schimel's tenure, and she repeatedly defended them as being victim-centered.

Karofsky told the Associated Press in 2014, which was even before Schimel took office, that victims' "wishes and mental well-being must come first. We're asking them to make a huge decision. We want them to be able to control the evidence."

In 2016, the year after Schimel took office, Karofsky told the Fond du Lac reporter that the DOJ "won't proceed" in sending untested kits to the lab if, in the words of the Reporter, "a victim doesn't want their kit tested." The Reporter said Karofsky rejected calls to test all kits, saying that the "wishes of individuals who may not want to proceed with criminal charges because of privacy, health or other reasons" were important.

But now Crawford is trashing Schimel for not testing all kits – in two years.

That begs the question: If Crawford believes that the handling of the 6,000 rape kits disqualifies Schimel to sit on the state Supreme Court, why does she believe it doesn't disqualify Karofsky?

In multiple newspaper articles at the time, Karofsky adamantly defended the Schimel DOJ's approach to the rape kits, saying it was the right thing to do for victims. The DOJ would NOT test all kits, she told the media multiple times, because it was wrong to push forward in cases where victims did not consent. Some of her comments occurred during the two-year period that Crawford cites. Our next article will explore in depth Karofsky's defense of Schimel's office at the time.

After all, such kits are "super-invasive," Karofsky said at the time, and Schimel's DOJ believed that rape survivors shouldn't be "forced to cooperate."

Why does Crawford?

In 2017, after Schimel had been in office for two years, Karofsky explained what Crawford is now labeling inexcusable "inaction" by saying: "We're trying to be careful with the kits that we're testing. We're testing kits where we knew victims wanted to be a part of the criminal justice system, that they're OK doing that," Karofsky told The Capital Times on Feb. 1, 2017. "We don't want to test kits where we're unsure. We want the victims to come forward."

The DOJ was launching a public awareness campaign "aimed at connecting sexual assault survivors with their untested kits," the article says. Back then, the news media was sensitive to this concern.

The Damaging 'Forklift' Approach

Karofsky and Schimel were not alone in believing that genetic material from rapes should not be tested without a victim's consent.

The Capital Times also quoted prosecutor Audrey Skwierawski, who is now director of state courts, a position she received from the liberal justices. "The 'forklift' approach what Skwierawski calls the indiscriminate mass testing of old kits, has the potential to blindside and retraumatize a victim who may have never wanted her kit tested and does not want to be a part of the criminal justice system," the Capital Times noted.

Ian Henderson, director of legal and systems services at the Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault "said a victim-centric approach is paramount," the Capital Times reported.

Crawford's statement could be read to imply that only 9 rape kits were ever tested, which is not true. And it's not true that there were two years of "inaction."

Crawford's statement either ignorantly or willfully ignores the complexity of the federal grant process, police agencies' slowness in responding to an inventory process (again, well-documented in the media at the time), competing resource issues at the state level (such as prioritizing crime lab resources to focus on current crimes), and the lack of probative value in many of the cases.

Overall, of the more than 6,000 kits, 4,471 rape kits were tested by November 2019, almost all in Schimel's tenure, according to the DOJ's website. In September 2018, Schimel announced that "evidence related to 4,154 sexual assault cases have been tested" and only five cases still

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Hey Libertarian

"Yet saith the house of Israel, The way of the Lord is not equal. O house of Israel, are not my ways equal? are not your ways unequal?" Ezekiel 18:29

By Riley J. Hood

In 1980 Milton Friedman, wrote a book called, Created Equal. He states, "Equality, liberty—what precisely do these words from the Declaration of Independence mean? Can the ideals they express be realized in practice? Are equality and liberty consistent one with the other or are they in conflict? Since well before the Declaration of Independence, these questions have played a central role in the history of the United States."

He continues, "In the early decades of the Republic, equality meant equality before God; liberty meant the liberty to shape one's own life." After the Civil War, "The debate then moved to a different level. Equality came more and more to be interpreted as "equality of opportunity" in the sense that no one should be prevented by arbitrary obstacles from using his capacities to pursue his own objectives. That is still its dominant meaning to most citizens of the United States." He asserts, "Neither equality before God nor equality of opportunity presented any conflict with liberty to shape one's own life. Quite the opposite. Equality and liberty were two faces of the same basic value—that every individual should be regarded as an end in himself." Of course, I disagree with Friedman's final assertion, about individuals being ends in themselves, as opposed to their main end being to glorify of God.

However, in light of Friedman's classic libertarian statement, why are libertarians almost always pro-abortion? Noted exceptions would be Ron Paul, and his son Rand Paul. After all, if your rights end another person's begin, why don't you accord the other person, namely a preborn baby his or her rights to equality before God or equal opportunity? How come you do not secure for them their liberty to be born, and live their lives?

Scientific knowledge has advanced to the point where we know that when a sperm cell implants in an egg, the embryo's cells started dividing and growing. At that moment of conception, a new, genetically unique human has come into being. Thus, every pro-abort is a science denier. Any individual, no matter how small, has rights, including those stated in the US Declaration of Independence, to "Life, Liberty and the pursuit of happiness." Every person, no matter how small ought to not be deprived of life or liberty without trial, and preborn babies are innocent of any crime. The reason why libertarians are pro-abortion is because they are wholly given over to their sin, and are looking for reasons to justify and codify it. It is rebellion against God, plain and simple.

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good will almost seem to breathe a collective sigh of relief as they see the President's campaign promises materialize day after day – starting with the abolition of LGBTQ+ and gender indoctrination in schools – it should not be surprising that the election of Donald Trump represents a real disaster for many others. Among these there are certainly characters with more than questionable conduct – exponents of the pharmaceutical, food, and military lobbies, tycoons of high finance or international organizations – who have benefited and still continue to do so in terms of power and money from woke ideology, the Agenda 2030, NetZero, pandemics, smart cities and uncontrolled immigration.

Individuals whom no one has elected, and who have no right to interfere in the government of nations other than the blackmail power they have acquired over their servants and the corruption of their accomplices, have created false emergencies – health emergencies; war emergencies; economic, climatic, and social emergencies – in order to be able to impose their solutions, based on false data. Many of you have realized the incongruity of the responses that governments and international organizations gave to certain events: for example, because of the alleged causal relationship between the percentage of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere and alleged global warming (false premise) and the supposedly consequent need to reduce its presence in the atmosphere (false objective), draconian measures have been applied in the Western nations to reduce the emission of CO2 (false solution).

This apparent inconsistency is due to a fact that is slowly beginning to be understood by more and more people: the ultimate purpose of all these so-called emergencies is to justify the adoption of social, economic, food, and health policies which are intended to invariably lead to a drastic reduction in the world population. This is the declared goal of the followers of the World Economic Forum in Davos headed by Klaus Schwab. It does not matter if the population dies from cancers induced by vaccines, from poisons added to food or sprayed from the sky, from harmful substances released into the water, from sterility psychologically induced by LGBTQ+ ideology or surgically from gender transition, from poverty caused by rising inflation, from wars, or from the violence and crimes of illegal immigrants. The final result corresponds to a precise neo-Malthusian project, which Bill Gates and other self-styled "philanthropists" pursue as the main objective of their companies and foundations.

It is no mystery that private supranational organizations such as the UN, WHO, WEF, World Bank, European Central Bank, and International Monetary Fund answer to a board of directors, whose members are all convinced supporters of demographic decline and the need to replace national sovereignty with the New World Order.

It is also no mystery that there are enormous conflicts of interest in the public sector as well, deriving from the lobbying activity of multinational corporations or other bodies that interfere in the government of nations. Members of the United States Congress receive large sums of money from multinational corporations in exchange for the approval of laws that benefit them: this applies to the military, pharmaceutical, agri-food and technology industries. Without these undue and subversive interferences, we would never have had the Covid pandemic, the bird flu scare, electric cars, the wars in Ukraine and in the Middle East, synthetic meat, flour made from insects, and geoengineering. All of these "emergencies" have as their immediate purpose the enrichment of specific financial lobbies which are often part of the same investment funds.

Two Subversive Entities

Among the entities that support the globalist agenda for the profits they derive from it in terms of power and money is the deep state, made up of those apparatuses that have embedded themselves within the government and that determine its political action and choices, regardless of the color of the various alternating administrations, acting for their own interests against those of the citizens they claim to serve.

However, there is also what I myself have called the deep church, which is similarly composed of exponents of the Catholic Hierarchy, who after decades of progressive infiltration and occupation have come to take full control of the Catholic Church, along with Jorge Mario Bergoglio. These fifth columns of the globalist elite use their authority for the interests of third parties, in opposition to the glory of God, the honor of the Church, and the good of souls.

These two subversive entities – deep state and deep church, as I recalled in my first Open Letter to President Trump in 2020 (here) – are mirror images and complementary: their members are traitors in the service of illegitimate powers, which we have seen acting in a coordinated way during the pandemic farce, with "green fraud" and trafficking in illegal immigrants. American citizens and faithful Catholics have now understood that the serious social, economic, and religious crisis of the nation has been caused and prepared from afar by the coup of these forces subverting legitimate authority, one in the civil sphere and the other in the religious sphere. Americans have also come to understand that there is a huge difference between the refugee fleeing persecution and an organized mass of adult men of military age, transferred in a systematic way within national borders, who effectively constitute in a contingent of enemy soldiers and a potential threat to national security and the safety of citizens.

The Complicity of the Deep State with the Deep Church

The proof of the complicity between the deep state and the deep church is given not only by the fact that both support the programmatic points of Agenda 2030 because they derive an immediate advantage from them, but also by their mutual unwillingness to accept the reality that a legitimately elected President now desires to concretely implement the commitments he made during his electoral campaign. Their resistance is due to the fact that Trump's initiatives seek to put an end to the network of interests and profits that they have fraudulently constructed in recent years. It is no mystery that the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has never – and I repeat: never – raised a penny to fight abortion, but rather has funded with tens of millions of dollars associations that adhere to the Catholic Campaign for Human Development and promote abortion, contraception, and homosexuality. Nor does the USCCB have any qualms about receiving subsidies from the Department of the Treasury for its management of illegal immigration, as its budgets, which are public, prove. And it should be remembered that, in addition to government funds, the USCCB receives funding from institutions and private foundations for the same purposes.

If in fact, as some would have us believe, the Bergoglian Hierarchy truly had at heart the salvation of souls – of all souls, both the souls of US citizens and the souls of the migrants who arrive on US territory – it should be doing what the Catholic Church has already very successfully undertaken in the past: providing for the evangelization, conversion, and religious instruction of these souls. I am thinking, for example, of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, the foundress of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the first American citizen to be raised to the honors of the altar. Her work of assistance to immigrants (initially Italians) expanded to include all those in need. She built churches, kindergartens, schools, boarding schools for female students, orphanages, retirement homes for lay and religious women, hospitals, and colleges thanks to the generosity of Catholics. Her example of a true apostolic and missionary spirit has been renounced, and cancel culture, so much in vogue today in the Bergoglian Church, is almost ashamed of the charitable work undertaken by her and other Saints.

The Lucrative Business of Immigration

What is happening today is precisely the opposite of the Church's true mission: the Hierarchy is only concerned with grabbing government funding for the management of "welcoming immigrants" at taxpayer expense or for the provision of morally unacceptable treatments in so-called Catholic hospitals, even including mutilation for gender transition. In America there are hundreds of nominally "Catholic" institutions that receive public money to provide services that are entirely incompatible with the Catholic Magisterium.

By promoting the indiscriminate "welcoming" of immigrants, the Bishops show that they care more about the profits of the illegal immigrant business rather than the salvation of souls, the authentic social redemption of the weakest, or the protection of the flock entrusted to them. And here it is appropriate to remind the Catholic faithful that the Bishops have first of all a moral responsibility before God and the Church for the sheep of their flock, whom they have a duty to protect from the attacks of wolves.

The complicity of so many of the Bishops of the United States in the present crisis derives from their total concurrence with globalism, whose soul is intrinsically antichristic and therefore anti-religious and anti-human. This complicity is expressed not only in the promotion of the indiscriminate reception of illegal immigrants, but also in the other "sustainable goals" of Agenda 2030, including LGBTQ+ ideology and gender theory: in the United States, according to current data, there are over 150 Catholic hospitals that offer "treatment" – that is, genital mutilation – for gender transition.

It should not surprise anyone that the American economist Mariana Mazzucato, a member of the World Economic Forum (here) with ties to the Club of Rome (here), has been appointed by Bergoglio to the Pontifical Academy for Life despite being an atheist and pro-abortionist. In November 2024 she declared at the Annual Meeting of Davos that, since the elite has not managed to vaccinate the entire world population through the pandemic crisis, it is necessary to focus on a less abstract strategy such as a water crisis (here).

The Biden Administration, and more generally all recent US administrations, both those led by Democrats and those led by neo-cons – have distinguished themselves for having financed abortion, genital mutilation even of young adolescents, genetic manipulation, surrogate motherhood, and euthanasia with public funding. Although the Catholic Church condemns these aberrations without exception, the silence of the American Bishops has been deafening. This makes it clear that there is nothing genuinely Catholic about the "pastoral" action of these Bishops, and that the only reason that leads the Episcopate to support a government is the advantage it can derive from it in terms of power and money; even if this means abandoning millions of human beings who have been brought into the United States by criminal organizations in order to then be exploited as slaves in humiliating working conditions, or forced into prostitution (including minors), drug dealing, and the black market of organ predation.

This mass of victims of elite cynicism weighs on the conscience of many rulers and many Bishops, and the new Trump Administration gives hope that a wise regulation of the migration phenomenon can largely solve the problems of security and crime that all citizens have come to know only too well.

The Bergoglian Church is an Accomplice in Ethnic Replacement

In this context, it is dismaying to hear the words of Jorge Mario Bergoglio, who recently stated – referring to Italy but speaking about the entire Western world – that, in the face of demographic decline, the only workable

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"Don't Let Darwin Make A Monkey Out Of you"

"Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, And changed the glory of the uncorruptable God into an image made like unto corruptible man, and to birds, and four footed beasts, and creeping things." Romans1:22-23

By Riley J. Hood

Darwinism is modern idolatry, where men exchange the image of God for the image of apes and monkeys. "Evolution," "Darwinism" and "Neo-Darwinism," are engines of Atheism. While many a Darwinist fancies himself to be a "scientific man," there are facts about his profession he doesn't emphasize: Charles Darwin rejected the Christian Faith before he became interested in "science." He promoted evolution as a way to destroy the Church. He meant to undermine the Bible from its first page, thus he attacked Scripture as a whole. Darwin got many of his ideas from Charles Lyell, such as gradualism, and using the present to explain the past.

Karl Marx rejected the Christian Faith before he wrote economic books like "Das Kapital" and "The Communist Manifesto." Marx said, "My great goal is to dethrone God and destroy capitalism." Stalin rejected the Orthodox Faith, and left seminary, before he became a Communist and a mass murderer.

After people willfully reject God as Sovereign, then they embrace a philosophy to legitimize their actions. Their arguments are not based on observation, reason, or knowledge. They are only capable of name calling and mudslinging. Such as when an atheist says, "I consider myself a scientist, as opposed to an atheist or an a-leprechaun-ist." I consider them to be jerks who stoop to ad-hominem put downs.

They are no more scientific than anybody else, but style themselves to be so. A Socialist tactic is to equate Atheism with being scientific. Socialists all fancy themselves to be "Scientific Men." Stalin had millions of believers murdered because they weren't "scientific men," and were not fit to become the "New Socialist Man." If Stalin had lived in earlier eras, he would have executed Galileo, Newton, Faraday, and Des Carte for not being "scientific men" because they believed in God. Even today, they declare "settled science" to be the basis for law, even though science, which is based on human reasoning is never settled.

All men are created in the Image of God. Even Darwin wasn't a monkey, he is a man. He was only a monkey in his mind. When people believe they are animals, they act like animals. That is why in Milwaukee, we have roving gangs beating people to death like baboons.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness." US Declaration of Independence. An atheist, cannot in honesty support that. Without God as Sovereign what you have left is "Human Rights" which are social privileges granted by government. Essentially, without God, you have no rights at all. The Declaration was written in 1776, decades before Darwin.

Among Darwin's books were, "Origin of Species" (1859), and "The Descent of Man, and the Preservation of Favored Races" (1872). Not only did evolution rear its ugly head after our Nation's founding, it is antithetical to the "self-evident" truth "that all men are created Equal."

This author has never seen anything evolve, and neither has anyone else, that is why evolution needs billions of years. There is no proof of evolution, not in the fossil record, which is more of a proof of sudden catastrophe, and the theory of natural selection seems to be at best a conservative force moderating the loss of genetic information, rather than generating genetic information. So again, at its heart, evolution allows atheists to appear as intellectuals rather than reprobates, which is why the theory is wildly popular.

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solution is to import immigrants, thus concretizing the ethnic replacement theorized by Kalergi, the pan-European. This proposal is also widely reflected in similar requests from multinational corporations, who see the importation of immigrants as a way to drastically reduce the cost of labor to the detriment of native workers, further increasing their profits. As we can see, Authority is now completely subservient to the diktats of the elite, with the complicity of the mainstream media, even if this leads to a worsening of the social and working conditions of the population. Or rather, it is precisely for this reason, since, as I said, the ultimate goal of this lobby is the extermination of a sizeable portion of the human race.

The Numbers Speak for Themselves

Finally, we cannot forget that the budgets of US Dioceses, already largely compromised by the millions of dollars doled out in compensation for the cases of sexual abuse, and also depleted by the abandonment of an ever-increasing number of faithful from the official Catholic Church because of its betrayal of its nature and mission, have their main income from government funds given to them for the purpose of "welcoming" immigrants. Along with Catholic charitable organizations, the sum received by the American Catholic Church for "welcoming" immigrants amounts to over 2.4 billion dollars (here), an exorbitant figure that highlights at least a serious conflict of interest and that does not solve the social problems that derive from it in the least. And it is gravely detrimental to the entire Catholic Church to have Bishops for whom the maintenance of power renders irrelevant the link between the presence of thousands of irregular minors on American soil and their exploitation by perverts, pedophiles, organ harvesters, and criminals of all kinds. President Trump and Vice President Vance are demonstrating that they know how to protect the little ones of whom the Gospel speaks (Mt 18:6), contrary to what the American Bishops and Bergoglio himself have done thus far.

President Trump's Executive Orders can only be hailed as absolutely supported by every Catholic worthy of the name, just as Catholics ought to praise the support shown by the President and Vice President for the March for Life, which the previous Administration officially opposed, even to the point of arresting those who prayed silently near abortion clinics. Donald Trump's Presidential Pardon for those who had been so imprisoned confirms a reversal of the trend with respect to the "Catholic" Joe Biden, just as the end of public funding for the abortion multinational corporation Planned Parenthood and the providential cuts in disbursements to self-styled Catholic organizations that favor illegal immigration represent a radical change.

The statement that there are only two sexes, in its banal obviousness, is now a revolutionary proposition – what President Trump calls the "revolution of common sense" – yet Bishops, priests, and nuns deplore his action as "divisive." But if anyone is sowing division, it is precisely those who are feeding the monstrosities of woke ideology against the mandate they have received from Christ: first and foremost, Jorge Mario Bergoglio.

The Role of the USCCB

Of course, it is not surprising that McCarrick's heirs, who have been promoted by Bergoglio to the top of the Catholic Church in the United States, are so prompt to deplore the policies of canceling laws in favor of woke ideology, starting with those who denied the binary complementarity of the sexes and recognized gender dysphoria even in minors: their subordination to the LGBTQ+ lobby is widely proven, both institutionally and personally. And it is well known – as Dr. Taylor Marshall has pointed out – that almost all Catholic Bishops in the United States have been vetted and nominated by the previous three liberal cardinals in Washington, DC (the pedophile homosexuals McCarrick, Wuerl, and Gregory), and then appointed directly by Bergoglio. Marshall rightly comments: "Company men follow company orders. They all owe each other" (here). These serious deviations within the Clergy and Bishops will have to be the subject of a great operation of removal and reform in due time, because they constitute a subversive element within the ecclesial structure that is irreconcilable with the Faith and Morals of the Catholic Church. The Bishops' Conferences themselves – a spurious body of parliamentarian matrix that has no legitimacy from a doctrinal and canonical point of view – represent an independent entity that have been transformed over the past few decades into political lobbying groups by the ultra-progressive Bishops. The proposal to revoke the USCCB's tax-exempt status (here) should therefore be widely supported by faithful Catholics. And of course Bergoglio should be the first to support this salutary initiative, since, after all, he desires a "poor church for the poor . . . ."

Catholics also have the possibility of re-directing their offerings and donations to those ecclesial realities that remain faithful to Tradition and the perennial Magisterium of the Catholic Church, withholding them from the Dioceses whose Bishops impose doctrinal errors and moral deviations.

The Government can also intervene, without violating the freedom of the Church, in order to bring to light and severely punish the scandals and cover-ups that have not prevented certain Prelates from being appointed to the head of the most prestigious Dioceses in America, not least the newly-appointed Archbishop of Washington, Robert McElroy. Many Catholics expect justice to be done, first of all out of respect for the victims who have thus far been abandoned by both civil power and ecclesiastical authority.

The Withdrawal from the WHO

Catholics are in absolute agreement with Donald Trump and Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., about the exit of the United States of America from the World Health Organization that was accomplished by a recent Executive Order. The policies promoted by this private organization – financed mainly by pharmaceutical companies and Bill Gates – for so-called "reproductive health" and for "gender equality," along with claims about the supposed "sexual rights of minors" and disturbing initiatives to decriminalize pedophilia, cannot be accepted or even financed by American Catholics. The same applies to the global "health policies" which the WHO would like to impose on sovereign nations.

The Woke Church

American Catholics have the right to demand that their Bishops behave in accordance with the perennial Magisterium of the Catholic Church, and that they not lend any moral or material support to what is repugnant to the Natural Law even before it is a violation of the Commandments of God. It is therefore outrageous and scandalous to learn from the Davos Forum that important LGBTQ+ organizations consider Jorge Mario Bergoglio a precious ally in achieving their agenda of normalizing sexual perversions (here).

In the civil sphere, the emissaries of the deep state have seriously compromised citizens' trust in institutions and governments, and it will be up to President Trump and his Administration to restore the trust and respect that previous governments (whether Democrat or RINO) have deliberately undermined in recent years. Similarly, the deep church has heavily delegitimized the faithful's trust in the Catholic Church and her Hierarchy, but we do not know when the occupation of these heretics and perverts will end. For this reason, it is understandable that Catholics feel somehow more protected by a Protestant President than by their "pope" – who is not Catholic and perhaps not even Christian – in the fight the President is leading against the deep state and the globalist Left. Indeed, they have a "pope" who perfectly embodies the one who was intended to replace Benedict XVI, as revealed by John Podesta's emails published by Wikileaks in 2016. And to close the magic circle of vices and perversions, it is enough to remember that among Podesta's closest collaborators is Slade Sohmer, who was arrested in 2023 for pedophilia and child pornography: we are talking about an important collaborator of Hillary Clinton and John Podesta, linked to the world of Broadway and cinema, who had worked in the effort to debunk the infamous Pizzagate, that is, the network of vile complicities and horrendous crimes against minors that revolves around the international deep state. How can we think that characters organic to the system of corruption can condemn the vices and crimes that involve them first and foremost? And how can we be surprised by the hysterical reaction of certain Bishops and Cardinals, now that they are facing the removal of a trough from which they have continually feasted?

The Real Battle Begins Now

It is difficult to predict how these subversive forces will react to *continued on page 23*

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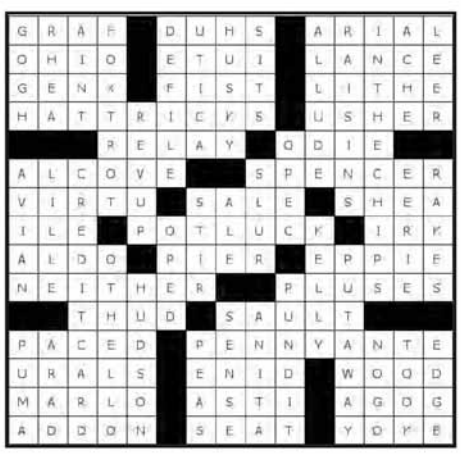

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54 Things I've Learned About the World at 54

By John Hawkins

So, I just turned 54 on Sunday this month. It was kind of an odd experience for me because my head was full of questions. Where did the time go? How the hell am I 54? What's the best use of my time and talents from here on? How hard should I go into AI? Health writing? Self-help writing? Should I start doing interviews on Culturcidal? What about video? Should I ditch Culturcidal completely and move into a different field entirely or start working for a bigger outlet again?

I could go on and on with these questions and there are never any perfect answers because the world is always changing. However, even as the world constantly changes in some ways, it's also repeating over and over as well. The hook changes, but the rhythm? It's eternal. With that in mind, here are 54 things I have learned about life at 54.

1) God, family, friends, country, and conservatism. In that order.

2) If you worry about things you can't control, you are going to spend a lot of your life worrying.

3) If you don't have the courage to go against the crowd, you're not really free.

4) There's almost never a time when someone has "no choice." The choices may be hard, bad, difficult, or radical, but yet and still, they are choices.

5) If you want unconditional love in life, the only places you can potentially get it are your parents, your kids, and your dog. You can even mess those up if you're enough of a screw-up.

6) One way or the other, all relationships have an ending point, so if they're good, enjoy them while you can.

7) The vast majority of humanity will not think twice about you a week after you die. Treat the ones that will with the full level of kindness, deference, and respect that they deserve.

8) Most of your happiness will come from the relatively small number of people on earth who deeply matter to you.

9) Don't be passive-aggressive. Don't have any covert contracts. You know, if I do this for this person, then they should know they have to do this for me. Set a basic standard for what you'll accept and ask for what you want.

10) Do say, "I love you" to your family. One day, you're going to be gone, or they are and you'll never want them to doubt how you felt about them.

11) Make a real effort to forgive people for your sake, but don't forget what they did.

12) Habitually being nice to people generally makes life smoother, but if someone pushes it way too far or tries to take advantage of you, be such a son-of-a-b*tch they'll regret ever crossing you.

13) It's much healthier for you to cheer people on and applaud their success than to resent and envy people who are more successful than you.

14) You can't "fix" anybody and seldom will any good ever come of thinking that you can.

15) If someone you care about asks for money, you can give it to them if you want, but you shouldn't lend it to them because if you do and they don't pay you back, that puts your friendship at risk.

16) If people want your help and you want to give it to them, that's great. However, don't try to push your help on people that don't want it. It'll just end up making both of you unhappy.

17) No matter how well you do in life, your desire for some things like love, fame, money, status, and power is boundless. Once you start pursuing them in earnest, no amount of them will ever quite be enough to make you feel completely satisfied.

18) If you want to be the best at anything (or even close to the best), you have to neglect everything else in life that doesn't contribute to being the best at that one thing.

19) The best spoils, memories, and moments in life come from doing, not watching.

20) The more someone goes on about their integrity and honesty, the more likely it is that they're lying to you.

21) If you're traveling and want to know if an area is safe, look for middle-aged white women. If you see them around, the area is probably fine.

22) There's a world of difference between being busy and being busy doing something important. One just wastes your life while the other can change your life.

23) There's a level of randomness to life, but over time, most people create both the good and the bad in their lives with how they think and behave.

24) Being overly cynical is just as much of a mistake as being hopelessly naïve.

25) If doing something makes you feel guilty or ashamed, it's not worth doing.

26) When you go for it, you're going to fail a lot, but your greatest moments will also probably be a result of you going for it even though the odds were against you.

27) If you can't reinvent yourself and what you love to do, you are going to be incapable of dealing with an ever-changing world.

28) The 80/20 rule basically states that 20% of the cause leads to 80% of the effect in almost every area. There is a lot of truth to that and it's why you need to put a lot of effort into maximizing that most productive 20% of your life.

29) You should absolutely have a dream board in your house both to remind you of what you've already accomplished and to inspire you to keep pursuing your dreams.

30) When you fail, commit to doing better from now on, but also forgive yourself for falling short. All of us do sometimes.

31) Unless you know or respect someone, accept their compliments, but ignore their criticism and opinions unless you think they're valid. They haven't earned the right to criticize you or impact your mood.

32) The clearer your goals in life are, the easier it is to make decisions and know what you should be doing every day.

33) Most people would benefit from tactfully ignoring more things. Someone flips you off while you're driving? Ignore it. Your girlfriend makes a snippy comment while she's in a bad mood? Ignore it. Somebody makes an obnoxious comment online? Ignore it. Deciding to ignore those kinds of things saves you a lot of unnecessary aggravation.

34) Don't be sad over what you've lost, be grateful for what you had while you had it.

35) The most underrated trait for a human being is enthusiasm. People who are excited and enthusiastic are a joy to be around.

36) Your mood has a lot to do with the outcome of whatever you're doing. Show your anger about being cut off on the freeway or sadness over not getting a promotion while out with a group of friends and you can be the buzzkill who ruins everyone's good time. So, since you get to choose your mood, choose it deliberately and wisely.

37) Make sure to have a list of to-dos, a list of ideas, and a budget, if only to help quiet your restless psyche that's convinced there's something you may be forgetting to do.

38) Accept that life's not fair instead of spending your life angry and upset because the world isn't conforming to how you think it should be.

39) Shape your environment to achieve what you want. Don't load the fridge up with sugary treats. Put exercise equipment beside a door you go in and out of regularly. Don't use your bed for anything except sex and sleep. Don't put distractions in your workspace. Get out of your own way and prime your environment for success.

40) If you practice just about anything long enough and hard enough, you'll get pretty good at it. Maybe not good enough to be world-class at it, but still, pretty doggone good compared to most people.

41) Man can't make foods that are healthier than the ones God made.

42) The older you get, the more physical maintenance you have to do not just to improve, but to keep from going backward.

43) Once a society's morals turn to sh*t, everything else in that society soon follows.

44) If someone is being paid to push an idea or a product, you can't ever take what they're telling you about that idea or product at face value. That applies to everyone from influencers, to politicians, to scientists.

45) Just because you see it in a video doesn't mean it's real. Just because a description says something is happening in a video doesn't mean that's what it is. Just because a video is real doesn't mean it wasn't started or stopped at a time designed to give you a misleading impression of what happened.

46) Be careful of partnerships. They're magic when they work well, but most of the time they ultimately don't.

47) Don't sign any contract that has a clause in it that's unacceptable to you. Get it changed, cross it out, just don't put your name on it no matter what they claim or say unless you can live with it.

48) When you work, work hard. When you play, play hard. Don't mix those two.

49) There are only so many hours in a day, which is why it's very difficult to get rich unless you can find a way to move beyond just getting paid for your time to make money.

50) The more popular you become, the more people are going to hate your guts because of it.

51) Whoever you are, you are behind and time is running out. Pursue what you really want to do while you can.

52) Never forget that for good or ill, life is cumulative. The choices you repeat, day after day, will echo into your future.

53) Living in things that happened in the past that make you unhappy is a certain recipe for a miserable present.

54) We're all tiny specks, in a big world, in a nearly infinite universe who know shockingly little about well… everything. No matter how smart, powerful, important, or right you may think you are, be humble.

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and immigrants' rights groups, including the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU).

In temporarily blocking the EO, U.S. District Judge John Coughenour asserts that it violates Section 1 of the 14th Amendment of the Constitution which states that "all persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof (emphasis added), are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside."

Here, interpretive dispute centers on ambiguity regarding the original intended meaning of being "subject to the jurisdiction."

The entire concept of birthright citizenship follows two different foundational doctrines: a "Right of Soil" (jus soli) based upon where a person is born, and a ("Right of Blood" (jus sanquinis) tracing to Roman law and based on the authorized nationality of a child's parents.

Traditional U.S. birthright citizenship combines elements of both doctrines but leans more to the soil criteria.

Advocates for the EO remind us that the 14th Amendment was ratified in 1868 for the explicit purpose of granting citizenship to former Black slaves after the Civil War. In doing so, it overruled the U.S. Supreme Court decision of Dred Scott v. Sanford (1857), which held that African Americans, free or enslaved, could not be U.S. citizens.

Although there weren't any unauthorized immigrants at that time of ratification, birthright citizenship has nevertheless been applied to U.S. immigration for well over a century, dating back to a landmark 1898 Supreme Court ruling in United States v. Wong Kim Ark.

Wong, who was born in San Francisco to Chinese parents, was barred from entering the U.S. — under the Chinese Exclusion Act — while returning from an overseas trip in 1890.

The court ruled in a 6-2 decision that because Wong was born in the U.S. and his parents were not "employed in any diplomatic or official capacity under the Emperor of China," the 14th Amendment makes him an American citizen.

In dissent, Justices Fuller and Harlan argued that the English common law basis of the decision did not bind the U.S., where only Congress is constitutionally authorized to define limits of what it means to be subject to United States jurisdiction.

According to the American Immigration Council, revoking birthright citizenship would "require amending the U.S. Constitution, or for the U.S. Supreme Court to diverge from centuries of established precedent and legal principles that date back to before the founding of this country."

And whereas amending the Constitution would require a steep climb two-thirds majority agreement in both houses plus Senate ratification by three-quarters of states, it might also be noted that two-thirds of U.S. voters currently favor deportation of illegal immigrants.

There can be no doubt that granting birthright citizenship to children of illegal immigrants is having substantial demographic impacts.

Pew Research Center data in 2022 estimates that 1.3 million U.S.-born adults are children of immigrants without legal status.

As reported by the non-profit Center for Immigration Studies, they accounted for about 7% of total U.S. births in 2023 and exceeded the number of children born of legal noncitizens.

The approximate quarter-million number born of illegal parents that year exceeds the total number of births in all but two states taken individually.

Although more recent statistics are not yet available, Biden administration open border policies have likely driven those illegal immigrant birth numbers higher, and perhaps much higher because legal status is never explicitly identified in data collected in the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).

Ascircumstances currently stand, birthright citizenship incentivizes illegal border crossings by unvetted individuals while enriching criminal cartels and unfairly penalizing those who wait patiently in line.

Sadly, there is no perfect solution to a long-existent problem raised to become an epic national disaster through a self-serving partisan strategy to entice more Democrat voters.

Greatfully, the Biden open border plan backfired, contributing to Trump's reelection landslide, but tragically, not before wreaking terrible tolls on our national security and domestic safety.

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Public Abandons Doomsday Cult for Climate Realism and Practical Environmentalism

By Vijay Jayaraj

For years, climate activists like Al Gore and John Kerry have made bold, headline-grabbing predictions that have failed to materialize. Gore's 2007 assertion that the Arctic would be ice-free by 2013 stands in stark contrast to reality: Arctic ice has not disappeared despite seasonal fluctuations, and Antarctica sea ice has rebounded from record low levels.

Similarly, Kerry's repeated warnings of impending catastrophe have lacked grounding in observable data. Teenage activist Greta Thunberg's 2020 declaration that we had only "eight years left to save the planet" added to a long list of apocalyptic deadlines that have come and gone without the promised catastrophes.

The credibility gap has only widened with extreme actions by groups like Extinction Rebellion and Just Stop Oil, whose theatrical protests – from destroying priceless artworks to blocking ambulances by gluing hands to roads – have alienated potential supporters and raised questions about the movement's priorities.

These repeatedly failed predictions and increasing public skepticism of activists' motivations have wrought a significant shift in the public's openness to their apocalyptic narrative.

A growing number of citizens worldwide are embracing what can be called "climate realism" – a perspective that acknowledges climate variations while questioning their primary causes, the supposed severity of their impacts and claims of their unprecedented nature.

According to Pew Research Center's annual policy priorities survey, conducted January 2024, only 36% of poll participants thought climate change should be a top priority for the U.S. President and Congress. There were 17 more pressing issues, including healthcare, education, employment and national security. Another survey last year found that of the 28 issues, global warming ranked only 19th among registered voters.

The shift in public sentiment is perhaps most evident in recent elections across diverse democracies. In the United States, Argentina, India and Italy, voters have increasingly prioritized immediate economic concerns, national security and tangible environmental issues like local pollution over abstract climate goals.

The election of leaders who prioritize economic growth and energy security over climate action isn't a rejection of environmental concerns; it's a realignment of priorities based on lived experience. Real-world data often contradicts alarmist narratives.

Global life expectancy has continued its upward trend, reaching 74.6 years in 2023, despite predictions of climate-induced health crises. The United States and Europe have achieved remarkable improvements in air quality through practical environmental management, with the U.S. seeing a 78% reduction in aggregate emissions of six key pollutants since 1970, according to a 2021 EPA report.

Equally telling is data on extreme weather events. While media coverage might suggest otherwise, the frequency of major hurricane landings in the United States and the global frequency of major hurricanes has shown no significant upward trend over the past five decades (a period of increasingly accurate satellite data).

Meanwhile, forest cover in the European Union has increased by over 9% since 1990. Similar positive trends have been documented in India and China. Global crop production has reached record levels, with the global wheat yield increasing by 30% since 2000.

For years, organizations like the United Nations have advanced pseudoscientific climate policies disconnected from the needs of ordinary people. But the veneer of consensus is wearing thin. Developing nations, which face immediate challenges like poverty, disease, and inadequate infrastructure, are increasingly resistant to climate agendas of Western origin.

Argentina's decision to pull out of November's COP 29 climate conference highlighted a growing divide between the global North and South. President Donald Trump's pullout of the U.S. from the Paris accord and net-zero movement will embolden more developing countries to do the same.

People increasingly recognize that access to abundant, reliable energy – predominantly from fossil fuels and nuclear power – is fundamental to human flourishing. The correlation between energy consumption and quality of life metrics (healthcare, education, economic opportunity) is well-documented. The era of climate alarmism may be waning, replaced by a more pragmatic approach to global challenges. The future of environmental policy likely is in practical, local solutions that balance mitigation of real pollutants – as opposed to the demonization of harmless carbon dioxide – with human prosperity.

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Bring Realism, Not Idealism, to Science

By Anthony Sadar

The new Trump administration is delivering huge changes in the way the federal government operates. One expected result is for the conduct of science programs to reflect realism rather than idealism or political beliefs. This expectation needs to be fulfilled quickly to improve the public's perception of, confidence in, and acceptance of government policies that must be based on solid scientific foundations. Public trust in government edicts that are ostensibly science-based has sunk to new lows, and the regulated have become leery of the regulators for good reason.

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Pro-Life Platform

"But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul: all they that hate me love death." Proverbs 8:36

By Riley J. Hood

Lila Rose emailed me in August 2024, "Friend of Life, Do you know what your political party platform says about abortion? Our nation's most vulnerable, the preborn, are at risk of being forgotten by both major political parties. For the first time since 1984, the Republican party's platform lacked vital language to federally protect our preborn children. The Democrat's party platform has been catastrophic for human life for decades. Their current platform states, 'We believe unequivocally, like the majority of Americans, that every woman should be able to access high-quality reproductive health care services, including safe and legal abortion." Crickets from Lila about the Constitution Party Platform.

Ben Carson adds, "Fellow Patriot, I feel like our culture has forgotten, or ignored, some very important and basic lessons when it comes to the development of human life. Our society has been infected by an anti-life ideology, treating its most vulnerable members as disposable objects. Abortion that was once thought of as a last resort in a medical emergency has become the new normal." The new normal is that the heart of the American Public, especially women, has been hardened after 52 years of legalized abortion.

Dr. Carson continues, "Medicine tells us that life begins at the moment of conception. It also tells us when an unborn baby develops a heartbeat, brainwaves, and nervous system. Yet, despite all of this, the unborn are not treated as though they are alive or even human. As a surgeon, I have operated on infants pre-birth. I can assure you that they are very much alive. Life is a precious gift that has been given to us from our Creator. No person is disposable, and every life is precious according to Him. I believe that everyone deserves life, even those who have been denied this right by our society." I agree, yet again, crickets concerning the CP-Platform.

Quite frankly, the GOP has never cared about the preborn baby, not any of them. The old Platform language collected dust in a file cabinet, while the GOP big tent was full of pro-aborts, and pro-lifers made excuses. They hid behind SCOTUS for 49 years, and now they are hiding behind the will of the people. No GOP member has ever been expelled from the GOP for being pro-abortion. No GOP member has used his authority to outlaw abortion. The GOP pro-life commitment was in word only, and now those words are almost gone.

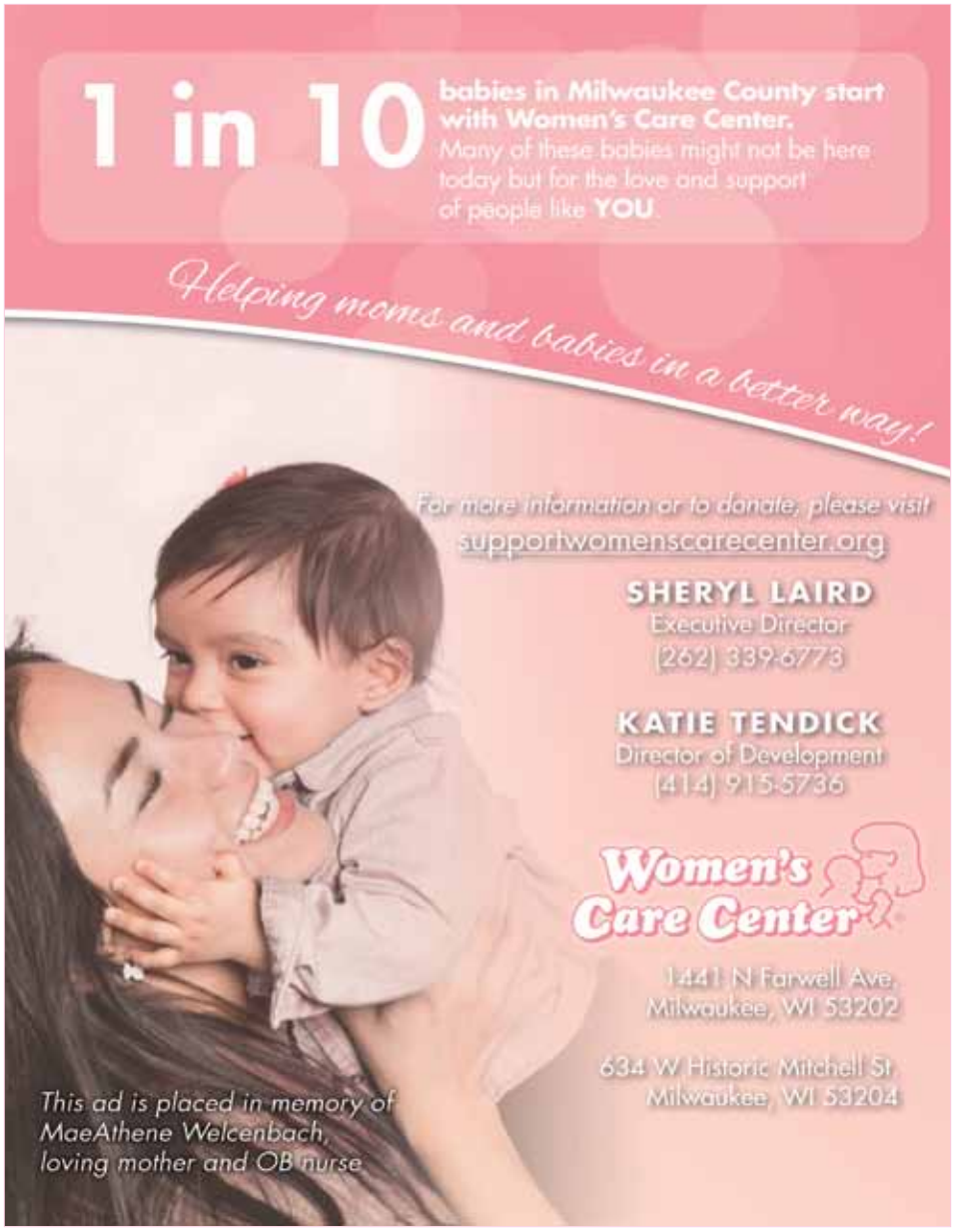
The Constitution Party of Wisconsin, had right after their Platform Preamble, "Abortion, Euthanasia, and Bio-research: The Constitution Party of Wisconsin calls upon our state officials to fulfill their obligations as lesser magistrates to uphold the US Constitution and the state constitution by taking immediate action to end the practice of abortion in Wisconsin. We further call upon our state legislators to amend the Wisconsin Constitution to recognize personhood from the moment of fertilization." The CP National Platform still reads, "We declare the unalienable right of Life to be secured by our Constitution "to ourselves and our Posterity." Our posterity includes children born and future generations yet unborn. Any legalization of the termination of innocent life of the born or unborn is a direct violation of our unalienable right to life. The pre-born child, whose life begins at fertilization, is a human being created in God's image. The first duty of the law is to prevent the shedding of innocent blood. It is, therefore, the duty of all civil governments to secure and to safeguard the lives of the pre-born."

My only disagreement with this language is that I still use the word conception, instead of fertilization, because fertilization is for animals. As CPOW Chairman from 2011-2015, I ran pro-aborts and libertarian infiltrators out of the party with vigor and enthusiasm. I still believe that the Wisconsin Affiliate has good guys like Andrew Zuelke, Mark Gabriel, Michael-John Murphy, and others, who are 100% Pro-Life and favor immediate action to outlaw abortion and criminally punish those involved for murder. The National Committee not so much. Maybe a revival of sorts took place with the Randall Terry Campaign, but in 2020, they nominated a pro-abort, immoral criminal named Don Blankenship. The Party of "Life, Liberty and Property" had degraded into "Integrity, Liberty and Prosperity." The National Committee was infiltrated by Mormons and Libertarians, so their pro-life commitment was being undermined and ignored.

The cause of this is the failure of the church. Most churches are social justice, apostate, vote Democrat and cannot escape the damnation of hell. The Evangelical Church is also guilty.



First, is their love affair with the GOP. For my 30 years as Constitutionalist, I heard over and over, "good Platform, but I won't support you, you can't win." In politics, a lack of support leads to failure, and the lack of support from Christians came first. I also heard, "it is because of you that Democrats win." Quite frankly, the GOP isn't owed any vote they won't earn. Even 100% Pro-life groups wouldn't endorse CPOW people because they weren't GOP. The GOP, and their controlled "Right to Life" groups want regulated abortion, and have no intention of outlawing abortion. Because of the behavior of the church, those, "I used to be pro-life, but now I preach unconditional love" and "love" means catering to sin, the Constitution Party has a hard time attracting the sort they need. They consistently have to fend off libertarian infiltrators, and reject or not support people who do not uphold their platform. I have been reduced to being an independent voter, even though I despise the term. It is the failure of the Church, that America is a neo-pagan, atheistic mob of sodomites, who murder their children, and are in fact a colony of China. We haven't won a war since 1945, we can't even identify Islam as an enemy. We are cursed, and waiting to be conquered, while the preachers of slavery, namely evangelical pastors, love to have it so. And the innocent blood still flows.



Credit Where Credit is Due

"O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever." Psalm 136:1

By Riley J. Hood

I voted for Trump. I had several reasons, two of which have come true, quicker than I expected. I for one am glad that 1500 J-6 protestors were pardoned. Most were not bad actors, but were convicted because they were there, coupled with what they posted online. I may not agree with all their viewpoints, but they were jailed in violation of their First Amendment Right to petition the government for redress of grievances.

I am grateful that 23 pro-lifers were pardoned. Marjorie Dannenfelser wrote, "riley, I am thrilled to announce that today, President Trump pardoned 23 peaceful pro-life protestors, freeing them from federal prison. These men and women had been wrongly persecuted and prosecuted by the previous administration and its weaponization of the FACE Act. (The FACE Act is the 30-year-old Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act.)" She adds, "The new administration is prioritizing life in its very first week, which is a testament to your support of life in the 2024 elections, and the strength of that support as we begin the new year." That is overly optimistic, but I know that Kamala Harris would have never pardoned any of them, not even Eva Edl, who is 87yrs-old.

Pro-lifers were persecuted under Bill Clinton's FACE Act for 30 years. If SCOTUS has decided in their strict constructionist genius, that abortion is now kicked back to the states, why do US Marshalls still assure that every abortion mill can murder preborn babies, without citizens blocking the entrances? seeing that according to SCOTUS logic, it is a local police concern. (And here in Wisconsin, our 1849 Law is "on the books" but not one policeman in Milwaukee has the balls to enforce it. But that's another article.) Anyways, the FACE Act should be struck down, by other legislation. Those US Marshalls, and the FBI could be better used elsewhere, like going after Muslims, rapists, murderers, dope dealers, pimps, kidnappers, and alien interlopers.

President Trump, God spared your life, so you can save the lives of preborn babies, beginning by outlawing all baby killing, federally. Including support for a Pro-Life Amendment to the US Constitution. You can save even more babies by relentlessly prosecuting abortionists as the serial murderers that they are. If you have the guts to do it, and that would go a long way to truly making America great again.

The return we reap from generous actions is not always evident.
- Francesco Guicciardini

VOICE OF JERUSALEM

The Conflict is not about Land

By Ivan Lang

Part II

The Turks who ruled Israel in 1900 conducted a census in Israel and it found that there were 50,000 Jews and 100,00 Arabs living in Israel. Most of the Jews lived in Jerusalem, Sfad and Tiberias with the Jews outnumbering Arabs 7:1 in Jerusalem. No one was identified as a "Palestinian".

The Ottoman Empire rule of Israel ended with WWI. During this war the Arab tribes of Hussein and Said had assisted defeating the Ottomans. Great Britain and France, who were given control of the Middle East after WWI, wanted to reward these two Arab tribes with land. Great Britian also created the British Mandate of Palestine which was designed to govern the status of the government of the land of Palestine. The preamble of the Mandate is below.

"Whereas the Principal Allied Powers have also agreed that the Mandatory should be responsible for putting into effect the declaration originally made on November 2nd, 1917, by the Government of His Britannic Majesty, and adopted by the said Powers, in favour of the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people…Whereas recognition has thereby been given to the historical connection of the Jewish people with Palestine and to the grounds for reconstituting their national home in that country;"

"Article 6: The Administration of Palestine, while ensuring that the rights and position of other sections of the population are not prejudiced, shall facilitate Jewish immigration under suitable conditions and shall encourage, in co-operation with the Jewish agency referred to in Article 4, close settlement by Jews on the land, including State lands and waste lands not required for public purposes."

Clearly the British Empire fully knew, recognized, and accepted that Israel belonged to the Jews and nowhere in this document is there any mention of a people called "Palestinians". Not only did the British Empire fully recognize that Israel belonged to the Jews, but that they had been expelled from Israel and they needed and deserved to be returned to their homeland.

Soon afterward the King Feisel of the Hussein tribe that had helped England win WWI, sought peace with Israel and he began to form a peace treaty with Chaim Weizman in 1918. Portions of the Feisel-Weizman Agreement are below.

"His Royal Highness the Emir Faisal, representing and acting on behalf of the Arab Kingdom of Hejazd, and Dr. Chaim Weizmann, representing and acting on behalf of the Zionist Organization, mindful of the racial kinship and ancient bonds existing between the Arabs and the Jewish people, and realizing that the surest means of working out the consummation of their national aspirations, is through the closest possible collaboration in the development of the Arab State and Palestine, and being desirous further of confirming the good understanding which exists between them, have agreed upon the following articles:

Article I: The Arab State and Palestine in all their relations and undertakings shall be controlled by the most cordial goodwill and understanding and to this end Arab and Jewish duly accredited agents shall be established and maintained in their respective territories.

Article II: Immediately following the completion of deliberations of the Peace Conference, the definite boundaries between the Arab State and Palestine shall be determined by a commission to be agreed upon by the parties hereto.

Article IV: All necessary measures will be taken to encourage and stimulate immigration of Jews into Palestine on a large scale, and as quickly as possible to settle Jewish immigrants upon the land through closer settlement and intensive cultivation of the soil. In taking such measures the Arab peasants and tenant farmers shall be protected in their rights, and shall be assisted in forwarding their economic development.

No where in this agreement does it refer to a people called "Palestinians". In this peace treaty the state for the Arabs is called the "Arab State" and the state for the Jews is called "Palestine". This agreement never finalized because the British decided to split Palestine into two countries in 1921: Transjordan and Palestine. Transjordan was given to King Hussein who created a state in 1922.

It is interesting and revealing that Jordan is as much Palestine as is Israel yet the so-called "Palestinians" never asked for any land in Transjordan or Jordan for a state. This is perhaps the first and most obvious proof that the conflict between Jews and "Palestinians" has nothing to do with land. But also, even up to 1922, there is no mention of any people called "Palestinians" in any publication, any peace treaty, or discussion of the ultimate state of the land of Palestine.

Over the next two decades there were continuous murders of Jews by the Arabs. In 1921, 47 Jews were murdered and 140 wounded in Jerusalem. In 1929, 136 Jews were murdered and 350 injured in the Hevron Massacre. In 1936, 415 Jews were murdered in the Arab revolt.

After the failure of the Feisel-Weizman Agreement and the rise in massacre of Jews by the Arabs, the British gave 75% of Palestine to the Hussein tribe for the state of Transjordan and made an attempt to establish peace through the Peel Commission of 1937. The Peel Commission recommended the partition of Palestine into two states: one Jewish with 20% of the land, and one Arab with 80% of the land. The Arab land also included Jerusalem. The Jews accepted this agreement, but the Arabs rejected it. The Arab rejected it because as part of the agreement they had to accept the existence of a Jewish state and they could not do this. Again, this just proved that the Arabs were not interested in land or peace, they just wanted the destruction of the Jewish state.

With the failure is establishing peace between the Arabs and Jews, the British decided to give Palestine to the UN in 1947. The UN created UN Partition Plan 181 which decided to split Palestine into two states, one for Jews and one for Arabs in land where each was the majority. Nowhere in the plan was the term "Palestinian" used. The Arabs were referred to as "Arabs". The land allocated to the Jews again did not include Jerusalem and again was smaller than the land given to the Arabs. Again, the Jews accepted the plan, and again the Arabs rejected it. Again, this plan required that the Arabs accept the existence of a Jewish state which is the reason they could not accept the plan. Again, the Arabs clearly showed that they did not want land or peace, what they wanted was the destruction of the Jewish state and people. Again, up to 1947 there was no people known as "Palestinians".

This time the Jews declared the establishment of a state of Israel on the land which the UN had allocated to them. The Arabs replied with a war. Israel was attacked by Egypt, Syria, Jordan, Iraq and Saudi Arabia. Azzam Pasha, the Secretary General of the Arab League said "This will be a war of extermination and momentous massacre which will be spoken of like the Mongolian massacres and the Crusades". The Jews won the war and increased their land over what Plan 181 had allocated them, but still did not include Jerusalem, the historic Jewish center of the world. Transjordan annexed the West Bank until 1967 and the Palestinian Arabs never asked for a state on this land, and Transjordan never offered any of this land to the Palestinian Arabs.

In order to fight the Jews, the Arab League created the Palestine Liberalization Organization (PLO) in 1964. The PLO was originally based in Jordan and was intended to serve as the "Palestinian Arab government-in-exile". In exile from where? The Arabs were in full control of the West Bank at that time so where are they exiled from? This is also clearly written in Article 24 of the original PLO document: "(The PLO) does not exercise any regional sovereignty over the West Bank in the Hashemite Kingdon or in Gaza Strip". Again, the Arabs clearly declare that their goal is not establishment of a state, it is the destruction of the Jewish state. The PLO founding document also does not use the term "Palestinian" it refers to themselves as the Palestinian Arab people. Using the term Palestinian Arab is not the same as "Palestinian" as the Jews who lived in Palestine were called the Palestinian Jews and Arabs who lived in Jordan were the Jordanian Arabs. The term Palestinian Arab simply means that they are Arabs who live in Palestine, it does not mean they are a unique people from the land of Palestine.

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uncensored scientific practice hopefully will be Dr. Jay Bhattacharya, President Donald Trump's choice for National Institutes of Health director. Bhattacharya was one of the many advocates for more sensible and compassionate directives during the COVID-19 outbreak as expressed in the Great Barrington Declaration. This October 2020 declaration now has more than 940,000 signatures and expresses "grave concerns about the damaging physical and mental health impacts of the prevailing COVID-19 policies." The declaration urges an approach called "focused protection."

"The most compassionate approach that balances the risks and benefits of reaching herd immunity, is to allow those who are at minimal risk of death to live their lives normally to build up immunity to the virus through natural infection, while better protecting those who are at highest risk [especially the elderly and infirm]," it states. "Adopting measures to protect the vulnerable should be the central aim of public health responses to COVID-19."

This is good advice for tackling all pandemics going forward.

Additional Trump picks — including Lee Zeldin to head up the Environmental Protection Agency, Chris Wright for energy secretary, and Doug Burgum to serve as secretary of the Department of the Interior — are expected to initiate changes for the better on environmental issues.

Like public health concerns, environmental challenges with the nation's air, water, waste streams, forests, energy, and other natural resources require objective oversight from leaders who want to make a positive impact for everyone.

On a personal note, to avoid mandates by the Biden administration's EPA, I decided on an early retirement starting Jan. 19, 2021, the day before the onset of the Biden takeover. I had served for decades as an air pollution administrator and air quality meteorologist with a large county health department. I retired early because of a concern, which played out, that the Biden administration had an excessive emphasis on anthropogenic climate catastrophe.

Regardless of my healthy, informed, and reasonable skepticism on the climate change issue, I had been curbed in the public presentation of climate data in my area of expertise in 2020 and anticipated that limitation would only increase with the Biden administration.

To be sure, humans have a significant, documented impact on climate. For instance, the "urban heat island" effect has been known for many decades. This manmade impact yields cityscapes that are substantially warmer than surrounding countrysides. Yet, the increased heat does not seem to prevent migration into the cities.

A key worry is whether in the long run, global climate change from human activity will be catastrophic. However, it is more likely that climate change will be adaptable with infrastructure enhancements, ecosystem management, and improvements in people-focused endeavors such as increasing accessibility to clean energy resources and adequate heating and cooling units.

This bottom line is accomplishments for the public good are within reach as long as science-based decisions escape the clutches of partisan politics. The Trump administration must bring sanity to science and eschew idealism and partisanship. No one should expect perfection, but everyone should expect, and deserves, dramatic improvement in the way the federal government delivers science-based services.

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the organized and incisive action of the Trump Administration. Nonetheless, it is likely that the colossal economic interests and the existing network of corruption will lead to a clash between opposing and irreconcilable forces. In this battle, which Saint Paul rightly points out is pre-eminently a spiritual one, the role of Catholics will be decisive, and it will be a battle fought with no holds barred. If the deep state went to the point of subverting the results of the 2020 Presidential Election and the deep church went to the point of placing on the Chair of Peter its own emissary who would embody the woke ideals of a "progressive spring" welcomed by the deep state, it is unlikely that they will give up the power they have acquired just because the majority of Americans now understand the threat that they represent. Indeed, the increasingly widespread awareness of the coup perpetrated by the globalist elite and

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