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



Trump Visits Milwaukee, Fills Panther Arena With Enthusiastic Supporters

He asks for crowd's assistance throughout 2020 to ensure another Wisconsin win

By Steve Welcenbach

Last night, Tuesday January 14th, president Donald Trump's roadshow made a pitstop in Milwaukee. With Wisconsin being one of the top two or three crucial battleground states, his appearance in Milwaukee early in 2020 portends many more Wisconsin visits before the final vote count in early November.

As someone lucky enough to attend the rally as a VIP, all aspects of the event appeared to run smoothly, especially considering that every person had to go through a metal detector. The venue did not seem overly crowded with food and treats like ice cream cones abounding. The aire of subdued excitement percolated throughout the crowd in the hours leading up to showtime, with participants conversing with friends they encountered or new connections made with the people sitting around them. Positivity embraced everyone there. Everyone except the handful of Bernie supporters who later got thrown out for causing disturbances.

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Climate alarmist banks go carbon-colonialist

Africa must move forward without them, using fossil and nuclear energy to build prosperity



Paul Driessen



David Wojick

By Paul Driessen & David Wojick

Africa has the world's lowest electrification rate. Its power consumption per capita is just 613 kilowatt-hours per year, compared to 6,500 kWh in Europe and 13,000 in the United States, African Development Bank (AfDB) President Akinwumi Adesina

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Fires Expose Green Folly

By Viv Forbes

Green Folly locked up 11% of Australia in a tinder-box of bushfire fuel, much of which is now burnt or burning.

Green Folly closed forest tracks and gates, expelled foresters and timber-workers and prevented property owners from removing flammable fuel from their own land and adjacent roads, parks and forests. Those responsible for these follies should face Class Action.

Green Folly promotes electric vehicles but not one fire truck, dozer, water bomber, helicopter, ambulance or naval vessel ran on batteries. They all used hydro-carbon fuels - diesel, petrol or avgas. And with so many power lines down, electric toys could not have recharged their batteries anyway.

Green Folly believed that widely

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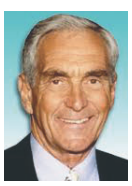
Green Activists the real Goliaths in the climate change debate



Dr. Jay Lehr



Tom Harris

By Dr. Jay Lehr & Tom Harris

A common misconception among many in the public is that climate change activists are the 'Davids' in the war with the Goliath industrial complex. Authors Ron Arnold and Paul Driessen (Cracking Big Green: To Save the World from the Save-The-Earth Money Machine (2018)), show clearly that this is not the case.

Arnold and Driessen use information

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The Real Ukraine Scandal Leads to the Clinton Foundation

By Wayne Allyn Root

President Trump has the highest approval rating among Republicans in history at 95%. No one is impeaching this president.

Now, let's discuss why this is happening.

Ukraine donated more money to the Clinton Foundation than China, UK, France, Germany or Saudi Arabia.

Why would all this cash be coming from tiny Ukraine?

Because tiny Ukraine was the recipient of billions of dollars in US-taxpayer funded aid. It's a million miles away. No one was watching. Leading Democrats extorted kickbacks on all this US foreign aid.

Democrats under Obama got rich. Democrats treated Ukraine as their personal fiefdom. This is how politics works in the DC Swamp.

I've been writing about the role of the Clinton Foundation for years. It's my opinion the central role of the Clinton Foundation is to extort and launder bribes from foreign countries. But if I'm wrong,

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4 Ways To Help Your Kids Fight Assimilation Into Cultural Leftism

By Katy Faust

"You don't agree with me that gay marriage should be legal?" All eyes around the lunch table were suddenly trained on my sixth-grade daughter. "But that means you hate gay people!" Morgan exclaimed.

"No it doesn't," Faust daughter replied. "My grandma is gay, and I love her. So, what is your argument?"

"Well, if a man and a woman who love each other can get married, then two men who love each other should be able to get married, and two women who love each other should be able to get married. There's no difference."

"The difference is that a man and a woman make a baby," Faust daughter responded again. "A man and a man don't make a baby, and a woman and a woman don't make a baby."

"Oh, I guess that's true. But the two men or the two women could just adopt if they wanted a baby."

"No. Adoption is not about giving kids to adults. Adoption is about finding homes for children who don't have parents. And all

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Attorney General Barr Engages in The Battle for The Faith of Our Students

By John Mitchell

While you may have heard that Attorney General William Barr delivered a noteworthy speech at Notre Dame Law School about the erosion of Religious Freedom in the United States, you may not have heard that his speech had much to say about the public schools. I hope that my summary here will whet your appetite to either watch the 40 minute video of the speech, or read the transcript.

AG Barr began his remarks with a well-constructed argument that our founders designed the Constitution to provide maximum freedom to citizens. They realized this required that the public ascribe to the type of moral values that flow from "a

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Term Limits for Bureaucrats!



By William L. Kovacs

Should any American have a property right to a federal job for life?

Citizens elect the House of Representatives every two years; Senators ever six years. The President every four years. Elections are the primary mechanisms citizens have to hold government accountable.

Unfortunately, behind this façade of Democracy are two million bureaucrats (or civil servants as they prefer to be called), who burrow into government positions for most of their careers. These bureaucrats control the spin on

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Take Heed Iran: Trump Unafraid in Using Military



By Larry Bell

Iran couldn't afford to do nothing in response to the U.S. drone strike that killed their top military leader Gen. Qasem Soleimani in Iraq — nor risk doing something that would bring about fearsome retaliation for further aggressions against American lives and properties —so they did what amounted to doing nothing of both.

The most recent conflict calamity-in-the-making followed

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Steve's Say . . .

Three Questions To Consider In 2020 And Beyond



By Steve Welcenbach

The last couple of months I've been privileged to share with you my gifts from God of two fantastic people that made dramatic impressions on my life. Instead of ranting and raving over foolish liberal ideas and leftist policy follies, I could openly share the goodness sewn by the real heroes we live with everyday here in America.

And yesterday at the Trump rally I most certainly met and ran into several more examples of these patriotic American saints, ever working for your good and mine by doing their part in our free enterprise system and devotion to righteousness. This is a wonderful thing. How do we preserve these blessings?

I believe asking ourselves these three questions leads us to this high and holy goal.

1) Who's your God?
2) Who's been lying to you?
3) Does common sense support what I am reading or hearing?

Without God, America cannot exist. Whenever we substitute false gods for the real thing we travel down the road to folly. Is your god money, fame, government, alcohol, getting high, another person, or even yourself? Your god controls your decision-making. By examining that list it becomes quite obvious why acknowledgment and fealty to the one true God must be present for a successful person and society. Rule of law can only persist under God.

The lying question stems from our acknowledgment of figures of authority (police, teachers, etc.) and integrity (doctors, judges, scientists, media members, politicians, etc.) that we assign as parents to children and by society norms. But the implication of question 1 belies our problem here; how each of these individuals answer that question in their heart will essentially determine question 2. There are many reasons for lying and perpetuating a lie, none of which involves acknowledging the one true God. Once a person figures out they've been lied to about something, the entirety of the world now gets re-examined in a new light.

Question 3 represents using the gifts God gave us all to evaluate our world and stay true to His word. Common sense can never be in conflict with God's work or law. Thus we find that the people with the most common sense tend to hold God closest to them in their everyday life. These are the effective people that enrich all of our lives, the kind I've been privileged to tell you about the past 2 issues.

So use your common sense to not get fooled by the army of liars in the world and grow closer to God each day. God Bless all of you and thank you all for all you do.



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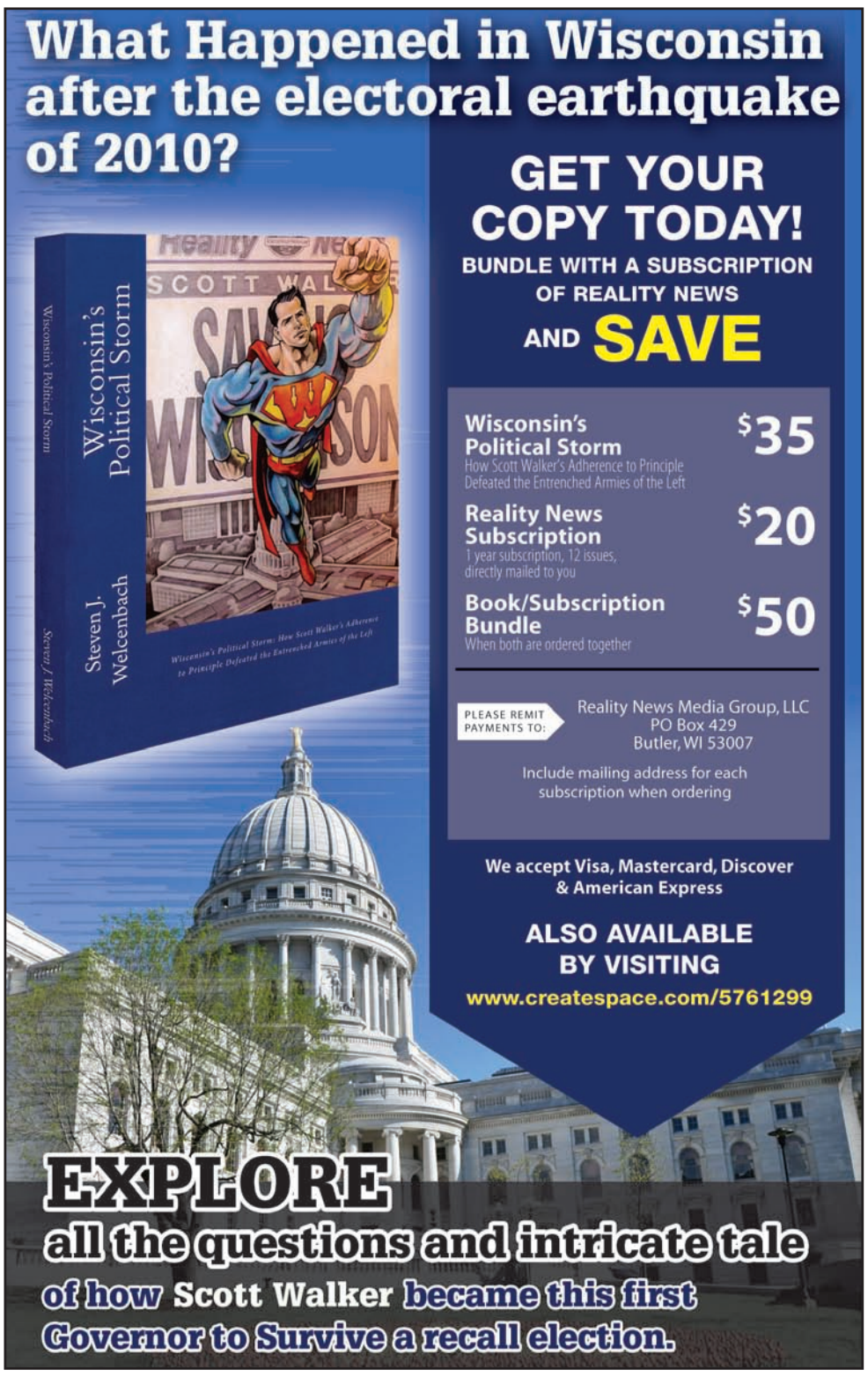

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What Does the Fear of the Lord Have to do with Sound Science?

By E. Calvin Beisner

On December 13, near the end of "COP-25," the United Nations' annual climate-change confab that flooded the world with alarming messages about impending climate catastrophe, Dr. Judith Curry, one of the world's foremost climate scientists and a critic of climate alarmism, received an email. It said this:

My name is XXX I'm 20 years old from the UK. I have been well the only word to describe it is suffering as I genuinely have the fear that climate change is going to kill me and all my family, I'm not even kidding it's all I have thought about for the last 9 months every second of the day. It's making my sick to my stomach, I'm not eating or sleeping and I'm getting panic attacks daily. It's currently 1am and I can't sleep as I'm petrified. I've tried to do my own research, I've tried everything. I'm not stupid, I'm a pretty rational thinker but at this point sometimes I literally wish I wasn't born, I'm just so miserable and Petrified. … Please help me. In any way you can. I'm at my wits end here.

That breaks my heart. Tens of thousands, even millions, of young people around the world are experiencing similar, paralyzing fears because of exaggerated claims about manmade global warming.

What can we say to them?

Well, in part we can offer them the extensive scientific evidence that human action is not driving dangerous, rapid global warming, that sea level is not rising more rapidly than in the past because of it, that extreme weather events like hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, droughts, and wildfires are not becoming either more frequent or more intense, and indeed that by pretty much every measure human material wellbeing is improving. Cornwall Alliance's website is loaded with such things.

But, frankly, the environmental fears gripping people around the world are mostly pretty irrational. Despite a long history of false predictions of doom, masses of people still believe them.

Why?

I believe Jeremiah 5 points us toward the most basic reason. There, through the prophet, God reminds the people of Jerusalem of all the disasters they have suffered leading up to the Babylonian invasion and captivity, which He is bringing on them because of their rebellion against His laws. Then He tells Jeremiah that when the people ask why He has done all these things to them, he should respond,

As you have forsaken Me and served foreign gods in your land, so you shall serve foreigners in a land that is not yours. … Hear this, O foolish and senseless people, who have eyes, but see not, who have ears, but hear not. Do you not fear Me? Declares the LORD; do you not tremble before Me? I placed the sand as the boundary for the sea, a perpetual barrier that it cannot pass; though the waves toss, they cannot prevail; though they roar, they cannot pass over it. But this people has a stubborn and rebellious heart; they have turned aside and gone away. They do not say in their hearts, "Let us fear the LORD our God, who gives the rain in its season, the autumn rain and the spring rain, and keeps for us the weeks appointed for the harvest." Your iniquities have turned these away, and your sins have kept good from you.

This chapter has other lessons in it, but surely one of them is that when people stop fearing God, they begin fearing all sorts of other things without good reason.

"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction," says Proverbs 1:7.

Why is there so much irrational fear around us? At bottom, the reason is that people don't fear God. If they did, they'd know they need not fear anything else. (Did you know that "Be not afraid!" is the most often repeated command in the Bible?)

Sad to say, much of what goes by the name of science today feeds such irrational fears. I believe that's largely because so many scientists leave God out of their understanding.

That's why it's so important for Christians to recognize that true science rests on the foundation of Biblical theism.

Is Christianity to Blame for Environmental Abuse?



By E. Calvin Beisner

In "The Historical Roots of Our Ecological Crisis," published in Science in 1967 and reprinted in scores of anthologies studied by millions of college students ever since, historian Lynn White Jr. decried what he called the "desacralization of nature" by the early Christian Church. In short, he blamed Christianity's doctrine of the Creator/creature distinction for ecological harm done by mankind, especially since the Industrial Revolution.

According to White, this doctrine, coupled with the doctrine in Genesis 1:28 that God ordained mankind to subdue and rule the earth and everything in it, led Christians to believe we have license to do whatever we please with the earth. That, he alleged, gave rise to abuse and exploitation of the environment—waste of resources, and wanton pollution.How should Christians answer this charge?

You'll find out in my new booklet What Can Theology Say to Science about Climate Change? There I show not only that White's charge is false, misrepresenting both the Bible and historic Christian teaching, but also that the Christian worldview is essential to wise environmental stewardship. Read What Can Theology Say to Science about Climate Change? and you'll understand why protecting and enhancing the fruitfulness, beauty, and safety of the earth actually depends on the very doctrines White condemns.

That's not all you'll learn from this new booklet. Among other things, you'll discover

- why the Christian worldview and theology are essential to science itself;
- why overreliance on computer models to understand human impact on global climate inexorably leads to serious errors and destructive policies;
- why so much of climate alarmist rhetoric is logically fallacious and harmful to civic discourse;
- why mysticism has become so prevalent in environmentalist circles, and how that undermines reason and sound science; and
- how the Biblical doctrine of the goodness of God's creation led one prominent climate scientist to a discovery that strikes at the heart of climate alarmism.

All this and more from a short booklet that you can readily share with friends!

From now through the end of December, while supply lasts, as our way of saying "Thank you!" we'll send a FREE copy of What Can Theology Say to Science about Climate Change? to anyone who donates ANY amount and requests it. To request your copy, simply click "Donate," make your donation of any size, and request it, mentioning Promo Code 1912.

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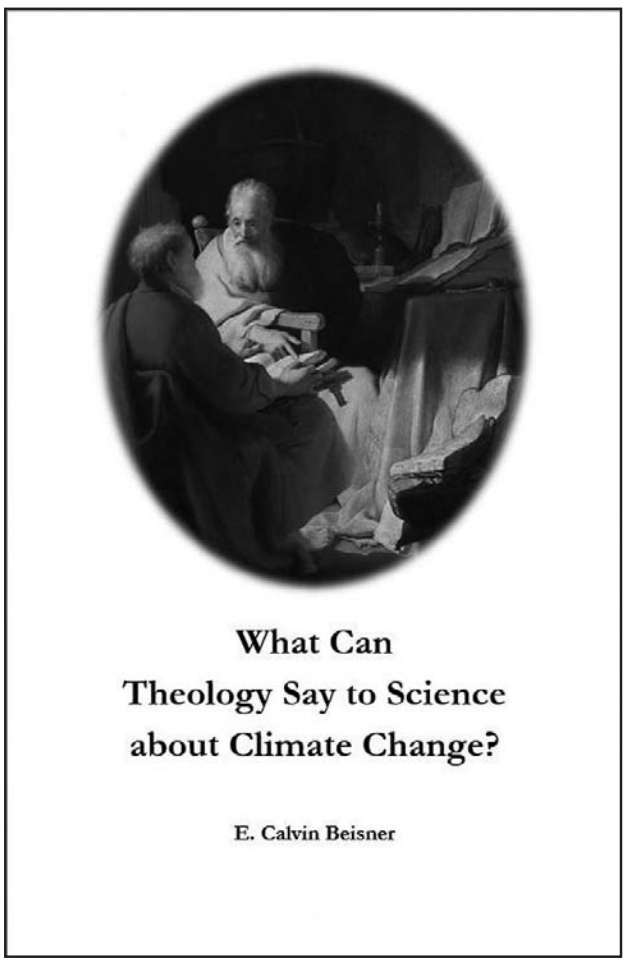

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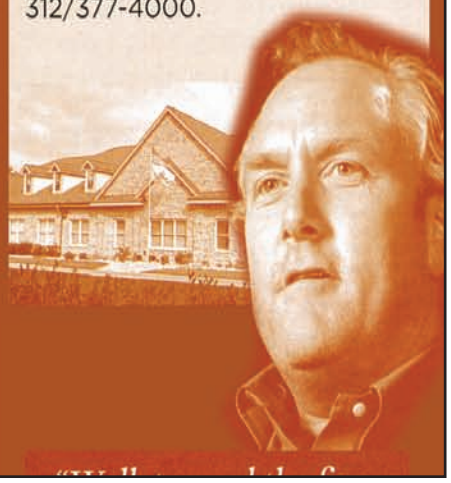
ANDREW BREITBART FREEDOM CENTER AT THE HEARTLAND INSTITUTE

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

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

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

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



UN bureaucrats chow down on burgers – while attacking meat

Reporting right from Madrid, where climate hypocrisy was alive and well at COP-25

By Craig Rucker

They came for your car, your light bulb, your dishwasher and washing machine, your toilet, your electricity, your airline flight and so much more. Now you can add your burger and steak to their list of what they want to legislate, regulate or confiscate out of your existence. YOUR existence. Not theirs.

The global warming agenda is the gift that keeps on giving for everyone who wants to control what you do. Dangerous manmade climate change justifies all manner of meddling, in the name of saving the planet. And like the mafia, UN cops want a piece of the action whenever money and power are on the line.

Anti-meat crusaders have been pushing hard in recent months to use climate change to achieve their goal of forcing you into an all plant-based diet. This year their rhetoric became a big part of the dialogue at UN 25th Conference of the Parties (COP-25) on climate change, in Madrid.

They've introduced a new buzzword you'll be hearing a lot of, "peak meat" – as in "peak oil," or something that we're going to run out of really soon ... not because we're actually going to run out, but because government policies will make it off limits and drive it into oblivion. As CFACT's team learned – as usual – it's do as I say, not as I do.

So ban meat, it is, especially beef. But what do you suppose was the big seller for anyone looking for lunch at the UN climate conference? Burger King! Delicious all-meat American burgers, with not a single one of Burger King's latest meatless Whoppers in sight.

CFACT met with climate delegates as they lined up for juicy burgers and shot a fun video investigation that you'll enjoy almost as much as a juicy red steak. Our team of reporters included "Benny the Bull," who was none too amused at UN hypocrites feasting on his friends at the COP. You can watch Benny in action here.

Harrison Ford, who is a pilot in real life as well as in Star Wars, keeps a fleet of private aircraft for his personal amusement. Ford bragged not long ago that he's "so passionate about flying" that he would often hop in one of his planes and "fly up the coast for a cheeseburger."

It's got to be fun to be an idle, rich movie star living off residuals, and thinking nothing of spending hefty sums of cash on aviation gas just to get a burger, or fly to more distant destinations.

So when Ford showed *Continued on page 7*



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derived from the annual reports of non-profit organizations, as revealed in the Internal Revenue Service IRS form 990s, to show the true wealth of 'Big Green.' Focusing on the year 2012, which was readily available, they discovered the staggering annual incomes of various environmental groups, some of which are listed as follows:

- The Sierra Club: took in $97,757,678
- The Sierra Club Foundation: $47,163,599
- The Environmental Defense Fund: $111,915,138
- Natural Resources Defense Council: $98,701,707
- National Audubon Society: $96,206,883
- National Wildlife Federation: $84,726,518
- Greenpeace USA: $32,791,149
- National Parks Conservation Association: $25,782,975
- The Wilderness Society: $24,862,909
- Al Gore's Alliance for Climate Protection: $19,150,215

But those are just the medium sized incomes. Here are some large ones:

- The Nature Conservancy: $949,132,306 (yes, nearly $1 billion)
- Greenpeace International: $406,000,000
- Wildlife Conservation Society: $230,042,654
- World Wildlife Fund: $208,495,555

Yet green groups portray energy companies like Exxon-Mobile and BP as spending gigantic sums of money lobbying to keep the government on its side. That too is false. They do not spend more than a tiny fraction of the sums listed above in an effort not to be driven out of business. In fact, these companies and their competitors, rather than battling the Green Ideology, often spend money in support of the climate scare by embracing wind and solar energy, energy from bacteria and wholly nonsensical efforts to pump carbon dioxide emissions underground.

But the extraordinary wealth of environmental groups is only part of the reason they have such influence on public policy. They work their magic through a program of law suits against the government which the government settles rather than going to court, thereby giving the groups success in their goals without reducing the funds in their coffers.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce's report Sue and Settle: Regulating Behind Closed Doors, shines a long overdue light on the back-room manipulations that are now common between Big Green and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). This has become a significant part of their legal strategy. It works like this:

A private environmental group sues the EPA to issue new regulations by a certain date. The agency and group meet behind closed doors. The government then usually agrees to do whatever the activist group wants. This is because, for decades, the EPA has been staffed by people who support extremist green ideology. There are no messy congressional hearings, no public comment period, no opportunity for parties that will be adversely affected by the deal to have their day in court. Making the situation even more egregious, in most cases the taxpayer foots the bill for the suing groups' legal fees.

Dozens of philanthropic funds set up by conservative industrialists of yesteryear have been hijacked by radical liberals who now battle the industries that initially spawned them. Their founders would turn over in their graves if they knew how their money is being spent. Not one of these staggeringly wealthy groups objects to the climate change delusion that has gripped our nation.

But there is much more supporting Big Green. The international banking community is turning over gigantic sums of money to finance the world's rush to solar and wind projects. The San Francisco-based Climate Policy Initiative showed that, of the more than $1 billion USD spent every day around the world on climate finance, the largest single part of it goes to 'renewable energy' schemes. This despite the fact that they have no chance of providing the abundant, plentiful energy the world needs. Germany's Deutsche Bank, Switzerland's Credit Suisse, America's Morgan Stanley and Goldman Sachs and nearly all its competitors are knee deep in the billions of dollars of the global warming industry with apparently no concern about where and when the fraud finally comes to roost with an economy smashing to the ground. And we must not forget the $76 billion that the U.S. government has invested in the delusion over the past 20 years.

Big Green holds public policy captive to a scientific-technological elite of climate mongers, ecology gurus, land grabbers, lawyers and computer fortune tellers. And, in so doing, the fanatical supporters of the 'Save The Earth Money Machine' have now strangled our freedoms as well as our economic well-being. Our fear is that many of their ideas will become law, further eroding our freedom.

Educating true believers is a hopeless task. So, one of our major objectives now should be to limit their power. We must also battle their wrong ideas by loudly publicizing better ideas so that the public can come to understand the degree to which they have been misled. We have to help the public realize that environmental extremists are not attempting to solve problems. They are primarily promoting a political doctrine, an ideology, a mix of myth, philosophy and science that goads supporters to action as representatives of the ideology's attitudes and beliefs. This endows its adherents with a sense of respectability and self-righteousness.

Today's environmental activists call for changes in present political systems, in the reach of the law, in the methods of agriculture and industry, in the structure of capitalism, the profit system, international dealings and, of course, in education.

Global warming and climate change just turned out to be the very best mechanism to achieve these goals.

They must be stopped!

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observed in July 2017. That's 9.4% of EU and 4.7% of US electricity consumption. It's equivalent to Americans having electricity only 1 hour a day, 8 hours a week, 411 hours per year – at totally unpredictable times, for a few minutes, hours or days at a stretch.

It's actually even worse than that. Excluding significantly electrified South Africa, sub-Sahara Africans consume an almost irrelevant 181 kWh of electricity per capita – 1.4% of the average American's!

In Sub-Saharan Afria, over 600 million people have no electricity, and over 700 million rely on wood, grass and dung for cooking and heating. The region is home to 16% of the world's population, and 53% of those without electricity. By 2050, its urban populations could increase by 600 million.

Determined to transform the "dark continent," the AfDB launched a $12-billion New Deal on Energy in 2017 and a Light Up and Power Africa initiative in July 2018. It frequently emphasized that access to sufficient supplies of reliable, affordable modern energy – including fossil fuels – is critical for the continent's social and economic development. Without energy, it is impossible to create jobs, increase productivity, reduce inequality, improve people's health and wellbeing, or end poverty.

The bank's lofty goal for its energy New Deal is 100% access to electricity in urban areas, and 95% in rural areas, by 2025. In July 2017, Mr. Adesina told the African Union Summit he was excited that "Japan has answered our call" to "adopt a balanced energy mix" that includes "its ultra-super critical clean coal technologies" that remove sulfur, nitrogen oxides and particulates, while greatly reducing CO2 emissions.

In 2018, the bank approved seed money for a Nigerian coal project and geared up to finance a 350MW coal plant in Senegal. It also initiated plans for a $2-billion coal-fired power station in the Kenya's port city of Lamu, after the IMF, World Bank and other western lenders rebuffed Kenya.

But then Mr. Adesina and the AfDB caved in to carbon colonialist pressure. The bank now says almost nothing about coal or even natural gas. Its new themes include: responding to global concerns about climate change, gradually adopting a "low-carbon and sustainable growth path," significantly reducing reliance on fossil fuels, and transitioning to "green growth" and "clean renewable energy,"

In September 2019, the bank announced that it planned to begin scrapping coal-fired power plants all across Africa, build "the largest solar zone" in the world, and pull funding for the Lamu power plant. "We're getting out of coal," Mr. Adesina said. "Coal is the past, and renewable energy is the future."

So the AfDB has joined the World Bank, Goldman Sachs and other Multilateral anti-Development Banks in caring more about climate alarmism and avoiding criticism from the likes of Greta, the perpetually aggrieved and angry Grinch of Christmas 2019 – than they do about safeguarding the lives, livelihoods, health and living standards of hundreds of millions of electricity-deprived Africans.

This 180-degree flip-flop is delusional, dysfunctional and disingenuous. For many, it will be lethal.

First, there is nothing "green," "clean" or "renewable" about wind and solar energy. The vast amounts of land and raw materials, mines and factories required to build wind turbines, solar panels, batteries and transmission lines – to harnesswidely dispersed, insufficient, intermittent, weather-dependent wind and solar energy to benefit Sub-Saharan Africans – are anything but clean, green, renewable or sustainable. In fact, trying to meet those needs would require millions of turbines and billions of solar panels.

Second, The AfDB cannot possibly achieve its Energy New Deal or Light Up and Power Africa goals with wind and solar. It will never reach 100% or even 25% access to meaningful electricity that way. No country has ever built or sustained a modern economy this way – and countries that have tried to by mandating wind, solar and fossil-fuel-free economies are paying a terrible price. Headlines tell the story.

Germany's green suicide: Industrial job losses top 80,000. German wind industry faces extinction. 340,000 German familieshave pricey electricity cut off. British steel faces insolvency; British families are already deeply in debt to their energy suppliers, before winter even sets in. Meanwhile, the fossil and nuclear-based US economy added another 266,000 jobs in November and wages also grew.

Third, there is no evidence to support claims that temperatures, droughts and weather anywhere in Africa are unprecedented or due to carbon dioxide from fossil fuels – or from wood, grass and dung fires. They and other climate changes have been common throughout history, and an energy-rich, prosperous Africa will be far better able to deal with future changes than a poor, energy-deprived continent could.

Fourth, China, India, Indonesia and other countries are not going stop building coal- and gas-fired power plants – and emitting enormously more CO2. Why should Africa and the AfDb go down a different path?

Finally, banishing fossil fuels (and nuclear), and focusing on pseudo-renewable energy will mean millions of children and parents will continue to suffer and die needlessly every year from diseases of poverty and energy deprivation. This eco-manslaughter at the hands of climate activists and banks must not continue.

Africans have a fundamental human right to more than the few light bulbs, cell phone charging stations and one-cubic-foot refrigerators that can be supported by a wind turbine and solar panel economy.

Thankfully, Botswana, Tanzania and other countries recognize that their continent is rich in coal, oil, natural gas, hydro and uranium. They intend to utilize those resources, take charge of their destinies, develop their economies and improve their people's lives – by building coal- and gas-fired power plants, hydroelectric facilities, and pebble bed modular or other nuclear power plants. They will also install wind turbines and solar panels in distant villages until electrical grids bring 24/7/365 power to the villages.

No single solution will work everywhere. But "under no circumstances are we going to apologize" for developing Africa's oil, gas and coal fields, Equatorial Guinea energy minister Gabriel Obiang Lima has said, adding it is "criminal" for any non-African to suggest that Africa should ignore any resources it has.

"Energy is the catalyst for growth," says Gwede Mantashe, South Africa's new Mineral Resources and Energy Minister and national chair of its African National Congress. Africa has long exported its oil and gas to the rest of the world, while remaining energy-deficient itself, he noted during a recent Africa Oil Week conference in Cape Town. That is no longer tenable. His new Integrated Resources Plan includes coal and nuclear, and all forms of energy, as appropriate to a given time and situation.

South Africa's trade unions now see that solar and wind will not create jobs or prosperity; they promote coal power for inland areas where coal is plentiful, and nuclear for coastal regions where water can cool reactors. Zambia, Kenya, Nigeria, Ghana and Rwanda all appear prepared to join SA in going nuclear – and Zambia has a new Zambian Atomic Energy Agency (ZAMATOM), headed by Dr. Roland Msiska; it has begun building a nuclear center and preparing for a new generation of small modular nuclear reactors.

"I am tired of being lectured by people in rich countries who have never lived a day without electricity," says Nigerian Sam Bada. "Maybe they should just go home and turn off their fridge, hot water, laptops and lights. Then live like that for a month and tell us, who have suffered for years, not to burn coal."

Energy deprivation perpetuates economic deprivation – and creates breeding grounds for terrorist groups in weakened African nations. Recent Islamic State attacks underscore this growing danger. Meanwhile, too many banks lack the moral decency to stand up for fossil fuels or nuclear, or question climate alarm doctrine. If they continue to balk, China could well step in – and gain greater influence and expanded control of Africa's raw materials in the process. It would be much better if Africa stood up for itself.

Every new power plant generates electricity, jobs, better living standards, and more tax revenues to build more power plants, transmission lines and prosperity. Every country can do this, just as China, India and other nations have already. There'd be no better holiday gift than to banish Greta the Grinch from Africa.

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Politicized Veganism

Do we really have to tolerate local, state, national or UN officials telling us what we may eat?

By Duggan Flanakin

The average American ate some 220 pounds of red meat and poultry in 2018, according to the s, surpassing a record set in 2004. But some politicians have joined anti-meat and climate change activists in a massive effort to restructure the American diet – and to ensure ... and mandate ... that the rest of the world will be stuck with a mostly plant-based diet.

Last March, New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio shocked America's meat producers by announcing the expansion of "meatless Mondays" to all New York City public schools. The reason? "To keep our lunch and planet green for generations to come." So now they claim eating meat also threatens the planet.

Monday Campaigns is a national organization that collaborates with the Center for a Livable Future (CLF) at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Its goal is to reduce US meat consumption by 15% "for our personal health and the health of the planet."

Finnish researchers in 2012 investigated the intended and unintended effects of mandatory "vegetarian days" in Helsinki schools. While the compulsory restrictions "increased healthy and sustainable dietary patterns," they also resulted in "psychological reactance, hedonic dislike, and noncompliance." Refuseniks at a Finnish military base leave behind dumpsters of empty pizza boxes on forced-vegan day.

Liberal-progressive local governments are already looking at replicating de Blasio's bold move. For example, a resolution calling for Meatless Mondays in Hawaii public schools came close to enactment in the Hawaii State Legislature in 2019, and supporters are hopeful it will become law next year.

One of the world's leading voices condemning meat consumption is the United Nations. In 2018 it bestowed one of its "Champions of the Earth" awards to Patrick O. Brown of Impossible Foods and Ethan Brown of Beyond Meat. The awards follow and buttress UN Environment Programme claims that "our use of animals as a food-production technology has brought us to the verge of catastrophe."

Both Browns insist that, because "the destructive impact of animal agriculture on our environment far exceeds that of any other technology on Earth, there is no pathway to achieve the Paris climate objectives without a massive decrease in the scale of animal agriculture."

The anti-meat campaign has hit other top echelons of the UN. Christiana Figueres, former executive secretary of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, recently stated her hope that restaurants of the future will "treat carnivores the same way that smokers are treated [today]. If they want to eat meat, they can do it outside the restaurant." But not the way they're treating meat at COP-25 in Madrid.

The UN is also touting a "study," published in the journal Nature, which claims that "huge reductions in meat eating are essential to avoid dangerous climate change." The authors implore western countries to cut their beef consumption by 90 percent.

Then in almost its next breath, the UN hosts yet another gala affair and lavish meals at 5-star hotels in Bali, Brazil and other lovely locations, attended by countless thousands of activists, bureaucrats, reporters and politicians. Why should these ruling elites have to worry about "carbon footprints" and rules they promulgate for the rest of us, the world's unwashed masses, who will comply or face the consequences?

The Economist published results of two other "studies" claiming that going vegan for two-thirds of meals could cut food-related carbon emissions by 60 percent. Total veganism is "the most environmentally friendly," with "die-hard leaf-eaters claiming to have knocked 85% off their carbon footprint."

It all follows a familiar, predictable, totalitarian pattern that ought to set off global alarms. Find a target of "eco-progressive" hate. Vilify the target, and demand that it be restricted or eradicated – to prevent yet another civilizational or planetary cataclysm. Redefine science and morality to drive the agenda. Reward and publicize those who support the claims and campaign. Condemn and silence anyone who questions or challenges them. Impose new rules.

On climate change, assume and assert that carbon dioxide and methane are the primary or only factors. That any weather and climate changes today are unprecedented, existential threats. That anyone who challenges these assertions is a "denier" who must be silenced, jailed, exiled and re-educated.

Danish environmental economist Bjorn Lomborg, mocks the anti-meat "studies" and arguments. Lomborg is a vegetarian himself but says 1.45 billion of the world's people are vegetarians because of their extreme poverty, and many of them desperately want to be able to afford meat in their diets.

He chastises those who claim going vegetarian will cut "carbon footprints" in half, noting that food-related emissions account for just 20% of total carbon dioxide releases. A study of Swedish vegetarians found that lifelong vegetarianism would reduce net carbon dioxide emissions just 2 percent. Meanwhile, Chinese and Indian coal-fired power plant emissions dwarf those savings 100 times over.

Moreover, healthy vegetarian diets require very careful attention to food and supplements, to ensure proper nutrition; vegan diets even more so. That's impossible in impoverished countries and families.

Enormous environmental and agricultural problems also loom. Cattle, sheep and pigs can graze on lands that would be plowed under for food crops under an all-veggie dictatorship. But that same system is determined to replace fossil fuels with wind turbines, solar panels, biofuels and batteries that would make tens of millions of acres unavailable or unsuitable for growing the needed food crops.

And those same activists, bureaucrats and politicians also want to ban modern hybrid and biotech seeds, fertilizers, pesticides and mechanized farming. We'd get even less food from diminished acreage. More and more people would become increasingly malnourished, starve, go blind, and die.

Reduced atmospheric carbon dioxide would mean plants would be deprived of their basic building block – and need more water in a water-starved world. If the planet cools, instead of warming, we would have far less arable land, shorter growing seasons, and still worse agricultural conditions. More would starve.

Do you know what's in those plant-based meats – those ultra-processed imitation meats that are assembled in industrial factories and enhanced with chemicals to make vegan burgers more tasty and palatable? Tasty ingredients like methylcellulose, titanium dioxide, propylene glycol, ferric phosphate and magnesium carbonate. Do grasshoppers and other tasty insects count as meat?

The truth is, the "vegan revolution" is overstated. A recent Gallup poll found only 5% of Americans are vegetarian and just 3% are vegan. But 16% of liberals are vegetarian or vegan, compared with just 2% of conservatives. The numbers are much higher for younger progressives in the USA and elsewhere.

Those numbers almost certainly reflect the constant indoctrination, fear-mongering and silencing of skeptical voices in schools from kindergarten through graduate school; on social and in large segments of traditional media; in political circles; and in the UN and other unaccountable government organizations.

It also helps explain how and why Goldsmiths, in the University of London, has been able to ban beef from the entire campus. Goldsmiths professor France
Corner has sounded *Continued on page 18*

SCIENCE & ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY PROJECT

The Week That Was January 11, 2020

Quote of the Week:
"The only thing more dangerous than ignorance is arrogance."
– Albert Einstein

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Number of the Week :
79% up 16% in two years

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

Green Arrogance: Regardless of the political system, or ideology, arrogance can lead to destructive actions contrary to the interests of the public. History produces many examples, including major wars. We are seeing examples of arrogance in so called "green" laws and regulations which are actually contrary to nature. Humans can modify and use nature for their benefit but cannot regulate it. Unfortunately, politicians frequently ignore limits of power when passing sweeping laws and regulations. This week, three examples of arrogance, or hubris, are evident: 1) bushfires in Australia; 2) closing the Crescent Dunes power plant in Nevada; and 3) the continuation of a 2.5 gigawatt (GW) off-shore wind project off the coast of Virginia Beach ordered by the governor of Virginia.

Green Arrogance – Australia: Much is being written about the fires in Australia. Many news organizations are blaming climate change. However, these entities fail to report that bushfires in eastern Australia are part of natural events. Jo Nova and Tony Heller document past examples such as Black Friday, around January 13, 1939 in Victoria, Australia, in which almost 20,000 square kilometers (5,000,000 acres, 2,000,000 ha) of land were burned, 71 people died, 3,700 buildings were destroyed, and several towns were entirely obliterated.

The fire resulted in a battle of government bureaucrats, pitting the Forests Commission, which wanted controlled burns, against Board of Works, which wanted to protect water supplies from burns. The issue was settled latter in 1939 by the Stretton Royal Commission which recommended the Forests Commission receive additional funding and have responsibility for fire protection on all public land, including State forests, unoccupied Crown Lands and National Parks, plus a buffer extending one mile beyond their boundaries onto private land. The commission also encouraged the common practice on private lands of controlled burning of bush to minimize future risks.

Unfortunately, the greens have successfully fought controlled burns in recent years. Under the title "Environmental Crime in Australia," the Australian Institute of Criminology lists numerous statutes titled "Illegal native vegetation clearing" and associated penalties. The Scope and Definition section states:

"Up until the last couple of decades, land and hence native vegetation clearance was a conventional and legally-condoned practice, largely committed to open up land for agriculture but standard for any private landowner wishing to modify the environment. In Australia, with an historically-sanctioned economic dependence on agriculture, there has been a valuation of the land mostly founded on the profit it can turn and often at the expense of its ecological worth. Agriculture and grazing still account for a great deal of native vegetation clearance occurring today but development of land for other purposes is a significant culprit.

"Definitions of clearing and native vegetation differ between the Australian states and territories (some of these are listed in Table 25). Native vegetation clearing, however, generally refers to any act that removes, disfigures or kills vegetation deemed indigenous to the region. Illegal clearance, then, is any such vegetative removal or destruction, or clearance that takes place without due authorisation."

It is amazing that governments outlaw actions by property owners who clear bush to protect their property from bushfires! Until the laws are changed, it appears that bushfires in Australia will become common once again. Even the aboriginal bushmen of Australia, before westerners came, understood the importance of controlled burns to stop bushfires.

As a side note, perhaps the worst bushfire in the US in recorded history was around Peshtigo, Wisconsin, on a cold, windy October 8, 1871, which burnt nearly 1.2 million acres, (4,860 square km), 50% larger than Rhode Island, destroyed twelve communities and killed between 1500-2500 people. This occurred the same day as the Great Chicago Fire.

Be they the burning of the Everglades, prairie fires, bushfires, forest fires, etc., destructive fires are common to nature. The issue is the best way to minimize the damage. Passing the blame to climate change is avoiding the issue.

Green Arrogance – Nevada: Even in sunny Nevada, the major issue with solar power is generating electricity when the sun is low or at night. The hottest time of the day in Las Vegas is around 3 pm. As electricity for air conditioning is needed the most, solar power is fading. This creates a time-of-day problem for solar energy. It does not work well when needed the most and does not work at night. Ignoring physical reality, the Nevada legislature passed laws requiring 50% of electricity used to come from renewable power by 2030.

The industrial solar plant, Crescent Dunes, was designed to address the time-of-day problem. The $1 Billion project used around 10,000 mirrors to reflect the sun's rays to a tower -- to drive steam turbines and to store energy in molten salt, well above 1000 K (725 C, 1350 F). The materials' problems in such a configuration are tremendous. Molten salt is extremely corrosive.

Late last year, Crescent Dunes lost its only customer, NV Energy Inc., which cited the plant's lack of reliability. An article in Bloomberg pointed out that the US government provided $737 million in loan guarantees for this failed project and said NV was paying about $135 per ?megawatt-hour, "compared with less than $30 per MWh today at a new Nevada photovoltaic solar farm, according to BloombergNEF, which researches fossil fuel alternatives."

But, as energy expert Norman Rogers who has followed Crescent Dunes points out, the Bloomberg article avoids the central issue: what happens when the sun goes down? Photovoltaic does not work! The electrical generation must come from somewhere and Nevada is poor for wind. Perhaps the next step for Nevada's government is to legislate that the sun stays at high noon well past midnight. One is reminded of the closing lines of "Ozymandias" by Percy Shelley:

"My name is Ozymandias, King of Kings; Look on my Works, ye Mighty, and despair! Nothing beside remains. Round the decay Of that colossal Wreck, boundless and bare The lone and level sands stretch far away."

Green Arrogance – Virginia: Not to be outdone in arrogance, in September Virginia Governor Ralph Northam issued an executive order calling for 2.5 GW of offshore wind by 2026. Of course, this set the wind world fluttering. It is part of a plan to have 30% of electricity carbon-free by 2030 and 100% carbon-free by 2050. According to reports, Virginia's agencies and executive branch institutions will lead by example, aiming to procure at least 30% of their electricity from renewable resources by 2022. Who knows from where?

The planned facility will be about 26 miles off the coast of Virginia Beach. TWTW was unable to find any realistic estimates of the costs involved. Reports on wind power from the North Sea are not encouraging to those who are concerned about costs. The corrosive effects of saltwater are a big problem, adding to the costs of maintenance at sea. The major Virginia electrical utility, Dominion Energy, does not care about costs because it is regulated, so it receives a profit on all authorized expenditures, no matter how ridiculous they may be.

The Governor's plans may be complicated by a weather condition known as the Bermuda High. These extensive high-pressure systems occur offshore of the western Atlantic, and in the summer create hot, humid days and nights, with little wind in the Eastern US. They create prolonged heat waves, interspaced by thunderstorms. In Virginia, they often occur during peak electricity demand for air conditioning. Since the state government is planning a very expensive offshore project which will not generate electricity when it is needed the most, perhaps the next step in green arrogance is to order the winds to blow!

Greenhouse Effect – CO2 and Methane: Donn Dears has two posts showing graphs illustrating the results of physicist William Happer's calculations of the greenhouse effect, which Happer presented at an independent press briefing held in Madrid during the 25th Conference of Parties of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in December, which concluded without achieving its objectives.

The graphs illustrate Happer's calculations on the effects of increasing carbon dioxide (CO2) on earth's temperatures and the effects of increasing methane on temperatures. Unfortunately, the graphs can be somewhat tricky to read and TWTW will try to explain them somewhat differently than Dears did. [Suggest one looks at the graph as they read the comments below.]

In the first graph, Happer shows 1) the would-be infrared (IR) emissions to space from a hypothetical earth with one uniform temperature (60ºF, 16ºC) with no atmosphere, and 2) the actual IR as measured at the top of the atmosphere from space. The top smooth curve on the graph is the theoretical (Planck) curve with no greenhouse gases. The lower jagged line approximates the actual IR emissions as modified by greenhouse gases. In the region where greenhouse gases blocks IR, there is a wide range of frequencies blocked by atmospheric water vapor and narrower ranges of frequencies of IR blocked by other gases. Each greenhouse gas is identified. From that data, Happer infers how much IR each gas (CO2, H2O and other greenhouse gases) individually absorbs and re-emits, slowing the cooling of the earth. (Without greenhouse gases, Happer estimates the earth's average surface temperature would be about 16ºF (minus 9 ºC).

Also, Happer illustrates (in green) the additional amount of heat energy that would be lost to space without any CO2. He then calculates the additional warming that would occur if the amount of CO2 in the atmosphere doubled from today's 400 parts per million volume (ppmv) to 800 ppmv. The increased warming is slight. What economists call diminishing returns has already strongly set in.

In his second post, Dears gives Happer's calculations for Methane (CH4). The effect of a doubling of methane is trivial.

Number of the Week: 79% up 16% in two years: A great deal has been written about the rapid growth of solar and wind energy, much of it vague. For 2018, the last year for which the US Energy Information Administration (EIA) has full year statistics, in the Table 1.2, Primary Energy Production by Source, EIA numbers show that fossil fuels accounted for 79% of energy production. (Coal 16%, natural gas (dry) 33%, oil 24%, and natural gas plant liquids 6%) nuclear produced 9%, hydro 3%, solar 1%, and wind 3%. Biomass burning, largely from biofuels, waste, and waste wood accounted for almost 6%, more than solar and wind combined (geothermal is insignificant). Note, the table is total primary energy production not just electricity production.

Also, total production from fossil fuels went up 16% from 2016 to 2018 and even coal went up by 5%. It appears that the claim that wind and solar are driving out coal is more wishful thinking than fact.

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.

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And thank you.

Time for Climate Sense

By Viv Forbes

Svante Arrhenius (1859-1927) was a Swedish scientist who first claimed that the burning of hydro-carbons like coal, oil, gas, peat and wood may cause global warming.

In 1895 he calculated (incorrectly) that a doubling of the atmospheric CO2 concentration would lead to a 4-5o C rise in global temperature.

However, Arrhenius suggested that this increase could be beneficial, making the various climates on Earth "more equable" and stimulating plant growth and food production.

Then a showman/politician, Al Gore, gave life to the theory that extra carbon dioxide due to human activities will cause dangerous global warming.

But temperatures refused to obey the alarmist computer model forecasts. So they switched to the universal bogey-man - climate-change, where every bit of bad weather was blamed on western industry. But this did not scare enough people so it morphed into climate emergency, which allows coal, oil, gas, cars and cattle to be blamed for everything bad - floods and droughts, snowstorms and heatwaves, bushfires, coral bleaching, species extinction and pollution anywhere.

But the carbon dioxide scare is proving false - it's time for some climate sense.

Human activity can never control atmospheric CO2 or global temperature. Much bigger forces are at work – solar system cycles, earth orbital changes, volcanic activity (especially on the sea floor), El Nino episodes, declining magnetic field and magnetic pole reversals, variable cosmic rays and cloud cover, and absorption/expulsion of CO2 by the mighty oceans.

Geological records show that today's CO2 levels are very low - so low that plants grow slower and need more water.

Moreover, the ice core records from Antarctica and Greenland show clearly that atmospheric temperature always rises before CO2 levels rise. So rising CO2 is the effect of rising temperature not the cause. Warming oceans are like warming beer – they both expel bubbles of CO2 into the atmosphere. When oceans cool, they take it back.

The dense plant and animal populations in equatorial regions shows that humans need not fear global warming – in fact the Russian President has welcomed the possibility of warming for his cold land.

We live in a natural warm interlude but we are past the warming peak. There will still be fluctuations and extreme weather events but the next big move will be global cooling – the 11th freeze-up in about a million years. All it needs are oceans heated by submarine volcanoes, and skies made cold by volcanic ash that blocks incoming solar energy. This will trigger evaporation of water from the oceans and heavy snowfalls on land. Once the summer sun fails to melt all the winter snow, glaciers and ice sheets will advance again. The increased albedo from the snow and ice will cause further cooling.

Ice ages have been a periodic threat to much of life on Earth. As the ice sheets spread from the North Pole there will be massive depopulation and survivors will need to relearn hunter-gatherer skills or have access to reliable energy. Wind turbines and solar panels will not work in snowy conditions and many hydro-energy supplies will also freeze up. Even the Great Niagara Falls froze in 1848 during the Little Ice Age.

But the UN climate bureaucracy will probably still collect climate taxes and organise well-fed conferences in places with a warm climate and reliable power.

Alarmism over climate is the great gravy train for academics, bureaucrats, speculators, globalists and politicians seeking excuses for more power and more taxes.

"Climate emergency" is an exercise in global politics, not science. The plan is to scare us into transferring money and power from western nations to the UN – a fake answer to an invented problem.

UN climate talks collapse

By Craig Rucker

COP 25 was an utter failure for the United Nations.

Despite extending the conference into double overtime making it the longest COP ever, the UN was forced to adjourn without advancing the "rule book" for the Paris Climate Accord, or agreeing on a framework for an international carbon market.

UN Secretary General (and former President of the Socialist International) António Guterres was "disappointed" and stated that "the international community lost an important opportunity to show increased ambition on mitigation, adaptation & finance to tackle the climate crisis."

The UN did at least agree on a "gender action plan." So there's that. They agreed to "strengthen the integration of gender considerations within the work of the UNFCCC constituted bodies, the secretariat of the United Nations and stakeholders towards the consistent implementation of gender-related mandates and activities." You can read the entire UN gender agreement at CFACT.org if you're interested in more of the same.

To sum up: The UN agreed to mention gender more often, spend more to transport women to future COPs, set aside places for women in meetings, and consider wasteful useless programs.

World ending, women hardest hit, token spending and programming -- WE'RE SAVED!

The big COP breakdown was over something called "Article 6" which deals with international carbon markets. Australia refused to give up past carbon credits and was joined by Brazil which shut the whole thing down. Good on ya, mates! Obrigado!

Check out Rupert Darwall's excellent analysis on why carbon markets are a useless charade at CFACT.org.

They also failed to increase national commitments to emissions reductions and sidestepped the issues of whether prosperous nations should reimburse poor countries for their "loss and damage" from bad weather. This despite warming pressure groups co-opting Greta Thunberg and "the children" to chant about loss and damage in the halls.

Greta was caught in a fib when she tweeted out this picture of herself sitting on the floor of her train home with her baggage to illustrate the sacrifices she makes for her cause. She was caught flat-footed when the German railways responded, "It would have been even nicer if you had also reported how friendly and competent you were looked after by our team at your seat in first class." First class is nothing new to Greta Thunberg who sailed to America on an elite racing yacht owned by the royal family of Monaco.

The big Paris issues are now held over for work by the UN subsidiary bodies in 2020 and another try at COP 26 in Scotland next year.

Protesters expressed displeasure by staging a mock hanging in front of the COP and dumping a truckload of manure. That'll show 'em!

COP 26 will take place immediately after next November's U.S. elections, and immediately after President Trump's official withdrawal from the Paris Climate Accord takes effect. Whatever the outcome, American politics should dominate COP 26 next year. The UN finds the whole business a lot less fun without the world's most successful economy around to leach off and is hoping a new president will bring America's money back.

The United States is the only country to meaningfully reduce its CO2 emissions, which resulted not from intermittent wind and solar, but from natural gas from the shale energy revolution.

Countries such as China and India remain firm in exempting themselves from serious emissions reductions under the Paris Accord. They continue to assert their rights to expand their economies, burn more coal, increase their emissions, and produce the goods that become too expensive to produce in Japan and the West.

China emits more CO2 than the U.S. and E.U. combined! Taking the world's number one and number three emitters out of the mix effectively renders anything the UN does under the Paris Accord meaningless in terms of altering world temperature (if climate models suddenly become accurate which they never have been).

That's why President Trump described the Paris Climate Accord as a "terrible, one-sided" deal for America.

He was right.

UN bureaucrats chow

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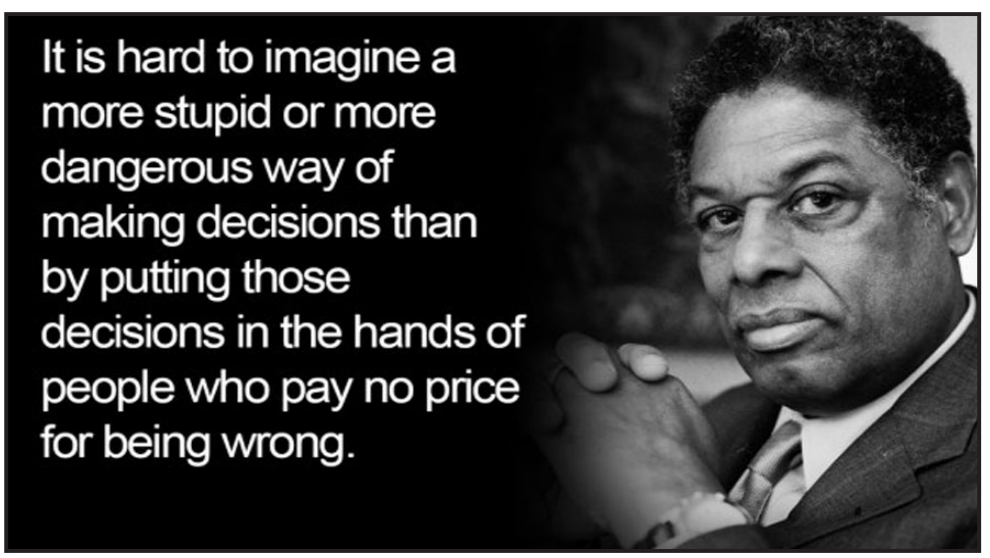
up at the UN COP, CFACT's Marc Morano asked him about his cheeseburger flights – and Ford countered that he's "now a vegetarian." That's nice. But we'd still like to know how Ford got to Madrid for COP-25, where he and his UN friends lecture and hector us lesser mortals about how we should live "more sustainably." We'll wager our family cars and humble appliances that the Hollywood star continues to live a high-carbon, high-consumption, luxury lifestyle that would keep scores of Americans or entire African villages in lighting and refrigeration for years.

Oh well. It's for us little people to tighten our belts. Our high-flying climate masters need their perks if they are to have the energy and fully functioning brain cells to decide how the rest of us should live.

CFACT's investigation into UN burger hypocrisy made a splash in the media and was picked up by Fox News, The Washington Times and more.

In the end, though, COP-25 delegates were far more successful at scoring a burger than in advancing the Paris Climate Accord. In fact, left-wing protesters became so incensed when the climate talks stalled that over 200 of them, including the kids from Greta Thunberg's "Fridays for Future" staged a protest where they banged on pots and chanted outside the main plenary session. UN security guards tossed them all out of the COP. (At least it wasn't us CFACT folks getting tossed out this time).

Our burger scoop and the rest of our action-rich agenda were all officially submitted to and permitted by our UN minders, who get to decide whose educational programs and antics are allowed, and whose get banned. Recall that last year, the UN permitted hecklers to disrupt the official US climate delegation's presentation – while those of us who tried to object to the rude hecklers were told we would be thrown out if we said another word.



Why is the UN having a hard time advancing the global warming ball? One name – Donald J. Trump and his plans to pull America out of the Paris Climate Accord. It's no fun making plans to spend $100 billion per year on Green Climate Fund anything-but-fossil-fuels projects when you can't leach off the world's biggest economy.

The European bloc did announce plans for 28 nations to go "carbon neutral" by mid-century. But it had planned to announce this "big news" before COP-25 started. During the COP, its delegates sheepishly had to admit that Poland refused to go along.

Polish coal is cheap, plentiful and reliable. And the last thing the Poles want is to be dependent on Russian energy. They've met the Russians before. They also aren't too keen on adopting Germany's anti-coal and gas policies. They've got experience with that country too and have seen how its policies are hammering Germany's automotive and other energy-intensive industries and jobs. The Poles are smart.

COP-25 followed the usual script and went into overtime, the double overtime, because there was so much dithering and bickering during the regulation period.

In the end, the UN announced "big victories," which are nothing of the sort. In fact, aside from waxing poetic about its agreement on a "gender action plan" (whatever that is), they had little more to announce than plans for yet another big COP event next year.

Among themselves and under their collective breath, they were also hoping COP-26 won't have to be rescheduled to another city at the last minute, when the first venue suddenly erupts in violent protests against energy policies imposed in the name of preventing "catastrophic manmade climate change." It was mighty embarrassing for the UN when that happened in Chile a few weeks before COP-25.

Ultimately, COP 25 was an embarrassing failure for the United Nations, and a blessing for everyone who isn't lining up at the crony UN-corporatist-activist-scientist trough for more mandates and subsidies. In the end, the UN couldn't even advance its expanded "rule book" or agree to a newfangled "international carbon market" for buying and selling carbon indulgences, so that folks like Harrison Ford can claim they bought "carbon offsets" for their flights and big companies can do their own "greeenwashing."

If UN Secretary General (and former President of the Socialist International) António Guterres was "disappointed" that "the international community" lacks sufficient ambition "to tackle the climate crisis," the rest of humanity should be grateful we still have fossil fuels to support our jobs and living standards.

What's actually going on at this year's UN climate talks is a wait-and-see game geared toward next November's US elections. After watching Britain give the Tory party its biggest victory since Margaret Thatcher amid the Madrid talks, and observing moves now afoot to pull Britain out of the EU once and for all, the UN crowd can see that government by global bureaucracy is under threat.

The UN is plenty scared. That's a nice thought going into this festive holiday season.

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Killing Qasem Soleimani: National Security Or Policy Agenda?



By Gary L. Wickert

Few Americans knew who he was until he was targeted and killed in a U.S. air strike at Baghdad Airport on January 3rd. But the death of Qasem Soleimani has become jet fuel poured on the white-hot flames of partisan warfare on Capitol Hill and has pulled the scab off the old Iraq "Weapons of Mass Destruction" rumpus. Even some conservatives are suggesting that killing Soleimani might not have been wise. The chorus of Democratic candidates for the 2020 presidential election accuse the Trump administration of everything from escalating tensions in the Middle East to cold-blooded assassination. But that is after they admit he was a really, really bad guy.

Qassem Suleimani, also transliterated as Qassem Suleimani or Qassim Soleimani, was an Iranian major general in the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps and the commander of its paramilitary Quds Force, a division long responsible for training terrorist and insurgent groups in Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, Yemen, and the Palestinian territories. It's long history of terrorism is one of the chief reasons Iran is known as the "world's leading sponsor of terrorism." The man who some are trying to paint as relatively benign member of Iran's military was actually an ambassador of terror whose murderous rap sheet necessitated the utilization of hundreds of body bags for U.S. troops stationed in Iraq over the past decade. He was the strategic genius behind countless military operations, assassinations, and terror attacks that have killed thousands of Iraqis, murdered hundreds of U.S. servicemen and women, and has helped destabilize a Middle East region into which America has invested considerable blood and sweat equity.

Intelligence tells us that Soleimani had another major attack in the works. He was "actively developing plans to attack American diplomats and service members in Iraq and throughout the region", according to the Defense Department. He was a key player in a terror regime that has plagued the planet for decades. He was responsible for the recent attack on the U.S. embassy in Baghdad, itself an act of war. America still likes to think of war as you would while playing a board game. White versus black. But terrorism has befuddled America's traditional notion of war and has required us to think in new terms—proactive terms.

History has a wonderful lesson for us in this moment. Only a generation removed from the horrors of "the war to end all wars", Germany vowed to invade Czechoslovakia on October 1, 1938 to occupy the German-speaking Sudetenland region. As the clock slowly ticked toward that moment, British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain prayed in Westminster Abbey and chose the road more travelled: A "peace for our time." Chamberlain and other world leaders simply gave a major portion of Czechoslovakia to Hitler to avoid "escalating tensions." A "non-aggression" pact was signed and the world breathed easier—jubilant crowds cheered his wisdom and sang "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow." "In war, whichever side may call itself the victor, there are no winners, but all are losers", he said. The crowds cheered louder. "We should seek by all means in our power to avoid war", he added. He was right on both counts, but a few months later the German army seized the rest of Czechoslovakia and soon German bombers were flying over London. Chamberlain declared war, but the damage was done. He resigned shortly thereafter. This is the reality of the flawed world in which we live. By acceding to a territorial compromise that did little to check the terror of a tyrant, Chamberlain will forever be remembered as a fool and a coward. Millions died because the world was not proactive in the face of evil. Trump is no Chamberlain.

The killing of Soleimani is an unalloyed victory for the Trump Administration and a death blow to the incompetent and enabling Obama foreign policy which has allowed the region to slowly metastasize back into a breeding ground for terrorism and insurgency. I understand the criticism of the attack and anybody who doesn't fear escalation is a fool. But while there is a lot to be nervous about, we must all realize—as much as we'd like to think otherwise—that we still live in a post 9/11 world. Terrorism is real and it isn't going away. Lest we lose sight of the date in 2001 we vowed never to forget, life in a world infected with radical Islam will never be one in which we can afford not to be nervous. If we weren't nervous before the Soleimani strike—it was out of ignorance.

The day Soleimani died was a good day and critics of the action taken on January 3rd are on the wrong side of history. But it is an election year and we should expect no agreement on that point. The consequences of ignoring the seeds of terrorism or attacks on the United States (viz., the U.S. embassy in Baghdad) are incalculable. The last time we did the calculation, 2,977 innocent Americans died. The world is a dangerous place, but it is ultimately much safer than any alternate universe where Quasem Soleimani does not meet his Maker and America does its best Neville Chamberlain impression.

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in the aftermath of a Dec. 27 Iran-backed Shiite Muslim militia Kataeb Hezbollah's 30-plus rocket attack against the Kirkuk military base in Iraq that killed a U.S. Iraqi security training contractor and injured several others.

American F-15 warplanes retaliated two days later by bombing three sites, one in the city of Al-Qaim about 400 km northwest of Baghdad, and two in Syria's Euphrates River Valley.

Sources reported that 25 people were killed, and 50 were wounded.

In response to the bombings, militia-backed protesters attacked the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad. They broke windows, destroyed security cameras, and set fires before being pushed back by U.S. troops firing tear gas.

Gen. Soleimani who ordered the Baghdad attack was believed to have been in Iraq planning assaults on at least four other American embassies. Soleimani, who headed Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) and its elite Quds Force unit, was also responsible for regime activities that killed more than 600 American military personnel and maimed thousands of others.

The Trump administration has justly linked funds used to perpetrate Iranian-sponsored violence through Hezbollah in Lebanon, Hamas in the Palestinian territories, the Assad in Syria, the Houthi rebels in Yemen, Shiite militias in Iraq, and Iran's own agents around the world, to billions of dollars released by the Obama administration's 2015 Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA).

That so-called "Iran Nuclear Deal" gifted Tehran mullahs with between $100 to $150 billion in sanctions relief, and another $1.5 billion in unmarked hostage release extortion currency flown in dead–of-night. In exchange, we received an untrustworthy and unverifiable offer to briefly postpone Iran's race to build arsenals of nuclear weapons and long-range ICBM delivery systems.

Lots of that JCPOA treasure also wound up in the bank accounts of Tehran's senior government officials. Rather than helping the well-being of its people, many of those billions have been shelled out for dictators, terrorists, and rogue militias. Meanwhile, the rial's value has collapsed, fuel and water shortages are chronic, and a third of Iranian youth are unemployed.

Beginning in December 2017, vast numbers of protesting demonstrators took to the streets of Tehran, Karaj, Isfahan, Arak, and other cities.

Many chanted, "You have plundered us in the name of religion!"; "The people are paupers while the mullahs live like gods!"; and "Leave Syria, think about us!"

Iran is now squeezed in the middle between resistance from its own population and "maximum pressure" policies of a seriously committed new American sheriff.

Last year, the Trump administration imposed sanctions against numerous Iranian individuals and entities. Included are ESAIL, the country's largest shipping network; key people tied to oil exports used to finance IRGC and Quds Force activities; the bank account of top JCPOA negotiator Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif; and even upon transactions of Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

A new round of sanctions following the Dec. 27, 2019 rocket attack will target individuals *Continued on page 18*

Trump thunder: 'Do not kill your protesters'; Iran cities tense

By Free Press International News Service

President Donald Trump has warned the Iranian regime against violently cracking down on demonstrators who for the past two days have been protesting Iran's accidental shooting down of a Ukrainian passenger plane.

As anti-government protests again hit the streets in Iran's major cities and the nation's only female Olympic medalist defected, Trump on Sunday delivered a blunt warning.

The president tweeted in English and Farsi: "To the leaders of Iran - DO NOT KILL YOUR PROTESTERS," Mr. Trump said in a Sunday morning Twitter post. "Thousands have already been killed or imprisoned by you, and the World is watching. More importantly, the USA is watching. Turn your internet back on and let reporters roam free! Stop the killing of your great Iranian people!"

President Trump's tweet has already earned over 200,000 likes, making it the "most liked Persian tweet" in the social media giant's history, according to Saeed Ghasseminejad, senior adviser and financial economist at the Foundation for Defense of Democracies.

Iran's leadership initially had denied shooting down the Ukrainian Boeing 737-800, but admitted responsibility after intelligence agencies presented overwhelming evidence that Iran had downed the plane.

One video on social media also showed a crowd of several hundred at an Iranian university refusing to trample on large U.S. and Israeli flags that had been laid down in the path of the march. Those that did walk on the flags were chastised by other protesters, the Haaretz daily newspaper reported.

"They are lying that our enemy is America, our enemy is right here," a group of Iranian protesters shouted on Sunday during a demonstration in Teheran, according to Reuters.

Demonstrators also reportedly chanted "Death to the dictator," referring to Iranian supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

Fox News reported that a vigil at Teheran University for 16 Iranian students killed in the crash turned into a massive demonstration with chants of "death to the dictator" and "death to liars." Demonstrators demanded Khamenei step down and those responsible for the tragedy be fired and put on trial, a criticism that is punishable by two years in prison.

Bahareh Arvin, a reformist member of Teheran city council, took to social media to say she was resigning in protest at what she said were the government's lies and corruption, saying that "with the current mechanism, there is no hope of reform."

At Isfahan University of Technology in the central Iranian city of Isfahan, protesters declared that the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) "commits crimes" and Khamenei "supports" them.

Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty reported that, at Vali-e Asr Square in Teheran, demonstrators on Sunday unveiled a large black banner with the names of those who died when the Ukrainian plane was shot down, many of whom were Iranian or Iranian-Canadian citizens.

"But by mid-morning, after riot police and plainclothes security officers were deployed at Vali-e Asr Square and elsewhere in Teheran, the banner had been removed," the report said.

When Iranians took to the streets late last year to protest an increase in gas prices, Iran's regime responded by brutally cracking down on the demonstrations and shutting down the Internet to prevent news of the crackdown from getting out. Some human rights groups say thousands of protesters were killed.

U.S. Defense Secretary Mark Esper told CBS' "Face the Nation" on Sunday that the people of Iran "want the same things that most people around the world want. They want prosperity. They want the ability to live their lives, to raise their children. And we do support those same aspirations for people wherever they are. I just think you see a very corrupt regime that the Iranian people are finally standing up and trying to hold them accountable."

Meanwhile, Iran's only female Olympic medalist said on social media that she has permanently left the country, decrying what she called the "injustice" and "hypocrisy" of the Iranian political system.

"Should I start with hello, goodbye, or condolences?" Kimia Alizadeh wrote on Instagram on Jan. 11.

The 21-year-old Alizadeh, who won a bronze medal in taekwondo at the 2016 Rio Olympics, did not say where she was writing from, but in the past has said she wants to settle in the Netherlands, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty reported.

In her statement, she said she wanted nothing more than "taekwondo, security, and a happy, healthy life."

But she said she no longer wanted to "sit at the table of hypocrisy, lies, injustice, and flattery."

"I am one of the millions of oppressed women in Iran with whom they have been playing for years," she wrote.

"I wore whatever they told me to wear," she said, referring to the Islamic veil, compulsory for all women in public in deeply conservative Iran.

"I repeated everything they told me to say," she wrote, adding that "none of us matter to them."

News of Alizadeh's disappearance on Jan. 9 had raised concerns in her homeland, with the semiofficial ISNA news agency reporting: "Shock for Iran's taekwondo. Kimia Alizadeh has emigrated to the Netherlands."

ISNA wrote that it was thought Alizadeh was looking to compete at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, but not as a member of the Iranian team.

Energy security, the unstable Middle East, and the wisdom of electing Donald Trump

By Don Sucher

A wise man once wrote that "wisdom is vindicated by her children" (Matthew 11:19). To put it another way, we can judge who is truly wise by how his actions work out.

If we accept that axiom, then the wisdom of electing our president should be becoming increasingly obvious. Undeniable, really.

A case in point: Back in the 1970s, the economy of the Western world was held up for ransom by a few relatively unstable Middle Eastern nations. This because they, by an act of nature, owned much of the energy upon which the modern world depends.

Since that time, we have seen several different approaches to preventing that "ransom" situation from happening again — approaches that included President Jimmy Carter's wishful thinking that a non-petroleum-based synthetic energy source could be economically developed and manufactured to President Barack Obama's equally "wishful" thinking that the hateful and unstable Middle Eastern countries could be bought off and won over by simple kowtowing to them while sending them billions of dollars of American cash.

None of that worked. There was no wisdom in those approaches that could be "vindicated by her children."

No, it took a man with business sense — proven practical wisdom — to turn things around. And that was the person of President Donald Trump. For he, and seemingly he alone among influential leaders, understood the reality of what achieving energy and economic security required: the development of America's own vast petroleum resources, and the unleashing of all of America's entrepreneurial energy toward that end.

And now we know he did so none too soon, for the Middle East is right now on the verge of a total implosion. War there is getting more likely, day by day. And already one third of the oil production of Saudi Arabia has been brought to a halt — this by the works (at least such is the claim) of some "nobody" rebels in the relative "nowhere" country of Yemen.

Can we imagine the state our economy even now would be in if President Trump had not overruled the false "wisdom" of Washington, New York, and California? This, by forcing through against all their resistance the actions and infrastructure development required for America to be, for the first time since at least the 1960s, energy self-sufficient.

Now, thanks largely to this one man, Donald Trump, we as a nation are free to act or not act according to the needs and interests of our own nation. That, while they — the world at large — are "free" to follow their own delusions into a world of political chaos and economic madness.

Just how all this will end is of course unknown. Things will likely get ugly, and we shall not be entirely unaffected. But think of the panic we would be even now experiencing owing to the destruction of those Saudi oil-producing plants if it were not for President Trump and the inventive American entrepreneurs that were, as always, waiting in the wings for the opportunities to show their unique genius.

Yes, "wisdom" has been "vindicated by her children." And the wisdom of the American people has been again vindicated by their choice of Donald J. Trump to lead them.

China a Big Military Threat in Key Tech Arenas

By Larry Bell

Advanced Chinese weaponry paraded through Tiananmen Square last October celebrating the 70th anniversary of Communist Party rule sent a clear message to the world that Beijing has no intention to cede critical technological military leadership to America or any other country.

As Elsa Kania, a research fellow at Georgetown University's Center for Security and Emerging Technology, observed in The Wall Street Journal, "This parade illustrates the People's Liberation Army's embrace of unmanned operations as critical elements of future combat across all domains of warfare."

Although China is believed to quantitatively lag far behind the U.S. in conventional weaponry, the country is demonstrating clear intentions and capabilities to project ominous power far from its shores through a broad range of high-tech innovations, many of which they continue to steal from us.

Stealthy Aerial Drones:

The PLA's technological power parade offered the first public glimpse of its "GongJI-11 Stealth Combat Aerial Drone" which Chinese state media characterized as the final version of an earlier "Sharp Sword" model.

Featuring a wing design unsurprisingly similar to that of an American B-2 bomber, the new drone's stealth design can potentially enable it to sneak undetected into enemy-controlled airspace and to fire missiles at targets beyond the reach of manned combat aircraft. Such capabilities can be expected to take on special strategic importance in future conflicts over the South China Sea, Taiwan, or points beyond.

Underwater Drones and Ultra -High-Speed Torpedoes:

Displayed for the first time at the October warfare spectacular were a pair of unmanned underwater vehicles, (or UUVs) bearing "HSU001" identification side markings which reportedly resembled the extra-large "Orca" submersible that Boeing is building for the U.S. Navy.

Sets of sensors mounted to the UUVs suggest capabilities to track foreign naval vessels, either to protect Chinese nuclear missile submarines, or to monitor other countries' naval operations farther afield.

Colin Koh, a research fellow at the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies in Singapore, told the Wall Street Journal that, "The rolling out of this large UUV is significant as only a few major powers have managed such programs."

Hypersonic Missiles:

As I previously reported in my May 2016 column, both China and Russia had demonstrated hypersonic vehicles capable of rapidly delivering nuclear warheads to any locations in the world, with no present or near-term interception defenses.

China conducted its seventh successful hypersonic vehicle test just three days after Russia demonstrated its second . . . a 3M22 Zircon hypersonic glider launched atop a SS-19 ballistic missile from a base near the Kazakhstan border.

Beijing's DF-ZF hypersonic glide vehicle fired from the Shanxi Province Wuzhai launch center in central China has reportedly reached speeds over 7,000 miles per hour. The Congressional Sino-U.S. Economic and Security Review Commission reports that the program is "progressing rapidly," and that a new strike weapon could be deployed by 2020.

A powered Chinese version (rather than glider) under development may be fielded by 2025.

China's October parade rolled that strike weapon out for public debut. Its DF-17 is believed to be the first operational missile capable of deploying a hypersonic glide vehicle that can travel at five times the speed of sound anywhere in the world.

Once launched, the hypersonic gliders can rapidly change direction as needed to evade current missile defense systems.

The U.S. Pentagon has identified hypersonic missiles and systems to defend against them as among its highest priorities.

The Lockheed Martin Corp. expects to test flight its first prototype

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The program began shortly after 5 PM with a PRAYER delivered by Pastor Jerome Smith of the Joseph Project followed by the pledge of allegiance and then a fine singing of the national anthem, in which the crowd fully participated. What a fantastic way to begin! What a wonderful divergence from the PC garbage ubiquitously infecting most of our institutions these days!

Following this wonderful start came a message from Wisconsin GOP Chairman Andrew Hitt. He both congratulated the attendees on their past efforts and put forth a vision on how they can assist him to realize the GOP goal of repeating the 2016 Trump victory in Wisconsin in 2020.

Next came our industrious and outspoken Senator Ron Johnson. He outlined the specifics of what's at stake in the 2020 presidential election and the required efforts needed by everyone in that building to realize a Trump victory. When he finished speaking, Ron spent the next half hour shaking hands with the people near the stage, autographing their signs and hats and accommodating photo ops.

After a welcome short break Trump's campaign manager provided words of thanks and encouragement to all there, outlining the strategy they planned to use to accomplish the Wisconsin win goal. His confidence conveyed an inevitability of his vision being realized, enticing everyone to join in this momentous effort. Everyone likes to win, and we're not tired of it yet!

Then Vice President Mike Pence took the stage, as the energy of the crowd continued to build. He summarized the accomplishments of their administration with numerous examples demonstrating their campaign slogan of "Promises Made, Promises Kept." Pence focused on how their policies and decisions supported life, our liberties and our ability to pursue and realize our dreams, always under God's guidance and direction.

Once Vice President Pence finished and left the stage to raucous cheering the calm set in preceding the inevitable storm. Trump would be next. Everyone stood on edge ready to activate their phone cameras to preserve this moment when they would become part of the great re-election effort of 2020, when they would glimpse and be close to the elected person who finally pursued the agenda of the forgotten man. And so he came.

As Trump emerged from the tunnel the crowd erupted into a crazed ovation, everyone taking camera shots and clapping wildly. It lasted for several minutes.

Now this Trump rally, like all Trump rallies, may very well be the most fun event you attend all year. So if you missed it find the recorded version on the internet and watch it. His self-deprecating humor and genuine blue collar delivery brings everyone in the building closer to him than ever before. His humility and dedication comes shining through as he lists the accomplishments and results of his administration and what those things mean to everyone there. His playful boasting and intermittent indictment of the fake news media bring massive cheers of approval from the devoted supporters.

But the BIG reason Trump chose to bring his roadshow to the UWM Panther arena in downtown Milwaukee came forth around 8 PM. He expounded on how his policies of tax cutting and regulation elimination created the economic climate of prosperity and opportunity for all we've experienced since he took office, The President cited the newly announce data showing how wages increased faster than we've seen in decades, with the blue collar workers making the largest wage gains. In fact, the average family income has increase by $10,000 since he took office! He cited the record low unemployment numbers of all Americans, including the lowest unemployment rates for Blacks, Hispanics and Asians ever.

Then Trump did the unthinkable. He invited all of the Blacks and Hispanics to join the Republican Party, to join his effort to Keep America Great. He went into their community and asked for their support! What a concept. And I have no doubt that many, many individuals in those communities will answer his call. Milwaukee has never been more ripe for this change, especially on the Northwest and near South side. Let's hope it happens bigly.

Near the end of his speech Trump recalled the importance of the Supreme Court election of Brian Hagedorn last April and challenged everyone in that building to do whatever they can do to re-elect Dan Kelly to the Wisconsin Supreme Court this April. This gigantic endorsement focuses our attention on our immediate electoral challenge and demonstrates Trump's understanding of the immense importance of judicial elections at all levels.

The rally closed in the usual Trump fashion, thanking all and recommitting to putting America first. The deafening cheers as he left the stage once again confirmed that this president is not going anywhere else but forward.

Politically he's stood alone against the globalist forces seeking to ensnare us all in a one world socialist slave state. Now other leaders around the world realize the wisdom of Trump's pursuits and have begun to do likewise. People around the world are awakening, especially in Iran. We'll see how Trump's commitment to protecting the Iranian protesters plays out. But no doubt he's several steps ahead of anyone thinking to derail his policies as he's proven time and again.

God blessed our nation with this President and his leadership. We need to have his back, not for his good but for ours. He fights. We need him. Do whatever you can to make that happen.



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The Property Tax

"Thou shalt not remove thy neighbor's landmark, which they of old time have set in thine inheritance, which thou shalt inherit in the land that the Lord thy God giveth thee to possess it." Deuteronomy 19:14

By Riley J. Hood—Milwaukee County Constitution Party

During the Walker administration my Property Tax Bill went down by $11.00 one year, but it usually increased by 1-2% each year. This increase was called a "Property Tax Freeze" as opposed to a reduction. In spite of the State of Wisconsin eliminating their portion of this hate-filled tax, my local oppressors kept increasing their levy. My property taxes were rammed sky high this year. My taxes went from $5,695.21 last year to $5,979.69 this year. An increase of 4.995%

While all local governments increased my misery, the biggest stinker was the fake educators at MPS, which upped their cut by 8.872%. In 2017 MPS increased my taxes by 26.601%. (MPS accounts for 30% of my bill and they are asking for even more in an upcoming referendum.) Then there were the pimps on the Common Council led by Rainbow Tom Barret. They increased their levy by 4.149% on top of last year's increase of 4.595%. (The City of Milwaukee accounts for 41% of my total bill.) All of this in spite of over a billion dollars from the State of Wisconsin taxpayers handed to these greedy thieves in the name of "State Aid."

Even when moderately administered the Property tax is feudal, Fascist, Un-Constitutional and UN-Biblical. Feudal: In the Dark ages, serfs were forced to pay rent in crops to the Feudal Manor. The renters could never finish their payments. Serfs were worked to death. Fascist: Under Communism, all housing is "Government owned housing." Under Fascism, all housing is "Government controlled housing." The Property Tax means that you "rent" your home from City Hall. The City comes up with a myriad of demands from you, because they control your house. Disabled? Elderly? Can't keep up? You will be evicted as if you were a delinquent tenant. Un-Biblical: Families are supposed to own land, not the government, as the title scripture affirms. Un-Constitutional: The Wisconsin State Constitution States reads, "All lands within the State are declared to be allodial, and feudal tenures are prohibited." One definition of "Allodial" is, "without being subject to rent, service or acknowledgment to a superior."

The Property Tax is a debt you can never payoff. When you pay off your Mortgage, then the Mortgage payments stop. Property taxes won't stop, unless they are abolished. I ask myself the question, why in a free county, in a home I paid off in 1997 do I have to have $5,979.69 to stay in a home that I supposedly own? I don't merely view my local government as feudal oppressors, I view them as armed robbers who I are trying to drive out of my home, and I will never let them have it. It angers me that they are even trying. If you work hard for your money, and actually count it, and value your right to your property, to wit your home, then join the Milwaukee County Constitution Party. It isn't real estate driving this tax, it is local government spending. Why? Because the tax users are organized and the taxpayers aren't. This is why the local initiative is so important.



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information given elected officials. In foreign affairs, these bureaucrats replace the President's policy with policies adopted by interagency working groups. They write the hundreds of thousands of regulations, few of us read, but control our lives. Bureaucrats determine who of us acts lawfully or unlawfully.

The impact of bureaucrats is massive; scandals at the FBI, Justice, State, ranging from destruction of information, to selling guns to Mexican gangs to kill Americans. All happening without any accountability!

A USA Today's headline read "Many Federal Employees More Likely to Die Than Be Fired." It reported that federal employees were fired at the rate of 0.55%, a rate so low that deaths outnumbered firings. Two significant agencies had zero firings.

In addition to job security, the Congressional Budget Office found pay and benefits for bureaucrats 47% more than the combined pay and benefits in the private sector. A Cato Institute study put the number at 80% more than the private sector. The average federal worker receives $123,160 in pay and benefits compared to $69,901 in the private sector.

On top of better pay and benefits, a Heritage Foundation analysis found federal employees work fewer hours a week than their private sector counterparts, 38.7 to 41.4 hours.

The federal government must get the "best and brightest" since 99.5% of the 2 million federal employees receive a "fully successful" rating, or above, on their evaluations? Of the 2 million bureaucrats, only 0.1% received unacceptable ratings.

The cost of these federal bureaucrats is massive. Presently, there is $3.5 trillion in unfunded pension and health benefits.

Let's ask the question again. Should any American have a property right to a federal job for life?

How did this happen?

Civil Service starts in 1883 with the Pendleton Act requiring a competitive examination for many government positions. By requiring hiring based on the highest scores, Congress was eliminating political patronage. While only the top prospects were to be selected, the Pendleton Act did not protect government employees from being fired. In 1962, President Kennedy signed an Executive Order allowing federal employees a right to appeal a firing. In 1974 President Nixon issued another Executive Order ensuring an automatic right of appeal to an independent authority.

As appeals reached the courts, decisions were inconsistent. Over time the competitive exam was stuck down by the courts, part-by-part. In 1978, Congress enacted the Civil Service Reform Act making the Executive Orders statutory and authorizing unions to collectively bargain with the federal government. The Supreme Court interpreted the new law as requiring trial-type hearings, making it almost impossible to dismiss a federal employee.

Another impact of "life-time jobs for bureaucrats" is that it fundamentally changes the role of the President. Article II requires the President to execute the laws of the U.S., yet the President controls only 4000 appointments out of 2 million positions. 99.8% percent of the bureaucracy beats to its own drummer. Many of these highly paid elites, believe "the public knows little or nothing" about issues facing the nation.

Over time the public lost trust in government. In 1958 almost seventy-five percent of Americans trusted government. By 2013 only 28% of Americans had a favorable view of it.

Action

Other than dramatically shrinking government, the options for changing the bureaucracy are limited. Eliminating all civil service protections returns the nation to a spoils system. Hiring more political appointees expands the bureaucracy. Congress is weak at fact-intensive oversight. Moreover, it is unlikely that the protections can be eliminated due to strong union support. This leaves term limits as a practical solution.

In a major 1926 policy speech, Calvin Coolidge warned:

"Unless bureaucracy is constantly resisted it breaks down representative government and overwhelms democracy. It…sets up the pretense of having authority over everybody and being responsible to nobody…"

Term limits on bureaucrats would have three major benefits for our country.

First, term limits break bureaucrat control of government by eliminating the power imbalance between elected officials whose service can regularly be limited by citizens and an unaccountable bureaucracy that can hold jobs for life.

Second, with term limits, a greater number of Americans will be able to serve their country.

Finally, term limits, by reducing the number of bureaucrats qualifying for federal benefits, results in major reductions in unfunded federal benefits.

It's a modest proposal, but it is a start.

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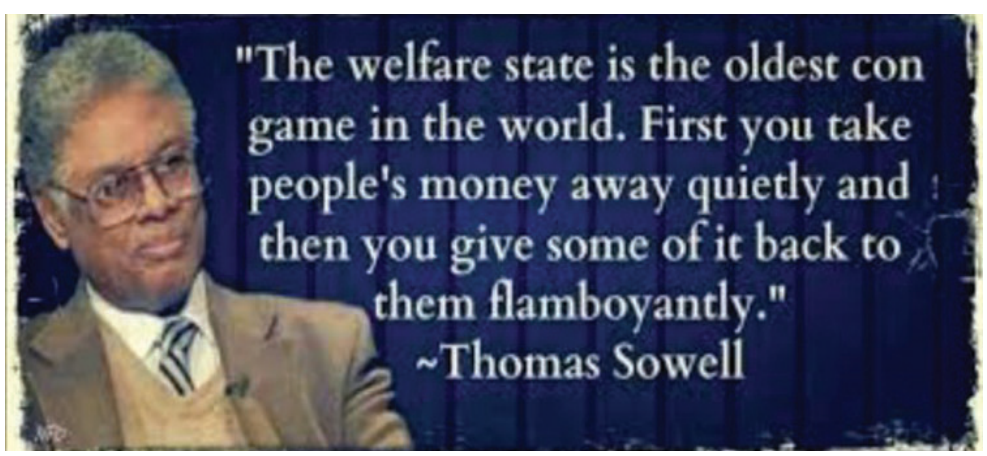

Help Your Kids Fight

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children need moms and dads," Faust daughter insisted.

"Well, I think kids just need adults who love them," came the response.

"No, dads teach kids certain lessons; moms teach kids other lessons. And kids need both kinds of lessons," Faust daughter concluded.

Amazingly, No.1 Faust daughter was able to identify three truths about marriage and family that escape most adults: 1) The public purpose of marriage is not about adult feelings, it's about children. 2) No adult has a right to a child. 3) Men and women offer distinct and complementary benefits to child-rearing.

As she retold this lunch-time drama, I remember thinking, "Wow, it worked!" No. 1 Faust daughter had retained and could explain much of what we had been talking about at home. It was proof that not only can kids handle these big conversations, they thrive on them.

Parenting Is About Training

After our eldest daughter's relatively sheltered elementary school life, my husband and I decided it was time for the "Great Equipping." Our philosophy throughout her first decade of life had been focused on filtering out damaging ideas about worldview, gender, sex, etc. We strove to saturate her in truth and beauty during the phase wherein kids unquestioningly absorb everything they see and hear.

We limited her exposure to distorted depictions of sex, violence, and competing worldviews whether from media or agenda-driven adults. We encouraged scripture memorization, modeled imperfect-but-healthy relationships, and emphasized the purpose and inherent goodness of sex within marriage. But the time for sheltering was at an end because she was about to enter the ultimate worldview battleground — a woke Seattle public school.

The Great Equipping is the time in a child's development when critical thinking begins, accompanied by questions like, "How do we know that's true?" "But what if you're wrong?" It's easy for children to catch their parents off guard when they begin challenging core theological concepts that, only a month before, they were happily regurgitating. But fear not, these questions are an indication your kid is ready for more. They are ready to be experts.

We tell every one of our kids upon entering middle school, "We want you to know more about controversial topics than all your friends." Yes, the Great Equipping means talking about difficult and uncomfortable subjects with our kids way before we'd like to.

But we really don't have a choice, because the world is messaging to our kids nonstop about sex and transgenderism and every other topic that may make us squeamish. To the world, our discomfort is irrelevant. Having conversations with our kids about abortion or pornography may be discomforting, but choosing not to have them doesn't protect our kids. It dooms them to leftist assimilation.

Uncomfortable as it is, the goal of parenting is not to keep kids safe or happy. The goal is training.

1. You Are the Primary Educators

Pre-parenthood, my husband and I worked in youth ministry. We witnessed both ends of the parenting spectrum: the laissez-faire, uninvolved-and-unaware-of-what's-going-on-in-their-child's-world parents. Those kids were so overwhelmed by the messages and pressures of the world, they were often swallowed whole by the time they graduated high school.

On the other end of the spectrum were the Christian kids smothered with protection. These kids often fell apart when they went to college. Their parents' extreme sheltering meant they never had a chance to come up against a worldview challenge, whether evolution or sexual morality or the veracity of scripture, which left them woefully outgunned when they encountered the slightest pushback.

My husband and I decided on a middle road: train our children on every question the world would throw at them while they were under our roof. That middle road demanded we take our role of "primary educators" seriously. Not only by laying a solid foundation of truth and beauty when our kids were young, but also by introducing them to competing worldviews in middle school. The summer before our oldest entered sixth grade, we studied abortion, transgenderism, same-sex attraction, socialism, and more.

Being the "primary educators" of our children means being the first to talk with them about difficult subjects. Why? Because the person who introduces your child to a new something, especially a sensitive something, is the person your kid will consider the authority.

For example, if the first time your kid hears about porn is when a fifth grader with a smartphone shoves a video in his face, where do you think he goes for more information? Even if your initial conversation is not exhaustive, the first person to tell your kids about tough issues has to be you. As the mothers who lead the grassroots marriage movement CanaVox often say, "Better a year too early than five minutes too late."

2. Include Your Kids in What You're Already Doing

While good programs are helpful, don't think this training requires formal curriculum. My husband and I have opted for more of a Deuteronomy 6 approach wherein you incorporate

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JACK MELVIN: Why I am running for judge

As a candidate, I am often asked, why are you running to be a judge? There are several reasons why I am running to succeed the retiring Judge Lee Sherman Dreyfus, Jr. I am focused on the betterment of the whole community and have a desire to ensure a safe community for our families to live, learn, grow, and strive.



My affinity for Waukesha County starts back when my wife and I were newlyweds living in Milwaukee. We were out with another couple when we were robbed at gunpoint. For us, that was the moment we knew we needed to move to a community that was safer for our young family to grow. My wife and I moved to Waukesha a few years later, started our family, and have been here for nearly two decades.

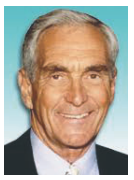
As the father of two school aged daughters, I want to make sure the community they grow up in is safe for them, their friends, and all of the children of Waukesha County. As an attorney, I want to work to ensure the community chosen by my wife and I to raise our family remains safe and continues to be a great place to raise families.

I have also always felt a desire to give back to my community. I have been involved in many community organizations, volunteering my time and experiences to help make our communities better such as veteran groups, school groups, the zoological society, and countless governmental boards and commissions. For nearly three years, I have worked for the people of the State of Wisconsin applying my experiences and talents from private practice and private industry to the public sector. I enjoy working for the people of Wisconsin, ensuring a government that is responsive to the needs of its citizens.

As a soldier, I have voluntarily served my state and nation in war zones and within Wisconsin in efforts to recover from natural disasters. Through this service I have demonstrated my will to serve my community in difficult situations. I want to continue to serve the people of Waukesha, through the difficult situations they encounter resulting in the involvement of the courts.

Our county has challenges that require community leaders, law enforcement, and members of the courts that will be willing to find solutions that will address these new and evolving challenges to the county's safety and sense of community. As a lawyer, there are only a few ways to give back to a community that means so much to me and my family and I feel the best way to use my experience as a lawyer, soldier, and father is serving the people of Waukesha County as Circuit Court Judge.

Climate alarmists winning the war of words, despite real world evidence that nothing unusual is happening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By Dr. Jay Lehr and Tom Harris

Thanks largely to Democratic presidential contender Bernie Sanders and 16-year-old climate activist Greta Thunberg, "existential' was selected as the word of the year by Dictionary.com. The on-line dictionary describes the phenomenon as follows:

Searches for existential spiked throughout 2019, especially after politicians used the word to characterize the dangers and disruptions climate change is widely held to pose for human life and the environment as we know them.

At a town hall on February 25, Democratic presidential candidate Bernie Sanders helped send searches for existential up over 179% when he called climate change "an existential crisis that impacts not just you and me and our generation but our kids and our grandchildren."

Search volume for existential was higher than average throughout summer and fall 2019. August witnessed fires rage across the Amazon and Hurricane Dorian ravage the Bahamas. Many outlets and organizations discussed these disasters not only in connection to climate but also in existential terms. The non-profit Amazon Watch, for instance, framed the conflagration starkly: " … it's not only the Amazon, but our entire planet that is in crisis as the devastation of this life-giving biome poses a real, existential threat for all of humanity."

September saw the worldwide Climate Strike and major speeches by the Swedish teenage activist Greta Thunberg. On September 18, Thunberg notably urged the US Congress: "I have a dream that the people in power, as well as the media, start treating this crisis like the existential emergency it is."

Similarly, Oxford Dictionaries picked "climate emergency" as its word of the year. Clearly, alarmists are winning the war of words in the climate debate. Here's why none of it makes any sense.

Our atmosphere is made up of 78% Nitrogen, 21% Oxygen, 0.9% Argonne, some trace gases and only 0.04% of carbon dioxide (CO2), the gas most often blamed by alarmists for the supposedly 'existential' climate change threat. There is no way that this miniscule volume of life-giving gas (the only reason we can inhabit the Earth) is a threat to life as we know it today.

Direct atmospheric CO2 measurements began in 1958 at the Mauna Loa Observatory in Hawaii. They show a steady rise in CO2 from 314 parts per million (ppm) in 1958 to 406 ppm in 2017.

The 40% increase from 280 ppm at the end of World War II to 410 ppm in 2019 is widely recognized to be mainly man-made, derived primarily from fossil fuels, including power plants, factories, and automobiles. But these CO2levels are neither unusual nor dangerous when viewed in the context of the long-term record of our planet's climate.

We know from our fossil record that CO2 levels throughout Earth's history have averaged more than six times our modern concentrations. We also know that nuclear submarines submerged beneath the ocean for weeks at a time, average 5000 ppm CO2, with no health problem ever reported.

Antarctica has had the longest continuous accumulation of ice. It has provided data going back 800,000 years, while data from Greenland in the Northern Hemisphere gives CO2 data going back into the last interglacial period 128,000 years ago. Temperature and CO2 levels have varied during this long period, and importantly, temperature changes preceded changes in CO2. In other words, carbon dioxide has NOT driven temperatures for the last 800,000 years.

During each glacial advance, CO2 levels dropped to dangerously low concentrations, to below 200 ppm. These low levels were dangerous because the minimum threshold for plant life to exist is 150 ppm, and we nearly reached that 'line of death' during our most recent ice age. Not only is rising CO2 not a bad thing, it could save civilization for future generations, centuries and thousands of years into the future.

Dr. Patrick Moore, the co-founder of Greenpeace, who now battles the lies that alarmists often tell to enrich themselves, believes the day will come when we will be crushing limestone to add more carbon dioxide to our atmosphere. He seriously describes this future need because the record shows that over the past 150 million years in the fossil record there has been an alarming downward trend toward CO2 starvation.

The forecasters of climate doom assert that CO2 levels have never been as high as today. Well that is only true for the past 800,000 years. They prefer to view the increase of 120 ppm over the past 150 years through the narrow lens of recent geologic time. To properly analyze the current levels, we need to put the data into the proper context. During our current geologic period, called the Quaternary, there has existed the lowest average CO2 levels in the entire history of the Earth. In the lush vegetative days of the dinosaurs, the CO2 levels stood in excess of 1600 ppm. The average C02 concentration in the preceding 600 million years was more than six-times our modern era level.

The combustion of fossil fuels has allowed humanity to increase concentration of this beneficial molecule and perhaps avert an actual CO2-related climate apocalypse. The climate delusion used by alarmists in their attempts to defeat capitalism and destroy human freedom would set us back centuries to a time when backbreaking work and shortened life expectancy was the norm.

Carbon dioxide emissions are not an existential threat, but the climate alarmists most assuredly are.

Portions of this article were excerpted with permission of the author of the book "Inconvenient Facts" by Gregory Wrightstone, which is recommended for everyone desiring the full story of the climate delusion.

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Do we really face a climate cat–astrophe?

By Duggan Flanakin

One day I will write a book: 111,111 ways our saviors have proposed to save the planet from the coming climate-driven catastrophes and extinctions. Meanwhile, here's one you may not have considered.

At my cat-loving daughter's house the other day, I ran across one of her books – How to Tell If Your Cat Is Plotting to Kill You(by Matthew Inman). A little later, I saw this headline: "Hollywood Celeb Emma Thompson: Eat your pets to survive 'climate crisis.'"

My first thought? "Emma must have read this book!" But I read the article and did other research. It turns out that Ms. Thompson has repeatedly warned the world that the supposed climate crisis means we must expect "crop failures, water contamination, damaged houses, and ruined lives." She now says we may even have to eat our own pets in order to survive the coming climate apocalypse.

That means it's not just a crisis. It's turning into a bona fide cat-astrophe! A furr-ocious cat-aclysm rooted more in dog-ma than in science or actual weather and climate evidence! But a rallying cry nonetheless.

Despite what Ricky Gervais said at this year's Golden Globe ceremonies about Hollywood types being "in no position to lecture the public about anything," Emma certainly thinks she knows what she's talking about. She has won two Oscars! And two Golden Globes! And in 2018 Queen Elizabeth named her a Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire! So she is now officially Dame Emma.

Moreover, as of December 2019, she even has an award named after her, though perhaps not one she will brag about. In its inaugural competition, the London-based climate policy NGO, the

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Short Takes

By Ken Van Doren

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

Marriage is not just spiritual communion, it is also remembering to take out the trash.
-Joyce Brothers

Millions saw the apple fall, but Newton was the one who asked why.
-Bernard Baruch

Our character is what we do when we think no one is looking.
-H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

A child of five would understand this. Send someone to fetch a child of five.
-Groucho Marx

Lovers have a right to betray you... friends don't.
-Judy Holliday

It may be that the deep necessity of art is the examination of self-deception.
-Robert Motherwell

The rose and the thorn, and sorrow and gladness are linked together.
-Saadi

If you know somethin' well, you can always paint it but people would be better off buyin' chickens.
-Grandma Moses

The inner reality of love can be recognized only by love.
-Hans Urs von Balthasar

We won't have a society if we destroy the environment.
-Margaret Mead

I can live without money, but I cannot live without love.
-Judy Garland

The modern work of art, as I have said, is a symbol.
-Herbert Read

An original artist is unable to copy. So he has only to copy in order to be original.
-Jean Cocteau

Wisdom to Live By

"You have to figure out whose been lying to you."

- Steve Welcenbach, *when giving advice to his kids as they entered adulthood*



THE GAME PAGE

Crossword Puzzler

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

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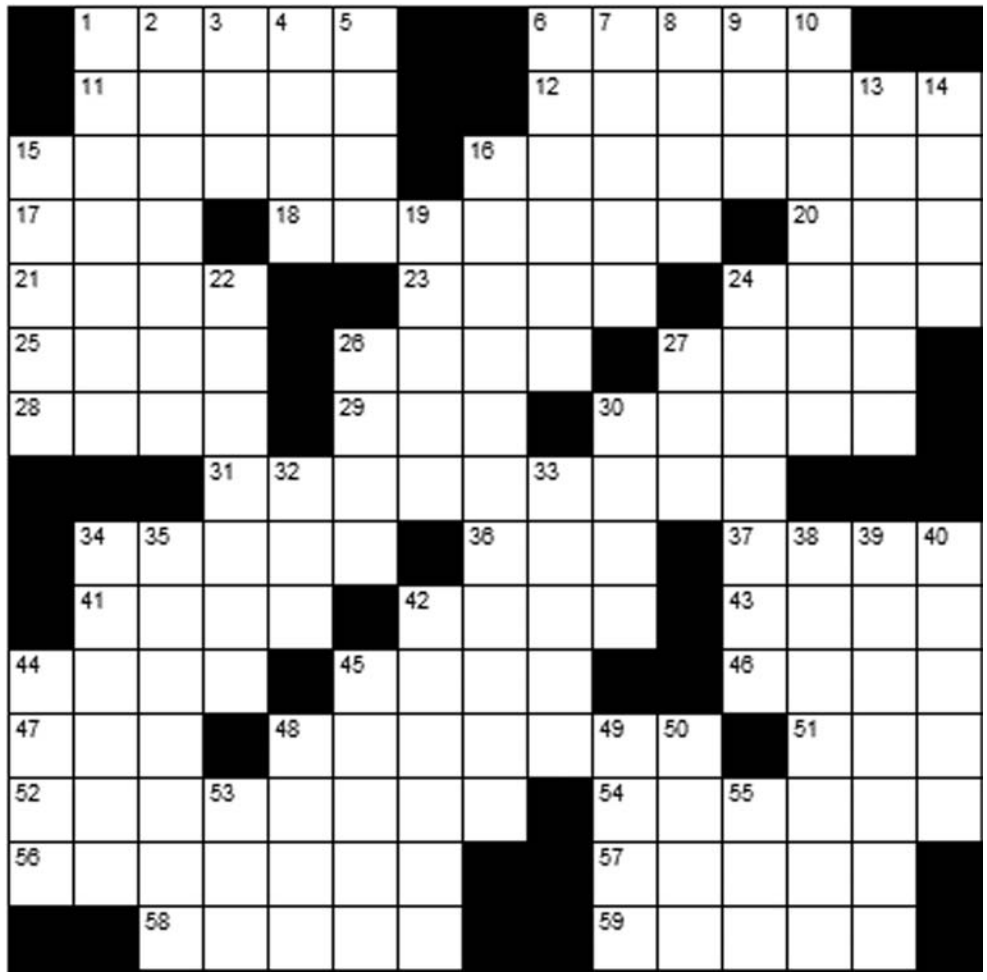
55. Disencumber



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Questions For Leftists…And "Conservatives" – Part 2



By Andrew Zuelke

I've decided to start 2020 with some more questions for the left and the right, for Democrats and Republicans.

• When we on the right talk about preserving the institution of marriage, you Leftists mock us and ask, "Where is this Institute of Marriage? Do they have tours?" You Leftists know full well we're not talking about a physical building somewhere. Yet whenever there are any criticisms of Social Security or suggestions that people be able to hold back a small percentage of their FICA tax to invest in individual retirement plans, you Leftists rant and rave about the need to preserve Social Security, you say that we are attacking the elderly, that Social Security is a social contract America has with its senior citizens. In that case, I want to ask one question, "Can I see a copy of this contract? I don't remember signing any social contract for Social Security."

See, I can be sarcastic too. But seriously, Leftists, where are the copies of this "social contract" again?

• We've seen time and again President Trump being thwarted by federal judge's ruling that what he's doing on building a border wall or enforcing a travel ban on various nations is unconstitutional. Conservatives, are you saying that all it takes is for one – just one —unelected judge to issue a ruling and President Trump has to file an appeal to get permission from the Supreme Court to do his job? Doesn't Article II Section 3 say the president, "…shall take care the laws be faithfully executed." I don't see the added words, "…unless an appointed judge shall rule against the enforcement of said laws." or "…unless a federal judge does not give the president permission to execute the laws of Congress."

You Conservatives say that President Trump is a fighter, that he isn't like those cookie-cutter, compromising politicians who came before him. Fine. Then in the future, I expect the president to say to some judge, "You say what I am doing is unconstitutional. You go before the Supreme Court and prove it. While you are doing that, I'm going to do my elected job and enforce the law."

When I go to my job every day, I don't have to ask my employer, "Is it OK if I run my machine today?" I know what my work responsibilities are so I just walk over to my work station and do my job, unless directly told by my employer not to. My employer would get angry with me if I asked them every day if it's OK if I do my job.

• Leftists always say (on issues) that our side should be ignored and that "…the debate is over" whenever they don't want to engage our side. So Conservatives and elected Republicans, can you please grow some spines and stand with us Constitutionalists in declaring that the moment anyone on the left invokes the name Hitler in an article or calls any on our side Nazis in a debate, that said Leftist just lost the argument and that this debate is now over?

• Whenever there is hunger or poverty in America, why are either one of those terrible things never the fault of our Congress or any federal bureaucracies? Why is it always and only the fault of rich people, evil corporations, the working-class people who aren't "paying enough taxes" only to blame? We weren't in power. We didn't put America over 22 trillion dollars in debt or create the IRS. We didn't take local control of education away from the people; Congress did.

• You Leftists claim the Supreme Court makes laws. So, let me get this straight. You Democrat socialists who always talk about our "democracy" and demand that every vote be counted and the peoples' voices be heard; you want nine unelected, appointed judges making laws for all of us? How about if the Supreme Court becomes a majority right-leaning court and won't rule your way anymore? Are you OK with the Supreme Court making our laws then? And if the Supreme Court makes the laws, what did the Founding Fathers create a Congress for?

• Leftists say the caravan on the federal border is not an invasion. But what do the police call it when robbers forcibly enter a house while the owners are home? That's right…a home invasion. No Democrat I know of ever said, "Don't call a house robbery where the homeowners are attacked an 'invasion.' It's not a real invasion. It's only an invasion when it's one nation's army crossing the borders of another nation."

I would argue if two or three robbers breaking into a home and threatening the homeowners is an invasion under the law, that thousands crossing a border at once and overwhelming the outnumbered, overworked border patrol agents is the very definition of an invasion. Just because the illegal immigrants don't man tanks, aren't lobbing grenades at border agents and aren't wearing army uniforms doesn't mean they are not an invading force.

We even use the word invasion for non-humans. In March 2019, at the CBS Miami news web site (Miami.cbslocal.com) we read the headline, "Invasion of Tiny Poisonous Toads Alarm Florida Community."

To any Leftist reading this, I am not comparing illegal immigrants to animals nor am I calling them vermin or creatures. I'm simply saying that like the frogs, illegal immigrant caravans – 1) Enter uninvited, 2) Overwhelm the existing defenses or barriers of a given place (a house's front door or window), take over property (pools, patios and public streets as the frog article stated), 3) Refuse to leave property (public and private) not their own, and 4) Threaten an area not their own and start causing damage (frogs) or the invaders (non-citizens) who act like they have the right to demand/impose changes simply because of their numbers and because they are "here now." At least animal invasions aren't intentional; animals can't reason and they don't know right from wrong. Human beings, who enter our national illegally or overstay their visas, who do know right from wrong, what is their excuse?

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George Washington called for, "A standard to which the wise and honest can repair to." We are continuing it that American tradition. That includes the issue and morality of money. We can sum it up under the heading of Honest Money. All else is a form of Theft. The Platform states, "Article I, Section 8, Clause 5 grants only to Congress the power "To coin money and regulate the value thereof" with no provision for such power to be delegated to any other group. Congress began immediately to fulfill this obligation with the Mint Act of 1792, establishing a US Mint for producing Gold and Silver based coin, prescribing the value and the content of each coin, and affixing the penalty of death to those who debase such currency. Article I, Section 10: "No State shall ...coin money, emit Bills of Credit; make any Thing but gold and silver Coin a Tender in Payment of Debts." Thus the Constitution forbade the States from accepting or using anything other than a Gold and Silver based currency." Money functions as both a medium of exchange and a symbol of a nation's morality. The Founding Fathers established a system of "coin" money that was designed to prohibit the "improper and wicked" manipulation of the nation's medium of exchange while guaranteeing the power of the citizen's earnings.

The federal government has departed from the principle of "coin" money as defined by the US Constitution and the Mint Act of 1792 and has granted an unconstitutional control of the nation's monetary system to the Federal Reserve Board. America must reform of the system of Federal Taxation: To return to the money system set forth in the Constitution, Congress must repeal the Federal Reserve Act.

We support returning the value of the US Dollar to the Gold Standard. We have been off of the Gold Standard in every way since 1971, when during the Nixon Administration, the French called him on the fact that he was making loans on more gold than the US Treasury actually had. That particular stunt is what is called fractional reserve banking. While the name of Nixon has become a moniker for shiftiness, other administrations were taking the USA off the Gold Standard domestically before that. In 1934, FDR robbed the people of their gold possessions. If a group of people with guns demanded your valuables that would be strong arm robbery. It is the very thing civil government is supposed to punish, not engage in. Civil government is to secure your Right to Property, and not secure your property for themselves.

Our standard regarding money is Biblical as well as being Constitutional. "A just weight and balance are the Lord's: all the weights of the bag are his work." Proverbs 16:11. "Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment, in meteyard, in weight, or in measure. Just balances, just weights, a just ephah, and a just hin, shall ye have: I am the Lord your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt." Leviticus 19:35-36. Restoring the Moral Order, and restoring the Republic, is the surest way of restoring the Nation's economy.

Libertarians Weaken the Nation

"How thou art fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How art thou cut down to the ground, which did weaken the nations!" Isaiah 14:12

By Riley J. Hood—Milwaukee County Constitution Party

When a man says to you, "I'm a fiscal conservative and a social liberal" you know you have a libertarian infiltrator on your hands. What the Libertarian calls liberty is in reality a borderless state of anarchy. The Libertarian view is that if there were no laws, there would be no problems. A rather upside down view, if there were no problems, there would be no laws. While the "Nation of Laws" approach can be abused, libertarianism amounts to national suicide. Need some examples?

Term Limits: The hope of re-election is a moderating force. Do you want lame-duck Congresses in addition to lame duck Presidents? Wiser men know you but the righteous into office, babies cry "throw the bums out."

Article 5 Convention: One of the precepts of anti-federalism was a call for an Article V Convention. The first convention was turbulent and argumentative. Do you really think politicians from of today's immoral ilk would give us a better form of government? The Milwaukee County Constitution Party asserts unequivocally no.

Drug legalization: Many things are proscribed because they are destructive. You don't have a right to destroy yourself, much less other people. Yes, you are free to start doing drugs, you aren't free to quit, that is why
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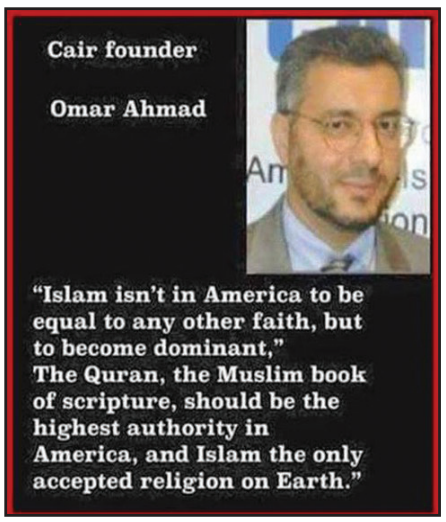

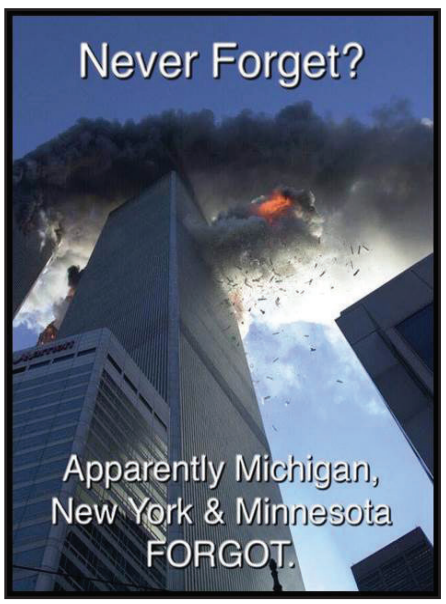



The Muslim Report: Bangladesh

"Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh;" Romans 1:3

By Riley J. Hood—Milwaukee County Constitution Party

Christians are 1% of the Bangladeshi population. Bangladesh is a poor country full of poor people, and Christians are from the lowest strata, usually tribesmen, or converts from Islam. They almost never receive humanitarian aid from liberal groups when the floods come and destroy their meager property, so the Church should and must step in. This author commends BEA and Barnabas-AID for their relief efforts.

In the Sylet hills of Northern Bangladesh, there are many Tea Plantations, which are worked by people reduced to peonage, illiteracy, and a lack of education. Many of these workers are your fellow Christians.

Pastor Roy and his wife Swopna have a growing congregation of converts who have left Islam. Pastor Roy was imprisoned for "baptizing Muslims," and the Pastor says, "While I shared the gospel I faced lots of problems because six families accepted Jesus from the majority background."

5,000 Christians of the Santal ethnic group were made homeless three years ago, when an Islamic mob, abetted by Islamic policemen burned their shacks down to the ground. Christian ministries are building small houses, in small batches in an effort to rebuild the lives of these saints, yet until these people are armed and trained to stand in their own defense, the Muslim will either steal or destroy their new homes.

This is typical treatment at the hands of Muslims. The Milwaukee County Constitution Party that while Bangladesh isn't a security threat, Islam is. We further assert that Islam will bring similar poverty and misery to America.

The Muslim Report: Iran

"The wicked walk on every side, when the vilest of men are exalted." Psalm 12:8

By Riley J. Hood—Milwaukee County Constitution Party

The Nation was called the Islamic Republic of Iran under the Shahs, but it was Khomeini with his theory of Islamic Government that turned Iran from a repressive state into the power of darkness. On July 1st, 2019, 8 Christians from a Muslim background were arrested in Bushehr. Ministry of Intelligence agents seized their Bibles and laptop computers. An elderly man of 61 was released later on the same day, the other brothers and sisters are being held in solitary confinement, without access to legal representation. A 65yr-old woman named Roskari was arrested, her Bible was seized, as well as a cell phone. She appeared before the Karaj Islamic Revolutionary Court and was sentenced by a hostile judge to one year in prison. This is all in violation of their own Constitution's Article 13, stating religious minorities have freedom to conduct services, and violates Iran's 2016 Charter on Citizen's Rights.

Many of our allies wonder why some Americans revile Iran, when Saudi Arabia, Yemen and Pakistan are far more brutal towards their subjects. There is some truth to the charge of hypocrisy, but when the Ayatollah Khomeini charged America with being, "the Great Satan" instead of Great Britain, you begin to get the picture. Iran has been at war with us since 1979, that is why. From taking our Embassy hostage, to cursing the bodies of dead servicemen from the failed "Eagle Claw" rescue in 1980, their sponsorship of Hezbollah, their taking our sailor's hostage and many other evil deeds.

On January 3rd, 2020 Qasem Soleimani was killed in a US airstrike on Baghdad International airport. Soleimani was an Iranian Major General in the Pasdaran, (Revolutionary Guards). In 1979 he joined the Pasdaran which is remembered for human wave attacks by young Muslims wearing green headbands with the Shahada printed on them, charging the Iraqi army in suicide attacks, keeping the Iraqis distracted and pinned down, while the Iranians brought up mortars etc. to attack them while they were stationary. From 1998 until his death in 2020, he commanded the Quds (Mecca) Force, a division primarily responsible for clandestine operations. He commanded an estimated 20,000 Muslims, a modern "Commander of the Faithful." He is a hero in Iran, and his funeral was almost as large as Khomeini's. According to cnsnews.com, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said of Soleimani, "I hope that Allah the Exalted will reward and bless him, that he will help him live a blissful life and that he will make his end marked by martyrdom."

According to MarketWatch.com, Iran's Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif called the Quds force, "The most effective force fighting Daesh (ISIS), Al Nusrah, Al Qaeda et al," and Jim Phillips, of the Heritage Foundation, in 2015 told NBC, "He's essentially Iran's viceroy for Iraq." "Qassem Soleimani has the blood of Americans on his hands, Bret, as does the force that he leads, and America is determined each time we find an organization, institution or an individual that has taken the lives of Americans, it is our responsibility," Pompeo told Fox News's Bret Baier in April 2018. It has been reported that Iran's forces in Iraq, according to some estimates are as high as battalion level strength, to expand the Shia majority against the Sunni's, Kurds, and others. And of course remembering that all Muslims hate the few remaining Christians.

Many people think Soleimani's dog-like death was a game changer, I think otherwise; Islam will breed more Muslims. Soleimani, like Khomeini committed all his atrocities as a committed Muslim; not as an Iranian, nor as a Persian, but in the name of Allah. The Milwaukee County Constitution Party asserts while a fight with Iran may be necessary, the direction of victory is the elimination of Mecca and the destruction of Islam as a belief in the minds of men.

The Muslim Report: Egypt

"And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt I have called my son." Matthew 2:15

By Riley J. Hood—Milwaukee County Constitution Party

From 1856 to 2016, Egyptian Law obstructed the building of Churches, in an attempt to pander to Muslims. The Egyptian government has issued building licenses to 1,021 congregations since 2017, yet there are over two thousand applications on a waiting list. Christians in Egypt often have their Church buildings sealed and shut by the local police, so they still meet together and often have public services in the street, such as baptisms, weddings or funerals.

In Koum al-Raheb, a Christian Church was shut down by Islamic policemen on December 9th, 2018, their first day of being open for worship. While policy has changed under Al-Sisi, attitudes in the minds of Muslims haven't. Christians in Koum hold services in the street.

A Christian Congregation in Mit-Nama have tried to build a Church building in 2001, but were forced to halt construction due to attacks by Muslims. On April 23rd, 2019 the congregation was ordered by local Islamic policeman to stop hold services in another building they were recently bought. This was at the request of their Islamic neighbors.

The government planned eco-city of New Alamein is being built on the Mediterranean coast. It calls for 3 million people, 3 Universities, 16 hotels, and on Al-Sisi's orders, a Church. Construction has begun.

Christian girls and women are still kidnapped in Egypt, force married and force converted. Now there is an Islamic group offering $3,000.00 per stolen girl. Quite frankly, aren't you people evil enough? Must you continue to rape and defile our Christian sisters?

ISIS has threatened Egyptian Christians on Facebook, saying, "We promise to slay you soon," which I would take as a credible, given ISIS's bloodthirsty nature. Time to arm yourselves, and go to the range, and sight in.

Fadi Youssef Todari found his internet messaged were hacked by someone who put words in his mouth. Fadi posted an apology, but on June 10th, 2019 an Islamic mob of 100 rioters, led by their Imam attacked his home in Minya. Fadi and his family hid at his Uncle's house, which was then attacked. The Police arrested 25 Muslims, Fadi, his brother and two of Fadi's Uncles. On June 11th, Police promised to find the online pest who started the problem. (This authors guess is that is probably a homosexual like Jed Ziggler, Warren Redlich, Cody Quirk, and Josh Fauver, who have a bad habit of making up events out of whole cloth, and posting it online as fact.)

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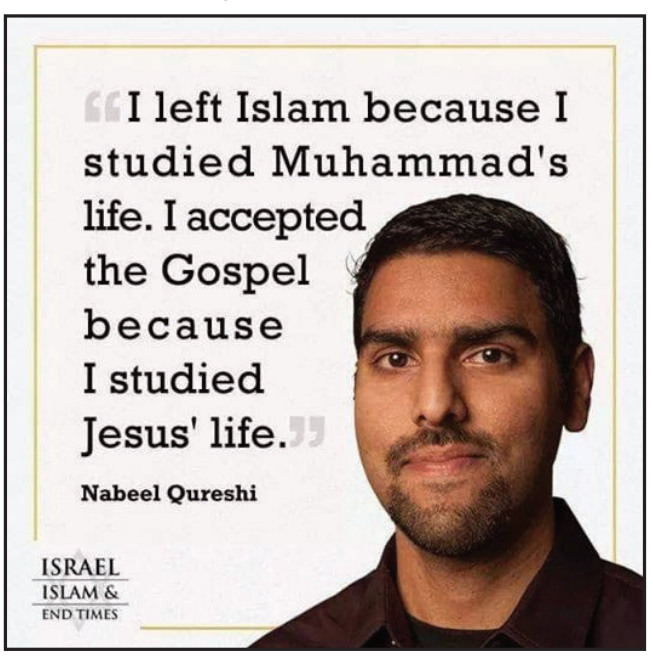
The Milwaukee County Constitution Party points out that Islam was imposed by conquest upon Egypt, Turkey, Syria, Iran, and even the Arabian Peninsula. After conquest, the violence continued unabated. The people of these lands would be better off if they never submitted to Islam, and the world would be better off if Mohamed never dreamed this monstrosity into being.





Australia's Epic Fires Caused By Bad Forestry And Arson, Not Climate Change

By Leslie Eastman

Like California, Australia limits clearing and controlled burning of forest fuel build-up, and reports indicate that almost half the bushfires this season were set by people.

Australia might be a half a world away from California, but the massive wildfires that have struck the country are still burning too close to home.

My sister-in-law's family lives in the New South Wales town of Bega. They have been forced to evacuate, and we are praying that their home and the horses they were forced to leave behind remain safe. My brother-in-law has joined the firefight.

Last month, the United States and Canada sent firefighting teams to aid the Australian efforts. Joining these crews are 20 highly experienced California firefighters:

"The Angeles National Forest crew will deploy from Los Angeles on Monday, the US Forest Service reports.

The US has sent dozens of managers to Australia already, but this team is thought to be the first that puts shovels in the ground to dig fire breaks, starts back fires with drip-torch cans, and hikes dusty miles in rough terrain.

"I'm looking forward to the opportunity to reciprocate to our Australian brothers and sisters for the same assistance they've given us for many years," said fire technician Jonathan Merager.

There has been a media push to blame "climate change" for the devastation (e.g., "Australia is Committing Climate Suicide"). However, several other factors are genuinely responsible for the disaster.

First off, Australians have adopted land management practices that are similar to those implemented by California…and we have covered the Golden State's numerous, large-scale blazes regularly, including one that trapped me on an interstate in 2014.

It turns out built-up layers of dry eucalyptus twigs and leaves make excellent fuel. A warning given in 2015 seems to have gone unnoticed.

"Forest fuel levels have worsened over the past 30 years because of "misguided green ideology", vested interests, political failure, and mismanagement, creating a massive bushfire threat, a former CSIRO bushfire scientist has warned.

Victoria's "failed fire management policy" is an increasing threat to human life, water supplies, property, and the forest environment, David Packham said in a submission to the state's Inspector-General for Emergency Management.

And he argued that unless the annual fuel reduction burning target, currently at a minimum of 5 percent of public land, "is doubled or preferably tripled, a massive bushfire disaster will occur.

The forest and alpine environment will decay and be damaged possibly beyond repair and homes and people [will be] incinerated."

The next aspect to note is that the Australian bush has been the focus of a great deal of arson in recent months.

"NSW Rural Fire Service Inspector Ben Shepherd has revealed investigators are close to charging more than a dozen suspected arsonists believed to have deliberately lit bushfires as the state remains in the grip of an ongoing bushfire crisis.

With tireless firefighters continuing to battle more than 100 blazes across NSW, Mr. Shepherd warned the RFS was working "hand-in-hand with police" and noted that the state has "some of the toughest arson laws and penalties" in the country.

It comes amid revelations at least 56 people have already been charged or cautioned with 71 bushfire-related offenses since August, with 16 ongoing investigations into suspicious fires, including a blaze that threatened the rim of suburban Sydney in South Turramurra, on Sydney's Upper North Shore, on November 12.

"There are a number of fires so far this season that have been lit with malicious intent," Mr. Shepherd told The Australia.

In a nutshell, reports indicate that people have been deliberately lighting almost half the bushfires this season.

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Australia's fires are not climate

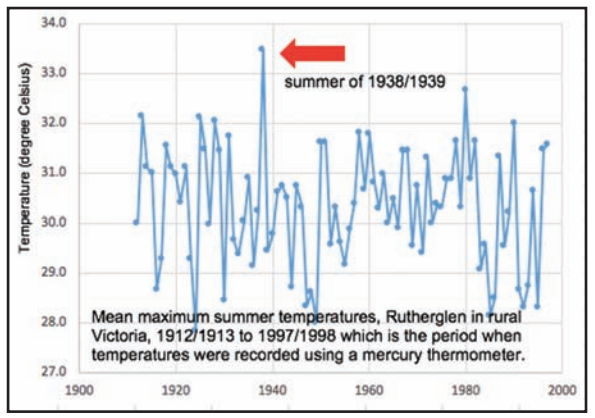
By Craig Rucker

CFACT recently traveled to Australia where we did some serious policy work. Over the years the bonds of friendship we forged with our Australian friends and colleagues have become unbreakable. This is personal.

The massive bush fires plaguing Australia are a nightmare. The toll they have taken on Australia's people and wildlife are heart-rending.

Those exploiting this tragedy to push the global warming agenda are a nightmare all their own.

Hollywood actors, despite host Ricky Gervais joking that they tend to have less schooling than Greta Thunberg, used the Golden Globes to push the warming narrative. "The tragedy unfolding in Australia is climate-change based," Australian Russel Crowe said in a message. "When one country faces a climate disaster, we all face a climate disaster, so we're in it together," Cate Blanchett said. This is nonsense and is being parroted throughout the media.



If there's a human element to Australia's bush fires it is Greens preventing forest management coupled with arson by rogues. The rest is natural, historically normal, and NOT climate.

CFACT recently featured a pair of hard-hitting articles that thoroughly debunk the Australian climate hype.

Dr. Jennifer Marohasy is an Australian environmental scientist. She shared the hard data at CFACT.org that reveals that this year's temperature in Australia, though certainly scorching hot, is also historically normal, with the summer of 1938-1939 possibly Australia's hottest. Australia's hottest ever reliable temperature recording was 51.7 degrees Celsius (125 degrees Fahrenheit) at the Bourke Post Office on January 3, 1909. In addition, this year's bush fires, despite their terrible toll on people and wildlife, are by no means Australia's largest.

Australia's most widespread fires likely occurred "on 13th January 1939 (Black Friday), 2 million hectares burnt with ash reportedly falling on New Zealand. That was probably the worst bush fire catastrophe in Australia's modern recorded history in terms of area burnt and it was 80 years ago."

James Delingpole skewered those conflating Australia's fire with climate employing his signature take-no-prisoners approach. CFACT featured it on Facebook.

While Australia may be bone dry, its rainfall is historically normal. Check out the 1950s on the graph above. Delingpole never minces words. "So, to be clear, there is zero evidence of any change in climatic conditions that might have increased the likelihood or severity of these bush fires. This is not — repeat NOT — a man-made climate change story, and anyone who claims otherwise is either a gullible idiot or a lying charlatan."

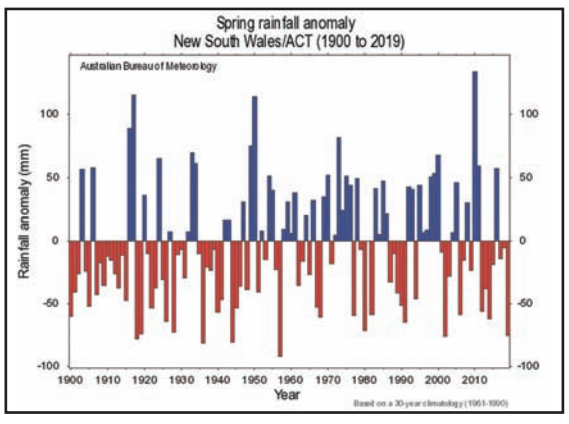
While the conditions that made Australia ripe for bush fires are normal weather, there may indeed be an "anthropegnic" link. Green campaigners have been deliberately interfering with efforts by their government to clear brush and conduct controlled burns to create fire breaks. Then there's arson. Well over one hundred arsonists have been arrested. The Greens were idiots. The arsonists evil.

None of this has anything to do with your free economy or use of energy. Once again your over-the-top lifestyle, SUV and refrigerator are off the hook.

Let us all pray for Australia, and follow up our prayers with whatever generous and effective aid is required.

The next time you hear someone shamelessly using Australia's fires to push the global warming agenda, or even worse, Socialism, show them the facts.

We love you Australia.



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The Insane True Cause Of Australia's Bush Fires

Written by Giordano Bruno



I already authored several scientific papers about the need to keep the bush clean in Australia, but scientific management seems to have been forgotten by the politically corrected climate alarmists who play everything to their only advantage, including catastrophic bush fires.

Before the first boats of "globalists" reached Australia, the Aboriginal peoples were running efficient fire management programs for many purposes, including using small fires to prevent huge ones. For tens of thousands of years, they were fighting fire with fire to reduce the likelihood of large uncontrolled wildfires.

Their work has been described as "firestick agriculture" by Rhys Jones. According to Hallam, the Aboriginal peoples spent up to 30% of their time on fire management, and their efforts were rewarded by a perfect symbiosis between peoples and their environment.

Then the first boats of "globalists" came and with them the growing inability to deal with the Australian bush. Much of the Australian bush is not a dense forest, but many thin to thick woody shrubs and bushes, usually very dry, especially during the summer, mostly grassless, often eucalypt trees, that are extremely flammable.

The eucalyptus oil in the leaves is highly flammable. Eucalyptus oil, leaf litter and peeling bark can produce during dry, windy weather

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scattered wind turbines, solar panels and their spider-webs of transmission lines would continue to produce power in gale-force firestorms and thick smoke. Many will be burnt. Blackouts are inevitable.

Green Folly promotes "green" building materials like timber which adds fuel to fires while using fake CO2 scares to denigrate steel and concrete which won't burn.

For decades, Green Folly opposed every new dam proposal and wasted stored water on another Green Folly – "Environmental Flows". Dams were emptied, farmers suffered, towns ran out of water, food prices increased and some fire-fighting water bombers had to take water from private dams.

It was criminal Green Folly that babbled on about "the Climate Emergency" while they sponsored forest conditions that caused agonizing deaths for so many innocents - residents, firefighters, live-stock, koalas and other native animals, birds and insects.

Australia cannot afford any more Green Follies.

Politicians must stop sacrificing Australians on the Green altar.

National Parks are Bushfire Havens

By Viv Forbes

Too many recent headlines say: "A fierce new bushfire is burning in the XYZ National Park. Nearby residents should prepare to evacuate."

Neglected, overgrown, weed and log infested, un-grazed, unburnt, government-protected parkland is a danger to all neighbours. All it needs is a fire-bug, a fearful neighbour attempting a too-late back-burn, or a lightning strike, and a wildfire is inevitable, especially when the weather is hot, dry and windy. Wild-fires will not stay in their National Park.

Never before in Australia's long history of black and white occupation have such large areas of bush been quarantined from annual burn-offs, cultivation, slashing or grazing.

Four policy changes are needed to fix this problem:

Firstly, a reduction in the area of land locked in national parks and reserves, and an end to "protected" vegetation on private land.

Secondly, repeal of the sneaky state/commonwealth conspiracy that created the Kyoto protected "forests" on private land.

Thirdly, regular cool-season burning of all national parks and private bush. If it will burn in the cool season it should be encouraged to burn at appropriate times. Otherwise it will support a fierce un-planned wildfire once the hot dry winds blow.

Fourthly, greater local autonomy on pre-emptive burns or back burning. Only experienced local landowners and fire wardens can say:

"Today after 3.30pm is our best chance to have a burn-off with reasonable safety."

Most of the huge bushfires that burn homes and kill forests are man-made national disasters, fed by excessive fuel loads, magnified (but not caused) by drought, and turned into wildfires by hot dry winds.

Trying to blame carbon dioxide, a non-flammable plant fertiliser, for today's wildfires is yet more Flannery fiction.

Hijacking Australian 2019 Bushfire Tragedies to Fearmonger Climate Change

By Jim Steele

As is customary now, whenever tragedy strikes, the internet buzzes with articles blaming climate change. Hijacking the tragic Australia's bushfires was to be expected. For instance, Microsoft's MSN website just published "Climate deniers are cooking themselves — and everyone else". They wrote, "Fires get worse when things are hot, dry, and windy, and climate change has provided all of those conditions in abundance. The continent has warmed by about 2 degrees Fahrenheit (a bit over 1 degree Celsius) since the 1970s, and in keeping with the predictions of climate models, Australia has experienced steadily worse droughts and heat waves over the last 30 years. The current drought may end up being the worst in history — this spring was the driest ever recorded on the continent, and back on December 18 it set a new record for the hottest day ever measured with an average temperature across the entire country of 105.6 degrees."

How truthful is MSN? Indeed, Australia is experiencing hot dry summer weather. The map below (Figure 1) shows that most of Australia experienced temperatures far above average for December 18, 2019. But curiously the east and west coasts, as well as northern Australia were experiencing temperatures several degrees below normal. If global warming was driving the extreme wildfire season, we would expect the worse fires to be located where temperatures were warmest. But as the map of wildfires reveals (Figure 2), the warmest regions had the least wildfires, while the most fires were happening in the cooler regions. Averaging Australia's temperatures to deceptively blame global warming for the wildfires only obscures the regional temperature effects.

MSN's climate fearmongers dishonestly claim "Australia has experienced steadily worse droughts." Climate fearmongers argue warmer temperatures will evaporate surface moisture more quickly and exacerbate droughts. But they have the tail wagging the dog. Australia's Bureau of Meteorology's illustration (Figure 3) shows the 1920s and 30s had experienced much worse droughts than recent decades. Furthermore, during periods of low precipitation, drought conditions CAUSE higher temperatures. Without normal soil moisture to evaporate, solar radiation is no longer consumed as latent heat of evaporation, but instead, rapidly raises land temperatures.

The greatest 2019/2020 burned area is concentrated along the eastern coast in the states of New South Wales and Victoria. Both areas are known for habitat that is very susceptible to extreme fire danger. But are the recent fires than worse ever? History says NO! In February 1851, the Black Thursday bushfires incinerated about five million hectares (about 1,900 square miles). Around 12 lives, one million sheep and thousands of cattle were lost. Temperatures reached record extremes of about 47°C (117°F) in the shade. In contrast, MSN attributes the 2019 December fires to a misleading average temperature across the whole country of 40.6°C (105°F).

If temperature and precipitation cannot be attributed to the increasing trend in wildfires, what other factors should be considered? As in California, Australia has experience a tremendous increase in human ignitions. Arson is a huge problem. As government investigations reveal (Figure 4), deliberately set fires account for 66% of all ignitions, while only 11% of all wildfires are due to natural lightning ignitions.

Furthermore to the north, tropical and subtropical regions are being invaded by foreign grasses that are easily ignited and provide greater surface fuel continuity allowing fires to spread over greater areas. Likewise, humans must manage forest floor fuel loads. The easiest solution is prescribed burns. However, that solution is often resisted because people do not want to experience the accompanying smoke. But until prescribed burns are allowed to be judiciously applied, the public becomes increasingly vulnerable to larger more severe wildfires as endured in 2019.

Bad analyses always promote bad remedies! Blaming rising CO2 concentrations and global warming is only misdirecting real efforts to minimize wildfire destruction. What Australia and the world needs to address is 1) human ignitions, 2) invasive grasses and 3) fire suppression that allows surface fuels to accumulate and enable large intense and destructive fires to wreak havoc like never before!

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terrifying firestorm. If not managed, the bush fuel piles up to produce extremely dangerous conditions that will eventually end up in catastrophic bush fires.

Regretfully, extraordinarily little is now done to prevent bush fires in Australia. While there has been negligible precautionary burning, and reducing cleaning of public areas, citizens have also been prevented from cleaning up their own land, and the nearby reserves, by impossible rules. For example, citizens living in the bush:

• were not authorized to clear their block of land when building their home, as it was requested to them to plant a new native tree for every tree removed on the same land, no matter how small the land was, passing through lengthy and expensive planning permit approvals.

• are not authorized now to get rid easily of the big branches, and the bulk biomass, as city councils collect only a small green bin for leaves and small brunches twice a month, and burning of biomass is always forbidden;

• In what is called native reserves or forests, nobody can remove fallen branches, cut the grass, or perform any cleaning, as that environment is "untouchable"; fuel build up along the boundary of properties is also ignored as a problem;

• as the preventive burning of the large areas has been dramatically reduced, the chance to have bush fires started from the surrounding and moving to inhabited areas, or vice versa, are extremely likely during the hot dry season.

The Australian bush cannot be left as-it-is without any management. If some of the biomass is not collected or burned, then the bush will burn, and climate change has nothing to do with this, no matter what the local and global fake news or the "mob-on-rent" may say.

The Australian biomass is a challenge but also an opportunity. Intelligent people could have developed techniques to produce fuels, heat or electricity collecting the biomass, preventing catastrophic burning with an added technique to the well established and efficient preventive burning. Bush cleaning is essential close to homes, where the other approach fails.

Fuel reduction policies should not be obstructed by globalists playing "climate change" to target new world orders and bad politicians seeking revenge for lost elections. While more windmills and solar panels will not help, clearing the bush is a necessity to avoid bush fires.

While the local and global media coverage is "unprecedented", and similarly "unprecedented" is the number of arsonists, the missing fuel reduction, and the mystification of reality, it is unlikely that the death toll of this season bush fires will be "unprecedented". During the 2009 Black Saturday Victorian bushfires 180 people died under federal and state governments by the labor party.

Bad Forestry

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Finally, many native Australian birds are likely making the bushfire crisis worse.

"The Whistling Kite, the Black Kite and the Brown Falcon are all known to use fire as a way to flush out prey from fields in Australia.

The birds' behavior has led to the nicknames 'arson raptors' or 'firehawk' as they are seen spreading fires by picking up flaming sticks and dropping them into dry fields to scare out smaller animals.

When the blazes finally go out, I hope the Australians will focus on the real causes of these blazes instead of those asserted by green justice warriors and eco-activists. Meanwhile, prayers are being said for everyone impacted by this disaster.

Australia bushfires: Climate change celebrities vs facts

By Free Press International News Service

Arson and general carelessness are responsible for most of the bushfires that are devastating Australia, reports say.

New South Wales police released a statement saying that, since Nov. 8, 2019, 183 people, including 40 juveniles, have been charged with 205 bushfire-related offenses.

Of the 183 charged, 24 were cited for deliberately setting fires. Another "53 people have had legal actions for allegedly failing to comply with a total fire ban," the statement said, adding that an additional "47 people have had legal actions for allegedly discarding a lighted cigarette or match on land."

At least 26 people, and some 1 billion animals, have been killed as bushfires burned more than 12 million acres.

Dr. Paul Read, co-director of the National Centre for Research in Bushfire and Arson said the great majority of bushfires are deliberately set by "cunning, furtive and versatile criminals," reports ABC News.

"About 85 percent are related to human activity, 13 percent confirmed arson and 37 percent suspected arson," he said. "The remainder are usually due to reckless fire lighting or even just children playing with fire."

Dr. Read said holidays and summer were a bad combination when it came to criminal fire starters.

"School holidays are a prime time for firebugs, but especially over summer," he said. "The kids have got time to get out there and light, and the most dangerous adults choose hot days."

Global warming alarmists wasted no time in seizing on Australia's suffering to "push the dangerous myth that climate change is to blame," New York Post columnist Miranda Devine noted.

Cate Blanchett declared at the Golden Globes on Sunday: "When one country faces a climate disaster, we all face a climate disaster,"

Russell Crowe said: "Make no mistake. The tragedy unfolding in Australia is climate change-based."

Teen climate evangelist Greta Thunberg tweeted: "Australia is on fire" and decried the lack of "political action [to combat] the climate crisis."

"Australia is committing climate suicide," said a headline in The New York Times.

Devine wrote for the NY Post: "I'm sorry, but I lived in Australia through the past two decades of escalating fire crises and it's not climate change that has caused today's disaster, but the criminal negligence of governments that have tried to buy green votes by locking up vast tracts of land as national parks, yet failed to spend the money needed to control ground fuel and maintain fire trails."

Instead, governments "bowed to an ideology that obstructs necessary hazard reduction and prevents landowners from clearing vegetation around their own properties, all in thrall to the god of 'biodiversity,' " Devine wrote.

Devine cited bushfire researcher Dr. Phil Cheney, "who has spent 30 years trying to convince authorities that if ground fuel is reduced in a scientific, systematic fashion every year, fire intensity is reduced to a manageable level, no matter what the weather conditions. A quadrupling of ground fuel means a 13-fold increase in the heat generated by a fire. Hazard reduction won't prevent fire but it will reduce its intensity so that it can be controlled."

Devine continued: "So whether or not you believe the most dire predictions of climate alarmists makes no difference. We can't dial down the Earth's temperature any more than we can lock up every teenage arsonist. The only practical way to prevent unmanageable fires is to reduce the one variable we control: ground fuel."

Australian Capital Territory forester and former acting fire control officer Ian McArthur said that climate change "has not caused the current fire crisis. Long unburnt fuels in national parks are the primary cause. Basic fire management states that a fire needs oxygen, a heat source and fuel. The only one of those that can be manipulated is fuel. The more fuel, the more intense the fire, the harder it becomes to suppress the fire."

In 2019, Devine noted, "under pressure from green activists, the government of New South Wales, home to much of the fire destruction today, even listed prescribed burning as a 'key threatening process' under the Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act. Climate change has become an excuse for green mismanagement."



President Trump signed an executive order Wednesday to start pulling the federal government out of K-12 education, following through on a campaign promise to return school control to state and local officials.

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involved in Iran's construction, manufacturing, textile and mining sectors, including its largest steel and iron manufacturers.

Iraq, whose Kirkuk military base was targeted by Iranian missile strikes, doesn't want to be forced to pick sides between America and Iran. Earlier this month, the Iraqi parliament voted to demand withdrawal of America's more than 5,000 troops who are currently supporting the country's fight against ISIS.

President Trump recently told Fox News that he'd be "OK" to have our troops withdrawn.

This position is consistent with his harsh criticism of dreadful consequences of America's 2003 invasion of Iraq, along with consistent statements that he does not want another long-term U.S. Mideast military engagement.

While repeatedly demonstrating exceptional willingness to talk with America's staunches adversaries, the president has also shown that he is not afraid to use military power when needed. Any doubters should put that question to remnants of the Islamic State, the Taliban, or the Assad regime.

As for what's next, this leaves the mullahs with three options:

1. Iran can continue to resist sanctions, while its domestic economy and terror proxy allies suffer under growing resource constraints in the face of increasing unrest and resistance from its own population.
2. Iran can very foolishly launch a large-scale ballistic or cyber attack on Americans, or initiate a dash for an atomic bomb, either of which will trigger a massive and punishing response.
3. Iran can enter into serious negotiations to end its nuclear weapons and missile programs and its scheme of terror and subversion in neighboring states in exchange for ensuring a safe and prosperous future for its citizens.

This time, there's only one mutually exclusive choice — and it's entirely theirs to make.

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Politicized Veganism *cont. from page 5*

the predictable alarm: "The growing global call for organizations to take seriously their responsibilities for halting climate change is impossible to ignore." Especially if his campus is as intolerant of other views as are so many others – and so willing to lash out verbally, physically and with threats of expulsion against any contrarians.

It's one more example of our "progressive" elites taking us down the road to totalitarian rule – all in the name of saving us and "the only planet we have" from imminent manmade catastrophe. Whether the goal is to enlist vegans and vegetarians in the "climate catastrophe" movement, or to include veganism as a basic tenet of that movement, the result is the same.

Either be prepared for more anti-meat protests, more Meatless Mondays, more assaults on the livestock industry, more calls for taxing meat to raise its cost above what ordinary people can afford – and more totalitarian control of our lives. Or start fighting back against these intolerant control freaks.

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U.S. Test Scores Continue to Slump – Are There Political Answers?

By John Mitchell

November and December was accountability time for America's public schools. In November, the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), also referred to as the Nation's Report Card, was released. And in December the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) published results for the Program for International Student Assessment (PISA). PISA compares academic results in reading, mathematics and science for 15-year-olds from 37 Nations and 47 other school systems across the globe. The results for the United States on both examinations were not encouraging.

The NAEP results are often used to compare states, so if you want to know if your state performed better or worse that the nation as a whole you can check out the National Assessment Governing Board's State Profiles. However, the big story is that the national results are stagnant since 2017. As this summary of results indicates, the only area of improvement over the past two years was fourth grade mathematics where scores went up by one point. For eighth grade mathematics the scores declined by one point, 4th grade reading scores also dropped by one point, and in eighth grade reading the scores plummeted by an alarming 3 points. Because this test measures thousands of students across the nation, averages change very slowly and rarely do they vary by more than one point every two years. So, the three-point drop in eighth grade mathematics was shocking.

The results for the United States on the PISA international exams were also characterized as stagnant. The reading assessment shows no significant improvement over the 18 years that this exam has been administered and similarly no improvement in mathematics scores over the 15-year life of that exam. Of more concern is that the United States has been unable to close the achievement gap based on the socioeconomic status of our students. PISA reveled that most of this disparity exists within schools, not between individual schools from different neighborhoods. Andreas Schleicher of OECD said of the US results, "It's not so easy to pinpoint a few schools and say, 'that's where all of the problems come from.'"

With these results in mind, I listened attentively to a Presidential candidate forum hosted by MSNBC on Saturday, December 14 to learn what I could about suggested political solutions. The online forum was focused solely on public education. Each of the seven Democrat candidates who chose to participate were given 30 minutes to make an opening statement and respond to questions from moderators and the audience.

As expected, all the candidates thought that additional funding was essential to school improvement, but Senator Elizabeth Warren (MA) was particularly strident in her advocacy for more money for schools. In response to most questions she said that the 2 percent "wealth tax" she wants to levy only on the richest Americans would solve all education ills. It remains to be seen if this new Federal tax would pass constitutional muster.

Senator Bernie Sanders (VT) argued that the key to improving public education is labor law reform. He pledged, if elected, to enact, "the most sweeping collective bargaining measure in the history of the nation." He proposed that if a union receives support form 50% plus 1 of the school employees, the employer would be forced to negotiate with the union and have the right to strike. He also said he would repeal provisions of the Taft-Hartley Act which allow states to pass right to work laws that prohibit unions from collecting agency fees from individuals who do not wish to join the union. I was surprised that Senator Klobuchar (MN) also wants to see stronger labor unions in the schools. She would support legislation proposed by Senator Mazie Hirono (HI) to reverse the impact of the recent Janus Supreme Court decision prohibiting teachers and other state employees from being compelled to join the union or pay an "agency fee," by making public employee bargaining legal in all states.

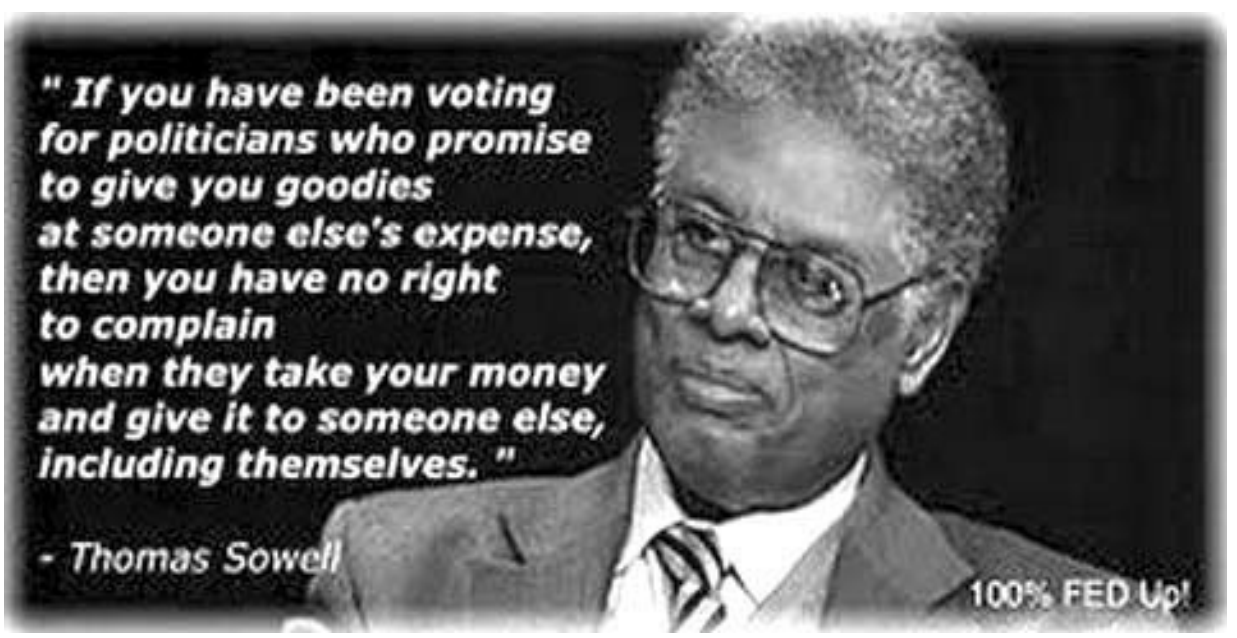
Mayor Pete Buttigieg from South Bend Indiana thinks that while we need to make it affordable to go to college, we also need to make it "more affordable to not go to college." He advocated a tuition tax credit to cover 50% of the costs of businesses hiring interns which could be a helpful new idea.

Former Vice President Joe Biden spent a good portion of his time letting the audience know that he had been instrumental in supporting much of the legislation that defines our current Federal education policy. Going forward he wants to make community college for everyone free and is a strong advocate of quality preschool. He said that, "if he had $10 to spend on education, he would spend $7 on preschool."

California Billionaire Tom Steyer framed his advocacy for increased school funding by talking about education funding not as an expense, but as a way to save societal costs in the long run. He also suggested that increasing funding for Historically Black Colleges and Universities would go far to eliminate social disparities which I thought made sense. Senator Michael Bennet (CO) also scored some points, at least with me, by talking about how ending childhood poverty was essential to improving education opportunities for all children, as well as by suggesting that it would be good for students—particularly those from disadvantaged backgrounds—to attend school six days a week.

Bennet's suggestion to lengthen the school week on an optional basis resonated with me because I know that learning is hard work. And it is very hard work for students who are starting out with disadvantages. We should make every effort to provide additional opportunities to learn, including extending the week for students who are willing to put in extra effort.

But teaching is also very hard work. As we approach the time when we celebrate that the Lord sent his Son into the world to rescue us from our sins, I pray that you will be able to relax and find this Christmas a time of great blessing, and that you will be refreshed to resume your calling to serve students in 2020.



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transcendent Supreme Being." He cited the familiar quotation from John Adams, "Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate for the government of any other."

Barr then explained that Judeo-Christian principles, starting with the two great commandments, "to love God with your heart, soul and mind," and "to love thy neighbor as thyself," formed the basis of a social order that, "instills and reinforces moral discipline."

Bringing this forward to the current day Barr contended that religion has been under increasing attack for the past 50 years and suggested that this has led to greater social ills including higher numbers of children born into single parent homes, record levels of suicide and mental illness, increased violence, and the terrible rise in drug abuse. He noted that the current attack is particularly virulent because it has, "marshalled all the force of mass communications, popular culture, the entertainment industry and academia in an unremitting assault on religion and traditional values."

Barr noted that this new secularism is driven by the State and has replaced religion:

Christianity teaches a micro-morality. We transform the world by focusing on our own personal morality and transformation. The new secular religion teaches macro-morality. One's morality is not gauged by their private conduct, but rather on their commitment to political causes and collective action to address social problems. This allows us to not worry so much about the strictures on our private lives, while we find salvation on the picket line.

The AG then focused on the most immediate problem, declaring, "Ground Zero for these attacks on religion are the schools. To me this is the most serious challenge to religious liberty." He identified the most intense battle ground in the public schools as curriculum: "Many states are adopting curriculum that is incompatible with traditional religious principles according to which parents are attempting to raise their children. They often do so without any opt out for religious families." He cited as examples a recent New Jersey law requiring public schools to adopt an LGBT curriculum and similar laws in Illinois and California. He also noted that the Orange County, California Board of Education issued an opinion that, "parents who disagree with the instructional materials related to gender, gender identity, gender expression and sexual orientation may not excuse their children from this instruction."

It is bad enough that these types of policies make many parents feel like they have no other option than to send their children to private religious schools. But Barr pointed out that these same forces are also attacking private school options. State laws are being promoted to disallow the use of any public funds to support religious education—even the secular aspects of it—and state laws requiring "religious schools to adhere to secular orthodoxy are being promoted."

AG Barr is a committed Roman Catholic and his focus was primarily on Catholic private education. However, Protestant and Catholic Christians alike should view his speech as a call to arms. As Albert Mohler, the President of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary said in his review of the speech, "American evangelicals in the year 2019 ought to be the first to get in line to say a hearty "Amen" to the speech given by the attorney general of the United States at the University of Notre Dame."

It is unfortunate that Barr failed to mention the work that so many of you do as Christians in the public schools. Many of the state laws that Barr commented on will also stifle your ability to speak of your faith as employees in the public schools. However, it is no accident that you are there. Even with legal limitations on what you can say, your witness through the life of faith that you live in front of your students and your prayers for their salvation and sanctification will be used by the Lord. And there will be some who feel called by the Spirit to speak out against school policies and state laws that they believe force them to contradict what their faith teaches as truth. This is a battle worth engaging with the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

It is also a blessing to know that William Barr, the highest law enforcement officer in our country, said in the opening of his speech that he has established a task force to "keep an eye out for cases or events around the country where states are misapplying the Establishment Clause in a way that discriminates against people of faith, or cases where states adopt laws that impinge upon the free exercise of religion."

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The Engine of Doubt?

"Be ye not as the horse, or as the mule, which have no understanding: whose mouths must be held in with a bit and bridle," Psalm 32:9a

By Riley J. Hood—Milwaukee County Constitution Party

Libertarians, Darwinists, and Atheist's say doubt is the driver of advancement. According to Richard Dawkins faith is, "The Great cop-out. The great excuse to evade the need to think and evaluate evidence." Christopher Hitchens cajoled Christians at BIOLA saying, "I appear as a skeptic, and I believe doubt is the great engine, the fuel of all inquiry, all discovery, and all innovation." While Dawkins' slur should be a wake-up call, excuse making isn't faith at all, it is presumption and irresponsibility. Faith is rather a strategic and creative vision to achieve something not yet achieved.

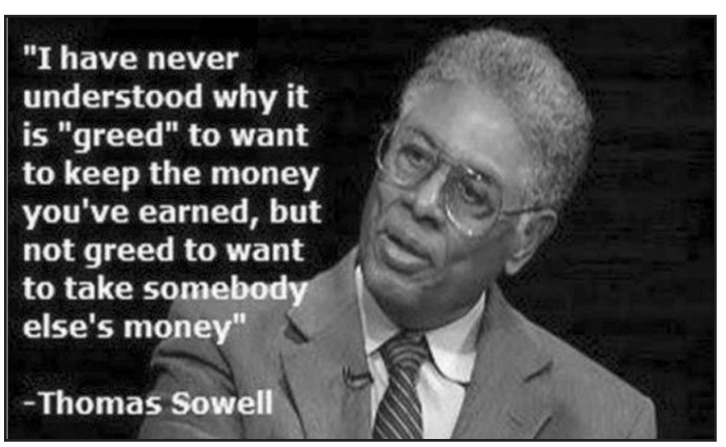
How does doubt work in the real world? Tesla invented an AC motor, even when his professor said, "I doubt it." The Wright brothers made an airplane, in spite of centuries of skepticism. In reality, a person can have an idea, or even a dream, and the skeptic will say "I doubt it." If a person with faith caves in to the skeptic, nothing is achieved, and nothing is produced. Public Universities requiring large tax-subsidies to pay skeptics to sit around and achieve nothing come to mind.

When asked by Ray Comfort to name an atheist, UCLA Associate Professor of Anthropology Gail E. Kennedy said, "Isaac Newton." The great physicist Isaac Newton said, "Atheism is so senseless. When I look at the solar system, I see the earth at the right distance from the sun to receive the proper amounts of heat and light. This did not happen by chance." Newton further said, "Gravity may put the planets into motion, but without the divine Power, it could never put them into such a circulating motion as they have about the Sun;" and "I am compelled to ascribe the frame of this System to an intelligent Agent." Observing human beings, he said, "In the absence of any other proof, the thumb alone would convince me of God's existence." Regarding the Bible, Newton said, "I have a fundamental belief in the Bible as the Word of God, written by those who were inspired. I study the Bible daily." Newton further stated, "I find more sure marks of authenticity in the Bible than in any profane history whatsoever," and "There is one God, the Father, the ever-living, omnipresent, omniscient, almighty maker of heaven and earth, and one mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus." Obviously Professor Kennedy needs a history refresher course.

Newton's faith wasn't the exception to the rule, faith was the rule. Galileo wrote, "I am inclined to think that the authority of Holy Scripture is intended to convince men of those truths which are necessary for their salvation." Tycho Brahe said, "Those who study the stars have God for a teacher." Johannes Kepler wrote, "I wanted to become a theologian. Now, however, behold how through my effort God is being celebrated in astronomy," and "Geometry is one and eternal shining in the mind of God. That share in it accorded to men is one of the reasons that Man is the image of God."

Michael Faraday, was renowned for his contribution to the study of electrochemistry and electromagnetism. He built the first electric motor. He was a devout Christian. Among Faraday's quotes are, "It is permitted the Christian to think of death, he even is represented as praying that God would teach him to number his days. Words are given him, "Thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Christ Jesus." Faraday asked, "Why will people go astray when they have this blessed Book to guide them?" Regarding skepticism and doubt, Faraday said, "Nothing is too wonderful to be true."

Cross examination isn't the same as skepticism. The Bereans in Bible searched the scriptures to see "if these things were so," rather than dismissing the message out of hand. The late Chris Hitchens rejected belief in God, for "a priori reasons," namely a personal hatred. While Charles Darwin said, "I never was an atheist," evolution is an attack on the Bible, beginning at Genesis 1:1. Evolution has never been observed, and can't be experimentally proven. Logically a directed process, an experiment, doesn't prove a theory that calls for no direction whatsoever. For example, Stanley Miller created amino acids in a test tube, but he didn't prove undirected evolution, after all Miller directed the process. Darwin observed adaptation on his travels and in his breeding experiments, (breeding experiments prove intelligent design, the breeder being the intelligence,) and postulated his theory of evolution. Darwin's theory still doesn't prove the origin of the cosmos. Even the big-bang theory still leaves the atheist with the view that the universe appeared from nothing and by nothing and is heading towards nothing. That hardly motivates people, it demoralizes them, and that creates cranks like Greta Thunberg, whereas faith motivated Newton, Brahe, Galileo, Mendel, Kepler and thousands of others. I will go so far to say that faith, not atheism, invented science. After all, Kepler wrote, "I was merely thinking God's thoughts after him."



The Milwaukee County Constitution Party asserts that faith isn't contrary to science, but contrary to "science education," subsidized by federal and state governments hell-bent on inculcating unbelief. We affirm that all teaching is related to basic assumptions about God and man. Education cannot be separated from faith and should be free from federal government subsidies, including vouchers, tax incentives, and loans. Furthermore, the State Government has no legitimate role in either subsidizing or regulating education, even if it is called "the Wisconsin idea." Socialism was invented in Europe, not Wisconsin. We support an orderly transition to free market education including Christian and Private Schools.

Can public school educators do Christmas at school?

By David Schmus

It can sometimes feel like there is a war on Christmas. Some even believe it should be banned from public schools.

However, the Establishment clause of the Constitution actually requires public schools to be neutral about religion—they are not required to be "religion-free zones." In other words, public school teachers may acknowledge and teach objectively about religion, religious works, religious leaders, and religious holidays. Just like you could legally explain to your students what it means for a Muslim to celebrate Ramadan or a Jew to celebrate Yom Kippur in an objective manner, you can certainly explain why Christians are celebrating at Christmas. The idea here is that you can recognize or teach aboutChristmas, but you should avoid celebrating Christmas (in an exclusive manner) with your students.

Courts have also acknowledged that some religious content is acceptable in your classrooms or in Christmas plays or concerts as long as it is balanced by other content and has an academic purpose. In this case, one academic purpose for your students is to understand the varied reasons and ways our culture celebrates Christmas and other winter holidays.

Broadly speaking (though this is not legal advice for your specific context), it is acceptable to have a manger scene or sing Silent Night as long as you also have Santa, a Menorah, and sing Jingle Bells. However, this does not mean that you are entitled to defy your school or district policy about holiday observations. If you have a question about this, please contact us or use our Ask an Attorney form.

For legal help and classroom ideas for Christmas, check out the resources below.

I am praying that the gift of God's son would be alive in you this Christmas by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Libertarians Weaken the Nation

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free. Anything that weakens the moral fabric of the citizenry destroys the nation at its most basic level.

Legalization of Prostitution: Many of the arguments in the above paragraph apply, and in addition, sexual vice breaks up marriages and destroys families. In no uncertain terms, homewreckers are despicable.

Free Trade: There is no such thing in our Constitution. The American middle-class has been destroyed, all to benefit the hand-picked favorites of big government. In reality, when a "free-trade" agreement has 75,000 pages of regulations, is it free trade?

De-Industrialization: Industrial nations are strong, and non-industrial nations are weak. Manufacturing allows you to multiply your God-given resources by your God-given creativity. When you keep both money and goods in America, America benefits from both. Our industry provided the logistics of victory in WWII. Industrial nations fight with mechanized forces, agricultural nations fight with pitchforks and stones. It took the Irish 700 years to make the British too tired to stay, it took the Viet Minh over 100 years to take over their country. Both victories were a case of making an occupying power too weary to stay, and the Irish and the VC had to endure defeat after defeat to achieve their independence.

Open Borders: Whatever else you may argue, at the end of the day, anything that destroys our Nation-state destroys the Christian Law system immediately and comprehensively.

Libertarianism destroys individuals, families, and nations. It infiltrates and undermines from within, and completely destroys from without. Now the Libertarian infiltrator will tell you, "While we support the legality of such choices, we don't support the morality of such choices." Libertarians are having it both ways in the most promiscuous sense, but then again, promiscuity is part and parcel of being a Libertarian. As to the title Scripture, when Libertarians can promote a show like "The Devil's Advocate" then being evil is what they are.

Ukraine Scandal

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why is this US charity based offshore? A charity owes no taxes on donations. So why not base your bank accounts in the USA?

Because they don't have to report to the US government what comes in, or where the money is going. Simple: Offshore = no reporting. The Clinton Foundation could not afford to have anyone look at their books.

In my opinion, Hillary was running her version of the Gambino Crime Family slush fund. Jimmy Hoffa and the teamsters had nothing on the Clintons. And everyone in the Democrat Party and Deep State got a piece, to insure no one would rat.

Ukraine is the key to this massive Democrat scandal. But Biden was just the tip of the iceberg. This is all about the Obama and Clinton Crime Families.

I believe Trump's phone call to Ukraine's president set off alarm bells. Trump is digging in places no one has ever dared dig before. He could expose the extortion and bribery racket of leading Democrats. That's why the Deep State decided to come after Trump. He's messing with their livelihood. He's upsetting their apple cart. If he's allowed to investigate, the jig is up.

I believe Obama named Biden his sacrificial lamb, just in case Hillary didn't win and all of this could not be covered up. Biden is a crook. But he's a careless fool too. It was easy to make him the fall guy.

Trust me. This is Obama and Hillary's scandal. Biden is just an order taker.

So, let me make this clear to Democrats: We have your number. Justice will be served. And you're never, ever impeaching our hero, President Trump.

This isn't Ukraine. We don't punish the investigator in the United States of America. We punish the criminals.

Enter Joe Biden. Few in the Democrat Party wanted an old white guy as the nominee anyway. Especially Obama. In order to frame Trump, Biden had to be sacrificed. In my opinion, this second-hand "whistleblower" was meant to kill two birds with one stone: Trump and Biden. Biden is the Democrats' fall guy.

But the real story is about the Clintons, the Clinton Foundation, Obama, Pelosi, Kerry and many other powerful Democrats. Their fingerprints are all over Ukraine. Forget about the high-paying jobs for their family members. This goes much deeper. touched the third rail of Democrat/Deep State/DC Swamp politics. He asked Ukraine's President to investigate massive Democrat corruption and theft of taxpayer money.

Suddenly alarm bells went off at the DNC. I believe Trump is about to expose the biggest scandal in US political history. Trump is about to put powerful people in prison. Trump is about to destroy the Democrat Party and expose the Deep State. Trump is not getting thrown out of office. Not with his remarkable record of economic success for the average American worker. Not going to happen.

Stupidity on Parade

"The wicked walk on every side when the vilest of men are exalted." Psalm 12:8

By Riley J. Hood—Milwaukee County Constitution Party

Libertarians say, "Democrats are the Evil Party and Republicans are the Stupid Party." The Democrats are jealous, and are quickly cornering the market on both. Among their anti-Constitutional schemes are:

Eliminating the Electoral College: Warren, Booker and Sanders want to eliminate the Electoral College, turning America into a government funded direct democracy.

Packing SCOTUS: This idea was opposed when FDR tried it in 1938. SCOTUS is an all liberal court refusing to affirm the Personhood of Preborn babies.

Sweet 16 Suffrage: Pelosi wants 16 years old to vote: more nonpayers voting on how we spend tax-money. Dems want suffrage for non-citizens and illegal immigrants, while complaining of foreign interference when Hilary Clinton lost.

The Green New Deal: Authored by AOC, introduced on the floor by Ed Malarkey, I mean Markey. A 25 trillion-dollar debt is way too small, LBJ socialism isn't enough, besides we can "create" more money as we ignore the inflation. AOC is a creature of affirmative action. Her only suffering is when she looks at a "you-tube" video on her cell phone.

Medicare for All: Millionaire Bernie Sanders' heavy taxation is "free when you use it." It means you work and pay for abortions and sex-changes for malcontents. When you get sick, they leave you to die, or drag you into hospice where you are forcibly dehydrated and starved. Bernie supports eugenics and murdering babies world-wide as population control. Elizabeth Warren, Biden and the rest of the Party are competing to see who can be the biggest ghoul. Warren's plan calls for 52 Trillion dollars of additional spending, as if the Green New Deal and our current debt aren't enough. I don't think the fake Cherokee knows how to add.

Supporting the Destruction of America: Democrats support groups of diverse and opposite interests. Islam is at odds with homosexuals, yet there is silence, even from the millennial Pink Mayor of South Bend. Why do Muslims support the Democrats? They support useful idiots in their Jihad. The quicker an outside group can weaken America, the better for their plans of conquest.

The Politics of Guilt: Democrats are tearing down statues of our founding fathers and demanding reparations be paid to people alive today who have never been enslaved. Their founder Thomas Jefferson, owned slaves and Dems were the pro-slavery party. These hypocrites give themselves a free a pass. If they were consistent they would disband. Dems should turn over ALL their own funding and personal wealth to the people they say they care so much about.

Unfortunately, my fellow Americans, there GOP versions of the Green New Deal, GOP pro-aborts, GOP shills catering to Islam and GOP libertarians. The only thing more dangerous than the above evils, is the Libertarian stupidity of calling for an Article V Constitutional Convention. Do you think evil men will create a "more perfect union?" The Milwaukee County Constitution Party says emphatically not. We assert that if we lose our Nation State, we lose our Christian foundation instantly and comprehensively. As the Stupid Parade will be ending in Milwaukee in the Summer of 2020, we invite you to contact us and support our efforts to expose this agenda to the local people here in Milwaukee County.

DOJ official who backed FBI abuses put in charge of reform

By Free Press International News Service

The former Department of Justice official selected to oversee FBI reforms in the wake of the FISA scandal was a defender of the FBI's spying on Trump campaign associate Carter Page.

David S. Kris was named to review the FBI's handling of the Page surveillance warrants and to "assist" the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (FISC) in assessing the FBI's implementation of a series of reforms to address the problems uncovered in last month's DOJ Inspector General report.

Judge James E. Boasberg, who presides over the FISC, appointed Kris, who was an assistant attorney general for national security in the Obama administration.

The choice of Kris is "shocking and inexplicable," Rep. Devin Nunes, the ranking member of the House Intelligence Committee, told the Daily Caller News Foundation. "It's hard to imagine a worse person the FISC could have chosen outside Comey, McCabe, or Schiff."

Page also weighed in on Kris's selection to oversee the FBI's reforms.

"If there were any hopes for the system fixing this FISA mess, it extinguished with David Kris' appointment," he told the Daily Caller.

"Nobody trying to fix the rampant abuse and coverup plaguing the entire FISA process would have picked Kris," continued Page, who called Kris a "longtime FISA apologist."

Amid the Trump-Russia investigation, Kris had written that Republicans had "falsely accused" the FBI of misleading the FISC in its wiretap applications to spy on the Trump campaign.

Kris also backed the FBI in its assertion that there was probable cause to believe that Page was a foreign agent of Russia — "an allegation that was all but debunked by the special counsel's report and the inspector general's report," the Daily Caller noted.

In a March 1, 2018 essay for Lawfare, a blog operated by the Brookings Institution, Kris wrote: "It's disturbing that Page met that legal standard and that there was probable cause to conclude he was a Russian agent."

The Daily Caller noted that "Kris's assessment — which echoed that of many Democrats and liberals in the media — accepted the FBI's claim at face value that Page was a Russian asset. The FBI made the assertion in four applications to the FISC to wiretap Page. The basis for the allegation was the Democrat-funded Steele dossier."

In his Lawfare essay, Kris criticized Nunes over a memo he released Feb. 2, 2018, laying out a list of alleged problems with the FBI's rationale to surveil Page.

Kris asserted that Nunes "falsely accused the FBI of deceiving the FISA Court." He also questioned whether Nunes and other Republicans would "face any consequences for their dishonesty."

"The Nunes memo was dishonest. And if it is allowed to stand, we risk significant collateral damage to essential elements of our democracy," wrote Kris, who is now a consultant at Culper Partners and frequent guest on MSNBC.

Kris went as far as entertaining the possibility, first proposed by Harvard law professor Laurence Tribe, that "Nunes might be prosecuted for obstruction of justice."

Kris also wrote that the memo's central claim that the FBI misled the FISC about Christopher Steele "was not true."

Kris has acknowledged since the release of the IG report that the FBI committed some "significant and serious" errors in its Carter Page FISA applications. He also conceded in a Lawfare essay published Dec. 23, 2019, that Nunes's assertion that the FBI engaged in irregular behavior was "correct."

The Daily Caller noted that "for Kris, the biggest takeaway from the IG report were the findings that reflected positively on the FBI."

He wrote on Twitter the day the report was released that "the most important take-away" from the report was that the FBI did not exert political bias in order to undermine the Trump campaign. He also wrote that the errors identified in the IG report "don't support any claim of deep-state conspiracy or political bias."

"The FISC chose a guy who utterly denied the abuses of the Carter Page FISA warrant and then downplayed them when the Inspector General reported on them," Nunes told the Daily Caller.

The DOJ IG report said the FBI withheld information regarding Page, a former Naval officer, that undercut the idea that he was a Russian agent. FBI agents also failed to disclose information that raised questions about the credibility and reliability of dossier author Christopher Steele. The anti-Trump dossier was a key piece of evidence used by the FBI to obtain the FISA warrants.

On Dec. 17, FISC Judge Rosemary Collyer ordered the FBI to provide a plan to address problems identified in the IG report. Collyer criticized the FBI for providing "false" and "misleading" information about Page in order to obtain four warrants to wiretap the former Trump campaign adviser.

FBI Director Christopher Wray submitted a response to Collyer's order on Friday. He apologized for the errors in the wiretap applications submitted to the FISC, and said he plans to implement dozens of reforms to address the problems identified in the IG report.

The Right Time to Use this 4-Letter Word



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Patriot News

Patriot Events and Activities

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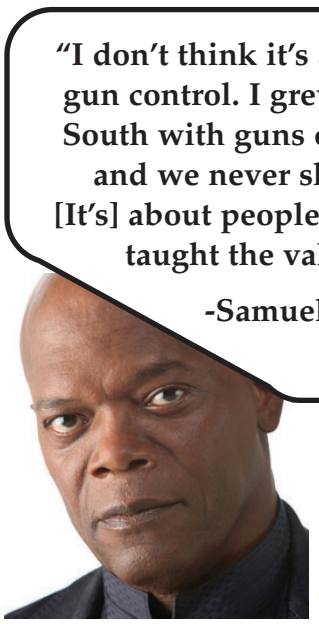
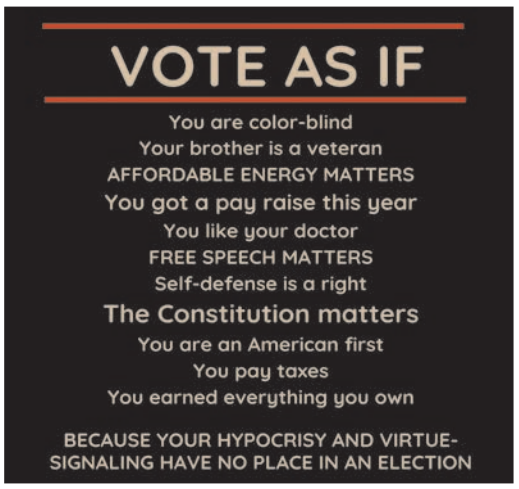






Christmas Swamp Report 2019

This is Subversion:

There is no other word for it. Due to mass migration, both legal and illegal, Democrats will gain 24 new congressional seats. While these seats are in blue states in all but one case, Texas, this will make it more difficult in the future to prevent the Left from controlling Congress again. Furthermore, it may give some of those states more electoral votes and also pushes Texas closer to the blue column. If Texas goes blue, kiss our nation goodbye. Daniel Horowitz has written a good article about it, based on CIS research. This is Demographics is Destiny in action. We might as well import the KGB, the Left is doing such an effective job of subverting our nation.

But the Left, as usual, is not alone. What is always baffling to me is how much Republicans willingly go along with this plan. Paid off by the Chamber of Commerce and other big business groups seeking cheap labor and depressed wages in the U.S., RINO Republicans are committing mass suicide for short-term gain. As Horowitz states,

"Here's what is so perplexing about Republicans and their love for open borders and mass migration. All they seem to care about is getting in power and not accomplishing anything. Yet, paradoxically, if they continue to help Democrats on their immigration agenda, they will lose their ability to get in power and do nothing."

Exactly. That is why our battle is with the establishment GOP as well.

First Muslim Woman in Penn State Legislature:

Ann Corcoran reports on the first Muslim woman elected to the Pennsylvania state legislature, who has pleaded guilty to embezzling $500,000 in a vast Medicare/Medicaid and other fraud scheme. Of course she is right there with Ilhan Omar in one picture, and CAIR featured her in an October banquet. She has a rough story, having lost a son, father and brother, who were murdered (no telling what they were into that made them targets), but that doesn't absolve her of her crimes. And they are a form of crime that is all too familiar among this particular demographic. Ann has further reported that this woman has resigned her seat in the legislature. Good riddance!

Here's a Bit of Good News:

Routinely attacked as "fake news" Breitbart actually breaks more genuine stories than all the major news outlets combined. On Facebook, Breitbart is killing the competition. Here's a quote from the leftwing VICE News about it:

"With just 4 million followers, Breitbart's page racked up more likes, comments, and shares since Sept. 1 (57.8 million) than The New York Times, Washington Post, Wall Street Journal, and USA Today combined (42.6 million). It outpaced each of the broadcast news networks, MSNBC, and CNN."

Of course, CNN and others deny this is significant, calling Breitbart a "fake news" and "hyperbole" outfit, but doesn't that better describe CNN, the NYT, ABC, NBC, CBS and Co.? Yes it certainly does.

DeWayne Craddock and "Gun Violence"

"How long will you judge unjustly, and except the persons of the wicked? Selah" Psalms 82:2

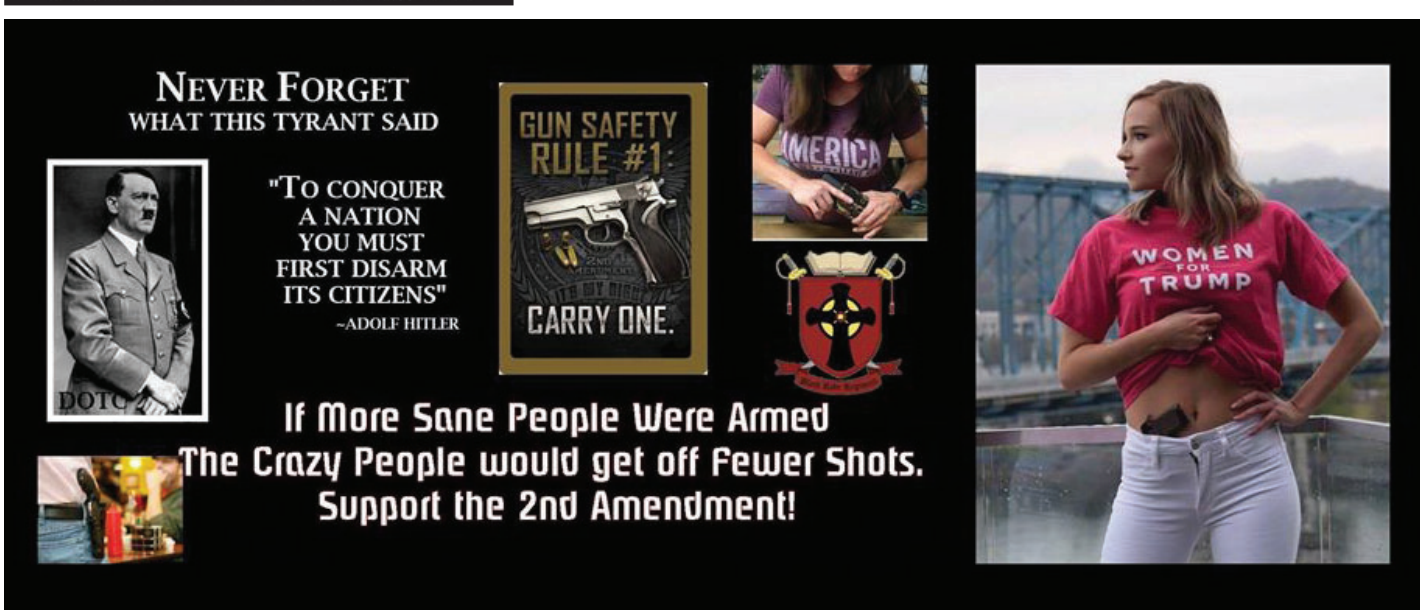
By Riley J. Hood—Milwaukee County Constitution Party

DeWayne Craddock was a registered Democrat, and called himself a Christian. On Friday May 31st, 2019 Craddock murdered 12 people and injuring five more in a Virginia Beach Municipal building, before being sent to hell by the local police. Craddock (40) was a city employee; recently fired for assaulting somebody at his job. The two .45 caliber handguns he misused were purchased shortly prior to his deliberate and premeditated crime.

The socialist media came out in force. Replete with charges of racism, even though Craddock is black, and other inflammatory tactics. It got so bad that even the "Christian" ACLJ called for Red-Flag laws to be used against, "White men who are Anti-Semite shooters waiting to act." When that nonsense didn't get immediate results, they started spouting "gun violence."

On June 4th, Virginia Governor Ralph "Blackface" Northam, said the situation called for "votes and laws, not thoughts and prayers," as he called for, a special session in the VA legislature to boil Virginians Right to Bear Arms down for fat. Northam's proposals were magazine limits, silencer bans and Red Flag Laws. As a result, Lefties who were calling for Northam to resign: starting praising him.

GOP Speaker Kirk Cox said, "We believe addressing gun violence starts with holding criminals accountable for their actions, not infringing on the constitutional rights of law-abiding citizens." Cox was closer to the truth, but a Constitutionalist would have not said "gun violence," but rather "violence." Cox should have referred to God-given Rights: "Constitutional rights" smacks of rights being granted, rather than secured by the US Constitution. The Milwaukee County Constitution Party rejects the idea of "gun" violence. The term is an attempt by socialists to place blame on responsible citizens and take the blame off of criminals. The violence was all DeWayne Craddock's, his prior assault and the fact that he pulled the trigger attest to his guilt.



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One Nation Under God

Cornwall Scholar Vijay Jayaraj Rebukes Bernie Sanders on Abortion



By E. Calvin Beisner

When Vijay Jayaraj wrote a scathing rebuke in Townhall of Democratic Presidential candidate Bernie Sanders (D-VT) for touting tax-funded abortion to curb population growth in poor countries, his words struck a chord with America's pro-life movement.

LifeNews.com ran an article by that quoted extensively from Vijay's article, including his central point:

No one has the right to end the life of someone living in her mother's womb. The inalienable right to life transcends government policies on population control. Offering to fund abortions for the poor anywhere—whether in poor countries or in America—out of taxpayers' money is an assault both on the unborn and on the conscience of taxpayers.

LifeNews routinely reaches over 750,000 pro-life advocates directly each week, and this article was shared on Facebook over 1,700 times, giving it even wider reach. Combined with Townhall's huge audience as probably the leading conservative opinion website, readership of Vijay's article and LifeNews's report on it could easily have exceeded a million.

And that's for just one of his articles.

So far this year alone, Vijay has written 91 articles carried by 30 different publications with combined reach of many millions in a wide variety of audiences in America and abroad. Among them: WattsUpwithThat.com, the world's most visited climate-science website; ChristianPost.com, among the most widely read evangelical online publications;MarianasVariety, Micronesia's leading newspaper; Charisma News, American Thinker, MasterResource.com, The Stream, Barbwire, CNSNews.com, Patriot Post, and 18 others.

And then there are Vijay's 71 articles on Cornwall Alliance's Stewards Blog, and 73 on our EarthRisingBlog.com, reaching many more thousands.

Vijay writes all these articles from his home in India, where he experiences the hindrances of poverty: near-daily power blackouts lasting for hours at a time; contaminated food and severe air and water pollution leading to frequent illnesses; ethnic and religious conflict spawning mass riots right in the communities in which Vijay lives and works.



But he continues writing for us, as a Research Contributor for Developing Countries, because he's committed to our mission, loves the poor in India and around the world, and wants to see them rise out of poverty, not be trapped in it by foolish environmental, climate, and energy policies.Vijay's writings and their wide exposure are just one example of the Cornwall Alliance for the Stewardship of Creation's educational outreach.

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Stripe: Credit Card System That Does Not Donate to Planned Parenthood

Submitted by Ed Perkins

My friend, Matt Albert, after I made the statement that Pay Pal donates a percentage of all Pay Pal transactions to Planned Parenthood, found this credit card payment system that does not donate to Planned Parenthood. I thought you would all want to know this and consider using Stripe.com instead of Pay Pal for your organizations donation vendor. The link takes you to their "features" page.

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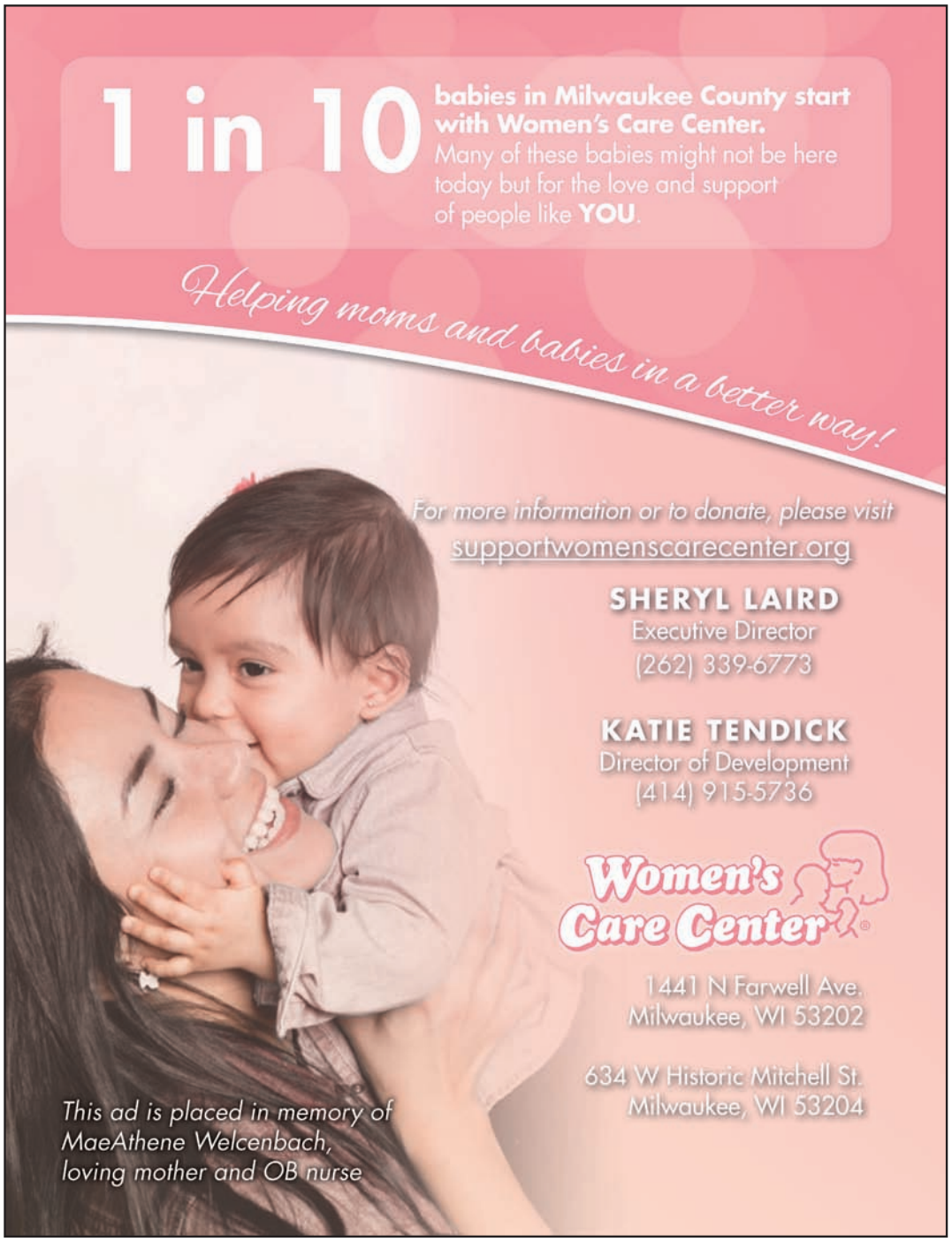

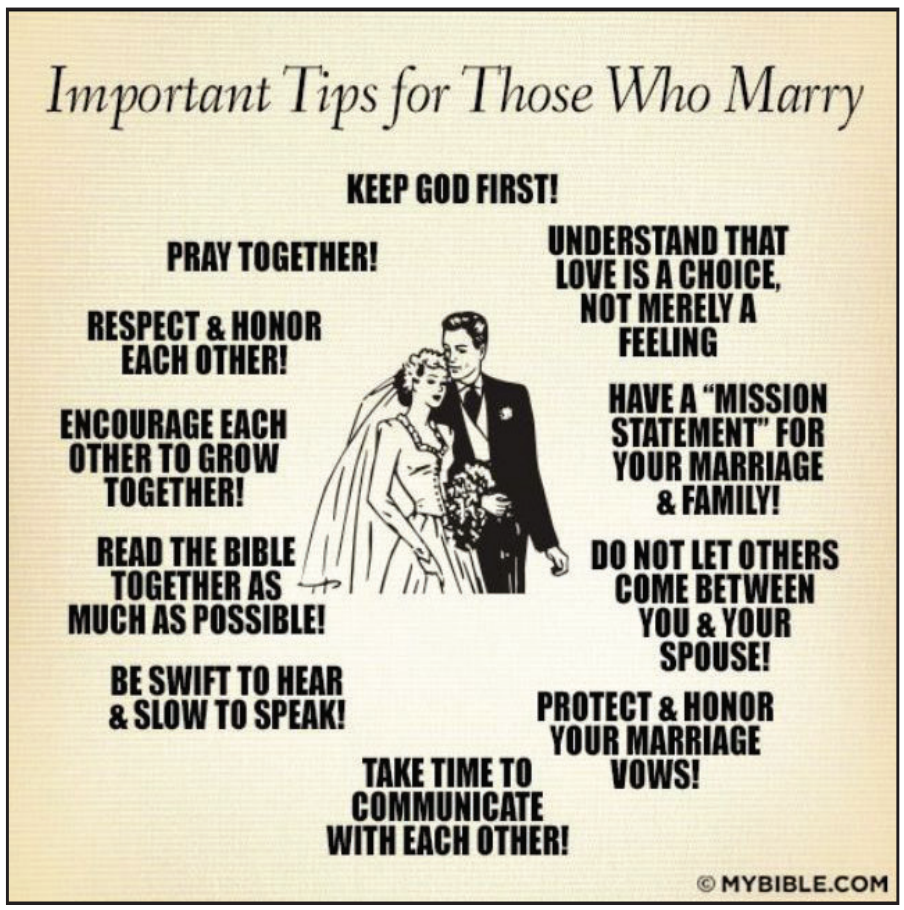

VOICE OF JERUSALEM

Iran's undivided and indivisible regime

By Caroline Glick

This week, we saw the true face of the Iranian regime at home and abroad.

For forty years, Western policymakers have been lying to themselves about the nature of the Iranian regime and basing their Iran policies on the lies they tell themselves. The main lie has been that there is an ongoing, existential struggle for power and control within the ranks of the regime's leadership.

On the one hand, the fantasy goes, you have the "hardliners." They are the ones behind all the terrorism. They are the ones working to develop nuclear weapons and the warheads to deliver them. They are the ones who call out "Death to America, Death to Israel."

Facing them are the "moderates." If the moderates seize the reins, the Iranians will eschew terror. They will walk away from their nuclear program. And the aspiration for an Islamic global empire will become no more than a children's fairytale.

The conceptual framework for American and Western policy relating to Iran since the 1979 revolution has been that all you need to do to end the conflict with Iran and bring it back into the family of nations is to find the right mix of concessions to enable the moderates win their power struggle against the hardliners.

On Monday, Reuters published a report about how the regime brutally repressed the countrywide protests last month that put paid this delusional notion. Based on accounts from four Iranian regime sources, Reuters reported that on November 17, the second day of the protests, when the demonstrations spread to Tehran, the demonstrators called openly for the regime to be overthrown and for the late Shah's son Reza Pahlavi to return to Iran and lead a post-Khomeinist republic, Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei held a meeting to discuss how to handle the demonstrations. It was attended by President Hassan Rouhani, several members of his cabinet and senior security officials.

After seeing pictures of protesters burning his photo and destroying a statue of the republic's founder Ayatollah Ruholla Khomeini, Khamenei reportedly yelled, "The Islamic republic is in danger. Do whatever it takes to end it. You have my order."

Khamenei also said that "he would hold the assembled officials responsible for the consequences of the protests if they didn't immediately stop them."

The participants at the meeting were made to understand that "those rioters should be crushed," Reuters reported

And they were. According to Reuters' sources, within two weeks, 1,500 demonstrators, including 400 women and at least 17 teenagers were killed by regime forces.

In other words, there is no epic struggle between hardliners and moderates in Iran. The leader of the "moderates," Rouhani is just as responsible for the brutal repression of the protesters as supposed "hardliners." They were all at the meeting. They all agreed that the protests had to be brutally crushed.

Since Rouhani was first elected to the presidency in 2013, Western leaders have extolled him as the moderate we were all waiting for.

The Obama administration, together with the Europeans insisted that with Rouhani at the helm of Iran, the West could make a nuclear deal that would give the regime a glide path to a nuclear arsenal inside of a decade and $150 billion in sanctions relief.

Even Israel's security chiefs embraced the dream. In an interview with the Times of London on the eve of his retirement from the Israel Defense Forces last January, then Chief of the General Staff Lt. Gen. Gabi Eisenkot repeated the standard talking points.

There is a "power struggle in Iran between the Revolutionary Guards faction, led by [Revolutionary Guards commander Qassem] Soleimani, who is exporting the Islamic Revolution, and the more moderate faction led by President Hassan Rouhani, who wants to invest in the tottering economy rather than wars abroad," Eisenkot insisted.

As Iran scholar Michael Ledeen wrote in response to Eisenkot's remarks, the dynamic in Iran doesn't involve "a power struggle between a radical and moderate faction. It's a rejection of regime strategy by the bulk of the Iranian people."

Thanks to the Obama administration's political, economic and military support for Iran, when President Donald Trump entered office in January 2017, Iran had effectively consolidated its control over an empire that stretched from Iran through Iraq to Syria and Lebanon. Yemen had also become an Iranian colony. With Trump's decision in May 2018 to withdraw the US from Obama's nuclear deal and reinstate US sanctions against Iran, the Trump administration began destabilizing Iran, at home and throughout its colonies. The protests, which began in Lebanon and Iraq in October and spread last month to Iran, are rooted in economic privation and dislocation fomented in large part by the US sanctions.

The regime's brutal repression of last month's protests – like its repression of the protests in Iraq where its forces and proxies have reportedly killed nearly 500 anti-Iranian demonstrators – show that in lieu of money, the Iranians – fake moderates and hardliners alike – are perfectly willing to rule through the jackboot.

The implication of this bitter, but the obvious truth is that the only goal that should guide Iran's foes – and first and foremost, Israel and the US – is the goal of overthrowing the regime. That doesn't mean that Israel or the US needs to send an invasion force into Iran tomorrow. But it does mean that all efforts in relation to Iran should have a component that destabilizes the regime both at home and throughout its empire.

This then brings us to Lebanon. This week, the mask came off in Lebanon twice. Whereas the myth that has guided Western policymaking regarding the regime in Iran has been the existence of a power struggle between moderates and hardliners, the myth relating to Lebanon has been that the government of Lebanon and the Lebanese Armed Forces are moderate actors that are independent and opposed to Iran's Lebanese proxy Hezbollah.

Over the past week, this myth has been exposed as a lie twice. First, the Hezbollah-controlled Lebanese parliament elected Hezbollah's candidate, Hassan Diab, to serve as Lebanon's next prime minister and form its next government. Diab is entirely controlled by Hezbollah. There is no way that a government he leads will act independently of Hezbollah.

Second, following airstrikes against Iranian assets and personnel south of Damascus this week that were attributed to Israel, Khamenei's top security adviser Ali Akbar Velayati threatened to respond by waging war against Israel from Lebanon.

In his words, "The Zionist entity will regret its actions. We will respond sooner or later with the resistance in Syria and Lebanon. Hezbollah will harm Israel in its territory if it dares to strike in Lebanon."

In other words, Iran said – and not for the first time – that it controls Lebanon. Through Hezbollah, it can and will attack Israel from Lebanon.

Since the first Iranian war against Israel from Lebanon in 2006, US policy has been to pretend that the Lebanese Armed Forces and the Lebanese government are independent entities that oppose Hezbollah and operate independently of Hezbollah. The fact that Lebanese military forces provided logistical and targeting assistance to Hezbollah forces during the 2006 war made no impression on then-Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice when she announced and began implementing a policy of massively funding, arming and training the LAF. The fact that the Lebanese government served throughout the war as Hezbollah's foreign ministry also made no impression as the US massively expanded its economic assistance to the Lebanese government. Indeed, the US increased its funding of the Lebanese government after Hezbollah won the 2007 elections and began exercising formal control over the Lebanese government following its mini-coup in 2008.

Israel, for its part, recognizes that Lebanon is controlled by Hezbollah and also recognizes that the goal of its actions against Iran must play on and exacerbate the destabilization of the regime's grip on power at home and throughout its colonial possessions.

In a speech on Wednesday, Eisenkot's successor Lt. Gen. Aviv Kochavi set out Israel's plan for fighting Lebanon in the next war with Iran. He made clear that Lebanese infrastructure and urban centers would be targeted because they serve Hezbollah's war machine.

Israel's military goal in its operations in Syria has apparently shifted in recent weeks. Until now, the purpose of Israel's military operations in Syria was to prevent the shipment of advanced, precision-guided munitions to Hezbollah. But now, judging from public statements and the reported attacks on Iranian assets, Israel's policy in Syria is a combination of aggressive strikes and attrition aimed at turning Syria into Iran's Vietnam.

Israel's concept is right. But it may be alone in recognizing the nature of the challenge that Iran poses at home and through its proxies. The Europeans support Iran to all practical purposes. Despite the fact that Iran has now enriched twice the amount of uranium it is permitted to enrich under the nuclear deal, and has opened its heavy water reactor at Arak in material breach of the agreement, the Europeans refuse to restore UN sanctions even though, under the nuclear deal, they were supposed to automatically "snap back" the minute Iran breached the deal.

The Americans for their part are divided. The official position of the Trump administration – restated this week by Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin at a conference in Doha – is that the US seeks to negotiate a better deal with the regime.

So too, last week, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo ordered the release of $130 million in economic aid to the Hezbollah-controlled Lebanese government.

Dennis Ross, an elder statesman of Washington's fantasy-based foreign policy elite, penned an article in Foreign Policy this week where he recommended that the Democratic Congress budget massive aid to Lebanon to show the Lebanese people that America has their back and Iran doesn't. For Ross, the fact that Iran controls the Lebanese government that would receive all that money is neither here nor there.

Israel is the only one fighting Iran militarily today. It can manage alone, but only so long as the Americans don't go wobbly and the Europeans feel pressured to change course on Iran. Along these lines, it is imperative that Israel ensure the Americans and Europeans understand the significance of Rouhani's involvement in the repression of last month's protests, Diab's election, and Velayati's threat this week to wage war against Israel through Lebanon.

The Iranian regime is unified in its commitment to maintain its control over Iran and its empire. If they consolidate their Obama-era gains and complete their nuclear weapons program, it will be a strategic disaster for Israel and the world as a whole.

Iran must be fought relentlessly on all fronts until its regime is consigned to history.

China disinformation: Plays major Gulf role, backs Iran as proxy

By Free Press International News Service

China has used disinformation to conceal its role in promoting conflict with Iran in the wake of the spike in Persian Gulf and even global military tensions following the Jan. 3 American drone strike in Baghdad, Iraq, that killed Iranian Quds Force commander Qasem Soleimani.

Two days later, on Jan. 5, Chinese state media organ Global Times stated: "China won't use proxy warfare in the Middle East or coerce countries in the region to choose sides. China's joint naval drill with Russia and Iran is not an attempt to seek its sphere of influence, pursue military expansion, or fight against other countries in the region. China is seeking amity with all Middle Eastern countries, engage in cooperation with them and contribute to regional security."

These claims are all false; since the 1980s China has been a principle backer of Iran's radical Islamic regime, providing decades of military technology and assistance, while becoming the principle source of foreign revenues as the largest customer for Iran's petroleum. Iran, in turn, gives Chinese weapons to terrorist groups in Lebanon and Yemen, which respectively, are fighting Israel and Saudi Arabia.

On Sept. 14, 2019, Iran attacked Aramco oil facilities in Saudi Arabia with cruise missiles. However, the Iranian cruise missile used in the attack was previewed in a Feb. 17, 2018 Iranian TV report from Imam Hossien University, shown next to Chinese missile designs.

The Iranian cruise missile was similar to the Chinese Aerospace Science and Industry Corporation (CASIC) C-705 export cruise missile.

CASIC has a longstanding record of cruise missile sales to Iran.

After the Sept. 14, 2019 Iranian attack and before the Jan. 3 U.S. drone strike, China had sought to position itself as Iran's defender. On Dec. 27, 2019, a Chinese Navy Type 052D missile destroyer joined a Russian Navy frigate in exercising with Iranian Navy ships. . . .

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missiles in 2020.

Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles:

Beijing's biggest piece of weaponry on October parade display, its DF-41, is a road-mobile ICBM with an advertised 7,500 mile range which allows it to conduct a nuclear strike on any part of the U.S. The missile is designed to carry multiple re-entry vehicles that can confuse and evade missile defense systems.

Ankit Panda at the Federation of American Scientists told The Wall Street Journal that, "this system has long been known, but never seen."

Andrew Erickson, an expert on the Chinese military at the U.S. Naval War College, observed that, "The DF-41 has clearly been designed and deployed with deterring the United States in mind."

"China is now, in some spheres of military technology, ahead of any Western nation," said Sam Roggeveen, director of the International Security Program at the Lowy Institute in Sydney.

So finally, does China have better scientists and engineers than the United States?

No, but they do have a couple of other really big advantages.

First, unlike in America, any public outcry regarding how Communist Party leaders appropriate and spend money for military or any other purposes is likely to only be heard only briefly and once.

They also save lots of money and time by not having to develop technology when stealing it from us is so much cheaper and faster. Perhaps that's their most dangerous weapon of all.

Help Your Kids Fight

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worldview conversations as "you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up."

This brand of training is more of an incremental handoff than a course-completion. I once heard of a discipleship model that encapsulates this slow equipping:

Step 1. I do, you watch.
Step 2. I do, you help.
Step 3. You do, I help.
Step 4. You do, I watch.

By the time your kids exit childhood, you should be done with Step 1. Your kids should already have observed you living it. Our kids have witnessed their parents read about and work through difficult scriptural and worldview questions.

They've watched us respond to situations with, "I don't know. Let me learn more and get back to you." They've listened to us listen to political and worldview-forming podcasts. They've seen us survive the real-life fallout of speaking unpopular truth about cultural topics. Your kids should understand healthy marriage, friendship, and conversations because they've witnessed you living them. Modeling is a critical part of Step 1. You are "doing," and they are "watching."

When they are near the end of the innocent phase, you should introduce Step 2. As a Federalist reader, I assume you are engaged in apologetic or policy discussions online, yes? Invite your 10-year-old or 12-year-old to read your exchanges and discuss your critic's objections. Ask your daughter to help you with your response.

What part of your argument is the strongest and the weakest? What would she add? When you want to share a powerful pro-life video, watch it with your son and ask him to help you write a few lines about the "rape exception" in abortion. You are "doing." They are "helping."

When they hit that phase where the Great Equipping begins, you should be in the midst of Step 2 and moving into Step 3. If they've been saturated in truth and beauty and received honest answers to honest questions, the urge to further investigate and defend their worldview comes naturally. They will likely start pushing back in their classrooms, engaging in difficult conversations with friends, or identifying objectionable content in the shows they are watching (preferably with you sitting on the couch next to them).

Step 3 done right looks like this: Your middle-schooler reports that his class discussion was based on the idea that "slaveholders in the South must've been Republicans because Republicans are racist." You stay your fingers from typing an angry email to the teacher and instead ask your son, "Would you like to watch a video on the history of the Democratic Party together?" or "Would you like to read the first Republican Party platform, which denounces slavery as one of the 'twin relics of barbarism'?" You "help" while they "do."

Ideally, by the time our kids graduate high school, they regularly dwell in the land of Step 4. You "watch" them from the sidelines responding to objections. They are drafting their own social media comments about the harms of puberty-blockers and writing pro-life essays all on their own.

A precaution: There is no shortcutting this. Do not live in the fantasy that you can skip from Step 1 to Step 4. You arrive at Step 4 only after your kids have had a couple years in Step 2 and Step 3 and have had many opportunities to practice grappling through difficult topics in the safety of your home.

3. Balance Protection and Exposure

I don't knock any parent who chooses private school or homeschool to protect their children from the world. The only mommy war I fight is the one that really matters — to insist that every child has a right to his or her mommy (and daddy). Whether your child takes a bus to school or just has to come to the kitchen table, Christian parents are responsible for equipping their kids.

Some Christians bristle when I tell them our children are in public school. They ask, "How could you allow them to be subjected to that liberal agenda?" Their concern is justified, of course. This educational path is wrought with daily political and religious friction. We have to evaluate, child by child and year by year, whether this friction is sharpening our kids or grinding them down. If it's grinding them down, we retreat and regroup. If the friction results in stronger mental and spiritual acumen, then they remain.

Now spanning grades four through 11, our kids often share with us the difficult conversations they've had with friends or a ridiculous statement from a teacher, or lament some biased curriculum. Such conversations are followed by a heavy does of Step 3 as we conduct joint research into what the Bible says about that subject, as well as supporting natural law and social science arguments. Our two oldest have spent hours investigating the character of Christopher Columbus, whether our Founding Fathers were racist, the sexes wage

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Parental Instinct Can't Be Ignored – Here's One Family's Story

By Jennifer Roberts

Parents have an uncanny ability to understand all the little nuances that make their child who they are.

We love, nurture, and support them all their lives, and we have an instinct when something is wrong since we know them best.

This instinct has saved the lives of many children when parents – fueled by this instinct — have advocated for their health and safety, despite being dismissed by doctors.

Dan and Laura Wallenberg were like any other couple, enjoying their new baby and watching all of her exciting milestones and developments.

But when their little girl was five months old, the Wallenbergs noticed that something seemed "off" with their baby.

She wasn't eating normally, and they just felt like something was wrong. They made an appointment to check in with their pediatrician just to be safe.

As often happens with kids, their doctor dismissed it as a common virus and sent the family home.

After several days at home with no improvement – in fact, their daughter was getting worse – the Wallenbergs took her to the hospital.

She was underweight and vomiting, but the doctors prescribed an anti-nausea medication, insisted it was a virus and sent them back home once again.

That evening, the baby continued to vomit and this time, Laura Wallenberg noticed what looked like blood on her daughter's shirt. They immediately rushed back to the emergency room.

This time, doctors did a full panel of tests and found that the baby's electrolytes and potassium levels were dangerously out of the normal range. Her potassium was so high that it threatened her life.

An ultrasound showed numerous kidney stones, yet doctors were baffled to see this in such a small child. They finally ordered genetic testing.

The Wallenberg's daughter was diagnosed with Hyperoxaluria Type 1, otherwise known as PH1, a rare genetic disorder that affects only one to three out of a million people.

About 20 percent of people with the disorder have a serious form in which symptoms appear shortly after birth.

Onset can occur at nearly any time in adulthood, but those cases are typically milder.

The Wallenberg's daughter had a severe form of the disease that affects the kidneys. It is caused by a buildup of oxalate, which is typically filtered through the kidneys and leaves the body in urine.

In children with P1, the buildup causes kidney stones, blood in the urine, recurring urinary tract infections, and renal failure which can lead to death.

The Wallenbergs are thankful that their daughter was finally diagnosed and is being properly treated, and she has advice for every parent.

"You can't give up. You have to keep pushing," she said, according to U.S. News and World Report.

Their little girl is six now and is doing well, though she may need a kidney or liver transplant as an adult. But if they hadn't insisted something was wrong, their little girl may not have made it.

There are nearly 7,000 rare diseases known to the medical community, and they only affect a small number of the population, making it difficult for doctors to come up with answers.

But parents know when their child is sick with a common virus, and when it's something more.

Trust your instincts, and be an advocate for your child. You – and only you – know them best.





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

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