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Here's what Matt Gaetz and his fellow conservatives won from Kevin McCarthy

By Stephen Kokx

The dust has finally settled on the debate over the next Speaker of the House. After a long, drawn-out process that had mainstream media outlets acting as if the republic itself was on the verge of collapse, swamp creature Kevin McCarthy emerged as the man of the hour after more than a dozen failed attempts to secure his new post.

It was always extremely unlikely that the Big Tech-owned McCarthy wasn't going to be the next Speaker, especially after Donald Trump naively endorsed him for the job, a move that effectively vanquished any hopes of a true MAGA candidate from stepping forward. But that didn't stop Florida Congressman Matt Gaetz, Colorado's Lauren Boebert, and other America First Republicans — whom Trump should be praising — from winning significant victories during their courageous resistance to the GOP establishment.

Pedro Gonzalez from Chronicles has rightly pointed out that the battle over McCarthy's speakership revealed just how "complacent" Americans have

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ESG's perverse, narrow, fraudulent ethical principles

Failure of basic fiduciary duties to investors is just the tip of ESG fraud iceberg

By Paul Dreissen



Warning: Your retirement fund may have been Shanghaied by BlackRock or other Wall Street asset managers who've unilaterally decided that the tens of trillions of dollars of other people's money they control should be used to advance political causes they favor – to "make the world a better place."

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Fauci Fibbed on the Day Everything Changed

By Jeffrey Tucker

Anthony Fauci is finally gone from his government perch. Let us recall that it was he who set this calamity in motion, squandering his credibility, while taking down public health and much else with it. More than anyone, he bears responsibility, even if he was acting on others' behalf. That is especially true if he was carrying out a hidden agenda (take your pick of theories).

There was already growing political and societal panic on March 11, 2020, when the House Oversight and Reform Committee convened a hearing on the new virus

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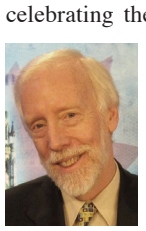
Modern Science: Another Reason to Celebrate Christianity

By Dr. Jay Lehr and Tom Harris



Jay Loehr



Tom Harris

Christians celebrating their faith during this season will be thrilled to hear that, were it not for Christianity, science and the technological advances derived from scientific discoveries may not even exist. Indeed, it was because of Christian thought that the door was opened to properly decipher nature's

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Janel Brandtjen Seeks to Replace Alberta Darling in WI 8th District Senate Seat

Read about her record as a WI Assembly Representative on p.9



Janel Brandtjen currently represents the 22nd Wisconsin Assembly District. She will be on the February 21st ballot in the Republican Party primary to replace Alberta Darling in the 8th Wisconsin Senate district.

World Renowned Scientist Dr. Jay Lehr Dies at 86

His legacy transformed many areas of scientific thought and related policy

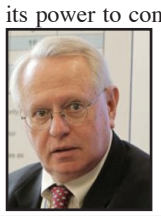


Dr. Jay Lehr speaking at a Heartland Conference. Read about some of his life accomplishments and people he touched on pages 3, 4 and 12.

Congress Make Yourself Relevant Again

By Williams Kovacs

As the nation starts its 118th Congress on January 3, 2023, there are a few matters that need discussion. First, Congress has worked hard over the last few decades to make itself an irrelevant institution. It has achieved a bumbling status by failing to use its power to control spending and by delegating such significant power to the Executive that it has diminished its ability to resolve the nation's primary issues.



If the United States is to remain a strong, free and competitive nation, Congress must make itself relevant again. To be relevant every member of Congress must

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A Country We No Longer Recognize, a Coup We Never Knew

By Victor Davis Hanson

Did someone or something seize control of the United States?

What happened to the U.S. border? Where did it go? Who erased it? Why and how did 5 million people enter our country illegally? Did Congress secretly repeal our immigration laws? Did President Joe Biden issue an executive order allowing foreign nationals to walk across the border and reside in the United States as they pleased?

Since when did money not have to be paid back? Who insisted that the more dollars the federal

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Joe Biden Is a Classified Security Threat

By Larry Bell

If you imagined that the Aug. 8 FBI/DOJ raid on Donald Trump's private residence at Mar-a-Lago was truly over secret documents as part of an undisclosed "criminal investigation," let's see if a belated report of multiple illegal stashes of Joe Biden's classified materials dating to his time as vice president between 2013-2016 receives comparable legal culpability zeal.



Attorney General Merrick Garland appointed Robert Hur, a former federal U.S. attorney from

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Steve's Say . . .

Freedom Relies Entirely on the Common Man



The front page of this January edition of Reality News displays two individuals with very diverse backgrounds. Dr. Jay Lehr, a friend and mentor to me since I met him in 2008 at the 1st International Conference on Climate Change (ICCC - see p. 24), passed on last week. As you will read in the several tributes to his life throughout this edition, Jay possessed unfettered openness, seemingly unlimited positivity and an intellectual stockpile few on earth could match. His unrelenting courage to call out the climate hoaxters and greedy fraudsters posing as guardians of the environment, in conjunction with the efforts of our beloved Heartland Institute, swung the needle of public opinion of "man-made global warming is destroying the planet" from maybe its true to BS.

Above Jay's front page entry you find Wisconsin Assemblywoman Janel Brandtjen featured. Anyone with any interest in uncovering and mitigating voter fraud in Wisconsin and across the country knows Janel to be their voice from the Wisconsin legislature. She's doggedly pursued the buried truth from the 2020 presidential election despite shenanigans by Assembly speaker Robin Vos to nuke her efforts at every turn. The GOP caucus extricated Brandtjen in the new session (for what?), demonstrating the deep voter betrayal of most elected republican representatives.

When you compare Jay's life pathway with Janel's, you may not see many similarities. Jay developed his propensity for science and actively pursued spreading the merits of his ideas and conclusions through research publications, media articles and speaking at conferences. Janel's background in business marketing and strong christian upbringing prepared her for the skirmishes in the political arena whether as a Waukesha County Supervisor or Wisconsin Assembly member.

I think all Reality News readers agree with me that we can label both Jay and Janel as Patriots. But what common link allows me to make this claim?

Courage.

We all know the stolen 2020 election completed the globalist takeover of all US governmental systems. Americans now bear witness to the ongoing destruction of their country by the policies being implemented and tactics used by the traitorous installed puppets of the One World regime. Who can stop this? Who will stop this?

You will. Only YOU can.

But how?

Simple. Courage.

Courage comes from faith in something that's real. The Lord God, The Creator of Heaven and Earth, that's something real. HIs Word, His Son, Christ Jesus, that's real. Proverbs 9:10 reads, "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight." Saint Paul tell us to put on the full armor of God: the Helmet of Salvation, the Breastplate of Righteousness, the Shield of Faith, the Belt of Truth, the Sword of the Spirit and the Sandals of the Gospel of Peace. With this armor who can defeat us?

So what exactly are we fighting? Apathy, Ignorance and Cowardice.

Wait a second Steve! I thought you been saying we're fighting pure evil. You know, Satan worshipers and child sacrificers, human traffickers, pedophiles, drug cartels, extortionists, money launderers, war mongers, abortionists, eugenicists, depopulationists and adrenochrome junkies. What about those?

You're right. Those are the bad guys. But as has been said many times before, the only way evil triumphs is when good men stand aside and say nothing and let it happen. So flip that around. Good people can stop evil by saying something and standing up for truth. And that's what will change this world and bring about the Great Awakening.

In order to bring the bad guys to justice, destroy their culture of death and restore God's sovereignty among all people, we must mobilize all the good common people into a unified effort against them. Many of the common people suffer from ignorance, apathy and cowardice. That why addressing these three things will lead us to victory. We need all our brothers and sisters with us.

Ignorance today essentially refers to those whose educational background and mainstream media consumption brainwashed them into a thought prison which they feel they cannot escape. So much implanted fear of the beyond keeps these people from searching for or even inquiring about other opinions or information sources. We all know many people like this and it breaks our hearts. Only something personally cataclysmic can shake them out of this stupor.

Apathy reigns when an individual reaches a point of hopelessness and helplessness that no efforts matter anymore. Or they never cared about freedom or what it means from the start.

Cowardice allows the evil ones to propagate their plans throughout the Earth, entangling the common people in the cabal's web of deceit. But it also provides us the greatest opportunity to assist our brethren to break free and join our efforts to secure justice and build the Culture of Life God always wished for mankind.

All mask studies ever done prove masks to be ineffective for both the wearer and others. So why do people wear masks in public places, in their car and even in their homes? How powerful must be the fear which drives someone to such irrational behavior! The truth would truly set these people free if you could get them to believe it.

Every aspect of the pre-planned "COVID" pandemic proved to be a complete and total lie from the PCR test to the death count to the treatment methodology to the death jab and all the death boosters. Yet a billboard on highway 41/45 still advertises fake "COVID" testing. Media "public service" announcements continue advocating folks to get the death jab and boosters. And people continue to get tested and get jabbed. And doctors, nurses and other "healthcare" professionals continue to jab them, ignoring the burgeoning mountain of data showing how destructive these Big Pharma cocktails have proven to be on these trusting victims. There will be some serious reckoning for all of these folks once they admit what has occurred. We must be there to help them through it.

All people know someone stole the 2020 election but many seem unconcerned that it happened, that somehow the next election will all be just fine. That our side didn't work hard enough. Well, the 2022 midterms proved that reasoning faulty as the Arizona governor's race demonstrates along with many Senate and House races. We cannot vote our way back to our Republic and constitutional government. We must retake it. And we retake it by exposing the lies, witnessing the truth, and not complying with the totalitarian demands of the

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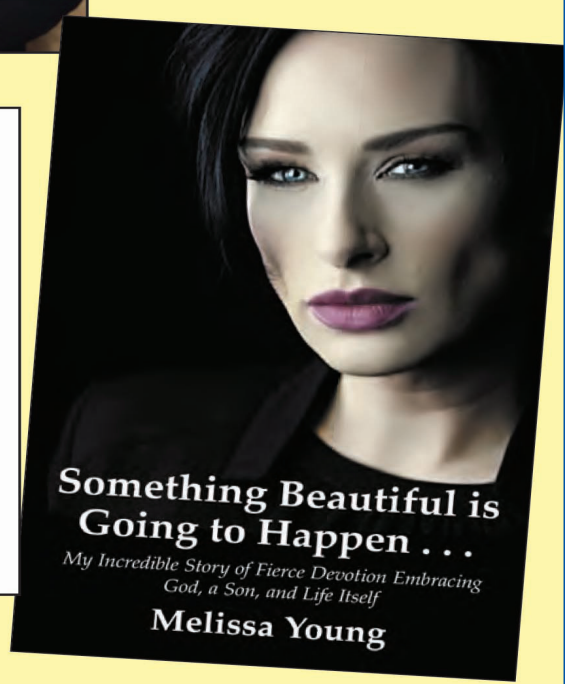
"I choose gratitude and forgiveness over anger and bitterness. This allows me to see and appreciate the beauty and blessings in most everything."

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



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Farewell to a Brilliant, Energetic Friend and Comrade

By E. Calvin Beisner

When I grow up, I want to be like Jay Lehr in many ways. But I'm realistic enough about my own physical and educational limits to know that's not likely.

Dr. Jay H. Lehr (September 11, 1936 to January 10, 2023) died Tuesday at age 86. Why would I want to be like him "when I grow up"? Consider this from his obituary:

Jay was known as the "Father of Western Lacrosse." He was assistant lacrosse coach at The Ohio State University in the '60s. He loved playing club lacrosse, hockey, and men's hardball. He founded the Columbus Metros semi-pro football team. He was an avid skydiver, 10-time Ironman finisher, and multiple marathon finisher. Jay loved watching all sports on tv, splitting firewood, and taking care of his chickens and dogs.

Jay was a proud Princeton alum (class of '57). He was known throughout the Princeton community for his participation in the Princeton P-rade, where he walked the parade route on his hands for 20 years, then completed the route annually on his unicycle for another 20 years. He was also known for his love of skydiving, having completed 1,481 successful jumps, always with exact precision of hitting his target, "Earth."

Jay was the most optimistic and energetic person you will ever meet. He always inspired others to reach their highest potential.

Would that I had now the energy Jay showed in his late 80s!

One of the first major books I read on environmental science and policy was Rational Readings on Environmental Concerns (1992), which edited. It's a fat book (841 pages), loaded with good science and economics by good scientists and economists. I offer you this long list of its topics (usually several chapters each) to illustrate the breadth of his serious interests and study: acid rain, agricultural chemicals, asbestos, biomagnification, biotechnology, cancer/carcinogenesis, DDT, dioxin, electromagnetic fields, environmental economics, environmentalism (what's real, what's not), greenhouse/warming, landfills, media coverage, medicine, nutrition, population, radiation and nuclear energy, radon, recycling, reverse effects, scientific processes, species and reduction, toxicology, wetlands, wilderness. Jay was always aiming most accurate, credible science on subject while exposing the myths environmental exaggeration.

He was the first American to a Ph.D. in groundwater hydrology spent 25 years as director of the National Ground Water Association, was actively involved in the Environmental Protection Agency in its early years, then a major critic it enlarged its mission, cheapened science, and became a handmaiden radical environmentalist movement. last decade or so he championed a movement to abolish the federal EPA and replace it with a joint committee of the environmental protection agencies of the 50 states—a sensible idea if ever there was one.

Jay also spent 25 years as a Senior Scientist for the Heartland Institute and in recent years was Senior Scientist of the International Climate Science Coalition, pursuing his passion of educating others in the truths of climate science and the fallacy of dangerous manmade climate change.

Put simply, Jay Lehr was among the most broadly learned people I've known. He was also among the most friendly, jovial, and encouraging. I was looking forward to seeing him next month at the Heartland Institute's 15th International Conference on Climate Change, where we both were scheduled to speak. Not only I but also hundreds of other advocates of eco-sanity will miss him dearly.



Photo courtesy of Heartland Institute

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mysteries and use them for the betterment of humankind and the environment.

That is the conclusion one comes to when reading "What Can Theology Say to Science about Climate Change?" the insightful small book by Dr. E. Calvin Beisner, Founder and National Spokesman of The Cornwall Alliance for the Stewardship of Creation. Based in Chattanooga, TN, the Cornwell Alliance is "a network of Christian theologians, natural scientists, economists, and other scholars educating for Biblical earth stewardship, economic development for the poor, and the proclamation and defense of the good news of salvation by God's grace, received through faith in Jesus Christ's death and resurrection."

Beisner cites the example of climatologist Dr. Roy W. Spencer, a Senior Fellow and board member of the Cornwall Alliance. Spencer was prompted by his reflections on teachings of the Bible that when God had created the world, He judged it "very good" (Genesis 1:31) to more closely examine the assumption by climate modelers that certain types of clouds provided significant positive feedback on global temperature. Spencer reasoned that a "very good" world would probably not be one in which small initial warming would set off a catastrophic, runaway global warming through a positive feedback loop.

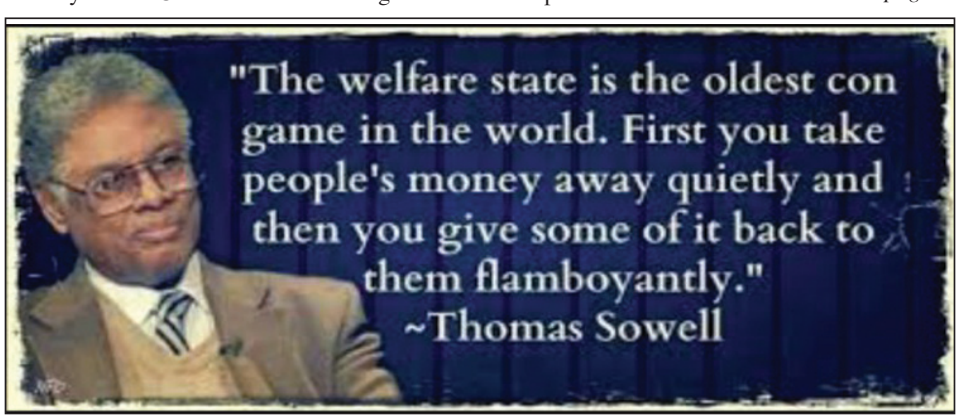
Unlike climate change activists, UN bureaucrats, and many climate modelers, Spencer's Biblical faith did not predetermine his conclusion. That is where many of those who attack Christianity as being "unscientific" and blame the faith for environmental destruction have it all wrong. Spencer's Biblical faith affected his research agenda all right; he was spurred to ask critically important questions others weren't asking, devise experiments others hadn't carried out, and thoughtfully consider the relevant observational data others had ignored.

Beisner tells us about Spencer's work: "not in spite of but precisely because of its foundation in Biblical faith, it is eminently scientific."

Readers unfamiliar with research by historians and philosophers of science may be surprised to hear this. Hasn't there always been a war between science and Christianity? Doesn't faith preclude the conduct of objective science? What about John William Draper's History of the Conflict Between Religion and Science (1874) and Andrew Dickson White's A History of the Warfare of Science with Theology in Christendom (1896)?

In his outstanding analysis, one we recommend everyone read, Beisner shows how it is fundamental theological and philosophical assumptions that determine whether anyone will even attempt to do science. Beisner cites Rodney Stark (author of "The Triumph of Reason: How Christianity Led to Freedom, Capitalism, and Western Success"):

"The Christian image of God is that of a rational being who believes in human progress, more fully revealing himself as humans gain the capacity to understand better. Moreover, because God is a rational being and the universe is his personal creation, it necessarily has a rational, lawful structure awaiting increasing human comprehension. *continued on page 5*



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A giant of man, a brave scientist, and a dear friend suddenly passed away recently



By Jim Lakely, James Taylor

Jay Lehr was the most-vigorous and interesting man any of us have ever met, and will probably ever meet. Irrefutable data is displayed in the picture picture at left.

Jay's family and friends, including all of us at The Heartland Institute, are still dealing with the shock.

We will have more to say about the life and work of Jay Lehr — one of the most-important and most-impactful communicators for real science on the climate in the world — in the coming days. And those thoughts will be shared and time-stamped in this post.

In the meantime, here are some videos of some of Jay's best work about the subject that animated him like no other: convincing people that humans are not causing a climate crisis, and presenting the data to prove it.

We post this knowing that Jay climate realism was his passion, and he'd want as many people to see his work as possible — not just now, at his passing, but always.

Godspeed and rest in peace, dear friend.

Statement by James Taylor, president of The Heartland Institute:

The passing of Dr. Jay Lehr is a tremendous loss to the Heartland Institute family, to the field of science, and to the greater universe of mankind.

I first met Jay in 2001 when I joined The Heartland Institute. Back then and throughout the 20-plus years I knew him, Jay was the most enthusiastic and energetic man I knew. He was a man a tremendous intellect yet tremendous humility. He would do anything for anybody and was more than happy to allow others to take the credit for his hard work.

Jay kept up a remarkable travel schedule, constantly touring the country – and indeed the world – while spreading his love of science and agriculture. Audiences loved his energetic demeanor and encyclopedic knowledge of science. While on the road, he would tirelessly spend his evenings writing book reviews and science articles for Heartland and others. Jay was the Energizer bunny of science.

It was impossible not to smile when seeing Jay. He effused good cheer, passion, and personal warmth. During times of trouble, Jay would always go out of his way to cheer me up with his kind heart, optimism, and compassion.

It does not seem real that I will never see him again at Heartland's climate conferences or anywhere else. I will miss you, my friend.

Bad Climate Assumptions, Worse Climate Predictions

By H. Sterling Burnett

"How do I love thee? Let me count the ways." So begins Elizabeth Barret Browning's famous Sonnet 43. What does that have to do with climate change, you ask? Browning's poem has parallels to our understanding of the myriad physical mechanisms that drive climate change. "What affects the climate? Let me count the factors. …" Some people just don't want to do that.

Recent research published in the International Journal of Climatology, a peer-reviewed scientific publication of the Royal Meteorological Society, suggests cycles of warming and cooling and associated climate phenomena are driven in large part by periodic solar and ocean oscillations. The well-funded researchers for the U.N. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change consistently underappreciate or ignore these factors in fashioning the climate models they use to represent the world.

Examining extended tree-ring data of the Scots pine of northern Finnish Lapland, stretching to the year 5,634 B.C, the researchers found multiple and sometimes overlapping natural cycles of various durations throughout the record, tracking temperature shifts on short, medium, and longer-term time scales. Among the most direct and profound drivers of temperature shifts on short time scales are large, powerful volcanic eruptions.

Other natural cycles that drive climate shifts of various durations, regionally and sometimes globally, are oceanic circulation patterns, including La Niña and El Niño cycles, and over longer time periods the Atlantic and Pacific multidecadal oscillations. Though these forcing mechanisms are not the focus of the paper, they are well-established in the literature. No Tricks Zone provides links to dozens, possibly hundreds of journal articles published over the past decade that suggest oceanic cycles do not just correspond to climate changes but have driven them in many instances.

The paper focuses instead on the role solar cycles of various lengths play in changing temperatures and climate. In the paper's abstract the authors write,

The mechanism and even the existence of the Atlantic Multidecadal Oscillation (AMO) have remained under debate among climate researchers, and the same applies to general temperature oscillations of a 60–90-year period. The objective of this study is to show that these temperature oscillations are real and not artifacts and that these oscillations have different external cosmic origins. The authors have studied how well the variations of astronomical harmonic resonances (AHR) could explain the 60-year temperature variations, which are based on instrumental records. …

The similarities between the temperatures of the tree-ring trend and the AHR trend are easy to observe even by the naked eye. The statistical analysis shows that these two signals are statistically related. The analyses also show that the well-known Gleissberg cycle of 88 years is the dominating cycle caused by the Suns' [sic] activity changes but the observed 60-year cycle can be connected to the AHR cyclicity.

The Finnish scholars are by no means the first to recognize that the Sun, the single greatest power source in our solar system, has a significant and perhaps dominant influence on climate shifts. Scholars such as Nir Shaviv, Willie Soon, the late Eigil Friis-Christensen, Sallie Baliunas, and Hans Svensmark, among many others, have spent large portions of their academic careers studying, analyzing, and describing the various ways solar activity drives periodic climate changes on Earth.

Also, rarely does the public hear anything about water vapor, which makes up 97 to 98 percent of atmospheric greenhouse gases or clouds, which, depending on the type, can have either a cooling or warming effect. This virtual media blackout happens even though hundreds of journal articles and even the IPCC attest clouds affect the climate.

Other known factors that drive major climate changes on long- and medium-term time scales are the changes in the Earth's tilt and orbit and, over eons, continental drift. These and probably myriad other factors result in climate changes on local, regional, continental, and global scales over various time periods.

Despite all this evidence, you would not know anything other than human greenhouse gas emissions drives temperatures on the Earth and changes in the climate, if you heard only reports from the mainstream media or read the IPCC's massive Assessment Reports. The causal mechanism behind climate change should be the strongest part of the IPCC's reports, yet it is in fact the weakest. Although the IPCC downplays the prominent benefits humanity has been blessed with because of climate change over the past century or so, its descriptions of climate change's impact on weather are largely sound, describing facts on the ground. The explanations for why these changes take place, however, are woefully inadequate because the IPCC has placed all its explanatory eggs in one basket: greenhouse gas concentrations resulting from human activities.

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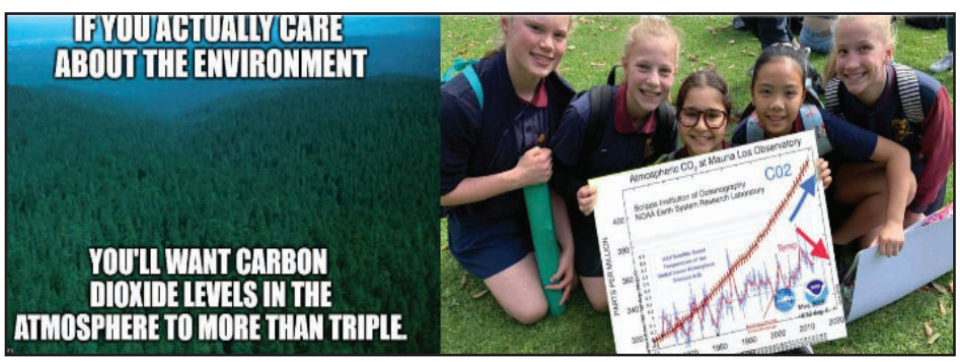

ANDREW BREITBART FREEDOM CENTER AT THE HEARTLAND INSTITUTE

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.



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

A Foul Wind Blows Through Idaho

By Craig Rucker

You may have heard about the countless wind energy projects being forced on communities across the United States in the name of Biden's radical climate agenda.

One such project is called the Lava Ridge wind project. Once completed, it would be located in Idaho's unique and majestic Magic Valley, the same region that is home to such treasures as Craters of the Moon National Monument and Preserve.

Local citizens are up in arms over this ill-conceived project. They are rightly concerned it will worsen water shortages in the area and wouldn't even supply power to Idahoans but rather ship the electricity down to Nevada and California.

CFACT's Gabriella Hoffman decided to investigate this situation and documented her findings in a new video that is part of the Committee's Conservation Nation YouTube series.

The Lava Ridge project could encompass 400 massive turbines, all taller than the Space Needle and the Washington Monument, covering an area of 73,000 acres managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). BLM is set to release their Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the Lava Ridge project on January 13, 2023.

"If we're going to allow giant corporations to put wind farms on Idaho so they can ship power to California, there's no end to it," said Brian Olmstead, a member of the Idaho Water Resource Board. "We've got public lands everywhere and they're all beautiful – there's not one of them anywhere that I know of that's ugly enough to put a bunch of 600-foot spinning, flashing, strobing windmills out there."

We must spread the word about the threat these monstrous wind turbines pose to our environment, our water, and our communities!

Green Folly Killing our Grasslands

Black Aussies built our grasslands
with everlasting fires,

Then squatters went one better
with cooler springtime pyres.

But Greens they banned the fires
and cancelled grazing passes,

Now wildfires kill the forests
and weeds replace the grasses.

By Viv Forbes

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Interestingly, over the course of its six assessment reports the IPCC has produced multiple graphics describing a range of forcing factors, or physical mechanisms natural and anthropogenic, that influence climate. These factors have changed from report to report, with some factors being dropped from one report to the next, other factors being combined, and still others being added. Yet the only climate influences the IPCC claims to understand well, and the only mechanisms put into their climate models as forcing factors, are human greenhouse gas emissions. Natural forcing factors are either assumed to have minimal, poorly understood effects on temperatures and climate or, as with oceanic oscillations, treated as if they have no effect at all.

In contrast to natural factors that affect climate that are ignored or downplayed in the models, the models incorporate various sets of "feedback" mechanisms as temperature and climate change multipliers, enhancing the assumed warming and changes caused directly by additional CO2, methane, and other trace gases humans are adding to the atmosphere. These feedback forcings, and how they supposedly function, are based purely on speculation, assumptions built into the models, not observed behavior of the environmental mechanisms involved or data accumulated over time describing how these factors have acted in the past in response to environmental perturbations such as temperature changes.

This is emblematic of the topsy-turvy world of climate science. Scientists use climate models they know downplay or fail to account for myriad physical factors that are known to alter temperatures and climate, because they are little-understood or difficult to model, while they incorporate forcings from feedback mechanisms based purely on the assumptions of the modelers. Theory trumps fact in climate models. The outcome is assumed—carbon dioxide equals dangerous warming—with the data and assumptions forced to fit the predetermined conclusion.

This may account for why, after thirty years and six sets of assessment reports, the IPCC's range of possible temperature outcomes has not improved and the temperature outcomes of the present iteration of models, CMIP6, are even worse than the previous generation of models at tracking actual temperature trends. Models have persistently projected warmer temperatures and steeper temperature trends than have been measured, with CMIP6 models producing hotter temperature projections than any before them. If the IPCC can't account well for the factors that drive temperatures and climate change, and for some factors it doesn't even try, it is no wonder the models' projections consistently fail to match reality.

It's like trying to build a functioning car without installing hoses or wiring. Yes, the engine, transmission, and tires are important, but so are many other systems. It ain't going to work, and by and large climate models don't. They produce elegant representations of a climate that does not exist anywhere but on the fictional Earth the models describe.

Climate scolds foolishly try to defend their models by saying when they run them without including human greenhouse gas emissions they don't produce the warming the analysts expect. Well, that's the problem, isn't it? Their expectations are based on an incomplete understanding of the range and direction of effects of various forcing factors. Their models, focusing only on human greenhouse gases, may match their expectations of warming, but they don't correspond to reality. What about that do the IPCC and the mainstream media not understand? In science, it is data and observation, not theory and models, that determine the state of knowledge.

To sum up: Are human greenhouse gas emissions affecting the climate? Almost certainly. How could they not do so to some degree? Are they the only factors that drive temperatures and climate change? Absolutely not. Do we know for certain that human greenhouse gases are solely or even primarily responsible for the recent changes in climate? We do not. Only those who trust the flawed models instead of hard evidence can truly believe we do. Is climate change having disastrous consequences, producing more extreme weather more frequently? The data say no.

When making energy and climate policy, these are the premises we should proceed upon. We need more knowledge, not rash actions based on flawed representations of the climate.

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This was the key to many intellectual undertakings, among them the rise of science … Christians developed science because they believed it could be done and should be done. … Newton, Kepler, and Galileo regarded the creation itself as a book that was to be read and comprehended."

In contrast, Stark pointed out,

"… most non-Christian religions do not posit a creation at all: the universe is eternal, and while it may pursue cycles, it is without beginning or purpose, and most important of all, having never been created, it has no creator. Consequently, the universe is thought to be a supreme mystery, inconsistent, unpredictable, and arbitrary. For those holding these religious premises, the path to wisdom is through meditation and mystical insights, and there is no occasion to celebrate reason."

It is interesting that while China, India, ancient Greece, and Rome, and the Islamic countries each had a highly developed alchemy, it was only in Europe that alchemy really evolved into the science of chemistry. Similarly, while many societies developed complex astrological systems, only in Europe did it lead to the science of astronomy. It all had to do with different images of God.

This topic is vitally important today as many churches across the world increasingly support the climate scare. Are they being scientific, as one would expect from those practicing authentic Christianity? Or are they, in fact, abandoning the scientific method, and straying further and further away from the foundations of their faith to the sort of idealism and pantheism that saw the physical world as an illusion that we must free ourselves from by mystical and ascetic practice — exactly the opposite of the world-affirming and logical practices on which science depends?

There is so much more to learn from Beisner's book that we suggest ordering it as soon as possible. You will have yet another reason to be proud of the contributions made by Christian thought.

A Permanent Policy of Higher Prices?

By Cornwall Alliance

Research from the Wall Street Journal reveals that the Biden administration has leased less federal land for drilling than any other administration going back to the very beginning of the government's modern oil-and-gas program. Though this is the result of a deliberate policy decision made by President Biden, that has not stopped him from trying to spin the rise in gas prices positively, calling it part of "an incredible transition that is taking place."

"God willing, when it's over," he continued, "we'll be stronger and the world will be stronger and less reliant on fossil fuels." The only catch is that, in the meantime, the poor and working class will be crushed. And in fact, that is already happening.

These oil-and-gas leases provide our country with a portion of the natural gas that heats half of our homes and powers almost 40 percent of our electrical grid, as well as the petroleum that is refined to fill our tanks (gasoline), run our grills (propane), and keep us warm—especially in the northeast (heating oil).

What this means is that when the cost of fossil fuels *continued on page 19*

Ten Things You Need to Know about "Global Warming"

By Jay H. Lehr, Ph.D.

1. Global warming stopped about 17 years ago. All scientists agree there has been no significant increase in atmospheric temperature since 1996.

2. Taxes on energy (carbon taxes) and regulations on energy producers and users (including cap and trade) are all pain and no gain. They are destroying jobs, preventing an economic recovery, and yet have virtually no effect on the climate.

3. Carbon dioxide (CO2), the greenhouse gas that environmentalists say is most dangerous, actually plays a tiny, almost undetectable, role in climate change. Even large future increases would have a very small and diminishing effect.

4. CO2 is a natural and essential part of Earth's atmosphere. It is food for plants and marine life. Most of it comes from natural sources and is absorbed by natural sinks. This Carbon Cycle is as old as the Earth itself.

5. CO2 does not drive the weather and climate we experience and measure. The most important factors affecting local and regional weather and climate are changes in land-use, volcanic eruptions, changes in the Sun, and ocean currents.

6. We lack reliable data and the theoretical understanding of climate processes for computer models to accurately simulate the real climate. Their forecasts of temperatures and other climate conditions have repeatedly been shown to be wrong.

7. Computer climate models are not a valid or useful tool for setting environment and energy policy. They are not science, they are guesses. They do not make predictions, they offer "simulations" and "scenarios."

8. Natural, large and abrupt climate changes have occurred many times over geological history. They were not triggered by CO2. Nothing in the twentieth century and early twenty-first century is outside the range of natural variability.

9. Real measured data on environmental and climatic variations – in Arctic or Antarctic sea ice, polar bear populations, hurricane frequency and intensity, forest fires, and many other weather phenomena -- do not support the doom-saying and alarms promoted by the United Nations, former Vice President Gore, and activist-scientists.

10. The effort to "stop global warming" is not based on science. It is about politics and ideology, winning elections and making money off the backs of taxpayers. It is denying life-improving and –saving technologies to poor people all around the world. It is killing jobs and reducing our freedoms here at home.

Stop the war on freedom and prosperity! Oppose junk science and fear mongering about "global warming." Talk to your friends and neighbors. To learn more, visit www.climatechangereconsidered.org or www.heartland.org/issues/environment.

SCIENCE & ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY PROJECT

The Week That Was January 14th, 2022

Quote of the Week:

"Everything should be made as simple as possible, but not simpler."
— Albert Einstein

Number of the Week:

3.7 W/m2
(3.7 Watts per square meter)

This Week:

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

Scope: This TWTW raises a range of issues which include the fact that the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) does not test the main results of their reports against all available physical evidence. AMO physicist Howard Hayden discusses the failure to apply the Stefan-Boltzmann law, which affects all objects orbiting the Sun including the Earth. The latest IPCC Assessment Report (AR-6, 2021) has major gaps in understanding that basic physical science about the solar system.

Geologist Ian Plimer brings up the need to address major changes in the Earth's climate in scales of time. There are many influences on the Earth's climate and when politicians claim they can stop climate change they do not understand that which they say.

Electrical Planning Engineer Russell Schussler has said: "the electric grid is the largest, most wonderful, most complex machine ever." This week, he addresses what makes the grid robust, strong, and capable of withstanding sudden shocks. He also explains what weakens it, making it more prone to failure.

Almost fifty years ago, under President Carter, the dominant fear in Washington was that the US was about to run out of oil and natural gas, both of which were used to generate electricity. One of the solutions was generating electricity with extensive solar plants in the US Southwest. Writing in the National Review, Southwest Public Policy Institute researcher D. Dowd Muska evaluates the success or failure of massive expenditures in the Southwest for solar power.

The US Consumer Product Safety Commission has proposed banning the use of new natural gas stoves based on using rigorous mathematics to produce absurd results.

The United Arab Emirates (UAE) will host the 2023 UNFCCC Conference of Parties (COP 28) in Dubai, a luxury city built on oil wealth. UAE's choice of president for the convention is causing a stir.

Is Earth in the Solar System? The concept that the Earth orbits the sun was finally accepted after over a century of philosophical debate on the movement of heavenly bodies after "On the Revolutions of the Celestial Spheres" by Nicolas Copernicus was published in 1543 about the time of his death. Up to that time, most astronomers in Europe and India considered the Earth was stationary and all planets moved around it. The Danish astronomer Tycho Brahe, who rejected the ideas of Copernicus, believed the controversy could be resolved by carefully observing the movement of heavenly bodies. But it was his assistant, Johannes Kepler who used the observations to propose that the movements of planets were in ellipses with the sun as one of the foci. This and the work of Galileo on acceleration paved the way for Isaac Newton.

It seems as if many commentators on climate change are locked in a similar controversy that can only be resolved by careful observations. Is carbon dioxide (CO2) the most important determinant of the earth's temperature or is it a bit player in a complex system that is not fully understood?

In an interview by Tom Nelson, Atomic, Molecular, and Optical (AMO) physicist Howard Hayden explains that the UN IPCC, whose reports are used to claim that CO2 is an important determinant of Earth's temperatures, understands the Stefan-Boltzmann law which determines the radiant heat power emitted from a surface, but does not apply it to the output temperatures of their climate models. In 1879, Austrian physicist Josef Stefan discovered the experimental result that the total radiant heat power emitted from a surface is proportional to the fourth power of its absolute temperature. In 1884, Austrian physicist Ludwig Boltzmann derived the relationship from thermodynamic considerations, and in 1900 Max Planck derived the constant of proportionality from first principles. It took the IPCC reports over thirty years to finally mention this law explicitly, and the Sixth Assessment Report (AR6, 2021) got it wrong, in stating that a hotter planet radiates more energy to space. The surface of Venus is hot enough to melt lead but radiates less energy to space than does the earth. (Compared to the radiant heat power emitted by the surface of the Earth, the geothermal energy emitted by the core is insignificant although subsurface oceanic and surface volcanoes can significantly change the greenhouse effect temporarily by increasing water vapor and emitting aerosols.)

During the interview, Hayden takes us through the various heat balance drawings used by the IPCC from 1995 to 2021 and asks what is missing. It is not until the Sixth Assessment Report (AR6, 2021) that a number appears for the greenhouse effect (G) but that number does not appear in the heat-balance drawing in AR6. (Again, the greenhouse effect is vital for complex life on the surface of the planet and adding greenhouse gases to the atmosphere will increase the Earth's temperatures somewhat, other things being constant. The question is how much?)

The five heat-balance charts presented by the IPCC since 1995 show surface emission values (in watts per square meter) that are correct for known surface temperatures at the time, but there are three major failures. The first is that none of the heat-balance charts shows the greenhouse effect, the number that is supposedly IPCC's specialty. The second is that IPCC has never understood that the radiative forcing (IPCC terminology) from greenhouse gases simply adds to the greenhouse effect. The third is that there are no heat-balance drawings corresponding to any IPCC predictions of the future. It is a trivial matter to show that the increase in ability to block IR from going to space ("radiative forcing") from doubling CO2 concentration is totally incompatible with the increase in surface radiation that Stefan-Boltzmann says must occur with the predicted increase in surface temperature, but IPCC's omissions disguise the outrageous incompatibility. See link under Challenging the Orthodoxy.

Scales of Time: Writing in Spectator, Australia, geophysicist Ian Plimer brings out the importance of understanding scales of time in discussing climate change. He begins:

"For more than 80 per cent of time, Earth has been a warm wet greenhouse planet with no ice. We live in unusual times when ice occurs on continents. This did not happen overnight. The great southern continent, Gondwanaland, formed about 550 million years ago. It occupied 20 per cent of the area of our planet and included Antarctica, South America, Australia, South Africa, and the Indian subcontinent. Gondwanaland was covered by ice when it drifted across the South Pole 360-255 million years ago. Evidence for this ice age is in the black coal districts of Australia, South Africa, and India.

"The breakup of Gondwanaland started about 180 million years ago. About 140-120 million years ago, Australia was joined to Antarctica and enjoyed a temperate climate, had alpine glaciers that shed icebergs into warm seas and plant and animal adaptations evolved to cope with the long periods of winter darkness.

"If Antarctica is to lose its ice sheets to end the current ice age, plate tectonics must move the continent northwards or fragment Antarctica into smaller land masses. Parts of Antarctica are currently being fragmented which is why there are more than 150 hot spots and volcanoes in rift valleys beneath Antarctic ice. Plate tectonics must also widen the Bering Strait to allow more warm Pacific Ocean water to enter and warm the Arctic.

"Australia separated from Antarctica 100 million years ago and continues to move northwards at 7 centimeters per year. The current ice age started when South America separated from Antarctica some 34 million years ago. Plate tectonics isolated Antarctica after South America had moved northwards and the Drake Passage formed. Circum-polar currents formed and prevented warm, southward-moving water from reaching Antarctica. As a result, the Antarctic ice sheets formed.

"Arctic ice formed 2.5 million years ago when plate tectonic-driven volcanoes in central America joined North America to South America and stopped Pacific and Atlantic Ocean waters from mixing. This was exacerbated by a supernova explosion that bombarded Earth with cosmic particles to produce cloudiness and cooling.

"The Earth has been slowly cooling for the last 50 million years from times when life thrived and rapidly diversified. In these warmer times, there were no mass extinctions due to natural warming and, if the planet is warming today, the past shows us that life will thrive and diversify even more."

Plimer illustrates the foolishness by some commentators in asserting that an estimated global temperature and an estimated carbon dioxide concentration for a period tens of millions ago can be used to estimate the influence of carbon dioxide on Earth's temperatures today. The Earth is ever changing, and those changes have major influences on the Earth's temperatures. As Plimer writes:

"On a scale of tens of millions of years or more, the Earth's climate is driven by plate tectonics. On a scale of hundreds of thousands of years, the Earth's climate is driven by orbital cycles which bring Earth closer to or more distant from the Sun. On a scale of thousands of years to decades, the Earth's climate is driven by variations in energy emitted from the Sun."

"If governments, the UN or climate activists want to stop the normal planetary process of climate change, then they need to stop plate tectonics, stop variations in the Earth's orbit and stop variations in solar output."

After discussing the impact of the last period of glaciation which reached its maximum 18,000 to 20,000 years ago, Plimer concludes:

"We are putting all our efforts and wasting trillions of taxpayers' dollars into trying to prevent mythical human-induced global warming, yet we still don't prepare for the inevitable annual floods, droughts, and bushfires, let alone longer-term solar – and orbitally – driven global cooling.

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Number of the Week: In his interview, Howard Hayden brings up that the IPCC states that a doubling of CO2 will result in an increase in surface emissions of infrared radiation of 3.7 W/m2 (3.7 Watts per square meter). The challenge is calculating how much of a temperature difference will this make?

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

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

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

You can help in two ways:

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

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

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Lieberman: Whales on losing side of wind energy

By Ben Lieberman

Environmentalists want to crack down on the Maine lobster industry in the name of protecting endangered whales, but they turn a blind eye to the greater threat to whales from proposed offshore wind farms. The irony is almost as delicious as the lobster dinners at stake.

Green groups such as the Center for Biological Diversity and Defenders of Wildlife routinely target commercial fishing by claiming that it causes ancillary harm to marine species protected under the Endangered Species Act and other federal laws. This includes the North Atlantic right whale, whose population of only 350 or so migrates up and down the Atlantic Coast and can cross prime lobster territory off New England.

These activists have supported costly additional federal measures that purportedly reduce the risk of whale injuries and deaths from becoming tangled in the ropes attached to lobster traps or getting hit by the boats. And they have thus far prevailed in federal court, though the Maine Lobstermen's Association, which believes these new requirements are unnecessary and could spell the end for their small operator-dominated industry, is appealing.

The threat is almost entirely speculative. The Maine lobster industry has co-existed with migrating whales for a long time, and actual confirmed instances of harm are exceedingly rare. "The last known entanglement in Maine lobster gear happened more than 17 years ago, and that whale survived. In fact, there has never been a right whale death in Maine lobster gear," notes Maine Lobstermen's Association Vice President Dustin Delano.

Maine law and agreed-upon practices undertaken by lobstermen have a remarkable track record for avoiding problems – be it overfishing or damage to other species – and these practices continue to evolve to address emerging challenges.

While the Maine lobster industry has a solid track record that should dispel any concerns, the same cannot be said of proposals to introduce hundreds and eventually thousands of massive offshore wind turbines. Ten large wind farms have been proposed along the right whale's migratory path, part of the Biden Administration's goal of building 30 Gigawatts of offshore wind by 2030. It's a key component of President's climate change agenda.

Rather than a few pilot projects from which to gain experience, we are rushing into a massive buildout of offshore wind throughout right whale habitat, the consequences of which we will discover the hard way. And the same environmental groups willing to jeopardize the jobs of thousands of lobstermen for the sake of the whales appear to be far less concerned about this large-scale experiment.

The risks to the whales are real. Bloomberg News recently obtained an internal document in which a senior federal scientist raised concerns that "[a]dditional noise, vessel traffic and habitat modifications due to offshore wind development will likely cause added stress that could result in additional population consequences to a species that is already experiencing rapid decline." But don't expect the Center for Biological Diversity or any of the other anti-lobster litigators to file suit this time, as they do not want to stand in the way of President Biden's climate crusade.

Given the current low numbers, the North Atlantic right whale may or may not survive into the next century. If it doesn't, America's risky experiment in offshore wind, and not lobster fishing, will be the far more likely cause.



January 11, 8:50pm

By Glies Coren

The spark is gone — you're better off walking than relying on useless, unreliable vehicles and chargers that never work.

As I watch my family strike out on foot across the fields into driving rain and gathering darkness, my wife holding each child's hand, our new year plans in ruins, while I do what I can to make our dead car safe before abandoning it a mile short of home, full of luggage on a country lane, it occurs to me not for the first time that if we are going to save the planet we will have to find another way. Because electric cars are not the answer.

Yes, it's the Jaguar again. My doomed bloody £65,000 iPace that has done nothing but fail at everything it was supposed to do for more than two years now, completely dead this time, its lifeless corpse blocking the single-track road.

I can't even roll it to a safer spot because it can't be put in neutral. For when an electric car dies, it dies hard. And then lies there as big and grey and not-going-anywhere as the poacher-slain bull elephant I once saw rotting by a roadside in northern Kenya. Just a bit less smelly.

Not that this is unusual. Since I bought my eco dream car in late 2020, in a deluded Thunbergian frenzy, it has spent more time off the road than on it, beached at the dealership for months at a time on account of innumerable electrical calamities, while I galumph around in the big diesel "courtesy cars" they send me under the terms of the warranty.

But this time I don't want one. And I don't want my own car back either. I have asked the guys who sold it to me to sell it again, as soon as it is fixed, to the first mug who walks into the shop. Because I am going back to petrol while there is still time.

And if the government really does ban new wet fuel cars after 2030, then we will eventually have to go back to horses. Because the electric vehicle industry is no readier to get a family home from Cornwall at Christmas time (as I was trying to do) than it is to fly us all to Jupiter. The cars are useless, the infrastructure is not there and you're honestly better off walking. Even on the really long journeys. In fact, especially on the long journeys. The short ones they can just about manage. It's no wonder Tesla shares are down 71 per cent. It's all a huge fraud. And, for me, it's over.

Yet the new owner of my "preloved" premium electric vehicle, fired with a messianic desire to make a better world for his children, will not know this. He will be delighted with his purchase and overjoyed to find there are still six months of warranty left, little suspecting that once that has expired — and with it the free repairs and replacement cars for those long spells off road — he will be functionally carless.

He will be over the moon to learn that it has "a range of up to 292 miles". No need to tell him what that really means is "220 miles". Why electric carmakers are allowed to tell these lies is a mystery to me. As it soon will be to him.

Although for the first few days he won't worry especially. He'll think he can just nip into a fuel station and charge it up again. Ho ho ho. No need to tell him that two out of three roadside chargers in this country are broken or busy at any one time. Or that the built-in "find my nearest charge point" function doesn't work, has never worked, and isn't meant to work.

Or that apps like Zap-Map don't work either because the chargers they send you to are always either busy or broken or require a membership card you don't have or an app you can't download because there's no 5G here, in the middle of nowhere, where you will now probably die.

Or that the Society of Motor Manufacturers said this week that only 23 new chargers are being installed nationwide each day, of the 100 per day that were promised (as a proud early adopter, I told myself that charging would become easier as the network grew, but it hasn't grown, while the number of e-drivers has tripled, so it's actually harder now than it was two years ago).

There are, of course, plus sides to electric ownership. Such as the camaraderie when we encounter each other, tired and weeping at yet another service station with only two chargers, one of which still has the "this fault has been reported" sign on it from when you were here last August, and the other is of the measly 3kWh variety, which means you will have to spend the night in a Travelodge while your stupid drum lazily inhales enough juice to get home.

Together, in the benighted charging zone, we leccy drivers laugh about what fools we are and drool over the diesel hatchbacks nonchalantly filling up across the way ("imagine getting to a fuel station and knowing for sure you will be able to refuel!") and talk in the hour-long queue at Exeter services about the petrol car we will buy as soon as we get home.

We filled up there last week on the way back from Cornwall, adding two hours to our four-hour journey, by which time Esther wasn't speaking to me. She's been telling me to get rid of the iPace since it ruined last summer's holidays in both Wales and Devon ("If you won't let us fly any more, at least buy a car that can get us to the places we're still allowed to go!").

But I kept begging her to give me one last chance, as if I'd refused to give up a mistress, rather than a dull family car. Until this time, a couple of miles from home, when a message flashed up on the dash: "Assisted braking not available — proceed with caution." Then: "Steering control unavailable."

And then, as I inched off the dual carriageway at our turnoff, begging it to make the last mile, children weeping at the scary noises coming from both car and father: "Gearbox fault detected." CLUNK. WHIRRR. CRACK.

And dead. Nothing. Poached elephant. I called Jaguar Assist (there is a button in the roof that does it directly — most useful feature on the car) who told me they could have a mechanic there in four hours (who would laugh and say, "Can't help you, pal. You've got a software issue there. I'm just a car mechanic. And this isn't a car, it's a laptop on wheels.")

So Esther and the kids headed for home across the sleety wastes, a vision of post-apocalyptic misery like something out of Cormac McCarthy, while I saw out 2022 waiting for a tow-truck. Again.

But don't let that put you off. I see in the paper that electric car sales are at record levels and production is struggling to keep up with demand. So why not buy mine? It's clean as a whistle and boasts super-low mileage. After all, it's hardly been driven .

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give their loyalty to the institution of Congress; not to the political party that helped elect them. Being loyal to Congress allows each member to be a real check on the Executive and a trustee of the Constitution.

The only power "We the People" have to control government is our power to vote for members of Congress. We do not vote for the President, that is done by the electoral college and a convoluted quilt of state voting laws, state legislatures, and election officials. The entire federal judiciary is appointed by the president, Additionally, the millions of nameless bureaucrats that regulate almost every aspect of society are appointed by the Executive branch.

By wisely using its spending and delegation powers, however, Congress can reclaim its dignity and its constitutional obligation to be the nation's lawmaker.

Congress can be relevant by "Just Saying No"

Congress has one power that no other branch of government can interfere with - it is the power to spend or not spend money. The Constitution is clear, "No money shall be drawn from the Treasury, but in Consequence of Appropriations made by Law…"

Congress has failed to control spending for decades. It cannot even follow its own rules and pass the twelve appropriations bills by the October 1, start of the fiscal year. The last time Congress passed all twelve appropriations as separate bills was in 1996. Generally, Congress keeps the government running with Continuing Resolutions that fund the government at a prior year's level. By spending trillions of dollars of taxpayer money with little, if any, review of the program citizens are paying for, Congress ensures that the federal government remains an unsupervised behemoth.

The common view of congressional powers is that Congress legislates and spends money by passing a bill in the House and Senate and sending it to the president for signature or veto. If the president vetoes it, Congress needs a two-thirds majority to override it. An intentionally difficult process. But there is a simple mechanism for Congress to control the Executive. Both houses of Congress have one very real, but rarely used, power that permits one or both houses, to control federal spending and the growth of government, without passing a law.

It is the power of one house of Congress to refuse to spend money. Without passing an appropriation, no money can be spent. The use of this power allows a majority of one House of Congress to shrink the federal government without the difficulty of passing a new law. Reducing the size of the government, its bloated budgets, and massive debt is as easy as "Just saying no!"

Congress can make itself relevant again by reclaiming the emergency powers it delegated to the President before a dictator arises

Nothing in our Constitution can be more explicit in intent than the first sentence which reads: "All legislative Powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives." By granting emergency powers to the Executive, Congress has placed itself in a difficult situation. It gives the Executive broad authority to act in lieu of Congress. Once presidents hold such power, they are unlikely to easily relinquish it.

Historically, emergency powers were limited to wartime and natural disasters. But today, non-war-time presidents exercise war-type emergency powers to control citizens in a domestic setting. The Covid pandemic highlights how emergency powers can be used by a president to rule without Congress.

From the start of his presidency, Biden has aggressively relied on congressionally delegated emergency public health powers to enact new laws. He extended President Trump's national emergency order indefinitely on the Covid pandemic by imposing mask and vaccine requirements on the nation while

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President Biden's Borders Lies



By Gary Wickert

It has been said that the best liar is he who makes the smallest amount of lying go the furthest. With that as our criterion, it is safe to say that Joe Biden is a horrible liar. His lies are innumerable and go only as far as a simple fact-check. Once somebody lies, we can no longer believe that person, but this tragedy is compounded when the liar is the President of the United States. These lies are the most dangerous to a functioning democratic republic because when the government lies, it threatens the ability of the people to perform their basic democratic function; to evaluate whether their elected representatives are doing their job. It is a passive crime bordering on treason, but American courts have determined that constitutional law has no power to constrain the government's power to lie. Even news is not the truth anymore. But a president lying to the people threatens the very stability of the country.

On Thursday, January 5, 2020, President Biden was apparently told that the humanitarian and political crisis along our southern border had reached epic proportions, and looking the other way would no longer suffice, because for 20 minutes he pretended to care about what was happening along our border with Mexico. Joe gave a speech which announced several border initiatives.

Biden announced new border "enforcement" actions to enforce security at our southern border, including:

• A new parole process for Venezuelans, Nicaraguans, Haitians, and Cubans.

• Expedited asylum (most of the illegitimate) cases

• Expand coordination with non-government organizations for alien care.

A should be obvious to the reader, these anemic action items amount to less than fluff, and serve only as seasoning for the myriad of lies which comprised the balance of his message.

President Biden, of course, soft-peddled the danger of the Administration's disastrous policies, doing what he does best by pointing the finger at Republicans in Congress for not agreeing to every liberal's wet dream of amnesty for every illegal alien—criminals, fentanyl dealers, gang members, cartel members, drug smugglers, and human traffickers among them. Even mentioning the word amnesty is catnip for every potential immigrant who has decided to act illegally rather than follow U.S. immigration law. Even CNN has announced that everybody should agree that we have a border crisis. Unfortunately, Joe Biden does not agree. You see, lying is not only saying what isn't true. It is also saying more than is true and, in the case of Joe Biden, saying more than one feels.

Biden said that he made efforts to pass a "comprehensive plan" (code for "amnesty") to secure the border and fix the immigration "system" (he couldn't even use the word "crisis"). But this is a lie. In his first year in office our president issued over 90 executive orders undoing U.S. border and immigration policies which had actually been working. If President Trump's name was on it—it got the axe. These actions have led to world record numbers of border encounters and illegal immigration.

Biden's next lie was that he didn't "buy" the notion that handling the increased number of illegal entries into the country was beyond our capacity. Yet, even mayors of the most liberal hell holes like Chicago and New York have raised the white flag after just a handful of illegals are bussed across their city borders. These mayors cite the massive increase in spending on health care, education, housing, and transportation and they immediately asked the federal government for help. Imagine the exponentially higher impact such illegal immigration is having on Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona. Texas' Attorney General Ken Paxton has said that illegal immigration costs Texas taxpayers more than $850 million each and every year—including over $700 million for public hospital district alone which provide uncompensated care for illegals. After failing to even visit the border during his presidency, he appears to be doubling down on exacerbating the border crisis.

Biden also lied when he claimed that Congress turned away his demands for funding to "secure" the border. You almost have to laugh out loud at this one. Biden's funding increased illegal immigration instead of decreasing it. All his proposals were for adding processing capacity so that we could get the illegals into the country faster and with less inconvenience for the illegals themselves. Joe Biden's $1.7 billion spending bill (aka, the "Omnibus Bill") specifically states that any of his requested "funding" for Customs and Border Protection may NOT be used "to acquire, maintain, or extend border security technology and capabilities, except for technology and capabilities to improve Border Patrol processing." He couldn't possibly be any more dishonest. Naturally, Republicans have resisted these initiatives because they make the problem worse—not better.

Biden also lied in his speech when he suggested that the 2.76 million undocumented illegals who crossed the border in 2022 were doing so to "flee oppression" and to "come to the freest nation in the world." He failed to mention the hundreds of thousands of fraudulent asylum claims—a real problem at the border.

The lies continued when Biden claimed that his "administration will continue to use that [Title 42] authority as the Supreme Court has required." The Title 42 Program (allowing officials to swiftly expel migrants who crossed the border illegally, all in the name of Covid-19 prevention) was set to expire on December 21, but the Supreme Court paused that ruling on December 19, ordering that the policy remain in place for the next few months at least. Biden has been actively fighting against Title 42 since it was put in place. But he has actively fought for mask mandates and vaccine requirements for the American people—a total contradiction in logic.

The lies sadden most Americans who understand they have been lied to. But the lies shouldn't surprise anybody. After all, this is the same fellow who has spouted some whoppers according to Politifact, including:

• He has been to "Afghanistan, Iraq and those areas" twice as president;

• The price of gas is "down from over $5 when I took office."

• Student loan forgiveness is "passed. I got it passed by a vote or two."

• The "average federal income tax" paid by the richest American is 8%. If you're a cop, a teacher, a firefighter, union worker, you probably pay two to three times that."

• Gun manufacturers are "the only industry in the country" that have immunity from lawsuits.

• When he took office there was no vaccine available.

• He has been in and out of Iraq and Afghanistan over 40 times.

• As a youth, "I got arrested" for protesting for civil rights.

• "I've been against that war in Afghanistan from the very beginning."

• "I used to drive a tractor trailer…I only did it for part of a summer."

• "The number of small businesses is up 30% compared to before the pandemic."

• "Al-Qaida is "gone" from Afghanistan."

• "the cost of an automobile, it's kind of back to what it was before the pandemic."

• "The Second Amendment, from the date it was passed, limited the type of people who could own a gun and what type of weapon you could own."

• "We are sending back the vast majority of the [illegal immigrant] families that are coming."

• "If we kept the minimum wage indexed to inflation, people would be making $20 an hour right now."

This is only a fraction of the list. All lies. Factcheck.org has its own long list; and the New York Post published an extensive article on December 20, 2022, entitled "Year in Biden Lies: How well do you know the falsehoods of our fibber-in-chief?"

Pathological liars tell compulsive lies without any clear motive. But in Joe Biden's case, he lies because he can. With a mainstream media complicit in his lies—and, in fact, serving as his mouthpiece for these lies—there appears to be no accountability. And the more lies he tells; the more millions of Americans are drawn to them.

> Life's most persistent and urgent questions is, 'What are you doing for others?'
>
> *-Martin Luther King, Jr.*

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Maryland, as special counsel to investigate the matter and oversee the review of documents found thus far at three different locations:

The DOJ has known about many of those documents, some reportedly marked "top secret," but kept that information under wraps since the first batch was discovered on Nov. 2, 2022 — six days before the midterm elections.

One or more of those first 10 documents addressed Ukraine at a time when Joe headed diplomatic relations with that country under the Obama administration and his son Hunter served as a no-show board member for Burisma, a corrupt energy company there where V.P. Biden demanded investigating the prosecutor be fired or he would have a billion dollars of U.S. money withheld.

That three-year period also covered other notable events, including the Maidan Revolution that overthrew then-Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovych and Russia's subsequent invasion and annexation of Crimea in February of 2014.

The first reported batch of classified documents turned up in the closet of Joe's private office at the Penn Biden Center for Diplomacy and Global Engagement, a think tank affiliated with the University of Pennsylvania located fewer than two miles from the White House.

The New York Post describes the Penn Biden Center as a "Biden administration patronage mill" and "dark money nightmare" which reportedly received $15.8 million in anonymous Chinese gifts in 2017 and another $14.5 million donation in May 2018, three months after the center formally opened.

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The University has reportedly paid Joe more than $900,000 for a non-teaching professor position since he first departed the White House.

A Biden Center/ China connection adds murky optics given that this first tranche of documents also covers the time when Hunter had accompanied his vice president dad on a 2013 trip to Beijing Aboard Air Force Two … returning 10 days later with a $1.5 billion deal his company inked with the Communist state-owned Bank of China.

Also reported in the Post, the Biden family has done five deals in China totaling some $31 million arranged by individuals with direct ties to Chinese intelligence — some reaching the very top of China's spy agency.

Other previously undiscovered or unreported classified documents were found in Biden's Wilmington, Delaware, residence garage alongside his Corvette and in home storage areas.

When asked by Fox News reporter Peter Doocy, "Classified materials next to your Corvette? What were you thinking?" Biden lamely responded, "My Corvette is in a locked garage, OK? So it's not like they're sitting out on the street."

"So, it was in a locked garage?" Doocy followed up.

"Yes, as well as my Corvette," Biden admitted.

This cavalier attitude was very different from Joe Biden's response to CBS News' Scott Pelly Sept. 18 "60 Minutes" query regarding what he thought about the discovery of Donald Trump's classified documents at Mar-a-Lago.

Biden told Pelly, "I thought, What data was in there that may compromise sources and methods? ... And it just– totally irresponsible."

Referring to that statement, Rep. James Comer, R-Ky, the new House Oversight Committee chair, said, "We expect the same treatment for President Biden, who has apparently inappropriately maintained classified documents in an insecure setting for several years."

Comer has demanded that the White House and the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) provide documents and information related to their handling of the Biden records — including the classified documents themselves.

Rep. Comer sent a letter to White House Counsel Stuart Delery stating that "The Committee is concerned that President Biden has compromised sources and methods with his own mishandling of classified documents." He also demanded a list of all the people who had access to Biden's personal office at the think tank and all documents and communications between the White House and the DOJ or NARA regarding the classified document find.

"NARA learned about these documents days before the 2022 midterm elections and did not alert the public that President Biden was potentially violating the law," Comer wrote.

There is a big legal difference between former President Trump's private possession of classified documents which he had full authority to declassify, versus Joe Biden's removal of such materials as vice president with no such license.

And whereas Trump's documents were held in a secure area previously checked by FBI agents, Biden's garage is quite a different matter as well.

"Is the White House going to be raided tonight? Are they going to raid the Bidens?" Comer asked, clearly suggesting there is a two-tier justice system favoring Democrats and the current president over Trump and the Republicans.

Don't count on an armed raid on Jill Biden's wardrobe closet as happened to former first lady Melania Trump any time soon.

Perhaps instead recall the pass former Obama Secretary of State Hillary Clinton received after destroying 30,000 congressionally subpoenaed documents on her unsecure server.

Janel Brandtjen: Representative Without Rival



By Steve Welcenbach

Very few elected leaders remain true to their core promises to the people they serve. Most of these leaders succumb to the power of the swamp, the allure of establishment perks, a longing for membership in the "cool kids" club, and the group think begins.

One elected leader, Janel Brandtjen (R-Menomonee Falls), defied the swamp and followed a pathway of integrity and true service, truly a Representative without Rival.

No other State Representative comes close to Janel's voting record on preserving innocent Life, school choice, crime, your second amendment rights or strengthening Wisconsin's families. Wisconsinites can always count on her to stand up and shout out the truth about any issue regardless of the incoming fallout from Leftist politicians, the fake news media or even members of her own party. The political courage Janel routinely displays needs to be replicated throughout our Wisconsin governmental system.

On Monday, January 5, 2015, a Waukesha County supervisor named Janel Brandtjen swore an oath to become a member of the Wisconsin State legislature. Ever since that moment, State Representative Janel Brandtjen took on the Madison establishment. And she's winning.

Killing 2015 Assembly bill 1 that put the school choice program at the mercy of DPI became Janel's first target. Sadly, "republican leadership" including Robin Vos and Dan Knodl offered that bill for consideration.

In June of 2017 Brandtjen demanded that Milwaukee Police Chief Edward Flynn resign after numerous tragedies which resulted from his "no chase policy" that enabled carjackers to speed away unchallenged. The policy encouraged carjacking and sent a soft on crime message to the criminal element. Janel took on tough questions in talk radio interviews and didn't shy away when the leftist media lambasted her efforts. Chief Flynn resigned on Jan 8, 2018.

Janel repeatedly called upon former Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett and other city leaders to rein in the criminals so personal safety, economic growth and prosperity could be reestablished in Milwaukee. No other Wisconsin Legislator joined in her plea including Robin Vos and Dan Knodl.

Since Gov. Scott Walker took office in 2011, the Wisconsin State biennial budget of $63 billion morphed to $90 billion, almost a 50% increase. With Republican majorities controlling both houses of the legislature, one might expect the "less government, less spending, less taxes" Republican Party platform to protect the Wisconsin citizen from this spending balloon. Apparently very few republicans honor their word. In fact, Janel Brandtjen remains the only returning republican legislator in the assembly to have Voted NO on multiple budgets. In Janel's 2017 press release, she details her reasons for not supporting the 2017-2019 budget. Every dollar government spends need to be scrutinized to ensure the appropriateness and necessity of each expenditure. That philosophy needs to spread throughout Madison!

In the 2019 budget disaster, Brandtjen and only two other representatives voted no on a budget that increased spending by $8 billion. Representatives Ramthun and Gundrum joined her in voting no to the outrageous spending package. Robin Vos and Dan Knodl voted for that spending debacle.

Protecting the unborn remains Janel Brandtjen's top legislative priority. Her unrivaled leadership on Pro-Life legislative initiatives earned her endorsements from all pro-life advocacy groups as well as being named Pro-Life Wisconsin's Legislator of the year.

Going back to 2015, Robin Vos and his leadership team, including then assistant majority leader Dan Knodl squashed a bill (AB 305) that would outlaw planned parenthood and other abortion providers from selling the body parts of murdered babies to the UW system. The Pro-Life duo of Jacque and Brandtjen introduced the bill. After the big money rolled in (Vos needs millions to protect his sycophants) Vos quickly killed the bill and cashed the checks.

Who would oppose such a bill? Go to https://lobbying.wi.gov/What/BillInformation/2015REG/Information/12213 to see the list of big money donors that have an interest in aborted baby body parts.

*Note: When the bill came out in August of 2015, Knodl did not sponsor the bill, only after the public hearing did he sign on, but then the republican team killed it. For the money.

In March of 2018, in response to the Parkland school shooting in Florida, Governor Scott Walker called a special session of the legislature to address school safety. That package authorized funding for school safety initiatives including "bullying." Republican leadership, which included Robin Vos and Dan Knodl, worked with retiring State Representative Lee Nerison to amend the bill to expand background checks from just handguns to all guns. These backroom deals typical of Republican leadership aim to sneak unpopular and unconstitutional items past the general public. Any and all changes to statute that affect our 2nd amendment rights need to be properly vetted and debated in full view, allowing the public to have input during the hearing process. Only Representatives Jacque, Allen, and Brandtjen asked unanimous consent to be recorded as voting "No" on the bill.

Note: Whenever Republican leadership (Vos and company) want to pass a bill without taking responsibility for it, they use a voice vote to hide personal voting records. That didn't work for Janel Brandtjen, Scott Allen and Andre Jacque who insisted their vote be recorded.

Election integrity cannot be separated from a Constitutional Republic. If each citizen's vote cannot be guaranteed to be properly counted, leaders will be installed instead of elected. Have you noticed? On November 6, 2020, two days after a presidential election day which displayed irregularities previously unseen, the Wisconsin Assembly Speaker Robin Vos announced his directive for the Assembly Committee on Campaigns and Elections to review the administration of Wisconsin's presidential election especially to "concerns surfacing about mail-in ballot dumps and voter fraud."

"Wisconsin citizens deserve to know their vote counted," Vos said in a statement.

Vos cited the committee's investigatory powers under state law to enact the directive. As more evidence of election fraud accumulated, Vos brought Assembly Resolution AR–15 to the floor in March, where the entire republican caucus directed the committee to fully investigate the 2020 election. But as Vos's role in the drop box fiasco and multiple illegal actions by the Wisconsin Election Commission (WEC) surfaced, Vos began to stonewall these efforts. By the autumn of 2022 he called the Chair of the Campaigns and Elections Committee and his own appointed special Counsel, Michael Gableman, conspiracy theorists. Below is a small sampling of what the committee found.

• 17,271 ballots were illegally harvested during the city of Madison's "democracy in the park"

• 48,455 ballots were cast by people who had declared themselves "indefinitely confined" after the clerks for Milwaukee and Dane counties illegally encouraged them to do so.

• 92,000 vulnerable seniors were denied the legal protections that statutorily required "special voting deputies" provide.

• 139,000 ballots were illegally harvested in Robin Vos's drop boxes.

The democrat Mayor of the city Green Bay installed a democrat operative from Brooklyn, New York to run Green Bay's election, over the objection of the city clerk. Both the clerk and the deputy clerk resigned.

To this day not one of the bad actors involved in these illegal activities has been brought to justice. As a matter of fact, they haven't even been questioned. Robin Vos won't allow it.

Representative Brandtjen procured through open records requests thousand of emails from Milwaukee, Racine, Madison, Green Bay and Kenosha that document the unacceptable roles outside groups played in the 2020 election. She also possesses thousands of documents from the 21 hearings she held over the course the past legislative session. Visit https://legis.wisconsin.gov/assembly/22/brandtjen for all the election documents.

Janel Brandtjen displayed over the past 2 years to all Wisconsinites her commitment to securing the integrity of every citizen's vote so we can truly elect our leaders in our constitutional government. Her political courage should light a fire under all Wisconsin voters to keep Janel in our legislature and demand other representatives to imitate her example.

Janel Brandtjen currently represents the 22nd Wisconsin Assembly District. She will be on the February 21st ballot in the Republican Party primary to replace Alberta Darling in the 8th Wisconsin Senate district.

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Abp. Viganò: Everyone will face God's judgment, even the architects of the Great Reset

By Lifesite News

The following is Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò's Epiphany message.

PRAISED BE JESUS CHRIST

This solemn day is sanctified by three miracles: the adoration of the Magi, the changing of water into wine at the wedding at Cana, and the Baptism of Christ in the Jordan. These miraculous signs show us the divinity of Our Lord and His universal Lordship over the cosmos, over nature and over us. It is no longer only the shepherds who are called by the Angels to recognize the Verbum caro factum, but it is the whole human race, it is all creation that the voice of God himself calls to adore Him, to listen to Him, to obey Him. A Lordship that some recognize with humble Faith and that others reject out of pride.

In the Martyrology on Christmas Eve, we heard sung the announcement of the Birth of the Savior secundum carnem, placed in history with a multiplicity of precise and detailed chronological references. The Toto orbe in pace composito that the cantor solemnly pronounces shortly before raising the tone of his voice to mark the historical reality of the salvific event of Christ's Birth refers to the triple triumph of Augustus, author and peacemaker of the Roman Empire. A human and pagan triumph, certainly; but which was intended to prepare the eternal triumph of the Rex pacificus, the immortal Emperor, the unconquered Sun. For this reason, January 6, established as a civil holiday to celebrate the human glory of Rome, was chosen by the Church to celebrate the undying glory of Christ, King of kings and Lord of lords.

In this age of apostasy, marked by wars and conflicts caused by rebellion against God, it is difficult to understand how the earthly authority of the Emperor could constitute in the plan of Providence the necessary prerequisite for the coming of the Lord. What seems to us more "normal" – so to speak – is the ferocious and ruthless response of Herod, who in his mad attempt to kill the Child King exterminated the children of Bethlehem whom we recalled a few days ago in the Liturgy. Life and death, peace and war, light and darkness, grace and damnation: we constantly have before our eyes the two great alternatives for ourselves, for our families, for civil society. And it is Christ who stands as a point of reference, as a stumbling block, asking us to make our moral choice, recognizing Him as our Life, our Peace, our Light, our everything. If not, that is, if we renounce this choice, if we wanted to declare ourselves neutral in the face of the battle fought by the angelic hosts against the infernal powers, we would still be making a choice on which our salvation and that of the whole world depends. We see it today: those who do not take the field under the banners of Christ inexorably end up being allies of His enemies, stand by watching as the innocents are killed by Herod, and before the manger refuse to adore the Lord, all in the name of a perverted concept of freedom and secularism in which the sovereign rights of God are denied or silenced.

And yet, precisely in contemplating the mysteries of this Most Holy Day, the Church shows us the need for the Epiphany, the manifestation of the divinity of Jesus Christ; a necessity for which Providence does not hesitate to move the stars, if a star can lead pagan scholars towards the light of Grace and conversion to the true God. In fact, the simple and faithful adoration of the shepherds, made up of a humble and poor interiority, was not enough: it recalls the act of faith of the individual, of each one of us, but remains incomplete for the fate of the world if it is not accompanied by the public and official adoration of those who hold authority on earth, since this authority is a reflection of the authority of God, the Supreme Legislator and Judge. As the Psalm prophesies: Et adorabunt eum omnes reges terræ; omnes gentes servient ei.

It is surprising, somehow, that it is wise men from the East who pay homage to the Child God, while the representatives of the imperial authority are absent, just as neither the king of Israel nor the High Priests appear; who also played a decisive role in trying and condemning the Lord to death. Present at the moment of death, but absent at the moment of life. Why do we not see the Roman Procurator, Herod, Annas and Caiaphas, the officials of the Sanhedrin and the scribes of the people around the manger, as we contemplate Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar kneeling before the Child intent on offering their gifts?

The answer is evident in all its simplicity. The shepherds adored Christ with the trusting abandonment of the simple, who has nothing to offer but himself and the poor things of daily life and his humble work. The Magi adored Christ thanks to His miraculous

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Here's what World Economic Forum leaders hope to push at this year's Davos conference

By Frank Wright

Since World Economic Forum (WEF) founder Klaus Schwab announced in 2019 that "[w]hat the fourth industrial revolution will lead to is a fusion of our physical, digital, and biological identity," the annual meetings of the globalist organization in Davos have broadly focused on this agenda for the future. What does this mean?

The WEF publishes a Global Risks Report before every meeting, which usually takes place in January each year. This year they have reduced their risk forecasts from the two-, five-, and ten-year model of previous years to a simpler prediction of the threats facing the world over the next two and ten years.

If we compare this to previous years we see an emphasis on environmental catastrophe, which adumbrates issues such as societal collapse and soaring inflation.

It is curious that the sample population for these polls sees the arguments of Greta Thunberg as more compelling than the fact their own minds, homelands, and economies have been ruined by the policies of the managerial class who govern them. The environmental concerns do not reflect those of ordinary people. The first objection to the agenda of the WEF, as stated here, is that of a credibility gap. Who are these people whose concerns exclude the most obvious objections to government policies?

No mention of the cost of bad governance

In a recent survey, 97 percent of Hungarians opposed the sanctions on Russia. No other Western nation has bothered to ask their populations whether they support the nine rounds of sanctions which have fuelled soaring inflation with no end in sight. Sensitively termed a "Cost of Living Crisis" by the WEF, it is more honestly termed a "Cost of Policy Crisis," as it is entirely due to government decision making on debt, on lockdowns, and on the self-defeating rounds of sanctions on Russia.

Sanctions have also failed to destroy Iran over a longer time scale, and have plainly not caused the collapse of Russia. The response of the U.S.-led West has been to talk up nuclear brinkmanship. The infamous Doomsday clock, long seen as an indicator of the likelihood of nuclear war, stands at 100 seconds to midnight, with the Bulletin of Atomic Scientists to announce an update on January 24. Tellingly, no mention is made in the forecasts of the WEF of the impact of a nuclear war.

Silence on the deficits

The WEF is, of course, inspired by the kind of posthuman futurism popularised by people such as Yuval Noah Harari. Presaging a future in which humans effectively become cybernetic organisms, the idea is that in order to best survive we should prepare to be dehumanised in significant ways. There is simply no argument for this nightmarish vision without a compelling emergency. It is for this reason the WEF promotes climate alarmism to the top of its Global Risks Agenda.

The posthuman project is not confined to dystopian visions of implants, social credit systems, a total surveillance state, and the abolition of private property and privacy. It is an ideology which includes the rejection of every meaningful dimension of human experience beyond the self and its desires. The rejection of God, notably by the omission of any mention of Christianity from the constitution of the European Union, is one aspect of the posthuman agenda. Another is moral inversion, which is the result of the abolition of any wider moral framework than individual desire.

The moral decline of the West, and the mental health costs of screen-based socialization, is a genuine crisis of humanity. Rather than being framed as the consequence of a form of governance increasingly reliant on the very technology which is destroying human scale relationships, this is seen by the WEF as an opportunity to usher in a posthuman, cybernetic future involving blanket biometric surveillance and the permanent fusion of humanity with machines.

The WEF was not the brainchild of Klaus Schwab, but was, like Facebook itself, initially a creation of the U.S. National Security State. The idea of the World Economic Forum emerged from a broader movement of technocratic post-industrial theorists in the late 1960s, whose chief concern was the use of technology to better manage future populations.

It was people such as Henry Kissinger, John Kenneth Galbraith, and Herman Kahn who, through the Nixon-era Council on Foreign Relations, first travelled to Europe with Schwab in 1970 to recruit the future membership of the World Economic Forum. The result was the first European Management Forum, as it was then called. Schwab himself admitted this in a New York Times piece on

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government printed, the more prosperity would follow? When did America embrace zero interest? Why do we believe $30 trillion in debt is no big deal?

When did clean-burning, cheap, and abundant natural gas become the equivalent to dirty coal? How did prized natural gas that had granted America's wishes of energy self-sufficiency, reduced pollution, and inexpensive electricity become almost overnight a pariah fuel whose extraction was a war against nature? Which lawmakers, which laws, which votes of the people declared natural gas development and pipelines near criminal?

Was it not against federal law to swarm the homes of Supreme Court justices, to picket and to intimidate their households in efforts to affect their rulings? How then with impunity did bullies surround the homes of Justices Brett Kavanaugh, Samuel Alito, Amy Coney Barrett, Neil Gorsuch, John Roberts, and Clarence Thomas, furious over a court decision on abortion? How could these mobs so easily throng our justices' homes, with placards declaring "Off with their d—s"?

Since when did Americans create a government Ministry of Truth? And on whose orders did the FBI contract private news organizations to censor stories it did not like and writers whom it feared?

How did we wake up one morning to new customs of impeaching a president over a phone call? Of the speaker of the House tearing up the State of the Union address on national television? Of barring congressional members from serving on their assigned congressional committees?

When did we assume the FBI had the right to subvert the campaign of a candidate it disliked? Was it legal suddenly for one presidential candidate to hire a foreign ex-spy to subvert the campaign of her rival?

Was some state or federal law passed that allowed biological males to compete in female sports? Did Congress enact such a law? Did the Supreme Court guarantee that biological male students could shower in gym locker rooms with biological women? Were women ever asked to redefine the very sports they had championed?

When did the government pass a law depriving Americans of their freedom during a pandemic? In America, can health officials simply cancel rental contracts or declare loan payments in suspension? How could it become illegal for mom-and-pop stores to sell flowers or shoes during a quarantine, but not so for Walmart or Target?

Since when did the people decide that 70 percent of voters would not cast their ballots on Election Day? Was this revolutionary change the subject of a national debate, a heated congressional session, or the votes of dozens of state legislatures?

What happened to Election Night returns? Did the fact that Americans created more electronic ballots and computerized tallies make it take so much longer to tabulate the votes?

When did the nation abruptly decide that theft is not a crime, assault not a felony? How can thieves walk out with bags of stolen goods, without the wrath of angry shoppers, much less fear of the law?

Was there ever a national debate about the terrified flight from Afghanistan? Who planned it and why?

What happened to the once trusted FBI? Why almost overnight did its directors decide to mislead Congress, to deceive judges with concocted tales from fake dossiers and with doctored writs? Did Congress pass a law that our federal leaders in the FBI or CIA could lie with impunity under oath?

Who redefined our military and with whose consent? Who proclaimed that our chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff could call his Chinese communist counterpart to warn him that America's president was supposedly unstable? Was it always true that retired generals routinely libeled their commander-in-chief as a near-Nazi, a Mussolini, an adherent of the tools of Auschwitz?

Were Americans ever asked whether their universities could discriminate against their sons and daughters based on their race? How did it become physically dangerous to speak the truth on a campus? Whose idea was it to reboot racial segregation and bias as "theme houses," "safe spaces," and "diversity"? How did that happen in America?

How did a virus cancel the Constitution? Did the lockdowns rob us of our sanity? Or was it the woke hysteria that ignited our collective madness?

We are beginning to wake up from a nightmare to a country we no longer recognize, and from a coup we never knew.

GOVERNMENT CIRCUS

The list of World Economic Forum summit attendees has been leaked

By Jordan Schachtel

The Dossier has acquired a confidential list of every individual (excluding some government officials) who will be in attendance for the World Economic Forum's (WEF) annual summit in Davos, Switzerland next week.

The attendees list is a massive roster of some of the most influential and diabolical forces in the corporate, governmental and "non-profit" world. From the United States, this includes the likes of FBI director Chris Wray, the CEOs of Amazon, BlackRock, and Pfizer, top officials at the Gates Foundation and in the Soros network, and the Publisher of The New York Times, to name a few.

The World Economic Forum (WEF), through its annual Davos conference, acts as the go-to in person, invite-only, closed to ideological outsiders policy and ideas shop for the global ruling class.

The World Economic Forum is a fanatical political organization masquerading as a neutral entity, with specific policy goals that involve centralizing power into the possession of hand-picked global elites as the only means to save the earth from a claimed climate emergency.

The WEF is the chief coalition builder for what amounts to a public-private fascist movement. Over the years, they've partnered with the most influential individuals in business, along with central bankers, governmental head honchos, and international organizations, in order to facilitate their top-down vision for technocratic tyranny, or what they call "stakeholder capitalism." The WEF seeks to deliberately roll back human progress, innovation, and personal flourishing, under the guise of saving the planet from a so-called climate emergency.

For the past several weeks, The Dossier has been dedicating significant resources to reporting on the ins and outs of the upcoming Davos conference.

As a matter of public interest and legitimate journalistic reporting, The Dossier is publishing the entire document here, which we modified with the necessary redactions to protect personal information.

Thank you to the anonymous sleuths who assisted The Dossier in uncovering these documents.



Let Them Eat Bugs

They started a war on our cattle
Which led to a hell of a battle.

Our burgers are now
made of crickets,

And buying real beef
needs their tickets,

Imprinted with silly Green prattle.

By Viv Forbes





Wisconsin Congressman Mike Gallagher?
NE Wisconsin, we need to rid ourselves of this globalist traitor!

Congress *cont. from page 7*

keeping the science supporting its proclamation secret.

Biden also mandated that 84 million Americans subject to the Occupational Safety and Health Act either obtain a Covid-19 vaccine or submit to weekly testing and imposed a nationwide eviction moratorium allegedly to stem the spread of Covid.

In his second year in office, Biden forgave $600 billion of student loan debt. His asserted authority is the 2003 Higher Education Relief Opportunities for Students Act ("HEROES"). Once these powers are delegated to the president, in a divided Congress, it is unlikely they can be reclaimed without a Supreme Court decision favorable to Congress.

There are 126 laws passed by Congress authorizing the President to use so-called "national emergency powers." These laws allow U.S. Presidents to keep this nation in a perpetual national emergency. President Biden knows how to use these powers; Congress does not know how to reclaim them. Ninety-six of these laws require nothing more than the signature of the president on an emergency proclamation. Fifteen of these emergency laws merely required identifying the specific subject matter or the need for armed forces. Only thirteen of these emergency laws require a congressional declaration of emergency.

Without a statutory definition of an "emergency," its meaning and scope is left to the vagueness of the dictionary. Merriam-Webster defines a national emergency as "a state of emergency (an unforeseen circumstance needing immediate action) resulting from a danger or threat of danger to a nation from foreign or domestic sources and usually declared to be in existence by a governmental authority." A very subjective definition.

The troubling use of Biden's proclamations is that they were invoked without any direct factual findings to support the actions. The public health emergency law Biden relied upon is a waiver of liability law for those assisting the federal government address Covid, i.e., protecting the pharmaceutical companies from liability. And the HEROES Act referenced loan repayment as the financial harm to students as the emergency for loan forgiveness.

The only requirement to implement emergency power is the president must specify the provision of law under which he will act. The provision cited does not need to relate to the actions taken.

The emergency law terminates on the anniversary of its declaration unless the President notifies Congress of its continuation. The only legislative option for terminating an emergency is for Congress, by joint resolution, to terminate it. Since joint resolutions must be signed by the president, their repeal is difficult since Congress needs a two-thirds majority to override a likely presidential veto. Otherwise, these emergency powers are continuously available to the president.

In addition to health emergencies, other emergency powers available to the president include the ability to control airports, industrial facilities, and any device capable of emitting electromagnetic radiation, i.e., our communications system. The authority most used is the International Emergency Economic Powers Act ("IEEPA"). It authorizes the president to invoke emergency powers relating to U.S. national security, foreign policy, or the economy, including financial and commercial transactions. Sanctions can be imposed on individuals as well as countries, including the freezing of bank accounts and the seizure of assets. While there is a requirement that the threat be related to an activity in whole or part outside of the U.S., it is easy for a president to assert a foreign connection merely by accusation. The IEEPA has been invoked 55 times.

Literally, Congress through the enactment of the National Emergencies Act gives all presidents the power to be a dictator at their chosen time. The only possible restraint is for Congress to repeal such power. While an irrelevant Congress lacks the votes to enact a law repealing a president's emergency powers, one house of Congress opposed to the president, could "Just say No" to funding the implementation of the emergency powers.

Congress further diminishes itself by delegating war powers to the Executive

Periodically there is a howling debate over the president's use of war powers, usually involving hostile actions against countries Congress has not declared war against. The political party out of power calls the actions unconstitutional, and introduces a never-to-pass, resolution, expressing "disapproval" so its members have media talking points. The President usually claims there to be an imminent attack on the U.S. but rarely provides evidence of any attack. While the president is the commander-in-chief of the armies, only Congress has the power… "To declare War." Since the United States fights many undeclared wars, a discussion of how Congress abdicates this primary constitutional duty is necessary to appreciate how irrelevant Congress has become by delegating its war powers authority to the Executive.

The War Powers Act of 1973 was enacted to prevent another long but undeclared Viet Nam War situation. Under the Act, Congress grants the President, in the absence of a Declaration of War, limited powers to use force where imminent involvement in hostilities is clearly indicated by the circumstances. When the President relies on this law, he must submit to Congress a report setting forth the circumstances requiring armed forces, a statement of legal authority, and the scope and duration of the conflict. The submission of the report to Congress triggers a 60-day time limit on the use of force unless Congress extends the time.

Additionally, in 2001, Congress enacted the Authorized for Use of Military Force Against Terrorists, ("AUMF") which allows the president to use all necessary and appropriate force against nations, persons or organizations that carried out the 2001 terrorists' attacks against the U.S.

The dilemma for Congress is that the President, as commander-in-chief, acts as if these powers are so broad, they authorize almost any hostile action against another country. Congress has little ability to pass a Resolution of Disapproval and, if passed, almost no ability to override a presidential veto. As a result of delegated authority under the War Powers Act, the president determines the war and Congress just salutes.

As a nation, we are 234 years from the ratification of the Constitution. At that time the U.S. has been at war for 138 years. Only five wars, totaling 32 years of war were fought under a congressional declaration of war – the War of 1812, the Mexican War, the Spanish-American War, and World Wars I and II.

Examples of abuse of the War Powers Act

President Reagan deployed troops to El Salvador but did not submit a report to Congress, or comply with a withdrawal requirement. President George H.W. Bush sent troops to the middle-east and President Clinton sent troops to former Yugoslavia. Both asserted they were acting under UN authority, and not subject to congressional time limits.

Presidents George W. Bush, Obama, and Trump relied on AUMF at least 39 times for actions in 19 countries. Lawsuits were filed to enforce the notification provisions of the War Powers Act. The courts dismissed the lawsuits as political questions to be determined by the respective branches of government.

Afghanistan, our longest undeclared war, cost the nation $2.313 trillion, approximately $300 million a day for 20 years. The death toll was significant, 2,500 U.S. military, 4,000 civilians, and 69,000 Afghan military police. Congress never used its spending power authority to cut funds off to stop the war. It's time Congress has the courage to reclaim its War Powers.

Transforming Congress from irrelevancy to primary lawmaker

The first step Congress must take to reclaim its constitutional role in the Republic is to admit it is irrelevant and then take the steps needed to reassert it is the nation's primary lawmaker. Its first step should be the use of its spending power to check the powers of an out-of-control Executive, no matter which political party controls the presidency.

William L. Kovacs, author of Reform the Kakistocracy, winner of the 2021 Independent Press Award for Political/Social Change, and former senior vice president at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

The Amazing Accomplishments of Jay Lehr

By Joseph Bast

Dr. Jay H. Lehr, one of the world's most famous scientists and most fierce critic of the corruption of climate science, passed away on January 10, 2023. He was 86 years old.

Lehr was marked for success at an early age, graduating from Princeton University at the age of 20 with a degree in Geological Engineering. He went on to receive the nation's first Ph.D. in Groundwater Hydrology from the University of Arizona and later became executive director of the National Association of Groundwater Scientists and Engineers.

Lehr first achieved national and international notice with the release in 1992 of Rational Readings on Environmental Concerns, a thick compendium of essays on a wide range of environmental issues written by many of the world's leading scientists. The book's recurring theme, that environmental risks are widely misunderstood and often exaggerated for political ends, would become Lehr's lifelong message.



Rational Readings was one of a handful of books (others include Julian Simon's The Ultimate Resource (1981), Simon and Herman Kahn's The Resourceful Earth (1984), and Aaron Wildavsky's But Is It True? (1997)) that exposed the growing corruption of science by progressives, including communists, who sought to frighten the public into embracing socialist policies. The book had a profound influence on the public debate at the time and an even greater long-term impact by letting many whistle-blowers in the science community know they were not alone.

Rational Readings was followed by many more books and more than 1,000 magazine and journal articles. Collecting and editing the work of others was one of Lehr's superpowers. He edited McGraw-Hill's Handbook on Environmental Science, Health and Technology (2000); Wiley's Remediation Technologies Handbook (2004); the Environmental Instrumentation and Analysis Handbook (2005); the six-volume Water Encyclopedia (2005); and Wiley Interscience's Nuclear Energy Encyclopedia: Science, Technology, and Applications (2011).

While his publications alone placed Lehr in the pantheon of the world's leading public intellectuals, his second superpower was being an extraordinary public speaker. He spoke before thousands of audiences, large and small, in the U.S. and around the world. He invariably received standing ovations and was surrounded by fans and well-wishers immediately after stepping down from a podium.

Lehr's popularity with audiences was so great that programs had to be delayed and audience members asked to follow him out of the room so the next speaker could have his turn.

One of Lehr's passions was finding a way to condense the complex science of climate change into easily digested talking points that the average layperson could use when talking to family and friends. It was a difficult challenge given the interdisciplinary nature of climate science and the intense politicization of the climate debate. But he never stopped trying.

One result of his efforts was his "Ten Things You Need to Know about 'Global Warming," a list he had printed and placed on every chair in a room before he spoke.

What, exactly, made Jay Lehr one of the most influential scientists in the world? One thing was short-term photographic memory. He could write a speech, rehearse it a few times, and then deliver it flawlessly without notes. Another thing was a metabolism that allowed him to work 18 and even 20 hours a day. Long after everyone else was sound asleep, Lehr would be studying, writing, and rehearsing for tomorrow.

A third secret was Lehr's physical fitness. He exercised, ran, biked, and swam for several hours every day. In 1990 he wrote a book about it (of course) titled Fit, Firm & 50. He thrilled crowds who lined the annual Princeton alumni parade route by walking the entire route on his hands, and when he could no longer manage that, rode a unicycle. He completed nine successive Hawaiian Ironman triathlons, winning his last full Ironman for his age group in 2007 in Panama Beach, Florida.

In 2016, at the age of 80, he was the reigning national champion in his age group in the Aqua Bike race, a 1.2 mile swim and 56 mile bike race. He still played baseball (catcher) and ice hockey (goalie) with teammates half his age or even younger. He was featured in Parachute Magazine in March 2010 for setting a new world record, having jumped from an airplane each and every month for 32 consecutive years.

But Lehr's most important secret to success was an amazingly positive attitude that animated his speech, gestures, and expressions. Good things weren't just nice or even excellent to Lehr, they were "fabulous!" Guests on his podcasts weren't just good, they were "the best guests I have ever had on my show!" Lehr's enthusiasm was highly contagious; people loved to be around him. He radiated positive energy.

Lehr's sunny outlook on life came in part from a philosophy he shared with me a decade ago (or maybe it was two). He called it his "Ten Rules for Living the Good Life." They included "Be kind in every human interaction," "Do not ever complain," and what became a favorite of ours, "Let no one rain on your parade."

I printed and framed Lehr's "Rules for Living" and it hung above my desk for many years. I probably read those words a hundred times while on the phone or pacing the room trying to solve a problem. I learned today that it is still hanging on a wall at The Heartland Institute, four years after my retirement.

Jay Lehr is still inspiring others to find wonder in the world, speak the truth, and live the good life.

Joseph Bast was founder and president of The Heartland Institute, where Jay Lehr was science director from 1993 to 2018. Bast retired in 2018.

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5. Do not ever complain.
6. Blame no one for disappointment other than yourself.
7. Your reward for every job you do well is the well done job.
8. Assess your personal physical and health progress each day.
9. Find the wonders experienced by an 8 year old in each day.
10. Let no one rain on your parade.

Short Takes

By Ken Van Doren

There is nothing in a caterpillar that tells you it's going to be a butterfly.
-R. Buckminster Fuller

Art is the triumph over chaos.
-John Cheever

I sometimes think that God in creating man somewhat overestimated his ability. -Oscar Wilde

The first condition of understanding a foreign country is to smell it.
-Rudyard Kipling

The earth has received the embrace of the sun and we shall see the results of that love. -Sitting Bull

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love. -Francis of Assisi

Common sense is not so common.
-Voltaire

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

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

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

To a smart girl men are no problemthey're the answer.
-Zsa Zsa Gabor

To live happily is an inward power of the soul. -Marcus Aurelius

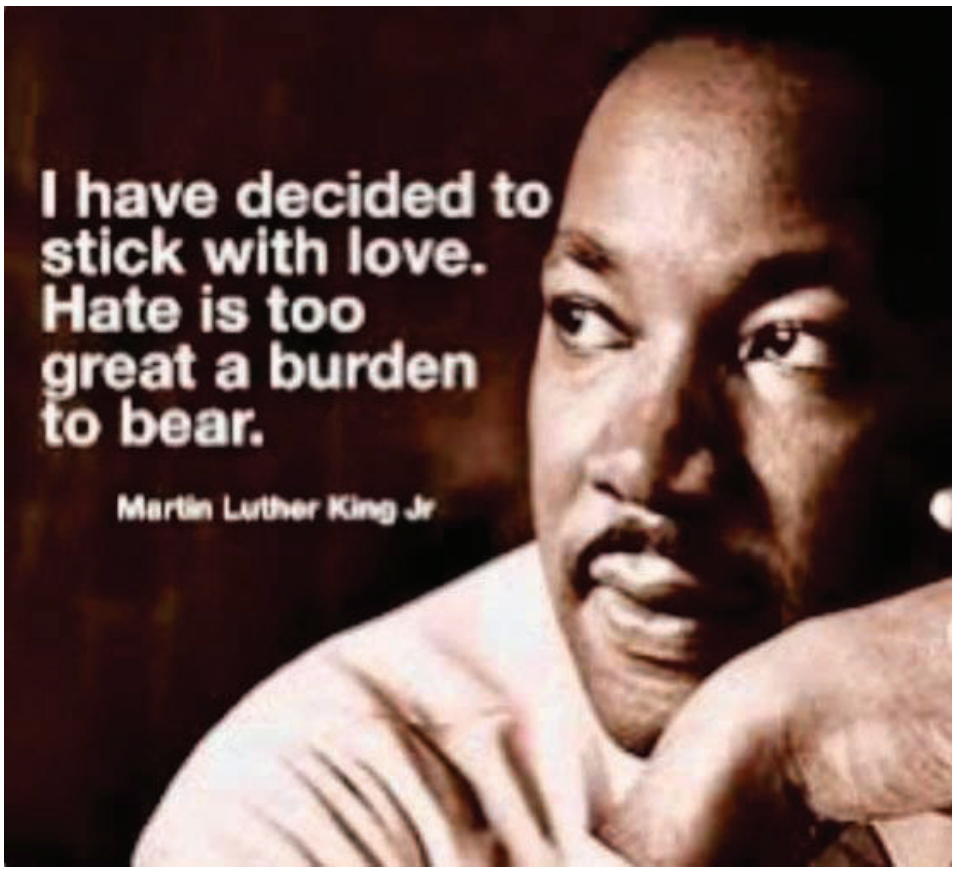
Our character is what we do when we think no one is looking.
-H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

Common sense is not so common.
-Voltaire

Facts are stubborn, but statistics are more pliable.
-Mark Twain

Wisdom to Live By

Make today a microcosm of all you want to achieve in life. -Dr. Jay Lehr

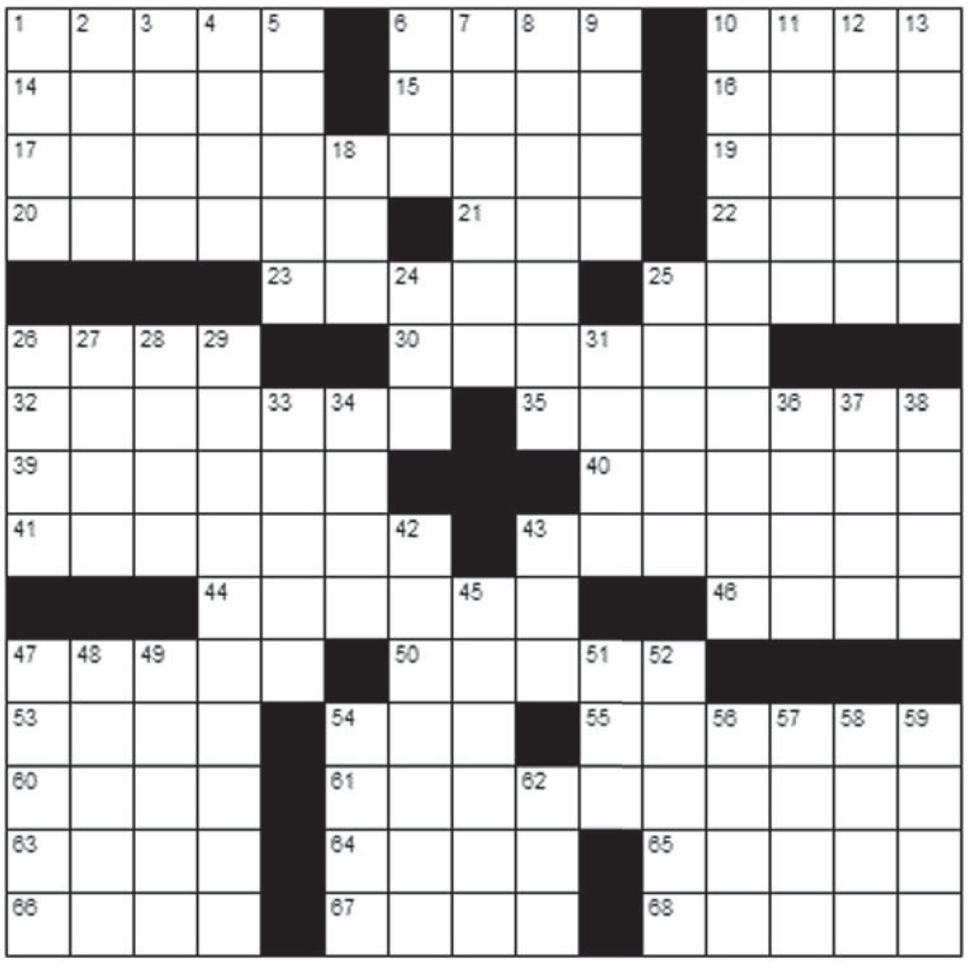


THE GAME PAGE

Crossword Puzzler

ACROSS
1. Supplemented
6. Absent Without Leave
10. Desire
14. Hag
15. Magma
16. Midday
17. Female attendant
19. Blowgun missile
20. Vomiting
21. Before, poetically
22. Being
23. Russian emperors
25. Since
26. Tiny sphere
30. Sleeping sickness carrier
32. Atone
35. Palatable
39. Hyrax
40. Anagram of "Rustic"
41. Besmirched
43. Alien
44. Fail to fulfill a promise
46. An amount of medicine
47. Common beet
50. Blithely
53. City in Peru
54. Arrive (abbrev.)
55. Ventilate
60. Nameless
61. A disorder of memory
63. Cozy
64. Biblical garden
65. Most dogs have them
66. Combustible pile
67. Collections
68. Winged

DOWN
1. Pang
2. Apothecary's weight
3. Accomplished
4. Terminates
5. To yield or submit
6. Former boxing champ
7. Waterproof hip boots
8. Supervise
9. Alley
10. Unvanquished
11. Cut of beef
12. Furze
13. Go in
18. Donkey
24. Consumed food
25. Active
26. What we sleep on
27. Test
28. Church alcove
29. Randomize
31. Meal in a shell
33. Broadcast
34. Adolescent
36. Invigoration
37. Totes
38. Feudal worker
42. Demean
43. Effeminate
45. Loft
47. Fastener
48. Child of a male horse and female donkey
49. French for "Love"
51. Flee
52. Busybody
54. Mimics
56. Genuine
57. Largest continent
58. Lean
59. Alleviate
62. Autonomic nervous system



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Fill in the blank squares so that each row, each column and each 3-by-3 block contain all of the digits 1 thru 9.

Answers on page 19

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Inflation 101 for President Biden

By Andrew Zuekle

I admit I am not an economics major. However, like you, I have common sense, something the current federal administration desperately needs. In the event that our current president may read this, here is a pop quiz for him about inflation and devaluation –

• Mr. President, imagine you are at an estate sale, and you successfully bid on a box of sports memorabilia. You find a baseball card of a famous player in mint condition in the box.

Question. In which case will the baseball card be worth the most?

a) You find out your card is a one-of-a-kind, and some collectors will pay $150,00 minimum for it.

b) You find out there are 199 other cards of that same famous player in the world also in mint condition.

c) "It makes no difference. Since both (a) and (b) are of the same famous player in mint condition, all cards are still worth $150,000 each, regardless of how many cards are in existence."

• Mr. President, with the creation of the Federal Reserve in 1913 and President Nixon taking America off the gold standard in 1971, we have had fiat money backed by nothing as the "legal tender for debts public and private."

Question. Is flooding a nation's economy with paper money for government spending, stimulus checks, and deficit spending good or bad fiscal policy?

a) It is bad; it causes inflation. Throughout history, when poor nations just turned on their printing presses, cranking out massive amounts of paper money, their economies suffered inflation, hyperinflation, and economic collapse.

b) It is bad because the President and Congress swore to uphold and defend the Constitution. Article 1, section 10, clause 1 "No state shall coin money, emit bills of credit, or make anything but gold and silver coin a tender in payments of debt."

c) "Neither (a) nor (b). It is good for the federal government to print more money to cut stimulus checks and increase entitlement spending to "meet the needs" of poor people who are hurting. Also, we have deficit spent for decades, and America's economy hasn't collapsed, which means it never will. Saying otherwise is fear-mongering from heartless alt-right Republicans who claim to be "Christians" but want to cut entitlement spending. WWJD, conservatives?"

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ESG's *cont. from page 1*

As most people know, ESG stands for Environmental protection, Social justice, and Governance of corporate and societal affairs. They're all noble-sounding causes. However, under ESG they're centered around progressive, woke agendas, with prevention of "manmade climate cataclysms" uppermost. Fund assets are used to drive "net zero" climate agendas and punish or de-fund fossil fuel companies.

That narrow focus creates serious problems. Those trillions of dollars are supposed to be passively invested in index and other funds, under fiduciary obligations to secure maximum returns in support of state, local, corporate and personal retirement and investment accounts. Under ESG, however, strong returns are too often sacrificed to serve politicized agendas, often in collusionwith governments, activists and other financial institutions, and thus also in violation of antitrust laws and basic ethical principles.

That's why Asset manager Vanguard recently left the UN-sponsored "Glasgow Financial Alliance for Net Zero." Meanwhile, Arizona, Florida, Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, North Carolina, Texas, West Virginia and other states are pulling tens of billions of dollars out of BlackRock, State Street and other Wall Street asset management firms, for violating fiduciary duties. It's just the tip of the fraud iceberg.

Woke ESG practitioners also employ narrow ES&G definitions to virtue-signal, pontificate and impose prescriptive agendas with little or no regard for the consequences. When the "existential threat of manmade climate change" is the primary arbiter, enormous problems associated with replacing fossil fuels with "clean renewable energy" are simply ignored, suppressed and censored out of the analysis.

People and planet realities absolutely have to be included in any ethical ESG analysis.

Environmental protection. Rather than looking only at the temperatures, storms, droughts, rising seas and other environmental costs that climate models falsely blame on fossil fuel emissions – any accurate and honest ESG scorecard must also assess the enormous ecological impacts from wind-solar-battery (WSB) energy systems that will supposedly replace oil, gas and coal.

WSB systems and associated transmission lines do not appear spontaneously, via Materials Acquisition for Global Industrial Change (MAGIC). They require mining on unprecedented scales. President Biden's initial batch of offshore wind turbines alone would require 110,000 tons of copper, refined from 25,000,000 tons of ore, after removing 40,000,000 tons of overburden – plus millions of tons of iron, manganese, aluminum, nickel, concrete, plastics and other materials ... from billions of tons of ores.

Replacing all U.S. coal and gas electricity generation with WSB – plus gasoline vehicles and gas stoves and furnaces – would require tens of thousands of wind turbines, billions of solar panels, billions of battery modules for vehicles and backup electricity storage, and thousands of miles of new transmission lines. Has BlackRock calculated the ore body and mining requirements for that? For a global transition?

All those turbines, panels, modules, transmission lines, mines, processing plants and factories have to be located somewhere. Have the ESG potentates determined in whose backyards they will go? (Probably not Larry Fink's or John Kerry's.) Have they assessed the impacts on scenery, habitats and wildlife? the air and water pollution from the mines and other operations? the likelihood that endangered right whales would be driven to extinction by wind turbine installations off the U.S. Atlantic Coast?

Do all these WSB mines, foundries, factories and impacts even get (obviously negative) ESG scores?

Social justice. ESG theology holds that the poor and people of color suffer most from climate change. In reality, they benefitmost from having abundant, reliable, affordable fuels and electricity – for cars, jobs, modern homes, cooking, heat and air conditioning. In fact, the poor and people of color are not faring all that well in Britain and Europe, where the "transition to green energy" is well underway.

Over seven million British households have fallen into "fuel poverty" this winter, and special "warm rooms" have been set up to help people survive freezing weather. Recent headlines warn that Britain could have nationwide blackouts and extensive factory shutdowns and layoffs this winter. In Germany, families are stocking up on candles, so that they can at least read while they shiver jobless in their homes.

People are dying – who would have survived illnesses and preexisting health conditions if they hadn't been so impoverished, cold and malnourished. In the USA, 14% of seniors have skipped meals and 10% delayed or canceled medical procedures or rationed prescription medications in 2022 because of sharply rising energy, food and other prices. Honest ESG scores would factor all this in, as well.

Developing countries desperately need dependable, affordable electricity to create jobs, lift families out of poverty, modernize homes, schools and hospitals, provide clean water, and replace wood and animal dung for cooking and heating. Even today, millions of parents and children die from respiratory and intestinal diseases that are unheard of in wealthy countries, because they don't have electricity.

ESG scoring ignores all of this, actively stymies investment in fossil fuel power plants in African and other countries, and attempts to limit financing to wind and solar energy and whatever jobs and living standards this limited, weather-dependent energy can support. That's hardly ethical or socially responsible.

Governance of corporate and societal affairs. ESG activists and financial institutions coopt and collude with corporate, federal, state and local governments to serve the climate crisis agenda, and drive investment out of fossil fuel endeavors and into "renewable" energy. In essence, this is fascism, an economic system in which government doesn't own the means of production, but controls them through laws, policies and arrangements with financial institutions, corporations, activists, media and academia.

Equally troublesome, ESG inevitably results in modern industrialized nations de-developing, as their factories and jobs migrate to China, India and other countries that are not obligated under climate agreements to reduce their coal and natural gas use anytime soon, have no intention of doing so, and are burning record amounts of coal to ensure reliable and affordable electricity.

This also raises disturbing national security concerns, as the United States and its allies become ever more dependent on Chinese factories and Chinese controlled supply chains for wind, solar, battery, transformer, communication, computing, healthcare and even defense/weaponry raw materials and technologies.

ESG advocates minimize these concerns, even as they ignore how soaring raw material demands under Net Zero agendas would trigger skyrocketing prices for increasingly scarce commodities, and thus imperil the energy infrastructures and economies of nations across the globe.

The words scam and fraud come to mind. But an even better term has its origins in China – Shanghaied: using trickery, intimidation or violence to force someone to serve your navy ... or company. In this case, ESG pressures are forcing investors, companies and countries to serve the interest of China's government and corporate sectors, which control supply chains and manufacturing for technologies of every description, especially in the energy sector. ESG scorecards pay no attention to this, either.

In fact, BlackRock, State Street, other ESG stalwarts, and their government and environmentalist allies seem intent on destroying our planet with "green" energy, to save it from fossil fuel calamities that exist in climate models and fevered imaginations (as in "Earth has a fever") ... but not in the Real World.

This Christmas or Hanukkah, let's all give our friends, relatives and financial institutions the gift of wise, honest, accurate and insightful Environmental, Social and Governance principles.

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

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

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

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Coming For Your Stove



By Craig Rucker

America has an abundant supply of inexpensive, clean-burning natural gas. Naturally, the climate-Left hates it.

Now they're coming for our stoves, despite the fact that natural gas is the choice of millions of cooks from the home kitchen to the finest restaurants.

"These are truly crazy times," said CFACT's Marc Morano on The Joe Piscopo Show, "everyday we wake up and find some unelected bureaucrat is seeking to ban something." .Marc also tackled the issue on David Horowitz's Frontpage Magazine video podcast, Vicki McKenna radio, and Newsmax TV. Marc was scheduled for Fox and Friends on Wednesday but the airline shutdown bumped his segment at the last minute.

CFACT's Gabriella Hoffman also was published in Townhall on this matter, with a piece titled "My Kitchen, My Choice: Hands Off Our Gas Stoves."

The Wall Street Journal Editorial Board summed it up nicely, writing, "A Biden appointee on the Consumer Product Safety Commission explicitly threatened to ban gas stoves based on dubious evidence of public-health harm. 'This is a hidden hazard,' said commissioner Richard Trumka Jr. 'Any option is on the table. Products that can't be made safe can be banned...' Don't believe this week's denials. Progressive Democrats really are coming for your kitchen appliances... Progressive cities such as Berkeley, San Francisco and New York City have already banned gas stoves and other appliances in new buildings. New York Gov. Kathy Hochul this week proposed a ban on gas equipment including stoves in new small buildings in 2025 and larger ones in 2028."

The Biden Administration rushed out denials that it intended to ban gas stoves, but as the WSJ made clear, the all-out war on natural gas is real. It is driven by an unholy alliance between the anti-hydrocarbon climate-Left and wind and solar profiteers whose inefficient energy can't handle the competition from this plentiful and efficient energy source. Natural gas is an extremely clean burning fuel, emitting a third less CO2 than oil and nearly half less CO2 than coal. Burning natural gas does not emit ash and particulates like oil and coal. It was the wide scale adoption of burning natural gas to generate electricity that allowed the United States to reduce CO2 emissions more than any other nation (if that's your thing).

The latest justification for the attack on gas stoves is that they increase childhood asthma, which is a claim without basis in fact.

Robert Bryce, producer of the Power Hungry Podcast clearly laid out the science which debunks the spurious link between gas stoves and asthma saying, "The most definitive study of cooking fuels and asthma was done in 2000. The study was published in 2013... in The Lancet... the study looked at 500,000 children over a multi-year period, and sent questionnaires to their parents or their mothers saying... to identify symptoms... The results of the study said, quote, 'We detected no evidence of an association between the use of gas as a cooking fuel and either asthma symptoms or asthma diagnosis.'"

America is fortunate to have plentiful reserves of natural gas. It is a crucial component of our energy mix.

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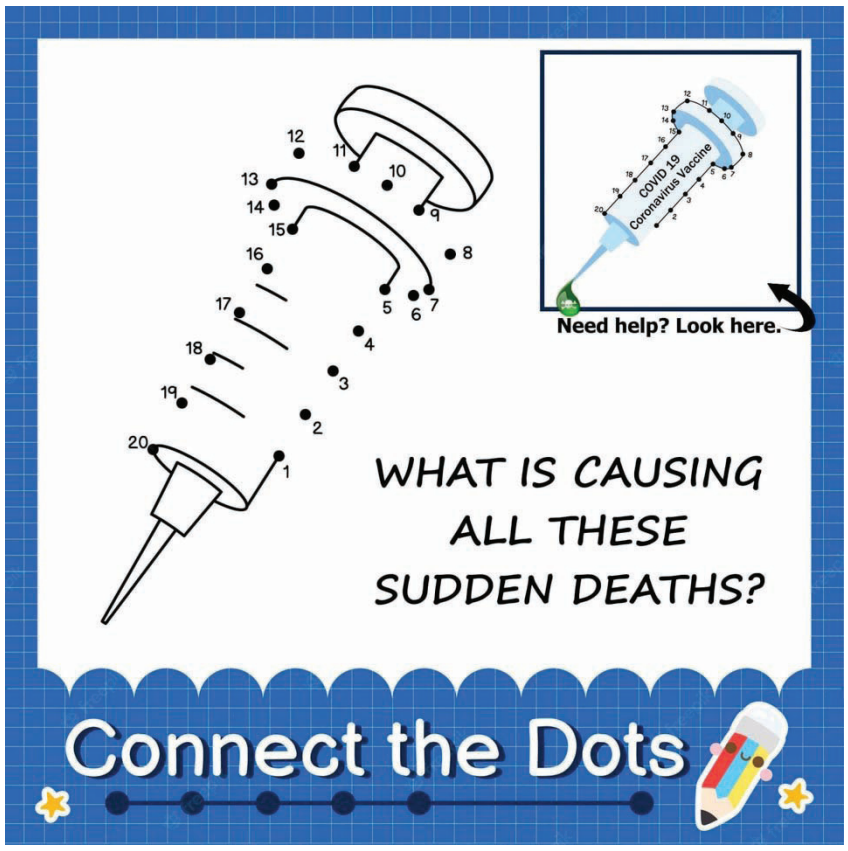

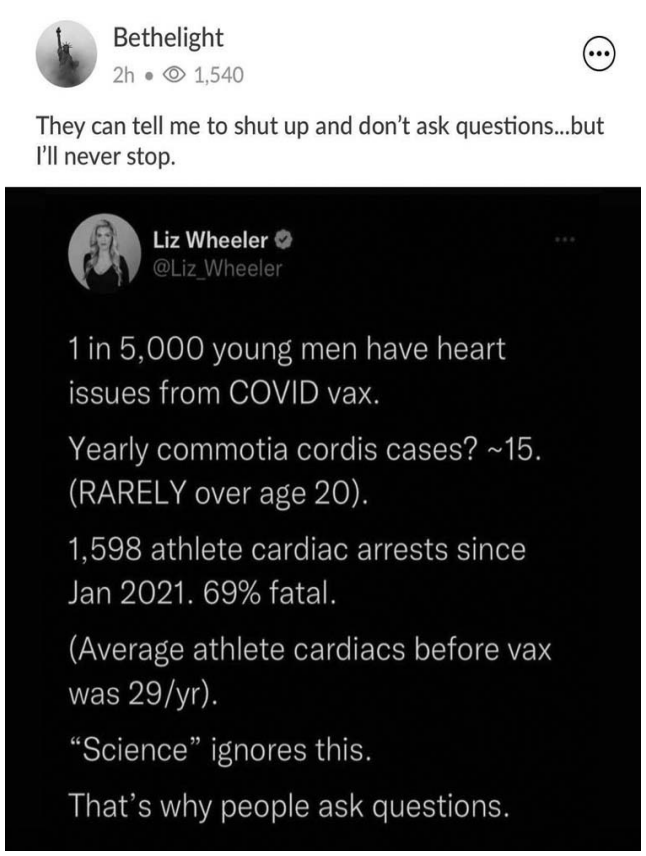

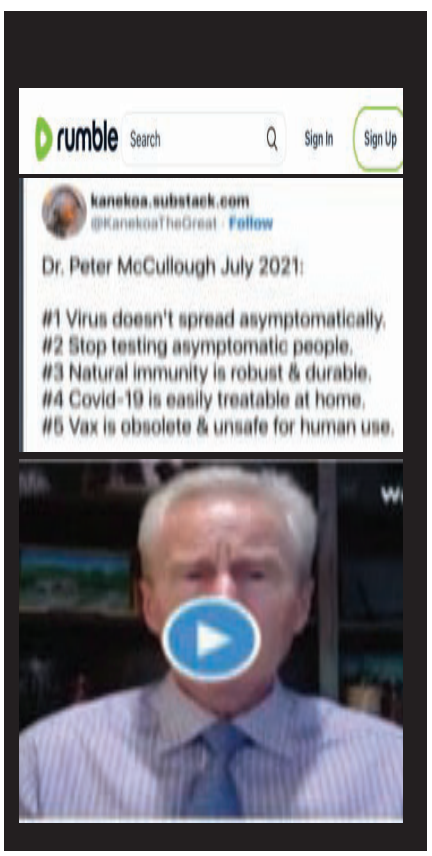

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circulating. Fauci was the key witness. The only question on everyone's mind came down to the most primal fear: am I going to die from this thing, like in the movies?

This was one day before Trump's announcement of the travel ban from Europe, the UK, and Australia, essentially sealing the borders of the US to an extent never before attempted, thus separating families and loved ones and trapping billions of people in their nation states. It was five days before the evil declaration by all health authorities to immediately shut down all places where people could congregate.

These few days will remain a case study in irrationality and crowd madness. Fauci, on the day of his testimony, however, seemed like a paragon of stability. He was calm and clear, nearly bloodless in his tone. The substance of what he said, at the same time, was clearly designed to generate panic and create the conditions for a full lockdown.

He had the countenance of a doctor who was telling the family that a beloved father was terminally ill with 30 days to live.

In particular, and in contrast to the testimony prepared by CDC/NIH, Fauci spoke to the severity of the virus. To the average member of Congress, the answer here was crucial because it addressed the only two serious issues: "Am I going to die?" and "Will I be blamed and politically punished if my constituents die?"

To this, he responded with what seemed like science but was actually completely wrong, dreadfully wrong, catastrophically wrong. He claimed that we knew for sure that at best Covid was 10 times deadlier than the flu. In fact, he threw around so much data confetti that a person could have easily believed that he was downplaying the severity to promote calm. His intention was the opposite.

Here is what he said, and please read carefully to catch the implications:

SARS was also a Coronavirus in 2002. It infected 8,000 people and it killed about 775. It had a mortality of about 9 to 10 percent. So, that is only 8,000 people in about a year. In the two-and-a-half months that we have had this Coronavirus, as you know, we now have multiple multiples of that.

So, it clearly is not as lethal, and I will get to the lethality in a moment, but it certainly spreads better. Probably for the practical understanding of the American people, the seasonal flu that we deal with every year has a mortality of 0.1 percent. The stated mortality over all of this when you look at all the data including China is about three percent. It first started off as two and now three.

I think if you count all the cases of minimally symptomatic or asymptomatic infection, that probably brings the mortality rate down to somewhere around one percent, which means it is 10 times more lethal than the seasonal flu. I think that is something that people can get their arms around and understand….

I think the gauge is that this is a really serious problem that we have to take seriously. I mean people always say, well the flu, you know, the flu does this, the does that. The flu has mortality of 0.1 percent. This has mortality of ten times that, and that is the reason why I want to emphasize, we have to stay ahead of the game in preventing this.

Just think through the flim-flam here. He begins with the figure of a 10 percent case fatality rate from a similar virus. The thinking in the room is already stuck on 10. Then he says this virus has killed more in a shorter period of time, which implies more severity. He quickly dials that back but warns that this is more easily spread, which suggests that perhaps it is even higher. Then he dials that back and says that so far the mortality rate is 3 percent.

But then he quickly adds in "minimally symptomatic or asymptomatic infection" and comes to a rough number of 1 percent, thus failing completely here to distinguish between cases and infections, which used to be a core metric that he and so many others completely obliterated.

That's a side point but an important one. The distinction between cases and infections has been crushed, leaving us utter data chaos.

Fauci spoke this final number with so many other numbers before it that no one could figure out which way was up. The main takeaway anyone would have is that there is going to be vast bloodshed.

So what do we do? Fauci here was quick with the answer:

How much worse it will get will depend on our ability to do two things, to contain the influx in people who are infected coming from the outside and the ability to contain and mitigate within our own country.

In other words: lockdown.

Thus was the stage set. To be sure, there is some mental connection between severity and policy response but there probably should not be. Even if this virus had a 10 percent fatality rate, what does locking down achieve? It was never even clear what the point was. The "spread" could not be stopped forever. The hospitals weren't really overcrowded, as we've seen. There was never a chance for Zero Covid, as the catastrophic experience of China and New Zealand has shown.

In the end, the pandemic of a respiratory virus is solved through exposure, upgraded immune systems, and herd immunity, regardless of severity. And again, please recall that biological evolution has made such pandemics self-limiting: there is a trade between severity and

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Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Masks, and the Deadly Falsehoods Surrounding Them

By James D. Agresti

In a terse essay titled "Science and Dictatorship," Albert Einstein warned that "Science can flourish only in an atmosphere of free speech." And on his deathbed, Einstein cautioned, "Whoever is careless with the truth in small matters cannot be trusted in important affairs."

With reckless disregard for both of those principles, powerful government officials and big tech executives have corrupted or suppressed the central scientific facts about face masks. The impacts of this extend far beyond the issue of masks and have caused widespread harm and countless deaths.

Despite the fog of contradictory claims and changing government guidelines, dozens of scientific journals have published consistent data that establish these facts:

Covid-19 is mainly spread by microscopic aerosols generated by breathing, talking, sneezing, and coughing. The vast bulk of these infectious aerosols easily penetrate common masks because 90% of the aerosols are less than 1/17th the size of pores in the finest surgical masks, and less than 1/80th the size of pores in the finest cloth masks.

Aerosols are light enough to stay airborne for minutes or hours, and hence, they also travel freely through gaps around the edges of cloth and surgical masks.

Governments enacted mask mandates based on the false assumption that C-19 is mainly transmitted by large droplets generated by coughing, sneezing, and spittle. These droplets are bigger than the pore sizes of most masks and only remain airborne for a few seconds after they are emitted.

For more than a year, the World Health Organization and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention denied and downplayed the threat of aerosol transmission while issuing guidelines that don't amply prevent it. This enabled C-19 to decimate the most vulnerable members of society, like those in hospitals and nursing homes.

The CDC and WHO quietly admitted in the spring of 2021 that aerosols pose a major threat of transmission but have still not adequately updated their guidelines to reflect this reality. This has allowed countless preventable deaths to continue.

The risk of aerosol transmission can be greatly reduced by disinfecting air with ultraviolet (UV) light, which is part of the energy spectrum emitted by the sun. This simple and safe technology neutralizes airborne microbes and has been successfully used to control the spread of contagious respiratory diseases for more than 80 years.

Randomized controlled trials—which are the "gold standard" for clinical research—have repeatedly measured the effects of masks on preventing the spread of contagious respiratory diseases. These trials have found inconsistent benefits from N95 masks in healthcare settings and no statistically significant benefits from any type of mask in community settings.

The only randomized controlled trial that evaluated cloth masks found that mandating them causes significant disease transmission in high-risk healthcare settings.

Observational studies—which are a weaker form of evidence than randomized controlled trials—find that masking schoolchildren provides negligible or no benefits.

Lab studies—which are the weakest form of clinical evidence—don't support the notion that surgical or cloth masks reduce the transmission of Covid-19.

Masks of all types have negative impacts on some people, including headaches, difficulty breathing, increased cardio-pulmonary stress during exercise, marked discomfort, and weakened social bonds.

Because humans create carbon dioxide as they breathe, the CO2 concentration of the air they exhale is about 100 times higher than in fresh air. Masks restrict airflow and thus cause the wearers to rebreathe some of the air they exhale.

The average CO2 concentrations inhaled by people wearing N95 masks range from 2.6 to 7.0 times OSHA's work shift limit for CO2. These levels cause headaches and chest pains in some people.

The average CO2 concentrations inhaled by people wearing cloth and surgical masks range from 2 to 3 times the government CO2 limits for classrooms in many countries. These levels may impair certain high-level brain functions like initiative, strategic thinking, and complex decision-making.

The leaders of big tech corporations like Facebook, Twitter, and Google/YouTube have empowered government officials who misled the public about every matter above and others. Together, they continue to do so by engaging in actions that resemble common disinformation tactics. These include but are not limited to cherry-picking, censorship, muddying the waters, citation bluffs, non-sequiturs, half-truths, and outright falsehoods.

Opinions Are Not Science

A very common and naive talking point about masks is that "experts say" they reduce the spread of Covid-19. Such statements are oblivious to the reality that other experts disagree with that opinion, like these for example:

Dr. Erica Shenoy, the Associate Chief of the Infection Control Unit at Massachusetts General Hospital, along with four other medical professionals, wrote in the New England Journal of Medicine that "wearing a mask outside health care facilities offers little, if any, protection from infection."

Dr. Martin Kulldorff, a Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School, has stated, "Children should not wear face masks" because "they don't need it for their own protection and they don't need it for protecting other people either."

Tamara van Ark, a public minister in The Netherlands, announced the conclusion of the nation's National Institute for Health as follows: "Because from a medical perspective there is no proven effectiveness of masks, the Cabinet has decided that there will be no national obligation for wearing non-medical masks."

Dr. Joseph Allen, an associate professor and the director of the Healthy Buildings program at Harvard University, wrote, "The truth is, for kids, Covid-19 is like the flu, and we don't make kids wear masks in school for that."

Dr. Shamez Ladhani, a professor of pediatric infectious diseases and vaccinology at St. George's University of London, wrote that masking may help reduce Covid-19 transmission when used with other "infection control measures, but I have yet to see any convincing evidence that masking in and of itself significantly contributes to reducing infection and transmission" in schools and other institutional settings.

Dr. Jay Bhattacharya, a Professor of Medicine at Stanford University, said, "On net, I think the masks not only have not been effective, but have been harmful."

Dr. Lisa Brosseau and Dr. Margaret Sietsema, researchers specializing in infectious diseases and respiratory protection, wrote, "There is no scientific evidence" that "cloth or surgical masks" are "are effective in reducing the risk of SARS-CoV-2 transmission."

Regardless of what any experts say or how many say it, their opinions do not constitute scientific facts. Yet, journalists, commentators, and "fact checkers" often treat the mere opinions of selected experts as "facts" or "science," and politicians use the phrase "science says" as if it magically turns claims into facts.

Such misuse of the word "science" has been a longstanding problem. As the renowned physicist Richard Feynman remarked half a century ago, "When someone says, 'Science teaches such and such,' he is using the word incorrectly." People who are actually discussing science, explained Feynman, don't "say science has shown"—but rather "this experiment, this effect, has shown."

This article presents actual science, and there is no substitute for it when lives are on the line. Although greatly condensed from more than 500 hours of research, these thoroughly vetted facts will take more than an hour for most people to read. This is the price of being informed instead of indoctrinated.

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prevalence subject to latency. Latency here was never a factor, contrary to the lies in the early weeks. So the more infectious this virus would be, the less severe it would be, nearly by definition.

Fauci could have used his time in Congress to give a basic explanation. He did not. He chose to spread irrational fear instead.

So how can we evaluate Fauci's murky suggestion that SARS-CoV-2 will have a 1 percent fatality rate? What actually happened? These data are pretty settled by now.

0-19 years: 0.0003%
20-29 years: 0.002%
40-49 years: 0.035%
50-59 years: 0.123% (flu)
60-69 years: 0.506% (bad flu)

Let's just assume that Fauci is correct about the flu, though there is plenty of controversy about his chosen figure of 0.1 percent. If he is right about, for the most affected demographic from Covid, he was off by two times. For youth, he was off by 3,333 times – an exaggeration of more than 300,000 percent! And he did it with a straight face. The rest of the population falls between there for a total of 0.095 percent. So in general for the whole population he was off by 10 times, meaning that the actual infection fatality rate is just slightly less (if this is right) than the seasonal flu.

Throughout the entire pandemic, from the beginning to now, the average age of the 0.09 percent of infected people who died remained at the median age of death in absence of the pandemic. If this same virus arrived decades early, it would have hardly been noticed at all.

Which is to say: Fauci was correct on February 28, 2020, when he wrote that this is more or less the flu, except with a large age gradient. His change of mind in the course of two weeks prior to this testimony is based on absolutely no evidence. What changed was his tactics but why?

We mapped out many times already that there was plenty of information available, even in the popular press, that this bug would be more-or-less like the flu, except with an extreme age gradient – which we knew already in mid-February. All the misinformation that followed was just that. And they knew it. Certainly Fauci knew it. No doubt about it.

So why? Here we get into interesting theorizing. Brownstone has done a lot of this for the better part of 18 months, and we will continue to do so. We can talk all evening about this. We already do. And we continue to collect evidence too.

The point is that the world is not the same. Fauci pulled the lever on the wall that set this in motion. He never should have been given that deference, that power, that influence. There should have been a check on him. And some people tried but the censors then flew into action.

The entire mess began not just with a bad prediction but an outrageously bad falsehood – spoken in front of deeply ignorant and terrified politicians – one that was followed by an egregious demand that we get rid of normal social and market functioning. The consequences are for the ages. Fauci had his own masters and minions but it is impossible to avoid the reality that he bears primary responsibility as the voice of panic that shut down freedoms hard won over a millennium.

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puppet regime. Real voter integrity laws must be put in place and followed if future elections will allow the people to choose their leaders.

All of the above examples show clear truth we can witness to others to assist them to leave their fear behind and join us in our fight for freedom. What true American doesn't want to be counted with the Patriots?

Jay Lehr spent his entire life advocating truth regarding climate, carbon dioxide, energy and a myriad of other topics in many scientific areas. He applied his knowledge to make common sense policy suggestions which elected officials could utilize to benefit all. We owe it to Jay and the other outspoken scientists that gave their all and are no longer with us like Bob Carter, Bill Gray, Fred Singer, Dennis Avery, Tim Ball and others. I met these fantastic, humble and brilliant individuals at the many ICCC events I attended. All were superbly genuine and always warm and welcoming. We stand on their shoulders as we battle against the evil forces trying to implement the Green New Deal and other totalitarian measures.

My great friend, Christopher Game, whom I love and respect dearly, I met in New York in 2009 at the ICCC. Christopher came to New York from a city in Australia near Melbourne. We discussed everything from climate science to Obama's intentions. We became fast friends and communicated for years about many subjects, some highly personal. We still stay in touch. And I hope to go see him down in his native land someday soon. I've gotten so much out of the 10+ Heartland events I've attended and encourage anyone that can possibly go to Orlando for the upcoming ICCC to do so.

So everyone get engaged. Proclaim the climate change hoax for what it is! Go to the heartland.org website and watch some of Dr. Bob Carter's or Dr. Jay Lehr's presentations and share with as many people as you can. Find out real data and real info on the death jab and all "vaccines" in general. Open your mind up to other theories about everything. Search for the real history of our nation, especially in the last 120 years regarding the Federal Reserve, the Titanic, WWI, WWII, Operation Paperclip, John Birch, the Bush family, 911, Fauci's career, virus theory, germ theory, everything. You'll truly be opening up a pandora's box. Do you have the courage to embark on such a mission?

What courage will you display in your life?

Why we shouldn't 'trust the science' but rather put our trust in God

By Andreas Wailzer

Jordan Peterson recently made an honest admission on Twitter: "I trusted the vaccine process more than I should have."

"I thought the lockdowns and masks were a terrible idea, but I still thought we could rely on public health and science," the Canadian psychologist wrote:

Peterson's tweet shows exactly where the problem of our modern "scientifically minded" society lies. The belief in the Christian God has been replaced by a vaguely defined belief in "the science."

What people usually mean when they say "I trust the science" is that they trust the current popular view among the majority of scientists in a given field. The first problem with that proposition is that the media often presents a distorted, sensationalized image of the alleged majority view among scientists. Secondly, even if the majority of scientists believe in a certain theory or hypothesis, the "truth is not determined by a majority vote," as the recently deceased Pope Benedict XVI said.

"Virtually every single theory about every single thing has been disproved and upended or replaced at some point," Catholic commentator Michael Knowles pointed out in a recent speech.

Knowles names the theories about the origin of life that have changed and contradicted each other over the centuries, including in the 20th and 21st centuries.

"Although the scientists are frequently wrong, they are almost never in doubt," Knowles stated.

Another problem with the "trust the science" mentality is that many people seem to believe that scientists are these unbiased, independent angels in white lab coats that only work for the common good of humanity.

Many historical examples disprove this notion, like the fact Antonio Egas Moniz won the Nobel Prize in 1949 for inventing the Lobotomy, a highly controversial procedure that involves severing connections in the prefrontal cortex to treat mental disorders. The operation often left people emotionally blunted and severely restricted in their intellect but was performed on regular basis until the 1950s.

Like the rest of us, scientists are fallen and fallible human beings after all.

Returning to Peterson's case and our current day and age, we can say with certitude that many of today's scientists have ulterior motives, especially those that work in the pharmaceutical industry or in important administrative positions.

What happened during the Covid fiasco goes way beyond the usual mistakes and inaccuracies that are natural to scientific inquiries.

One illustrative example is the case of Scott Gottlieb, former FDA commissioner and current Pfizer board member. As the "Twitter Files" have shown, Gottlieb pressed Twitter to remove truthful information about the mRNA injections because it could cause "vaccine hesitancy" and hurt Pfizer's bottom line. Gottlieb is a doctor and was an important "voice of science" during the "plandemic," but he clearly did not work for the common good of humanity.

The moral of the story is we should not "trust the science," especially after living through the past three years.

We should rather put our trust in almighty God. And trusting in God does not mean checking your intellect and rationality at the door. Great philosophers and theologians, like Aristotle and St. Thomas Aquinas, have provided us with an incredible intellectual framework.

God's nature does not change, and philosophical and theological truths do not change. They are not subject to constant overhauls like scientific theories are. While the scientific method is very useful and can be of great value, it is also fallible and can easily be abused by people in power with nefarious motives.

Therefore, we should always trust God and always be skeptical of what is presented to us as "the science."

They Are Not Protectors of the Planet But Destroyers of Human Society

By Tom DeWeese

They told me that if I took the red pill I would be able to see reality – the truth of what is really going on around us. Well, I just happened to have a red pill and I took it. Like traveling through time, things rushed forward, I grew dizzy, and then I saw things around me become crystal clear!

Suddenly, I could see that the American people, and their every action, are being ruled, regulated, restricted, licensed, registered, directed, checked, inspected, measured, numbered, counted, rated, stamped, censured, authorized, admonished, refused, prevented, drilled, indoctrinated, monopolized, extorted, robbed, hoaxed, fined, harassed, disarmed, dishonored, fleeced, exploited, assessed, and taxed to the point of suffocation and desperation.

And then, more details started shooting out like fireworks! Policies. Politicians. Pronouncements. Power grabs. Everyday governments, at all levels, grows more out of control, more intrusive in our personal lives, more of a threat to private property – all in total and flagrant disregard of the expressed will of the electorate.

Al Gore warned of a "wrenching transformation of society." That transformation just happens to be a clever mix of fascism, socialism and corporatism. It's not communism. Perhaps a better term would be "common-ism." Common borders; common currencies; common property – Common-ism.

The process by which it's implemented creates a matrix of locked away land — or severe land use controls; control of energy and energy production; control of transportation; control of industry; control of food production; control of development; control of water availability; and control of population size and growth.

Always in the past there have been forces seeking domination over others. Kings saw it as their duty. Megalomaniacs like Napoleon, Hitler, and Stalin lusted for the control and power to satisfy their hatred, mistrust, and insecurities. They sent armies. They tortured, killed, and subjugated their enemies through force.

However, today, as I can now clearly see through my improved red pill vision, the forces we face are much more diabolical. These modern-day power mongers have found a way to keep their aggression under wraps, out of sight from those they intend to conquer, until it is too late. No armies in

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manifestation in the course of the stars, and their human wisdom, their ability to peer into the cosmos, led them to the timeless Sun, because they too, with humility, knew how to recognize the birth of God in the world. Both were illuminated by Grace, the former through the announcement of the Angel, the latter through the signs of heaven. Instead, Herod and the High Priests, who should have known very well the Messianic prophecies preserved by Israel, could neither see nor believe, because their first concern was power. On the one hand, the temporal power, exercised under the domination of pagan Rome and forgetting that the Jewish Sovereigns were vicars of the only King of Israel, the Lord God of hosts; on the other, spiritual power, exercised in what today we would call "self-referentiality," that is, concerned to preserve itself and keep the people in ignorance. This is confirmed by the harsh rebukes and severe warnings of the prophets, by the mouth of which the Lord reminded His priests of their duties, while they were busy lengthening the prongs of the forks with which they held part of the sacrificial flesh for themselves, or while profiting from the trades of the money changers and merchants brought into the Temple. Deaf to Grace! Deaf is Herod, who should have seen in the little Jesus the ratifying of his own authority; deaf are the High Priests, who should have recognized in Him the promised Messiah, the Desired One of all peoples. Both, significantly, had preferred to submit to the invader, rather than bow to the One who holds in His hand the fate of the world and time. Non habemus regem nisi Cæsarem.

The present situation is not very different in this regard from that time. Even today the civil and ecclesiastical authorities refuse to worship Jesus Christ, or do so only in words plotting for His killing, for fear of losing their power. Even today we see the simple and the leaders of distant nations recognizing the Saviour, and conforming their private and public lives to Him, while world leaders prefer to gather in Davos for their globalist agenda, and the prelates of the Bergoglian sect think only of hiding their scandals, propagating synodality and encouraging the most unmentionable vices. Both support each other and recognize each other's legitimacy. Both see Jesus Christ as an uncomfortable obstacle to the pursuit of their plans for power and domination. Yet, as we sing in the hymn of the Epiphany, non eripit mortalia qui regna dat cœlestia. He who gives us heavenly kingdoms does not ravish earthly ones.

But if on the one hand the Magi, with their tribute of Faith, have been able to publicly adore the King of kings, having nothing to fear for their authority; on the other hand, the rulers who are rebellious and indocile to God, not recognizing the divine origin of the power they exercise, place themselves against His Lordship and also against their subjects, transforming wise and just government into an instrument of hateful tyranny. This is how the prophet Jeremiah expresses himself against them:

For among my people there are wicked people who spy like lurking hunters, they set traps for men. 27Like a cage full of birds, so their houses are full of deceit; therefore, they become great and rich. 28They are fat and wicked, they go beyond the limits of evil; they do not defend justice, they do not care for the cause of the orphan, they do not do justice to the poor. 29Should I not punish these sins? Oracle of the Lord. Should I not take revenge on a people like this? 30Terrifying and horrible things take place in the land. 31The prophets foretell in the name of lies, and the priests rule at their behest; yet my people are pleased with this. What will you do when the end comes?

Listening to these words of Sacred Scripture, we wonder if they are not addressed to the powerful of this world, to the members of the globalist elite and to those who serve them out of cowardice, self-interest, and obsequious complicity. And to those who, established in authority in the Church to feed the flock entrusted to them by the Lord, abuse their power to govern at the nod of the prophets of the New World Order, who prophesy pandemics and emergencies of which they are ruthless architects.

What will you do when the end comes?, the Lord asks. Will you create new emergencies, new crises, new pandemics, new wars with which to keep the people subjugated? Will you continue to exterminate innocent children, to render fathers and mothers sterile, to defraud the worker of his reward, to corrupt the young, to kill the sick and the elderly because they are considered useless for your own vile interests? Will you barricade yourselves in your fortresses, hoping to escape God's wrath and your just chastisement? What will you do, servants of the Great Reset, when your masters have to flee into their lairs and hide in the bowels of the earth? Do you think you can sell yourself to a new owner as you have done so far? Poor, miserable, deluded ones. The terrible day of the Lord will come for everyone, and also for you: first with the particular Judgment, and then with the universal Judgment. If earthly justice stands idly by and watches your crimes passively because it is subservient to you, Divine Justice will instead be inexorable and terrible, so that your public sins against the Majesty of God and against the man whom He created in His image and likeness, and whom He redeemed with His own Blood, do not go unpunished. And if our poor strength fails to overcome your conspiracies, know that each one of us, every faithful one of

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the Holy Church,
every single good soul is praying, fasting, and doing penance, asking for the intervention of the Lord, the King of the Nations, whom you refuse to recognize, adore, and serve. What will you do when the end comes?

On this day of the Epiphany, when we celebrate the public manifestation of the divine kingship of Our Lord Jesus Christ and the public tribute of the Magi to His universal and eternal Lordship, let us also renew our offering. It is a poor and miserable offering, because it comes from us who have nothing but what Providence has granted us. And yet it is a precious offering, if presented by Our Lady, Mary Most Holy, the Queen Mother who is our Advocate at the Throne of the Son. It is an infinite offering when it rises to the Majesty of the Father through the hands of the pure and holy Victim, the High Priest, the Eternal Pontiff who renews the Sacrifice of the Cross in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Let us place our penances at the foot of the altar, so that they may become the gold of kings; our prayers, that they may ascend to heaven like the incense that priests burn to God; and our fasts, so that the Holy Mass may convert them into the myrrh of sacrifice. And we ask the Child King to convert those who hold authority both in civil society and in the Church, who find themselves today having to choose whether to follow the star to Bethlehem to worship Him, or to ignore His Birth in order to avoid His will and wage war against Him.

And so may it be.

+ Carlo Maria, Archbishop

Hungarian archbishop blasts Freemasonry, LGBT ideology, rising Islam in Europe

By Rammond Wolfe

VESZPRÉM, Hungary (LifeSiteNews) – A Hungarian prelate recently sounded off against the rise of LGBT ideology, Islam, and anti-Christian sentiment in Europe and the influence of Freemasonry over leaders of the European Union.

In an interview last month with conservative Hungarian newspaper Magyar Jelen, Archbishop Emeritus Gyula Márfi of Veszprém warned of a multi-pronged assault against European Christianity from left-wing forces within the E.U.

"One of the most striking signs of the European Union's anti-Christianity," he said, "is that its constitution did not commemorate Europe's Christian roots," a point similarly emphasized by Pope St. John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI.

"They write about Greco-Roman traditions and enlightenment, but not about Christianity," Archbishop Márfi said, referring to the E.U. Constitution. "Yet ancient culture and art have survived precisely because of Christians: the writings of Virgil, Tacitus, Homer, and others have been copied by monks deep in their cells."

He also cited the vicious anti-clericalism directed at Pope Benedict XVI, who insisted on the importance of Christianity to European civilization.

The archbishop additionally lamented the erasure of Christmas in the public square, noting the growing trend of replacing the word "Christmas" with "holidays."

He recalled how the city of Brussels, the capital of the E.U., declined to put up a Christmas tree in 2012 for fear of offending its Muslim population.

More recently, the European Commission faced blistering criticism in 2021 over internal communications guidelines that suggested eliminating the term "Christmas period." The Commission eventually withdrew the guidelines.

Archbishop Márfi: Freemasons, Muslims threaten Christian Europe

Archbishop Márfi identified Freemasonry, a longtime enemy of the Catholic Church, as a principal group working to secularize Europe.

"The aim of the Freemasons is to 'rid' Europe of Christianity," he said. "To achieve this, they are willing to use all means, taking advantage of their lobbying force to infiltrate the leaders of the Union."

The retired archbishop also pointed to the mass migration of Muslims as a chief means of weakening Europe's Christian culture.

"In my opinion, Muslims are also being called in to get Christ and Christianity out of Europe," he told Magyar Jelen.

"Today, Freemasons and Muslims are coming together to make Christianity disappear from Europe," he observed. "It was practically the same as it was in the age of the Savior, when the Scribes and Pharisees worked with their deadly enemy, Pontius Pilate, to get Jesus out of the way."

"In a multicultural, mixed society," he continued, "the individual loses his identity, sense of identity, culture, faith, language, practically everything," making people easier to manipulate for powerful corporations "who want to turn the whole Earth into a huge collective farm, where there are no ethnic, national and religious identities, only obedient workers and consumers manufactured according to standards."

But European liberals "will ultimately ruin themselves" by embracing large-scale Muslim migration, he said, as "Islam will never accept their liberal principles."

"The Holy Father asked every parish to accept a refugee Syrian family. Well, many parishes cannot sustain themselves without outside help," the Hungarian prelate remarked in 2015.

"The leaders of the Muslim masses can clearly see that the situation is ripe to occupy the apostate continent," he starkly warned at the time.

In his interview with Magyar Jelen, Archbishop Márfi alluded to Muslims' long history of violence and terrorism against Christian Europe, and particularly Hungary, which suffered widespread devastation at the hands of the Turks during the Ottoman wars.

"They have been here in Hungary for 150 years, we know how much destruction they have caused," he said of Muslims. "We Hungarians still carry the memory of this in our genes to some extent."

LGBT movement an even 'greater threat'

Despite the grave danger that Islam poses to European Christianity, Archbishop Márfi named LGBT ideology an even "greater threat" and strongly condemned the embrace of homosexuality across much of Europe.

Legalization of same-sex "marriage" is a "deadly sin," affirmed the prelate. "I regret that it has already happened in most European countries."

He further stressed the protection of children's rights from the radical LGBT movement. "Incidentally, with regard to the LGBTQ issue, we must not forget the rights of the children," he insisted.

Children "have the right to a mother and a father," he said, reiterating Catholic teaching. "They should not be allowed to be insecure about their gender identity and orientation through the media, advertising, and education," he added.

Hungary in 2021 enacted a ban on the promotion of homosexuality and gender confusion of minors in education and the media, prompting legal action from the E.U., which previously sued the country over its strict immigration policies.

The archbishop additionally touched on the widespread embrace of LGBT ideology among the Catholic hierarchy in Germany, calling the situation "catastrophic."

"I don't understand that either, this can't be justified," he said. "The situation in the German Church is really catastrophic."

"A significant portion of German Catholic priests now bless same-sex 'marriage' as well as cohabitation," he noted. "This is no longer Christianity, it is already anti-Christ."

"We need to cling very strongly to our faith," Archbishop Márfi declared.

The prelate's comments resemble those of Cardinal Gerhard Müller in a recent interview with LifeSiteNews, in which he described same-sex "blessings" as "absolute heresy and schism."

"We cannot make a compromise with LGBT lunacy. That's absolutely wrong and absolutely false and absolutely dangerous for the people," the cardinal said.

Inflation 101 *cont. from page 14*

• Mr. President, what do you believe the result will be when supply is low, but demand is high for a given product or service?

a) Prices will go up for said product or service.

b) The amount of said product or service, which was already low, will run out much sooner, and with supply chain problems, it will take much longer to replenish the raw materials to produce products, driving higher prices.

c) "Neither (a) nor (b). If prices go up when supply is low, we're still recovering from the Covid pandemic and will be for decades. Also, this is all the fault of the horrible economic policies of the previous administration. Third, certain corporations (especially those in the oil industry) are jacking up prices to make record profits because they know poor, working-class people need those products and services to survive and don't care."

• Mr. President, before 2021, America didn't have the record 7% inflation and supply chain issues before you took over. What is the explanation for this?

a) "You are wrong. We did have high inflation when Trump was president. He and his administration lied about economic numbers, making things look better than they were so he could get re-elected."

b) "You are wrong. The supply chain issues were just as bad when Trump was president due to the pandemic and Trump's horrible economic policies."

c) "Putin's invasion of Ukraine was so evil it caused the prices of oil and wheat to go up a year before the invasion. Thanks to his collaboration with Trump, Putin has that much control over America's economy."

d) "All the above are correct. Any so-called economic problems happening in the years after I took office are pure coincidence. My economic policies are working for the American people."

Bad news, Mr. President, we were all alive from 2017 to 2020. We know we had low inflation and a strong economy before you took office. Yes, sir, we will believe our "lying eyes" over your gaslighting.

Puzzle Answers

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rise, the cost of electricity and other utilities rise with it—and no one is hit harder by these rising energy costs than the poor.

While the average household spends about seven percent of its income on utility bills, the poorest households spend almost three times that—nearly one-fifth of their income just to keep the power on and their homes heated. That's not even counting the amount paid for gasoline: the average American pays seven percent of his income topping off his vehicle, and other studies show that those making less than the national average spend up to twice as much a share of their annual budget on gasoline as those making $200,000 or more.

One in six American households is behind on its utilities payments, one in ten households is already setting their home temperature to unhealthy levels to keep costs down, and we are staring down a "tsunami of shut-offs" where millions of Americans could lose access to the fossil-fuel generated electricity. For now, that power is necessary to run life-sustaining medical equipment, appliances, air conditioning, and the heating necessary to keep them and their water lines from freezing.

Well before Russia's invasion of Ukraine, energy prices were already on an alarming trajectory, so much so that Biden was pressured to tap into our nation's strategic petroleum reserve (only the fourth time that has occurred in our nation's history). Even now, as gasoline prices have shaken off the worst of what the president called "Putin's price hike," costs are still over 30 percent more expensive than when Biden first came into office.

With gas, diesel, and other fossil fuels undergirding our national transportation and delivery infrastructure, high energy prices are now seeping into many other sectors of the economy. No economist seriously doubts that energy is one of the predominant factors driving the inflation that is walloping the country and eating away at American workers' wages.

Some will say the solution is to create new subsidies for renewable energy sources like wind and solar so that they are more affordable. But this would double down on bad policy, ignoring how much we are already spending to try to bring down the cost of green energy. Research from the Texas Public Policy Foundation shows that we provide more than 100 times as many federal subsidies per unit of electricity generated by solar as we do coal, and nearly 50 times as much for wind as oil and natural gas. Throwing even more taxpayer money at wind (which makes up less than ten percent of our electric grid) and solar (less than three percent) is not going to do much to help the poorest households.

Instead of picking energy winners and losers, we should follow the proven blueprint for government laid out by one of our country's greatest statesmen, Abraham Lincoln: "to lift artificial weights from all shoulders; to clear the paths of laudable pursuit for all; to afford all an unfettered start and a fair chance in the race of life." In other words, government's role should be to get out of the way and lift policies it has put in place that artificially drive up prices: namely, the nest of taxes and regulations on energy that keep prices for all sources of energy high—from fossil fuels to nuclear and hydropower.

Every morning, the Book of Common Prayer instructs American Christians in the Anglican tradition to pray a version of Psalm 9.18: "Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten; Nor the hope of the poor be taken away." We ought to keep these words at the forefront of our deliberations on energy policy, because the war on energy hurts the poorest first—and most.

The Foolishness of Believing That You Need F-15s to Take on the Government

By John Hawkins

Joe Biden made news when he said:

"If you wanted or if you think you need to have weapons to take on the government, you need F-15s and maybe some nuclear weapons."

He's not the first one to make that kind of crack. Congressman Eric Swalwell famously said the following in response to someone who said they'd rather go to war than give up their 2nd Amendment rights:

Twitter avatar for @RepSwalwellRep. Eric Swalwell @RepSwalwell

@Rambobiggs And it would be a short war my friend. The government has nukes. Too many of them. But they're legit. I'm sure if we talked we could find common ground to protect our families and communities.

These comments are… well, stupid.

First of all, they come off like free-floating threats from the government toward the citizenry. Who exactly are they threatening? Legal gun owners? Republicans? Everyone? If America were a serious country, those sorts of comments would cause people to question both Biden and Swalwell's continued fitness for office. Of course, if America were a serious country, we wouldn't have been shut down during COVID, we wouldn't have so much debt, and three-quarters of the politicians in Washington would already have been booted out of office and in more than a few cases, into prison, long ago.

However, it's also worth noting that Biden's comments are foolish for another reason. That is, they are completely out of accord with reality, and the more people that believe them, the more likely the government is to do the sorts of things that people would want to shoot them over. Happily, America IS NOT on the cusp of a shooting war between the Left and the Right, but could that change surprisingly fast? Could we come up with a number of genuinely possible scenarios leading to widespread political violence, secession, or even a new civil war that could occur within the next decade? Absolutely.

So, with that in mind, let's consider whether Joe Biden is right that you need F-15s and nuclear weapons to take on the government.

To begin with, if the government has F-15s and their opponents do not, that's certainly an advantage, but how much of an advantage? If, let's say a lot of "rebel" activity springs up around Knoxville, Tennessee, or Bakersfield, California, is the government going to bomb those cities to the ground? Notice that they didn't do that in Iraq or Afghanistan – and those were much less complicated situations. If let's say, you decide to level Dallas, Texas, you're going to kill an awful lot of people on "your side." Additionally, who's going to be flying that mission? An American who may have relatives there. Also, after the initial stores of bombs run out, who's going to make more? Americans in a factory somewhere, many of whom may sympathize with the city you just bombed.

In foreign countries, there's abstract talk about "war crimes," but in America, people have constitutional rights that undergird our entire system of government. That last issue is not an unsolvable problem. Democrats have talked about getting rid of the legislative filibuster in the Senate and then stacking the Supreme Court, but that would set into motion a chain of events that could lead to everything from the government and law losing legitimacy to both parties engaging in dueling coup attempts. It's the kind of scenario that could set a civil war in motion or add to the momentum of one that has already started.

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Now, that doesn't mean the government's air superiority would be useless against people rebelling against the government. Drones and spy satellites would be very useful. Also, again assuming Biden and company got around the Constitutional problems created by using the military to kill American citizens on American soil, some of those people fighting against them with AR-15s might end up catching the business end of a Hellfire missile. The flip side of that would be twofold. The first would be the same issue we mentioned earlier. You would have American soldiers put in a position where they may have to kill other Americans that they may see sympathetically. There were never going to be a lot of Americans who could relate to Saddam Hussein's Ba'ath Party henchmen, but some bubba who used to be a Marine out in the woods trying to get revenge because Joe Biden put his son in a concentration camp? There would be an awful lot of people in our military that would want someone like that to succeed.

Speaking of "the other team," they wouldn't be "over there" this time. They'd be here and they'd probably have very good intelligence from people inside of our own military. Drone strike one of them and a half dozen of them might be waiting for you in the supermarket or doing a drive-by on your house at 3 AM. 10,000 guys with AR-15s vs. an F-15 is a slaughter, but what chance would the pilot of that F-15 have if five guys opened up on him when he walked out to his car to go to work in the morning? It would be nice to say that kind of thing would never happen, but the reality is that in war, people will do anything that works. Ask the Taliban, who did not in fact have F-15s or nukes, but who were the rulers of Afghanistan before and after they chased our military out of the country. Incidentally, who was the president in charge when that happened? Did he have F-15s and nuclear weapons at his command? An even better question… was anyone fired over that? No? So, if something happened here, the same people who lost in Afghanistan would probably be in charge of handling it here? That wouldn't bode well, would it?

Furthermore, the idea that some sort of rebellion would be all about air superiority and two armies clashing in the field is as naïve as the British were when they expected our ancestors to put on nice, colorful coats, line up in the open, and get shot to death by troops used to fighting that way. As I've noted before, a relatively small force of Americans with no planes, no artillery, and without even a centralized command could bring this whole country to its knees:

America is a very big, very soft country filled with pampered, neurotic people that are prone to panicking over even statistically unlikely threats. There's probably just as good a chance that you'll be struck by lightning as there is that your child will be hurt during a school shooting, or you'll die from COVID that you got walking around on a beach yet look at the endless terror that those scenarios have produced in America in the last few years. Unfortunately, what that means is that a cataclysmic amount of damage can be done by a relatively small, well-armed, decentralized force that's intent on creating panic, destroying important things, and creating a body count.

I've never served in the military, but I absolutely guarantee you that if you gave me 25 million dollars, 200 well-equipped, five-man teams of men with military training, American IDs, a familiarity with the country, and a week to prepare, they could kill 100,000 people, do 10 trillion dollars' worth of damage, and nearly shut down half the country over the course of a year. What do you think a professional with a bigger budget and real intel could do? Before you answer this, think about the supply shortages, how many high population targets there are in America with minimal security, how a handful of mobile men with sniper rifles could shut down whole areas, and how vulnerable our food supply, pipelines, and bridges are – it just goes on and on. A "civil war" with just 25,000 trained men on each side determined to hit and run in force where the other side isn't could do cataclysmic damage over the course of a year.

The defense for that IS NOT F-15s or nuclear weapons. It's shared patriotism, dedication to the Constitution, a shared culture, a sense of community, a belief in law and order… all these things so many people on the Left laugh off or take for granted. Once we get to the point where we're two tribes with different value systems that hate and fear each other to such an extent that we smile when the other side experiences misfortune or death, all the F-15s in the world aren't going to fix that.

Matt Gaetz *cont. from page 1*

become to "government on autopilot." The reason everyone was "freaking out," he argued, was because there was actual debate and actual lobbying taking place over something of real importance. That rarely happens in the halls of Congress these days.

The question on the minds of many now is: what did Gaetz and his band of brothers actually accomplish? McCarthy became Speaker, after all. Didn't conservatives lose? Well, not really. In fact, they obtained quite a few concessions that will lead to a number of changes to how things operate on Capitol Hill.

Perhaps the biggest difference in the newly installed 118th Congress compared to its predecessor is the ability of any one member to motion for a vote of no confidence in the Speaker. This rule was not in place during Nancy Pelosi's reign from 2019 onward. It was, however, in effect under John Boenher, who resigned as a result of it in 2015.

Though it's pretty much guaranteed McCarthy won't be ousted should such a vote occur, if the 20 lawmakers who resisted his initial bid for Speaker hang together, they could continue to act as an effective check on his governance.

Another notable concession is that the Rules Committee and the Appropriations Committee will have Freedom Caucus members on it, a move that directly limits McCarthy's influence over them. The entities essentially oversee how the House functions as a whole and what it spends taxpayer dollars on, two extremely powerful responsibilities.

McCarthy has also promised to have votes on several issues grassroots conservatives hold dear — abortion, border security, balanced budgets, and more. Below is a clip of Gaetz, Boebert, and Laura Ingraham (who praised the pair for their efforts despite berating them at the outset of their resistance), discussing those topics on Fox.

Gone, too, are the days of omnibus spending bills and ramming through proposals without prior notice. Gaetz successfully negotiated for a minimum 72-hour heads up before a vote takes place on any piece of legislation. The House will also have to consider spending bills on their own, and not as part of a larger, strung-together package. Solitary lawmakers will now be able to propose amendments on finance bills, a move that's intended to increase transparency and empower individual members of the chamber. Additionally, McCarthy has pledged to take a hardline stance on debt-ceiling increases.

The biggest victory for the 20 holdouts was the establishment of a newly created committee tasked with investigating the "weaponization" of the FBI and the Deep State against conservatives. McCarthy notably agreed to place Trump supporter Thomas Massie on the committee, among others. Tucker Carlson has long-called for the creation of such an entity and advocated for it on his show not long ago. He spoke with Massie about it last week. Watch below.

Trump Budget Director Russ Vought told Steve Bannon recently that the deal McCarthy was forced to strike represents a generational victory over the D.C. "cartel." He even went so far as to say a "paradigm shift" has happened thanks to the new "decentralization" that's going to be ushered in. You can watch that interview by clicking here. Time will tell if Vought is right or if Congressional Republicans will return to their typical, middle-of-the-road approach that has historically failed to make lasting, meaningful changes in our nation's capital.

Davos conf. *cont. from page 10*

Davos in 1997:

'I got John Kenneth Galbraith, Herman Kahn and a few other people I had met in Cambridge to come and explain,' he said, and with a staff of two secretaries and an assistant he later married, he organized the first European Management Symposium in 1971. It attracted 444 business leaders, each paying a substantial fee.

According to the above article by John Vedmore:

Kissinger would introduce Klaus Schwab to John Kenneth Galbraith at Harvard and, as the 1960s came to a close, Galbraith would help Schwab make the World Economic Forum a reality.

Vedmore noted that Kissinger's involvement continued:

Years later, Henry Kissinger would make the opening address of the World Economic Forum's 1980 conference, telling the elites at Davos: 'For the first time in history, foreign policy is truly global.'

Why Davos?

The WEF meets in Davos, Switzerland. It is the highest town in the Alps, at 1560 metres above sea level. Klaus Schwab reportedly "chose Davos as the home for the annual meeting for the escape from the everyday that the mountains represent in Swiss and German culture, most famously captured in the novel 'The Magic Mountain.'"

In Thomas Mann's book, the magic of the mountain is not one of natural beauty but moreover a series of occult themed fantasies taking place in a sanatorium. The novel is set in an isolated refuge from reality, populated by obvious tropes of contemporary society blended with mythological allegories. A kind of safe space, or asylum, it seeks to fuse a fantastical past with the politics of the present, giving form to a future vision of humanity beyond the troubles of the time.

Strange magic

The magic of this mountain is appealing to those casting the spells, but far less so to those on the receiving end of the technological fantasies of the World Economic Forum. It appears to exist to promote a sense of urgent crisis, presenting itself as the necessary remedy. It seeks to solve the problems of humanity by removing much of the human dimension, and promotes a Godless world where the destruction of our way of life is marketed as a positive and breathtaking step into the future. To ascend this magic mountain then is to gain the view of the WEF, which appears to see humanity itself as a problem to be solved.

Many of the concerns of ordinary people do not feature at all in the global risk analysis of the WEF. Most telling is the absence of the WEF itself from the top ten list of causes for concern. In its ambitions, methods, and aims there is arguably a greater existential threat to humanity than any posed by the weather.

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Abp. Viganò endorses 3-day fast for January 6 lawyer, detainees

By Stephen Kokx

Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò has given his blessing to a 3-day fast organized by a Catholic civil rights attorney who represents January 6 detainees.

"I hope that this initiative will find many adherents, in a spirit of true reparation of the innumerable sins and grave betrayals committed," Viganò wrote in a letter sent to New York-based lawyer Joseph McBride on the last day of 2022.

"I can only encourage and bless this commendable gesture of penance, to be accompanied by prayer – above all the Holy Rosary – for the beloved Nation which I had the privilege of knowing during my office as Apostolic Nuncio," he added.

McBride first reached out to the archbishop on December 28 via email in the hope he would give his blessing for the fast, which is being held from Tuesday, January 3 until Thursday, January 5. McBride said he believes God called him to organize the fast in order to "best prepare for these coming battles."

"White Catholic and Christian America First Conservatives are being targeted for destruction in the United States by a Satanic Globalist Order. This Order has hijacked the American Government and America's Institutions. Washington, DC is the Synagogue of Satan from which the Spirit of the Antichrist reigns supreme," he wrote.

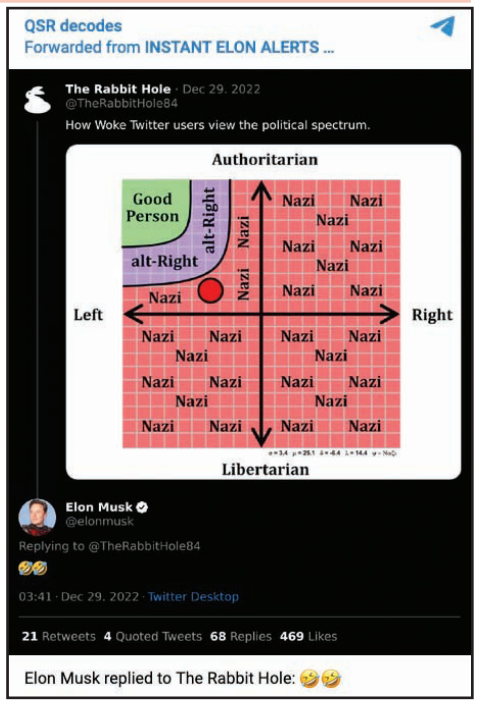
McBride, who represents a handful of detainees, further explained to the archbishop how he became a devout Catholic and why he took the cases of the protesters in the first place.

"I have had some setbacks and successes during the last two years of litigation. My team, clients, and I recently entered the critical and enormously consequential trial phase of my January 6th related cases, during which the fate of my clients and their families will be made known."

"I hope that the suffering Christ in you will recognize the suffering Christ in me, and that you will join me during this pivotal time of fasting and prayer," he said.

Viganò's response to McBride concluded, "May these three days of fasting in union with the Passion of Our Lord obtain from the divine Majesty the victory of the children of Light over the workers of iniquity. And may Mary Most Holy, terrible defeater of the infernal Serpent, be able to accompany and protect us in this spiritual battle."

As this story goes to press, there are more than 950 individuals still behind bars for participating in the January 6 protests. Many have been held in solitary confinement while others have been without trial for upwards of 18 months. In November 0f 2021, GOP Representative Marjorie Taylor Greene visited the DC jail where the protesters are being held. She described the deplorable conditions they were living in as a form of "human rights abuse."



The Old Man's Tale

By Viv Forbes

The council man was adamant:
"The Law must have its way,
The shed you built is not approved
It must come down today."

"No doubt the shed is safe and strong
And no one has complained,
But plans and rules must bind us all
Or anarchy will reign."

The old man clenched
his horny hands,
He gripped the planner's arm,
Then changed his mind
and led him out
To look around the farm.

"You see that shed" the old man said,
"With shingle roof and wattle wall,
With no advice from coots like you
My Grandpa built it all."

"He came out here from Birmingham
With no help from the Crown,
Without a passport or a card
He sailed to Sydney town."

"He got himself a riding horse
Bought cows and found a dray,
But sought no travel permits
As he left for Moreton Bay."

"There were no maps to guide him
Once he left the city blocks,
And flooding of the Richmond
Cost him half his mob of stock."

"But when he got to Moreton Bay
A sickness swept the place,
So Grandpa saddled up again
To see a safer base."

"For weeks he struggled northwards
Thru the bush and hostile blacks,
Until he reached a mighty stream
Which stopped him in his tracks."

"The soil was deep and fertile
And the flats were green and lush,
So Grandad thought
he'd squat a while
He had no need to rush."

"He cleared the scrub and dug a well
And found himself a wife,
He brought her to that wattle shed
To start their married life."

"Then rangers tried to take his land
(For squatters rights were spurned.)
My folks were forced
to sell their stock
To buy the land they'd earned."

"My Pa was born in that old shed
He worked to earn his land
'Twas he who built the homestead
And no planner lent a hand."

"The sweat of generations
Feeds parasites like you,
And now you tell us builders:
'This shed will never do.'

"With subtlety and cunning
You have nibbled at our rights,
You've taxed away our substance
So now we cannot fight."

"But this is where I draw the line
And I won't be alone,
So if you try to smash my shed
I'll fight for what I own."

"So clear off or I'll clout you
Do not bother us again,
Take all your forms and files and fees
And shove them up the drain."

The planner started shouting
But old Nigger bit his leg.
He cleared the fence,
and yelled a threat:
"When next I come you'll beg."

The wreckers came next morning
But the neighbours got there first.
They stood six deep across the gate
And bid them do their worst.

Before the planners could react
Before the police could call
The old man's son, a barrister,
Restrained them with the law.

He quoted laws and precedents,
He combed the ancient books,
He tied the council up for months
I writs and counter suits.

By then there were elections
And the old man led a team;
They sent the planners packing
And restored the builder's dreams.

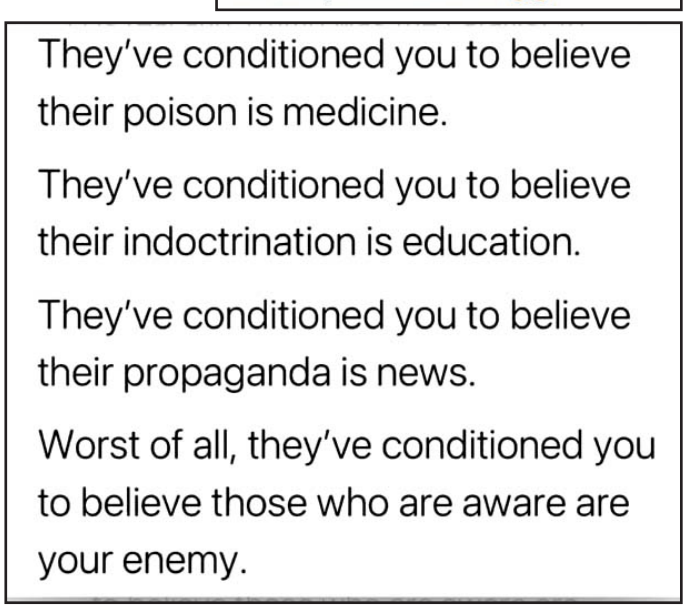
Once more a man could build a shed
Without a planner's chit
And no one could invade his home
Unless he had a writ.

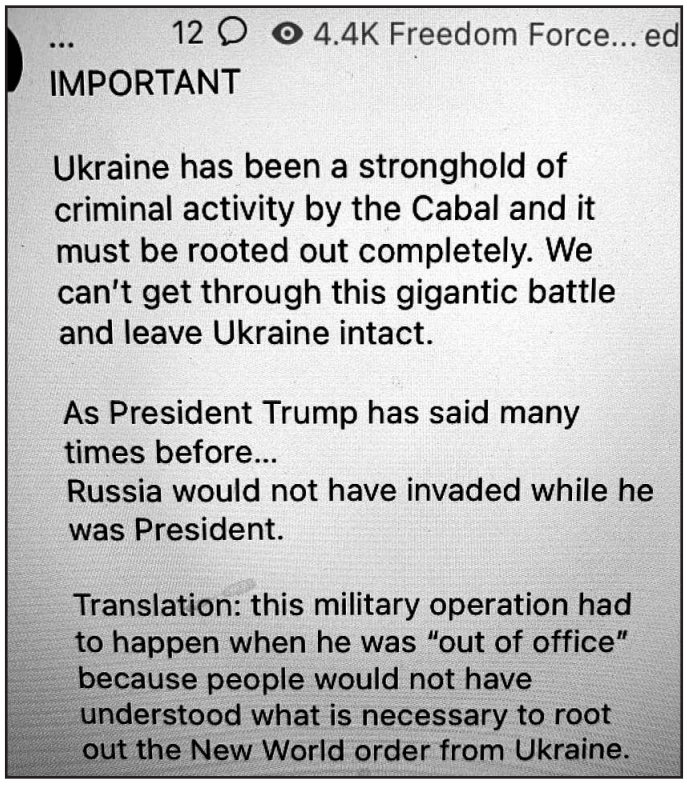
The planner got an honest job
The red tape was undone,
The Old Man got a Knighthood
His mighty fight was won.

Way back in 1975, Viv and Judy Forbes bought a bush block of 160 acres near Fernvale in Queensland.

With two small children, and no approvals, plans or tradesmen, they built their own pole house on this bush block. They cut ironbark poles with chainsaws, barked them with axes, dug postholes, erected them, bought recycled corrugated iron, windows and doors, an old wood burning stove and a kerosene fridge. Then they built a small stockyard and bail to milk their two cows.

They got hassled by the local council, but then discovered that the council had built a gravel road on their property, not where it should have been, within the road reservation. The hassles stopped. That house still stands.





One Nation Under God

Abortionist says killing over 400 people via euthanasia ‘the most rewarding work we’ve ever done’

By Jonathan Van Moren

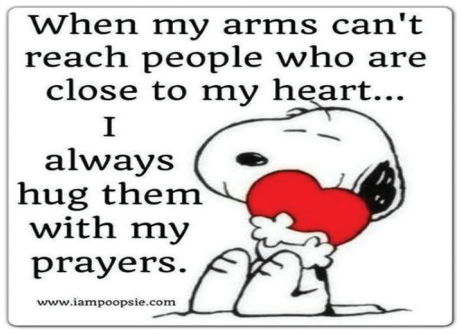
More than 10,000 people were killed by euthanasia in Canada in 2021. Dr. Ellen Wiebe, who has personally dispatched more than 400 people, is proudly contributing a significant percentage of that kill count. In fact, in a recent speech to other doctors who work in the Canadian killing fields, she bragged that she was willing to kill patients that others refused to clear for MAiD (“medical aid in dying,” the current euphemism for euthanasia and assisted suicide). Wiebe’s work has attracted horrified coverage overseas, with the Daily Mail publishing a profile of her role in Canada’s carnage.

According to a long report published in The New Atlantis by Alexander Raikin titled “No Other Options,” a suicidal man who was told he was ineligible because he had no serious illness and lacked “the capacity to make informed decisions about his own personal health” was cleared by Wiebe, who flew him to Vancouver and killed him there. “It’s the most rewarding work we’ve ever done,” Wiebe told fellow physicians in 2020. Another euthanasia doctor, obstetrician Stefanie Green, stated that she’s ended the lives of 300 people through MAiD thus far.

Both The New Atlantis and the Daily Mail cited a litany of stories to which we’ve begun to grow accustomed. There is 41-year-old Rosina Kamis, who did not have a terminal condition but was facing eviction and was short of money for food. Lonely, she decided that suicide was “the best solution for all” and died by lethal injection in her basement apartment on September 26, 2021, her ex-husband’s birthday. A 55-year-old patient named Mary was featured in a MAiD presentation; the presenter noted that “[s]he does not want to die, but she’s suffering terribly and she’s been maxing out her credit cards. She has no other options.”

The list seems endless. There is 68-year-old Nancy, a former doctor who ran out of money; 57-year-old Greg, a homeless writer; 38-year-old Lucy, a gender-confused immigrant suffering from chronic pain. Stefanie Green has insisted that such stories are false. “You cannot access MAiD in this country because you can’t get housing,” she said. “That is clickbait. These stories have not been reported fully.” Wiebe, however, is supportive of suicide for those who are lonely or poor. “As all Canadians have rights to assisted death, people who are lonely or poor also have those rights,” she told The New Atlantis. Wiebe is also a big proponent of assisted suicide being available for those suffering from mental illness.

What these profiles do not mention about Dr. Ellen Wiebe is that she is also an abortionist, and has dispatched patients on both ends of life’s spectrum at her Vancouver clinic. Also unmentioned is the fact that on June 29, 2017, Wiebe and a nurse sneaked into the Louis Brier Home and Hospital, an Orthodox Jewish nursing home in Vancouver that forbids assisted suicide. Wiebe smuggled her lethal drugs and other equipment in large bags, avoided the front desk, and gave an 83-year-old man with cancer a lethal injection in his room on his request. An uproar broke out when this was discovered—the residence is home to many Holocaust survivors who understandably found this event traumatizing.



A complaint was brought against Wiebe at the College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia. That complaint was dismissed, with the College claiming that Wiebe didn’t break any regulator’s rules even if she did break the rules of the nursing home. The story is an indication of the sort of person Ellen Wiebe is, and just how far she is willing to go. The deeply-held convictions of the Louis Brier Home and Hospital didn’t mean anything; neither did the peace of mind of the Holocaust survivors and other elderly who lived there. For Wiebe, giving patients lethal injections is “the most rewarding work we’ve ever done.” Presumably, she’s contrasting that to her history of ending life in the womb.

In Canada, however, she’s hailed by the mainstream media as a “pioneer.” Like Henry Morgentaler, she’ll probably be given the Order of Canada.

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the field. No shots fired. Instead, the intended victims quietly pull in the Trojan Horse and celebrate its arrival.

The plan is to organize the world under a single unifying plan, accepted by nearly everyone as fact and necessary. Acceptance of that plan has nearly every nation voluntarily surrendering independence and sovereignty to the global aggressors. Most are even raising money to help pay for the aggressor’s system of control. These new rulers issue exact orders to be followed by all, gaining more and more power with each dictate. People now are voluntarily forgetting their history and rejecting their culture. “Was it not always so?” they will later ask.

What could be such a threat, so powerful that the entire world would lie down to accept such global servitude? How about the threat of Environmental Armageddon! We must save the planet!

What if you dared to oppose such a plan? “I’m free! I’m independent! I have rights,” you would claim as you held up your copy of the Constitution.

Of course, to oppose such a plan is a direct threat to humanity. The mob, fearing such dangerous thoughts, would surround you and rip up your Constitution as it shouted, “It doesn’t matter how many rights you think you have if you don’t have a planet to stand on! Only selfish zealots who refuse to give up their creature comforts would oppose efforts to save Mother Earth!”

Well, I’ve taken the red pill and I can now tell you that it’s no secret. The aggressors have written down every detail of their plan and have told us in their own words how it’s to work. But those who have taken the blue pill refuse to see its threat. Let me pull back the curtain for those who don’t/won’t see.

What do they call this new diabolical tool that now leads the forces of global control over all humanity which is quickly invading every single level of our government, our communities, and our neighborhoods? Its name is Sustainable Development.

Sustainable Development involves a progressive transformation of the economy and society. It is based on international interdependence and redistribution of wealth. It demands that we all live on less. It opposes free enterprise and demands its destruction. Instead it merges environmental policy with economics in decision making — with nature always overriding man.

David Brower of the Sierra Club made it all pretty clear when he said, “The goal now is a socialist redistributionist society, which is nature’s proper steward and society’s only hope.”

Maurice Strong, the Chairman of the 1992 Earth Summit left no doubt of the Sustainable Development goal when he said “Isn’t the only hope for the planet that the industrial nations collapse? Isn’t it our responsibility to bring that about?” At that Earth Summit, 50,000 delegates agreed to support the agenda to achieve the goal – it was called Agenda 21 – the “Comprehensive Blueprint for the Reorganization of Human Society.” Since then, it has been updated and detailed, first under Agendas 2030 and then the Green New Deal. Today, they are aggressively moving under the banner of the Great Reset.

Sustainable Development is the policy for achieving that agenda. It calls for the elimination of free markets, national sovereignty and independence, and the elimination of private property ownership. It certainly calls for redistribution of wealth and a huge reduction of human populations. Some have called for reductions as high as six billion people.

The Sustainable shock troops – private, non-governmental organizations (NGOs) have flooded governments at every level pushing their unending flow of legislation – all designed to regulate nearly every human action. They put controls on how and where we can build our homes. Controls on small farmers over what crops they can grow and how they will grow them; and they imposed controls on our own private transportation decisions. Cars are their enemy because it gives us freedom of movement.

As property rights are being destroyed the wealth of our nation has begun to diminish. There is no doubt that Maurice Strong’s goal of collapsing our nation is well underway.

The issue is so vast and overwhelming that people rightfully have trouble wrapping their heads around it. It encompasses every aspect of our lives, from housing, to jobs, to education, to healthcare, to gun control, and even if we are allowed to keep living.

Specifically, Sustainable Development is an all-out attack on private property. Private property is in their way as they sit behind closed doors to make plans for your future.

A few years ago, former New York mayor Bill DeBlasio openly revealed their goal when he said this in an interview in New York

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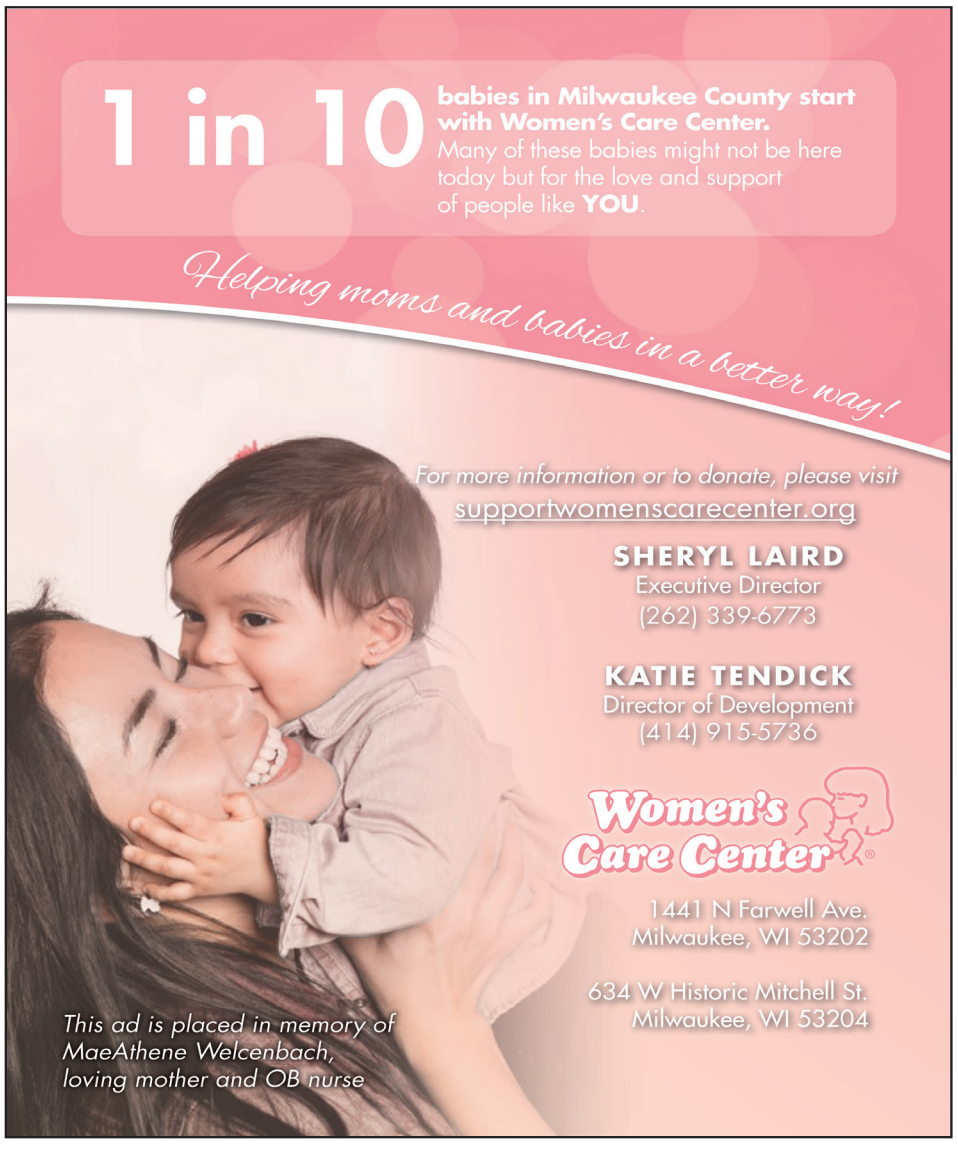

VOICE OF JERUSALEM

Benjamin Franklin's contribution to Jewish practice

By Shai Afsai

Benjamin Franklin's famous autobiography includes the description of a character improvement method that he invented in his 20s to help him break his bad habits and acquire better ones.

The method centers on 13 behavioral traits (temperance, silence, order, resolution, frugality, industry, sincerity, justice, moderation, cleanliness, tranquility, chastity, and humility), to each of which, in succession, is allotted a week of special attention and reflection. Progress and setbacks in mastering these behavioral traits — or virtues — are recorded on a grid chart having the seven days of the week running horizontally and the 13 traits running vertically. After 13 weeks the cycle begins again, so that over the course of a year each virtue receives four full weeks of focus.

Though he never succeeded in fully altering his habits using this technique, later in life Franklin reflected: "I was by the Endeavour a better and a happier Man than I otherwise should have been, if I had not attempted it."

A notable feature of Franklin's invention is that it was intentionally designed to be compatible with different faiths. As Franklin, whose own religious beliefs may be described as Deistic, explained: "being fully persuaded of the Utility and Excellency of my Method, and that it might be serviceable to People in all Religions, and intending some time or other to publish it, I would not have any thing in it that should prejudice any one of any Sect against it."

Publishing his method as a book was part of what he described as "a great and extensive Project." Franklin envisioned forming an international secret fraternity and mutual-aid society, called "the Society of the Free and Easy," whose members would follow "the Thirteen Weeks Examination and Practice of the Virtues." They were to profess that God governs the world and ought to be worshiped, and "that the most acceptable Service of God is doing Good to Man." This non-sectarian brotherhood, "begun & spread at first among young and single Men only," was meant to develop into a global "united Party for Virtue."

Due to his many other private and public concerns, the American founding father passed away in 1790 without having written a book expounding his Art of Virtue and without laying the groundwork for a new international society. Nonetheless, since he described it in some detail in his popular autobiography, people interested in character improvement still had access to Franklin's technique.

Nearly 20 years after Franklin's death, the early Eastern European maskil (proponent of the Jewish Enlightenment movement) Rabbi Menahem Mendel Lefin of Satanów (1749–1826) completed and published a Hebrew text elaborating on Franklin's character improvement method. However, Sefer Heshbon Ha-nefesh (Book of Spiritual Accounting) was not designed to "be serviceable to People in all Religions." First published anonymously in 1808, it was written for the spiritual and moral edification of Lefin's fellow Jews — namely, to help them subordinate the Animal Soul to the Divine Soul. The rabbi adapted Franklin's method for use by what we would now call Orthodox Jews.

Lefin stated outright that he did not invent the method taught in his book. Yet he neglected to name Franklin or cite Franklin's autobiography in Heshbon Ha-nefesh. Instead, he wrote elusively that "a few years ago a new technique was discovered, and it is a wonderful innovation in this work [of subordinating the Animal Soul], and it seems, God willing, that its impact will spread quickly, as with the invention of the printing press that brought light to the world." This omitting of Franklin's name and of Franklin's autobiography has led to much confusion in Jewish scholarship about Lefin's source.

While basing himself on Franklin's new technique for character improvement, including the use of grid charts, Lefin diverged from it in several ways.

Because Franklin had envisioned his method as universally applicable and as forming the basis for a global "united Party for Virtue," he wanted a fixed set of 13 virtues that could be focused on by all prospective members. Lefin did not share this concern. Following Franklin, he detailed an initial list of 13 behavioral traits, but Lefin stressed that these were examples of what readers might choose to concentrate on. Later in Heshbon Ha-nefesh, he offered five additional suggestions, including modesty, trust, and generosity. (Taking these 18 traits together, one finds that Lefin reproduced all of the autobiography's 13 virtues — though, for example, mention of Socrates and Jesus, whom Franklin presents as models of the virtue of humility, is, naturally, absent from Heshbon Ha-nefesh.)

Still, though he discarded Franklin's ideas of a global "united Party for Virtue," Lefin did not consider character improvement to be solely a private endeavor. He counseled fathers to monitor their sons' characters for five years — beginning at age 13 (when a boy becomes a bar mitzvah) and continuing to age 18 (the age of greater independence) — after which time the sons, aided by their fathers' observations of their adolescences and of the areas in which they were most in need of improvement, could embark on their own self-examinations. Lefin also advised that husbands and wives embark on character refinement together; that two friends form character study partnerships; and that men seek out different teachers who exemplified particular character traits they yearned for, and whom they could emulate.

Professor Nancy Sinkoff has noted in her excellent article "Benjamin Franklin in Jewish Eastern Europe: Cultural Appropriation in the Age of the Enlightenment" (2000) that Lefin had been drawn to Franklin's method for the same reason that Franklin had been compelled to devise it. Both had "come to the conclusion that a practical program of behavior modification was necessary to effect individual change" and "that self-improvement required a structured plan of behavior modification."

Because of Franklin's approach to virtue and religion, Lefin was easily able to adapt the method and make its use part of accepted Jewish practice. From the outset Franklin had wanted his system for character improvement to be universally accessible, and there were no obstacles preventing its subsequent incorporation into Judaism. Heshbon Ha-nefesh received the approbation of prominent rabbis, was embraced by the Musar movement — which concentrated on moral discipline and ethical refinement — and became one of the many Hebrew texts still studied in yeshivot, furthering Franklin's initial goal of having his invention "be serviceable to People in all Religions." Over 230 years after his death, Franklin's legacy of character development endures in Jewish thought and practice.

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Magazine: "What's been hardest is the way our legal system is structured to favor private property. I think people all over the city, of every background, would like to have the city government be able to determine which building goes where, how high it will be, who gets to live in it, and what the rent will be." That's a pretty raw look behind the scenes. He is telling you exactly what they want. Total control over how and where you will live.

In every community today, planners and independent NGO groups have surrounded your local governments to enforce such plans. You will hear them speak of the need for well controlled planning for your community's future. It's necessary, they say, to make sure everything is well ordered. Otherwise, they warn – we will have "chaotic growth."

If you are one of the dedicated activists who have actually attended local planning meetings – see if this quote sounds familiar to what you have heard there: "The chaotic growth of cities will be replaced by a dynamic system of urban settlement…The region is formed by the economic interdependence of its development. The region has a single system of transportation, a centralized administration, and a united system of education and research." This quote was written by a Soviet Russian architect named Alexei Gutnov, published in a 1968 book entitled, "The Ideal Communist City." Could it be that Sustainable Development really is an extension of the master plan for the ideal communist city?

Make no mistake, Sustainable Development, using the threat of Environmental Armageddon as its rallying cry – is the totalitarian's dream weapon to conquer the world's freest society. It is an international scheme disguised as national and local policy, created to rein in the radical ideas of individualism, and personal property ownership, as well as to "harmonize" all nations under a central, global control.

The main question of the day – as our eyes are opened to the problem – What do we do about it? So many don't know where to even start to fight back. The issue is massive. People get overwhelmed – where to start?

Let me make it as simple as possible. There are three basic tactics that have been used to enforce it:

Destroy private property ownership and control.

Impose non-elected regional councils, taking government further away from the people.

Feed the plan with federal grant money.

The truth is Sustainable Development cannot be enforced without destroying property rights. So that's the place to start pushing back. Stand up for property rights and we can stop sustainable development and put the cork back in government growth.

You must understand – your fight must start on the local level – not in Washington, DC. At the local level is where we can have the biggest impact. Succeed there and then the issue will rise to the state level and then eventually to the national level. But it will take trench warfare in every city council meeting and in every county commission meeting.

Number one goal – stop your officials from taking the grants! Grants from federal agencies, including EPA, HUD, and Department of Transportation are not free money. They come with very specific strings attached for compliance. Those strings are tied to creating the regulations that enforce Sustainable Development. Many of those grants were actually written by the NGOs and they know exactly which grant to apply for to impose such policies. Most local elected representatives are unaware of these hidden strings. To cut federal control in your city – don't take the grants!

Number two – get a clear definition of property rights so you have a platform to stand on. Here it is: "Property in a thing consists not merely in its ownership and possession, but in the unrestricted right of use, enjoyment, and disposal. Anything which destroys any of the elements of property, to that extent, destroys the property itself. The substantial value of property lies in its use. If the right of use be denied, the value of the property is annihilated and ownership is rendered a barren right." Washington State Supreme Court Justice Richard B. Sanders. Private property ownership and its unrestricted use is the foundation for a nationwide revolution of Freedom. Demand it!

Meanwhile, we have many wonderful elected officials in city councils, county commissions, and state legislatures. But here again, usually they are outnumbered and unable to be effective. There is a way for them, even in a minority, to make a difference.

In your state legislature, imagine if you had ten good members who wanted to fight to protect property rights, but they are outnumbered and shut down at every turn. Here are some ideas on how they can turn that around.

First, those in the minority (meaning they actually support the ideas of limited government and personal freedom) can form a freedom coalition among them, pledging to support limited government, free enterprise, property rights and personal freedom (the three pillars of freedom).

Next, those in the Freedom Coalition can reach out to like minded legislators in neighboring states and encourage them to create their own Freedom Coalition in their state. Let us say they are successful in organizing freedom Coalition in ten states.

Then, on the exact same day, at the exact same time, all of these legislators introduced the exact same bill, or set of bills, into their respective state legislative hoppers that call for limited government and property rights protection. Then, the Freedom Coalition members all hold a news conference at the exact same time in each of their ten states, announcing their actions.

Meanwhile, we have local activists in each of those states ready to support that legislation – plus we also have a network of patriot radio shows and social media ready to launch support.

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