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Trump's Banana Republic Antagonists Should Fear His Return

By Larry Bell

Banana republic style lawfare attacks to remove Donald Trump as a viable 2024 repeat presidential contender may ultimately prove appropriately dangerous to oppressors who have perpetrated an unremitting slew of assaults from a time when he first announced his 2016 candidacy throughout and following his previous term of office.

Despite, and perhaps partly owing to these injustices, Trump's present leadership over Joe Biden by substantial polling margins gives Democrats and their loyal left tilted media sycophants bad reasons to worry.

A new Wall Street Journal survey finds likely voters favoring Trump over Biden in a head-to-head 2024 matchup by 4 percentage points, 47% to 43%.

Trump's lead expands to 6 points, 37% to 31%, when five potential third-party and independent candidates are added to the mix who represent a combined 17% support, with Democrat-turned-independent Robert F. Kennedy Jr. drawing the most, at 8%.

Clearly anticipating some righteous comeuppance on the part of their vanquishing nemesis, Democrats — now in a full crisis mode — are blaring upcoming

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Dictatorial control, from Covid to climate

Democrats accuse Trump of proclivities that they blatantly engage in, especially in Washington

By Paul Dreissen



I choked on my coffee when I read the headline: "Democrats raise specter of Trump dictatorship to boost Biden." What a textbook example of "projection," I laughed, referring to the psychology term for deflecting attention away from one's own blatant behavior by claiming someone else is doing it.

Partisan media and politicos parroted the accusation, and

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COVID-19 Vaccines May Cause Harm Five Years after Injection

By Dr. Peter McCullough



Friday January 12, 2024, Georgia Representative Marjorie Taylor Greene held a historic US Congressional Panel in The Rayburn Building on Capitol Hill to learn why COVID-19 vaccination continues to cause record injuries, disabilities, and deaths, even years after the primary series in 2021.

The hearing was attended by Greene (R-GA), Senator Ron Johnson (R-WI), US Representatives Warren Davidson

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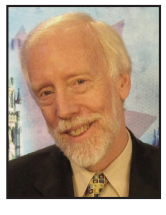
Global Warming fears based on an imaginary temperature

By Tom Harris



Over the past year, we have heard a lot about skyrocketing "global temperature." The problem is — global temperature doesn't exist.

Yet Bing AI reports:

"According to my search, there were about 1,820,000 results for "global temperature" in the media from January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2023.

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Recalling Vos *It's all about leadership*

By Bill Savage

It is no secret that I am not a fan of Wisconsin Assembly Speaker Robin Vos. After twenty years of working at the State Capitol I could literally write a book on Vos, and his quest for power; power at the expense of the people of Wisconsin.

It's been two days since a group of people in the 63rd Assembly District which Robin Vos represents has filed to recall him and so far there has not been one reason given by the Vos sycophants on why Robin Vos should remain speaker. We heard attacks on the guy who filed the recall papers, we've heard how someone spelled Vos with two s's and Wisconsin Right Now (which does excellent work when not trying to prove their allegiance to Vos) has resorted to name calling, primarily because there are no pro-Vos talking points to offer.

Vos's obstruction is well documented, as is Dan O'Donnell's poor track record on accurately reporting on issues regarding Vos. Included in letter is a list reasons why Vos cannot be defended. Read my letter to Mr. O'Donnell.

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US Foreign Policy Is a Scam Built on Corruption

Professor Jeffrey D. Sachs reminds us that war is a racket.

By John Leake

Major General Smedley Darlington Butler was, at the time of his death in 1940, the most decorated Marine in U.S. history. During his 34-year career, he fought in the Philippine–American War, the Boxer Rebellion, the Mexican Revolution, and World War I.

However, at some point after his World War I, he began to have grave doubts about his profession. Over time, with study and reflection, he concluded that he had NOT spent his life fighting and killing for the American people, but for special interests in New York City and Washington.

As he memorably stated it in his 1935 book, War is a Racket:

I helped make Mexico, especially Tampico, safe for American oil interests in 1914. I helped make Haiti and Cuba a decent place for the National City Bank boys to collect revenues in. I helped in the raping of half a dozen

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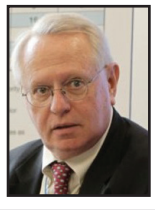
Climate Skeptics Win by Revealing Costs Not Disputing Science

By Williams Kovacs (Part II of III parts)

Part I discussed how the Progressive Left transitioned their climate strategy from one of oppressive regulations during the Obama administration to giving away massive amounts of money



during the Biden administration. This policy change made all the difference in gaining general support from the American business community for the uncontrolled development of green technology. If the climate skeptics are to compete for public support, they must change their strategy

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Hamas terrorism isn't 'self-defense' against 'occupiers'

CAIR leaders rant and indoctrinate. Hamas murders. Jew-hating mobs rage for genocide.

By Paul Dreissen



Council on American Islamic Relations Los Angeles executive director Hussam Ayloush recently defended Hamas's barbaric slaughter of 1,200 Jewish, Thai, Filipino, Bedouin and other men, women and children. He claimed Israel is "an occupier" that "does not have the right to defend itself."

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Archbishop Viganò Calls for Swiss Guards to Arrest Pope Francis and Cardinal Responsible for Pornograhic Book

By Margaret Flavin

Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò has called for the Swiss Guards to remove and arrest Pope Francis and Cardinal Victor Manuel "Tucho" Fernandez after the discovery of a pornographic work by Fernandez. Archbishop Viganò wrote on X, "The blasphemous sewer regurgitations of

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Steve's Say . . .

Refocusing on God's Directive in 2024



Almost everyone sees a New Year as a new beginning - a chance to clean the slate and start over. Many of us put forth New Year's Resolutions, most often involving improving our health or finally taking on a challenge we've procrastinated in doing for a long time.

And I'm not proud to say, like many of my fellow human beings, my adherence to my newly found resolve for the New Year quickly deteriorates. Within days, weeks at best, the enthusiasm behind the resolution wanes, the specific actions required by the resolution ignored or forgotten, and sometime during that first month it's dumped for good.

Due of this miserable record of futility, I failed to put forth a New Year's resolution for the past several years, at least one that sticks in my mind. That being said, I certainly believe as many of you do that 2024 will be a year of immense challenges and changes we never experienced before. Maybe this year might be the one we really need to resolve to do something different or special. But I declared none.

But then God declared for me what my New Year's resolution would be for 2024. And now that I know His declaration, I better follow it through the entire year.

Here comes the hard part. I must confess and display my weaknesses and failures to all of you. Why? Because, as you will see, in order to understand God's declared 2024 resolution to me, I must tell all.

So here goes. The year began rather benignly for the first 3 days. Then on my birthday, January 4th, during early morning Mass which I normally attend on Thursdays, a feeling of foreboding I didn't understand hit me. With downhill skiing on the docket that evening with my youngest daughter at Sunburst, I thought about cancelling. But I didn't. And I am glad because we had an absolutely super time with no issues.

The next night my oldest daughter and her husband Ben hosted the family birthday celebration with Ben's gourmet steak dinner. And what a dinner! Perfectly cooked, high quality steaks, accompanied with mashed potatoes, an excellent salad, and of course cake and ice cream. Plus loads of cards and presents! Fabulous!

OK, so what's wrong? Well, nothing until we left and got back to the car. And I see a City of Milwaukee parking ticket on my windshield. I thought I had parked in the unmetered area but was off by a space. And I got disproportionately annoyed with my lack of diligence but soon set that aside.

A parking ticket! Big deal Steve. Where are you going with this?

Humility and Diligence. That's where.

I now see God sent me gentle messages to discern to get me refocused on the things in my life I've been letting slip. But as I just stated above, I just set that one aside.

So God allowed a much louder message to reach me, one much more powerful and impossible to ignore. The next day, Saturday January 6th, my wife and I spent the day dismantling the indoor Christmas decorations, from the multiple trees with all their ornaments to the snowmen and wreaths scattered throughout the house. After skipping over lunch and heading into the heart of the evening, Susan declared that I should go to Cousin's and pick us up sub sandwiches for dinner. She had coupons. I left immediately.

After picking up dinner, I decided to take a different way home than normal. And as I cut through from one newer subdivision to the older one, the road intersects the main way people normally take into our newer subdivision just to the west. The road is a boulevard there but has a severe S turn just to the west so in less than 1 block the road disappears from sight. Our newer subdivision to the west elevates greatly so the road leading down to that intersection goes steeply downhill.

Now normally if I take that route I turn right at that corner and go home that way. But that night I decided to go straight there and get to my house the reverse way. Big mistake. Because of the S turn and being at night in winter, you can't see a car coming until it gets to the straight part of the road which is less than a short block away from that intersection. Compounding things, the boulevard requires more time to cross the entire street. So a car coming at the 25 mph speed limit essentially requires you to look carefully at least one additional time before you cross the second set of lanes. I apparently failed to do that and ended up colliding with another car.

I won't get into any additional specifics of the accident, but needless to say neither I nor the other party involved enjoyed this experience. Luckily there appeared to be no serious injuries. But both cars needed to be towed away and will likely be weeks before either of us get our restored vehicles back. A real bummer.

So what went wrong? Well for starters I chose a risky and foolish way to take home, exposing myself and the car to unnecessary risks. It matters which way you choose to take and forethought to recognize dangerous situations. The accident occurred literally 2 blocks from my house. Do you think being close to home might foster a bit of complacency? I think so. I know so. I guess that provides one reason why most accidents occur close to people's homes.

Now I'm certainly not saying God did this to me. When we become enamored with "our" knowledge or accomplishments and start taking credit for them instead of giving the glory to God, we get into trouble. With the gift of free will God allows us to either turn towards Him or away on our own. And when we turn away from Him, it certainly doesn't take long for our deficiencies to get us into jams.

So my declared New Year's resolution: Humility and Diligence. Humility in the sense that all gifts come from God, along with knowledge, understanding and discernment, to be used in the service of His great and Holy Plan according to His Holy Will. I aim to act as an obedient steward to my compassionate and benevolent Master, giving all glory to God always while understanding the immensity of His greatness and kindness. And continually respecting all of His creation, especially my fellow human beings, focusing on their unique gifts as children of God, being courteous and understanding in all of my interactions.

And diligence. Understanding the importance of the mundane and how all great events rest upon the foundation of the everyday tasks and challenges we complete. The societal fabric woven by each individual taking care of their own sphere of business and personal responsibility allow the great things to emerge from this spontaneous, composite effort. Diligence requires focused attention, detailed study and completing what you start. The holy pride you feel in your heart should be your testament to God's glory and greatness, gratitude that He invested His gifts in you to do part of His Holy Work.

So as I've described here, 2024 began with some challenges I haven't faced in some time. Yet I am confident these challenges will assist me in facing some much larger ones in store for us all in the coming year. The Deep State needs to completely destroy the fabric of America to bring her to ruin, hence the "Woke Agenda." Lets join together, Patriots, to restore our country through humility and diligence, to rebuild the fabric of truth and justice as outlined in our founding documents and contained in the Holy Word of God.

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Electric Truck Conundrums

By Ronald Stein

Earlier this year, California passed regulations that would turn the trucking industry upside down. Zero emission mandates would disrupt the industry, raise shipping costs, and put trucking companies out of business. A group including 19 states and several trucking organizations recently filed suit to block the California regulation.

A little background on the EV Truck mandate: California's Advanced Clean Fleets (ACF) Regulation goes into effect on January 1, 2024. The ACF requires that truck operators buy only Zero Emissions Vehicle (ZEV) trucks for medium-duty and heavy-duty trucking operations as early as January 2024. The ACF also requires that trucking companies transition their fleets to 100 percent ZEV trucks by 2035 to 2042, depending upon the class of truck.

This EV truck mandate lacks conversations about the many conundrums associated with this mandate, i.e., the elephant in the room that no one wants to talk about:

For those huge EV truck batteries, there is virtually no transparency about the environmental degradation and the human rights abuses occurring in developing countries with yellow, brown, and black-skinned people. Both human rights abuses and environmental degradation are directly connected to the mining of the exotic minerals and metals that are required to manufacture those EV batteries. The use of children to produce lithium for EV batteries is appalling.

California has almost 400,000 miles of roadways used by the State's 31 million vehicles. Those roadways are heavily dependent on road taxes from fuels that contribute more than $8.8 billion annually, the same gas tax revenues that also funds many environmental programs. That $8.8 billion revenue source will diminish in the decades ahead as EV's begin to replace internal combustion engine vehicles.

The heavier EV trucks will put more wear and tear on the California roadways. How will the state replace $8.8 billion from fuel taxes to maintain California's roadways?

California is the 4th largest economy in the world and has three of the largest shipping ports in America—No. 1 in Los Angeles, No. 2 in Long Beach, and No. 7 in Oakland. Ships arrive and depart from the ports up and down the coast from San Diego to San Francisco.

Many truckers are individual operators that may just stop coming to California! Those trucks that access three of the largest shipping ports in America move a lot of products for the entire country.

Trucker's travel all over the nation, thus heavy EV truck charging stations sites would need to be built all over the nation to keep those trucks moving.

EV trucks are only for those in wealthy countries, as Nearly Half the World Lives on Less than $5.50 a Day, and billions still struggle to meet basic needs. They may never be able to enjoy the materialistic living styles of those in wealthier countries.

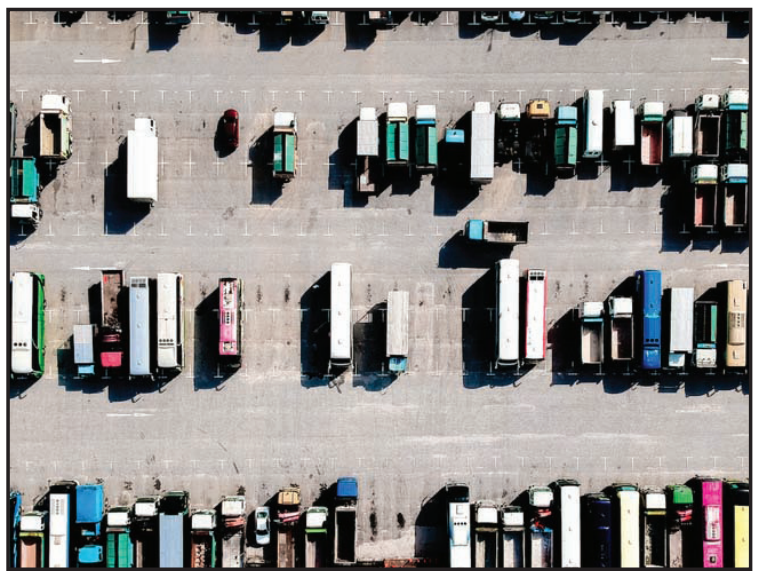
Electric trucks suffer major disadvantages when compared to diesel trucks:

Diesel trucks can travel about 1,200 miles after filling the tank in 15 minutes. The range of electric trucks is about 150-330 miles, and recharging may take hours, even on a high-speed charger.EV truck cabs cost two to three times as much as diesel cabs, an incremental cost of as much as $300,000 per truck.

EV cabs also weigh about 10,000 pounds more than comparable diesel versions.

China emits more greenhouse gases in a day than California trucks emit in a year.

The California GREEN movement continues to be a National Security risk for America as 4th largest economy in the world is already importing most of its crude oil demands from foreign countries to support the States' 9 International airports, 41 Military airports, and 3 of the largest shipping ports in America, and is now mandating that the trucks that move many of the products to Americans be electric!



EV Buses—Investors and Taxpayers Beware

By David Lagates

Some folks only learn through experience. That can be a tough process. Far better to learn from those who learned the hard way—and gain knowledge from observing others. Your state might want to keep that in mind when it comes to the electric-bus fad.

In August, Delaware Governor John Carney (D) signed into law House Bill 10, which "establishes targets for annual purchase of electric school buses through fiscal year 2030." Like Delaware's school bus fleet, many transit agencies are moving to battery-powered buses in response to the California mandate of selling only zero-emission vehicles by 2035. So, if you are a venture capitalist, or just a kitchen table trader, maybe you thought investing in a high-profile electric bus manufacturer might be a good bet.

And a pioneer and leader in the electric bus business, Proterra, might have been an excellent choice. Proterra has been around for nearly twenty years, and it is so well-connected that the Biden Administration in February appointed Proterra's CEO to serve on the White House Export Council, the principal national advisory board on international trade. Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm served on Proterra's Board of Directors and owned shares of the company even after being confirmed to head the US Department of Energy. (Conflict of interest, anyone?) In numerous speeches, the President has praised Proterra as a success story in the green energy movement; to wit, both the Vice President and the Transportation Secretary toured their facility. Moreover, $5.5 billion was provided by the bipartisan infrastructure law and billions more through other federal grant programs to convert diesel-powered fleets around the country to electric buses.

But hopefully you didn't buy stock in Proterra, because you certainly would have lost your investment. In August, Proterra filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection. Its stock, which was selling at $7.30 a share in November of last year, is now worth $0.03 a share just a year later — much less than 1% of its peak value. It had federal funding, it had administration backing, it had state and local legislation on its side.



So, what went horribly wrong?

Proterra noted that "contracts signed in 2021 proved to be priced below where the manufacturing costs were ultimately realized in 2022." They also argued that transit companies want specialized

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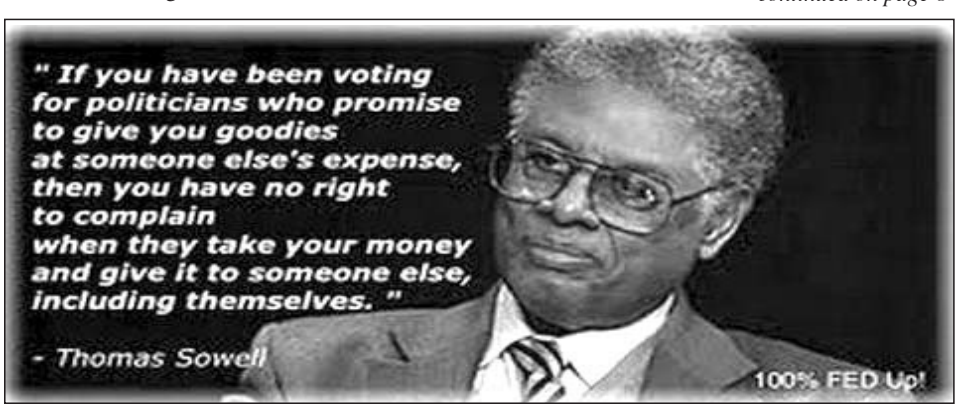

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False, AXIOS, Climate Change Isn't Altering the Polar Vortex

By Anthony Watts

Axios, an online news and opinion service, published an article, titled "Polar vortex, extreme weather events set to slam U.S.," by Andrew Freedman, in which the writer claims that climate change is altering the polar vortex, making it more extreme and erratic. While there is some factual reporting in the piece about pending weather events, Freedman's claim that climate change is altering the polar vortex is fact free.

"Some of the upcoming extremes have clear ties to climate change," writes Freedman. "There are numerous studies that suggest polar vortex excursions may be becoming more likely in a warming world, but this is still an area of active research."

Freedman's assertions are false, unsupported by both current scientific publications and real-world data.

The phrase "polar vortex" is a meteorological term for a weather event that has in recent years been erroneously linked by the mainstream media to climate change and severe winter weather events. The polar vortex was first identified as a cause for some instances of severe winter weather events in 1853 well before "human caused climate change" was ever conceived of. The term first appeared in an 1853 issue of E. Littell's Living Age.

In fact, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) in their definition of the phrase, has this to say:

There are several things the polar vortex is NOT. Polar vortexes are not something new. The term "polar vortex" has only recently been popularized, bringing attention to a weather feature that has always been present.

In other words, the media has co-opted the phrase in an effort to tie it "climate change" without any actual historical or scientific linkage.

As pointed out it Climate at a Glance: The Polar Vortex, NOAA also clearly disputes claims that polar vortex trends are worsening:

Recently, some climate researchers have cited computer models to attribute specific polar vortex events to climate change. However, there no evidence contained in the long-term observational records that polar vortex events have become more frequent or severe during the recent period of modest warming. In its discussion of the polar vortex, NOAA says computer models fail to produce consistent projections linking climate change and the polar vortex. "Computer models don't agree on how global warming will affect the polar vortex," reports NOAA.

NOAA goes on to say there has been "no clear trend" in polar vortex events since the 1990s. Further, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) on page 90 – Chapter 12 of the UN IPCC Sixth Assessment Report. Emergence of Climate Impact Drivers (CIDs) in the section on "Snow and Ice" states that there is no evidence that climate change is affecting "heavy snowfall and ice storms" which are the signature weather events occurring during a polar vortex winter outbreak.

Claims such as Axios made, that climate change is creating new and more severe polar vortex events are not supported by observational evidence, computer models, NOAA, or the IPCC.

The Axios piece also goes on to say, "Climate change-related sea level rise is making storms such as this one more damaging, since only a relatively small surge is needed to yield flooding."

This too is false. On page page 90 of Chapter 12 in the IPCC's report, in the section titled "Coastal," the IPCC writes that "Relative sea-level" and "Coastal flood" have not been linked to climate change at all.

The types of claims Freedman made in his Axios piece have been refuted time and again on Climate Realism, yet like a game of Whac-A-Mole, he and and other journalists keep publishing these false claims, without paying any attention to existing evidence and facts.

It is just another indication that the media is more interested in furthering the climate scare narrative than they are in being responsible journalists by pursuing and promoting the truth.

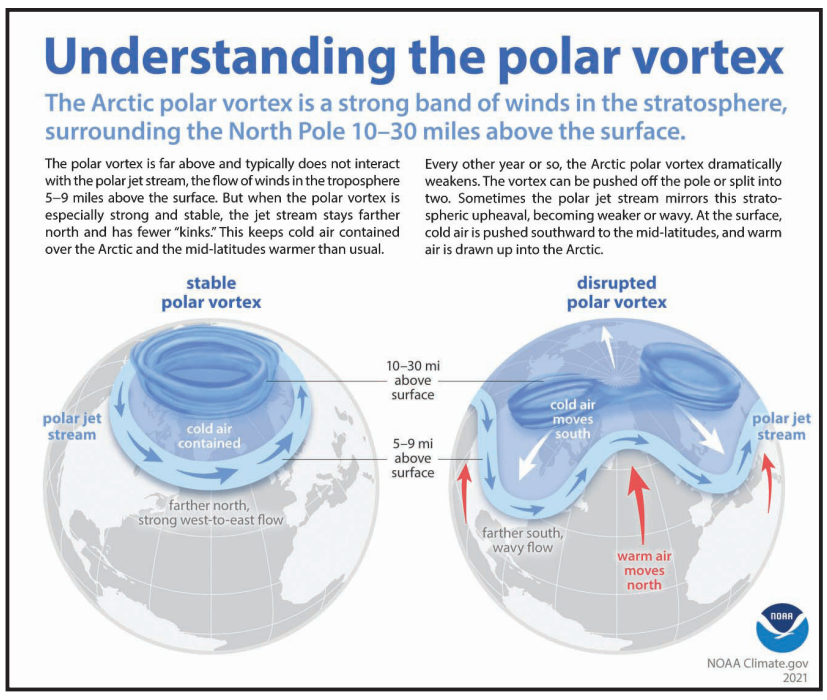

Figure 1: When the Arctic polar vortex is especially strong and stable (left globe), it encourages the polar jet stream, down in the troposphere, to shift northward. The coldest polar air stays in the Arctic. When the vortex weakens, shifts, or splits (right globe), the polar jet stream often becomes extremely wavy, allowing warm air to flood into the Arctic and polar air to sink down into the mid-latitudes. NOAA Climate.gov graphic, adapted from original by NOAA. gov.In the past decade, those concerned about climate change have regularly linked polar vortex events to climate change.

Sec. Mayorkas Falsely Blames Climate Change for Mass Illegal Immigration

By H. Sterling Burnett

Embattled Homeland Security Sec. Alejandro Mayorkas, currently facing impeachment proceedings in the U.S. House of Representatives for his inept handling of illegal immigration, recently took to the airwaves on MSNBC to lay problem of rampant mass illegal immigration at the U.S.'s southern border first and foremost on climate change. This is false. There is no evidence climate change has resulted in forced mass emigration from South or Central America or Mexico into the United States, and leaders there specifically mock such a claim.

Several media outlets covered Mayorkas' appearance on MSNBC, such as the Daily Mail, Mediaite, the Washington Examiner, and The Texan.

In a January 3 appearance on MSNBC's Morning Joe show, Willie Geist, co-anchor of the show, asked Majorkas, "[a]s you know, Mr. Secretary, border patrol in the month of December processed more migrants entering the United States illegally than any month in the history of that agency. Why is that happening? How do you explain it?"

Mayorkas answer was disturbing in its cluelessness.

"So, we are seeing the greatest number of displaced people, not only at our southern border, not only in the western hemisphere, but across the globe," Mayorkas began. "I am involved in bilateral and multi-lateral meetings with my counterparts from foreign countries in Europe, in Asia, in the Indo-Pacific — all over the world."

"And migration, the challenge of displaced people, is a subject that comes up in every single conversation," continued Mayorkas. "We have the effects of climate change, poverty, increasing level of authoritarianism."

Mayorkas is half right. Undoubtedly, poverty and authoritarianism are playing a role in mass migration. He might also have added drug and human trafficking carried out by organized crime, inadequate enforcement by the Biden administration of current laws barring unauthorized immigration, and, in various countries, war and civil strife.

Where Mayorkas was dead wrong was in blaming climate change, which he listed first among the factors driving mass illegal immigration.

As Climate Realism has shown in hundreds of articles, data refutes claims that extreme weather is occurring more frequently or that when it strikes it is more severe. And crop production, including in most poverty riven and war-torn countries, including the countries where the majority of illegal immigrants coming to the United States are from, is continuing to set records regularly, year over year.

Indeed, Climate

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"This is Crazy, It's a Disaster" – Public Charging Stations Turn into Electric 'Car Graveyards' in Bitter Chicago Cold



By Cullen Linebarger

Electric vehicle owners in the Chicago area have not been able to charge their overpriced method of transportation in the bitter cold this week, leaving scenes of dead electric cars littered across public charging stations.

It turns out buying a worthless car to virtue-signal for the environment has unintended consequences.

Fox Chicago reported Monday the charging stations have turned into electric car graveyards over the past two days as temperatures in the Windy City and its suburbs have dipped to the negative double digits.

One man, Tyler Beard, to the outlet he had been trying to recharge his Tesla at an Oak Brook Tesla supercharging station since Sunday afternoon.

Nothing. No juice. Still on zero percent. And this is like three hours being out here after being out here three hours yesterday.

But Beard was just one of dozens of Tesla owners trying and failing to power up their vehicles at this same Oak Brook charging station. Fox 32 Chicago noted the scene was reminiscent of long lines and abandoned cars at several other charging stations around the Chicago area.

"This is crazy, it's a disaster. Seriously," she said.

One man offered a concise and pointed response to the disaster at the Oak Brook charging station and across the area: "We got a bunch of dead robots out here."

Kevin Sumrak told Fox 32 that he landed Sunday night at Chicago O'Hare International Airport and found his Tesla dead. He was forced to hire a flatbed tow truck to locate a working charging station.

Tesla refused to comment on the situation despite multiple media requests.

These individuals could have avoided their current predicament by sticking with traditional gasoline-powered vehicles. As several car experts have explained, electric car batteries lose significant range and power when the weather gets cold.

But in far-left Chicago, basic common sense is in short supply.

Alberta energy chief ridicules report touting electric cars as best equipped to handle cold

By Lifesite News

Alberta's Minister of Energy criticized the federally funded Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) for publishing a report stating that electric cars are better able to handle cold weather than gas-powered ones, all at the same time an extreme cold snap gripped much of Western Canada, and nearly caused Alberta's power grid to collapse.

Despite the bitterly cold weather, the CBC ran a report, with the headline '"Electric cars 'the best vehicle' in frigid temperatures, Sask. advocates say." The report highlighted how owners of EVs such as Tesla's, in the city of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, claim their cars better handle the extreme cold.

"It heats up faster than any gas car I've ever had. It's more reliable," claimed Telsa Model 3 owner Tyler Krause, who also sits on the board for the Saskatchewan Electric Vehicle Association and founded the Tesla Owners Club of Saskatchewan.

Alberta Minister of Energy and Minerals Brian Jean was having none of what he called a CBC "parody."

"Another home run from CBC. Is this parody?" Jean posted on X (formerly Twitter) in reply to the CBC report and to Conservative Party of Canada MP and former party leader Andrew Scheer, who blasted the report as well.

Scheer posted on X (formerly Twitter), "While the Alberta govt asks people not to charge their electric cars due to the extreme cold straining the grid, CBC publishes this article. Brilliant. $1.3 billion of your tax dollars ladies and gentlemen."

The cold snap over the weekend saw temperatures in some regions drop to nearly minus-50 degrees Celsius (minus-58 degrees Fahrenheit).

The cold weather was so intense that the province's Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) declared a grid alert, stating that power flow was near collapse due to inadequate production from renewable sources such as solar and wind. All the province's natural gas generators were working overtime, with no contribution from wind or solar.

When it comes to EVs, the main downside, besides long charging times, is reduced range in extreme cold weather. An example of this is a Tesla Model 3, which according to Krause could go maybe 500 kilometres on one charge in warm weather but only 300 kilometres in the cold.

Gas-powered vehicles, when plugged in with a block heater that heats the engine coolant or oil can start and warm up just as quickly as an EV. A well-maintained gas car will also start in extreme cold weather.

Also, EVs add strain to an already strained electrical grid, a fact pointed out by Alberta Premier Danielle Smith amid the cold snap.

On Saturday, Smith pleaded with citizens to "unplug" their electric vehicles and conserve energy in other ways to avoid brownouts.

In response to the situation, the neighboring province of Saskatchewan, which was also facing the same cold snap, announced it would provide Alberta with electricity to stabilize the grid.

Many, including Saskatchewan Premier Scott Moe, noted that the incident served as a stark reminder of the potential dangers of a looming federal mandate calling for an eventual end to oil and gas power production in favor of less reliable wind and solar power.

The federal government of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau is trying to force net-zero regulations on all Canadian provinces, notably on electricity generation, as early as 2035. His government has also refused to extend a carbon tax exemption on heating fuels to all provinces, allowing only Atlantic provinces this benefit.

Canada's government is also going after consumer choice when it comes to what kind of vehicles people can purchase.

Canadian Environment Minister Steven Guilbeault announced just before Christmas the "Electric Vehicle Availability Standard." This is a plan that will mandate that all new cars and trucks by 2035 be electric, which would in effect ban the sale of new gasoline- or diesel-only powered vehicles after that year.

Alberta plans to fight fed EV and 'net zero' 2035 mandate

Smith has promised that she intends to fight with "everything" at her disposal what she called an "unconstitutional" new federal government EV mandate as well as a net-zero power generation, which if implemented would lead to guaranteed power outages.

She noted that when it comes to Trudeau's EV mandate, "Ottawa is trying to force increased demands on the electricity grid while simultaneously weakening Alberta's and other provinces' grids through their federal electricity regulations."

"Our electric grids are not equipped to handle the massive demand surge that a forced full-scale transition to EVs would need to accommodate the delusional timelines in Ottawa's regulations, and the federal government has not provided remotely enough financial assistance to assist provincial grids to meet this mandated electricity demand," she noted.

Smith laid out how she has a plan to "shield" Alberta from the federal government's 2035 dictates, adding that her province will "not tolerate it."

Trudeau's war on the internal combustion engine comes despite the fact Canada has the third largest oil reserves in the world, which is produced ethically, unlike in other nations.

Electric cars cost thousands more to make and buy, are not suited to Canada's cold climate, offer poor range and long charging times (especially in cold weather), and have batteries that take tremendous resources to make and are hard to recycle.

A recent report from the Western Standard documents how one Alberta couple found out the hard way that going EV does save not time or money.

Trudeau's EV mandates have also been called out by the automotive industry in Canada. The Canadian Vehicle Manufacturers' Association said in response to the new EV mandate that forcing people to buy EVs will "disproportionately impact households living in rural and northern communities that may have lower access to public charging infrastructure."

Since taking office in 2015, Trudeau has continued to push a radical environmental agenda similar to the agendas being pushed the World Economic Forum's "Great Reset" and the United Nations' "Sustainable Development Goals."

The reduction and eventual elimination of the use of so-called "fossil fuels" and a transition to unreliable "green" energy has also been pushed by the World Economic Forum (WEF) – the globalist group behind the socialist "Great Reset" agenda – an organization in which Trudeau and some of his cabinet are involved.

A June 2017 peer-reviewed study by two scientists and a veteran statistician confirmed that most of the recent global warming data have been "fabricated by climate scientists to make it look more frightening."

Sec. Mayorkas *cont. from page 4*

Realism has thoroughly rebutted and debunked the false claims that climate change is causing mass immigration into the United States and around the globe repeatedly, here, here, and here, for example. The latter post points out that Biden administration climate envoy, John Kerry and Vice-President Kamala Harris had both previously linked climate change to illegal immigration to the United States. In an interview on Fox News, Guatemala's President, Alejandro Giammattei, chastised the administration for this claim, saying that he and the Biden administration "are not on the same side of the coin," on why illegal immigration had increased during Biden's presidency. Giammattei blamed the uptick in illegal immigration on the Biden administration's more welcoming policies, not climate change.

Gaimmattei is not alone in chastising the Biden administration for trying to blame illegal immigration on climate change. As reported by The Texan, Texas Gov. Greg Abbott responded to Mayorkas' claim in a post on X.

"Climate change? Mayorkas is pathetic," wrote Abbott. "The REAL reason illegal immigration records are being set is because Biden refuses to enforce immigration laws."

Whatever other missteps Mayorkas has made in his handling of the U.S. border crisis that have led to his pending impeachment hearings, certainly his foolish parroting of the Biden administration's false party line that climate change is behind the increase in illegal migrants isn't going to help him in the during the proceedings. With no trends in worsening weather or food production, climate change can't be causing mass illegal immigration. Of course, the Biden administration has shown time and again that on climate change and energy issues, facts don't matter. All that matters is whether a policy or statement advances the claim that climate change presents a "clear and present danger," which the administration is taking an all of government approach to fighting. Under Biden, that Homeland Security fight climate change is evidently more important than securing the U.S. border and preventing foreign terrorists from entering the country or carrying out attacks.

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The Week That Was January 13, 2024

Quote of the Week:

"For every complex problem there is an answer that is clear, simple, and wrong."– H.L. Menchen [H/t Tony Heller]

Number of the Week:

1,142 China; 282 India; 210 US

This Week:

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

Scope: Discussed below are issues such as the poor quality of the data, and in some cases absence of data that went into proclamations by NOAA, NASA, the EU's Copernicus Climate Change Services that 2023 was the hottest year on record. One focus is Antarctica, where no long-term data records exist. Further, flaws to the IEA report claiming that China is leading the world in renewable energy are presented. The 2023 contributions by members of SEPP towards furthering our understanding of the greenhouse effect and climate change are reviewed. Willie Soon's discussion on hydrocarbons that are not derived from fossils is presented. And EPA's latest efforts to control the US oil and gas industry are discussed.

Hot Nothing: Over the past few weeks NOAA, NASA, the EU's Copernicus Climate Change Service have claimed that 2023 was the hottest year ever. Before discussing such claims, it is useful to review the reliability of the entities responsible for maintaining climate records. The US was once considered the gold standard for reporting temperatures nationwide and it has records dating back to about 1880, with longer records in specific locations.

Data analyst Tony Heller reports on the data for several locations in Iowa and one in Illinois. He shows how NOAA adjusted the data for Boone, Iowa, with data dating back to about 1905 to turn a slight cooling trend to slight warming trend. For Audubon, Iowa, with data dating back to 1893, similar adjustments were made resulting with older temperatures being cooled by as much as 3.35F and recent temperatures warmed by as much as 0.83F. For Algona, Iowa, with records dating from 1861, the distortion was even worse.

There is no issue that the globe has warmed somewhat since the beginning of the Industrial Age. The issue is what is the cause? Anti-industrialization advocates insist that carbon dioxide emissions from the use of fossil fuels (hydrocarbons) are the primary cause. However, their use of distorted data records undermines their credibility. See links under Measurement Issues – Surface.

Precise Temperatures But No Thermometers? Last week, Roy Spencer and John Christy reported that:

"And, as calendar year values go, 2023 was the warmest of the 45-year record with an average of +0.51 °C (+0.92 °F) outdoing 2016 which finished that year at +0.39 °C (+0.70 °F). This calendar year was also warmer than any other 12-month period which before 2023 was Dec 2015 to Nov 2016 at +0.41 °C (+0.73 °F). Because early 2023 was much cooler than now, we can expect further 12-month records over the next few months."

They also wrote:

"This major warm El Niño episode, a periodic warming of the tropical Pacific Ocean waters, remains strong and thus is keeping the atmosphere very warm as well. The tropical average temperature anomaly of +1.08 °C is the warmest December in the tropics in the 45-year satellite record. A value of 1.15°C in Feb 1998 still holds the record as the warmest tropical anomaly, but since El Niños often peak around Feb, there is a good chance that a new tropical record will be set in 2024. See NOAA's excellent updates here.

https://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/produ...

It is tempting to think that the global temperature peaked in October at +0.93 °C and that it is now on the decline, but changes of a tenth of a degree are very common and changes of more than 0.20 °C happen every few months. So, thinking we have reached the peak warming of this El Niño is not a good bet to make at this point." Statistically, 2016 slightly beats out 1998 as the second warmest year over the past 45 years according to the only comprehensive estimates of global temperatures. As Spencer and Christy further wrote:

"As noted above, the calendar year anomaly of +0.51 °C (+0.92°F) represents the warmest of the past 45 years as monitored by microwave sensors on polar-orbiting satellites. The global tropospheric temperature trend starting in 1979 is +0.14 °C per decade which is influenced by many factors operating on differing time scales. If we remove the influence of the early volcanic cooling episodes (El Chichon 1982, Mt. Pinatubo 1991) the background climate-trend is about +0.1 °C per decade and could represent the warming effect of the extra greenhouse gases that are being added to the atmosphere as human development progresses (see Christy and McNider 2017 for details of this type of analysis).

With temperatures so warm at the present, it is very likely 2024 will be well above average too, even though NOAA's various forecasting tools suggest this El Niño will end mid-year."

"A note about the global temperature trend. For several years, the trend has been extremely close to +0.135 °C/decade. This past July, the threshold of 0.135 was crossed at +0.1352°C/decade. The global trend is now +0.14 °C/decade by rounding up."

The greenhouse effect occurs in the atmosphere, and the atmosphere has been warming over the past 45 years at a rate of +0.14 °C/decade, or 0.25 °F every ten years from all causes including changing intensity of the sun. Humans cannot sense this increase. It is tiny compared to the warming that took Earth out of the last Ice Age glaciation and the extent Earth is expected to cool during the next Ice Age glaciation.

The policies of the UN, the EU, and the US blame carbon dioxide for the small warming over the past 45 years and greatly exaggerate the number. The EU's Copernicus Climate Change Service, NOAA, and NASA reported that 2023 was the hottest year on record. All the government reporting organizations ignore the satellite data.

The Copernicus Climate Change Service had a graph titled "Global Surface Temperature: Increase above Pre-Industrial Level (1850-1900" with "temperature data" going back to 1850. Where around the globe were the thermometers in 1850? There were very few systematic recordings, predominantly in Europe and part of the US and a few scattered in Europeanized cities elsewhere. One cannot possibly accurately calculate global temperature data from a few points scattered around the globe, largely in urban areas.

NOAA issued its "Annual 2023 Global Climate Report" which also omitted atmospheric temperature trends. Interestingly, although the atmospheric temperature trend data shows 1998 was about equal to 2016, the NOAA report does not rank 1998 as one of the ten top warmest years, even though 2016 is ranked as the second warmest year.

NOAA shows calculations for Africa, Asia, Oceania, and Antarctica to one-hundredth of a degree C. Total nonsense! NOAA shows a 1910–2023 trend for Antarctica of +0.05°C (+0.09°F) per decade and a trend for 1982–2023 +0.02°C (+0.04°F) per decade. But there were few thermometers in any of these areas in 1910 and only two permanent stations in Antarctica in 1982. Comprehensive satellite data dates to 1979 but NOAA ignores these.

Not to be outdone, NASA released a report showing strong surface warming (equal to or greater than 4C) in the Antarctic Circle compared to the 1951-1980 average. Where were the thermometers inside the Antarctic Circle in 1951? The failure of these government organizations to report that large sections of the globe had no systematic temperature measurements in 1951 is atrocious, Antarctica is probably the worst example.

According to Wikipedia, the first Antarctic bases were established beginning with Ridley Beach in 1898 on the Adare Peninsula (71 degrees 41 minutes South latitude.). The Antarctic Circle is 66 degrees 33 minutes South latitude, so Ridley Beach was inside the Antarctic Circle, but it was quickly abandoned. Most early research stations were soon abandoned or were outside the Antarctic Circle. For example, Orcardas research station was established in 1903 on Laurie Island, which is outside the Antarctic Circle at 60 degrees 43 minutes South latitude.

It was not until 1957 when the Amundsen-Scott South Pole station (elevation 9301 feet, 2835 m) and Vostok Station at 78 degrees, 27 minutes South (elevation 11,444 ft., 3,488 m) that permanent stations were established inside the Antarctic Circle. Vostok station has a mean annual temperature of minus 55.2°C (-67.4°F) and recorded a low temperature of minus 89.2°C (-128.6°F). It was not until a French Italian research station, Concordia Station, at 75 degrees 5 minutes South latitude (10,607 ft, 3,288 m) opened in 2005 that a third all year facility was built on the Antarctic Plateau.

For NASA and other government organizations to show a dramatic warming of 4°C where there is no systematic record is absurd. See links under Defending the Orthodoxy,

https://www.nsstc.uah.edu/climate/2...

for atmospheric temperature trends and

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Resea...

Promoting Sun Power: Last week, TWTW discussed a comprehensive report by Rupert Darwall on "The Folly of Climate Leadership." Wind and solar are not providing reliable, affordable electricity in the UK. As the UK implements its policies promoting alternative energy, the UK economy is stagnating.

The once respected International Energy Agency (IEA) reported that China is now taking the lead on Climate Leadership by building solar PV. The Executive summary of the EIA report begins with:

"2023 saw a step change in renewable capacity additions, driven by China's solar PV market.

Global annual renewable capacity additions increased by almost 50% to nearly 510 gigawatts (GW) in 2023, the fastest growth rate in the past two decades. This is the 22nd year in a row that renewable capacity additions set a new record. While the increases in renewable capacity in Europe, the United States and Brazil hit all-time highs, China's acceleration was extraordinary. In 2023, China commissioned as much solar PV as the entire world did in 2022, while its wind additions also grew by 66% year-on-year. Globally, solar PV alone accounted for

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Number of the Week: Statista, December 6, 2023, had a table showing the "Countries and territories with the largest number of operational coal power plants worldwide as of July 2023." Amazing that the IEA failed to check the facts.

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

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

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

You can help in two ways:

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World Leaders Ignore Growing Safety Issues with Green Energy

By Steve Goreham

The nations of the world are pursuing an unprecedented energy transition. Efforts are underway to force a shift from coal, oil, and natural gas to renewable energy sources by 2050. However, key elements of the proposed transition suffer from major safety issues. These are batteries for electric vehicles and electricity storage and hydrogen fuels for industry.

Most energy sources involve safety risks. Gasoline cars can explode or burn, especially after collisions. Natural gas pipelines and processing facilities have been known to explode or combust. Nuclear power plants have suffered famous disasters such as Three Mile Island, Chernobyl, and Fukushima, when cooling systems have failed. But green energy is bringing a new dimension of safety problems to society.

A transition from gasoline and diesel vehicles to electric models is a major part of the green energy revolution. President Joe Biden, other political leaders, and the International Energy Agency call for electric vehicles (EVs) to completely replace internal combustion engine (ICE) vehicles by 2050. EVs with high-capacity batteries are new technology that is rapidly gaining market acceptance. Automakers compete to increase EV range by introducing larger and more powerful batteries. But battery fires may threaten the EV revolution.

Lithium batteries in cell phones and other portable electronic devices are banned from commercial airline baggage compartments because of fire risk. Batteries in electric cars contain graphite, metals, and other materials bathed in flammable electrolytes with thousands of times more energy than your cell phone battery. If they ignite, they can burn for hours with a very high heat and are extremely difficult to extinguish.

Electric cars spontaneously combust. Earlier this year, a father from Elk Grove, Illinois, was about to pull onto Highway 99 when he felt his Tesla start shaking. He pulled to the side of the road and exited his car, just before it burst into flames. He was unable to save the child car seats from the back of the car and was glad that his children were at home.

This summer, a Florida car owner had her car in for servicing and was given a Mercedes EV as a loaner. The loaner was parked in her garage and not charging when it burst into flames. The flames and smoke caused heavy damage to her home.

BMW, Ford, GM, Hyundai, and Tesla electric cars have all experienced problems with battery fires. In the most visible case, GM recalled all 141,000 Chevrolet Bolts produced between 2016 and 2021. In August, electric truck maker Nikola announced a recall of all 209 of its heavy electric trucks because of battery fires.

In total, the number of EV fires per vehicle does not exceed the fire rate for ICE vehicles. But EVs can ignite unexpectedly when charging overnight in the garage or even when just parked in the driveway, locations where gasoline-powered cars typically don't catch fire.

Battery fires are very hard to extinguish. They can burn for hours while fire departments douse them with water and even re-ignite after the fire appears to be out. Some fire departments have resorted to lifting the flaming EV and dropping it into a huge tank of water to extinguish the flames.

Grid-scale batteries are being deployed by utilities in Australia, the US, and other nations. These are huge batteries that provide electricity storage to back up wind and solar facilities. When wind and solar systems generate excess electricity, it can be stored in batteries and released when the wind is not blowing or the sun is not shining. But grid-scale batteries also have issues with self-ignition.

Today, grid-scale batteries store only about one-millionth of the electricity that the world uses annually, but many of the few batteries that have been deployed already have suffered major fires. Batteries have burst into flame in Arizona, California, New York in the US and in Australia and the United Kingdom. Grid-scale battery fires result from thermal runaway caused by mechanical damage, poor air conditioning, or overcharging.

What is now the leading cause of accidental fires in New York City? The answer isn't cooking or smoking, but it's fires from e-bike lithium batteries. Batteries on e-bikes spontaneously burst into flames when charging or just when sitting idle. After ignition, the batteries burn with high heat and set fire to storage areas or whole buildings, sometimes killing or injuring residents.

According to the New York City Fire Department, e-bike fires jumped from 44 in 2020 to more than 200 this year. The fires caused ten deaths and over 200 injuries in the city during the past two years.

Green hydrogen, produced from electrolysis of water, is also proposed as a new fuel for the energy transition. Leaders call for a hydrogen economy to reduce emissions and fight global warming. Hydrogen is touted as a transportation fuel and a replacement for natural gas and coal in heavy industry. More than $280 billion in subsidies have been committed globally to develop green hydrogen.

But hydrogen exists in nature only in compounds. Pure hydrogen is very reactive and takes only a low level of energy in the presence of oxygen to burst into flames. The world's rush to deploy hydrogen fuel may become a major safety hazard.

In 1937, the airship Hindenburg exploded in Lakehurst, New Jersey. The explosion ended 35 years of efforts to deploy hydrogen airships. More than two dozen airships exploded from 1908 to 1937 from accidental hydrogen fires, killing hundreds of passengers and crew. The world decided hydrogen airships were too hazardous to continue their use.

But green energy advocates now call for a network of hydrogen pipelines, public hydrogen fueling stations for vehicles, and even the use of hydrogen to heat homes. These systems will need to compress hydrogen to 700 atmospheres of pressure, making leaks probable. And unlike natural gas, hydrogen leaks are prone to spontaneous combustion and resultant explosions and fires.

Vice President Kamala Harris recently announced $1 billion in grants for electric school buses. But the number of electric bus fires around the world is growing. Forbid that we start having spontaneous fires in electric buses full of children.

It's clear that world leaders are ignoring the growing safety problems of green energy. But these fears must be pushed aside in favor of Climatism, the fear of human-caused global warming.

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Climate activism in US politics took a major battering in 2023

By Lifesitenews.com

While the climate movement achieved some victories this year, 2023 may ultimately be remembered mostly as a year of key failures and setbacks for environmentalist organizations and their favored policies promulgated by the Biden administration.

The past 12 months saw the collapse of several major offshore wind projects, signs of trouble in the electric vehicle (EV) market, layoffs at major environmentalist groups, a failed pressure campaign to kill a major energy project and more. Environmental activists and green industrial interests largely assumed that the election of President Joe Biden would stand as a boon for their various prerogatives, but this year's results were not stellar for those interests despite that initial enthusiasm.

Offshore wind flounders

The Biden administration and activists in favor of sweeping action on climate change have touted offshore wind as a green energy lynchpin of their envisioned fossil fuel-free future, with the White House expecting the technology to provide enough energy to power 10 million American homes each year by 2030. While the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), Biden's signature climate bill, created generous subsidies designed to stimulate the industry, it is now facing serious problems that lead several energy policy experts to expect the government will have to step in again to save the industry.

Developers are facing considerable issues attributable to inflationary pressure, supply chain backups, and logistical issues. These problems have prompted numerous firms to attempt to renegotiate their agreed-upon rates with states and utilities, pay large fines to withdraw from contracts altogether, or outright cancel their projects.

Ørsted, a Danish wind company with a major American presence, may have had the roughest 2023 of any firm in the industry. In October, the company announced that it had cancelled two of its major projects off the coast of New Jersey, citing the poor state of the wider economy and the associated impacts on the projects' ability to be profitable in the long-term.

Now, the Biden administration's 2030 target appears to be firmly out of reach, largely because of the considerable financial challenges the industry faces, according to Reuters.

EV dreams show cracks

Environmentalists and Biden administration officials are also pushing EVs as a key climate solution, with the latter spending billions of taxpayer dollars and aggressively regulating markets to reach its goal of having 50 percent of new vehicle sales be EVs by 2030. Despite these efforts, the EV market appears to be faltering: consumer demand is not growing as quickly as expected, manufacturers are losing large amounts of money on their EV product lines and executives are starting to back off of near-term EV commitments.

China dominates the global supply chain for the raw materials needed to manufacture EVs, and the vehicles are considerably more expensive on average than gas-powered equivalents. For example, the Ford F-150 Lighting, the EV version of one of America's most popular cars, sells for about $8,000 more than the conventional F-150.

Beyond the higher costs, consumers tend to worry about the inconsistent performance and uneven geographical distribution of the nation's charging infrastructure. Even Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm is not impervious to this problem, as one of her staffers raced ahead of her convoy during a summer road trip promoting EVs to reserve a spot at a Georgia charging station with a gas-powered car. The police were reportedly called when a family with a baby in tow grew angry that the staffer would not move for them to use the charging port, even though Granholm and the rest of the convoy had not yet arrived to plug in.

Activist layoffs

The past year also saw considerable layoffs at prominent eco-activist organizations, such as the Sierra Club, the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), and Defenders of Wildlife, according to E&E News. After the defeat of former President Donald Trump, whose energy agenda provided a boost to enthusiasm and donations supporting the environmentalist cause, many major environmentalist organizations faced considerable budget shortfalls.

The Sierra Club laid off dozens of employees starting in April, which prompted infighting over issues of race and "equity" within the organization in the ensuing months. NRDC similarly laid off dozens of its staffers later in the year, and Defenders of Wildlife laid off more than a dozen of its own employees in the spring as well, according to E&E News.

A notable bankruptcy

Proterra, an electric bus manufacturer, filed for bankruptcy in August. Prior to the bankruptcy, the Biden administration had promoted the company, a move which prompted blowback from elected Republicans and government watchdogs that highlighted Granholm maintained a financial interest in the firm after accepting a government job in which she would be overseeing policy that directly impacted the company's commercial prospects.

Granholm did not sell her shares in the company until after the House Oversight Committee opened an investigation into the apparent conflict of interest earlier in May 2021. She eventually closed her position in the firm later that month, netting capital gains amounting to about $1.6 million.

Willow project campaign comes up short

Activists launched a broad pressure campaign to goad the Biden administration into cancelling ConocoPhillips' massive Willow Project in Alaska, which ultimately failed when the administration formally green lit the project in March. Many inside the climate movement were livid with the administration's decision, characterizing it as a betrayal of a Biden campaign promise to severely crack down on oil and gas drilling on federally-controlled lands.

Recently, climate activists have set their sights on the Calcasieu Pass 2 project, known as CP2, which would be a major export terminal facility for liquefied natural gas (LNG) located to the south of Lake Charles, Louisiana. They appear poised to ratchet up pressure on the Biden administration to kill the project much like they did with the Willow Project, though time will tell whether or not such a campaign could be successful in its aims.

While the push to kill the Willow Project fell flat, Tommy Beaudreau, the former deputy secretary of the Department of the Interior, left the administration in October after activists targeted him constantly for his support of the Willow Project.

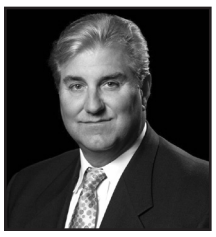
Trouble in the loan programs office

The DOE's Loan Programs Office (LPO) also had a tough 2023. The LPO is a key instrument in the Biden administration's wider green energy push, designed to provide green energy companies with loans that the private sector would not offer, according to the office's website.

These loans have sparked demands from Republican lawmakers, who are seeking information and internal documents regarding the LPO's internal practices and safeguards. Jigar Shah, who runs the LPO, was hauled into Congress to testify in front of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources in October, when Republican Sens. Josh Hawley of Missouri and John Barrasso of Wyoming grilled him about his continued association with a green energy trade group despite potential appearances of ethical impropriety.

Neither the White House nor the DOE responded to the DCNF's requests for comment.

The Day Character Died



By Gary Wickert

I saw a television commercial this morning and it made me sad. It was a good commercial, but I was dismayed that our society has to air such a common-sense public service message. The commercial was produced by The Foundation for a Better Life and was about gratitude. In the commercial, a mother returns home from somewhere late one night to a welcoming sight. Her husband and children had placed out a display of flowers and a letter from her children. The mom smiles and pauses at the sight of her husband asleep in bed with their children after reading them a bedtime story. The commercial encourages viewers to show their gratitude for others with loving gestures big and small.

There was nothing wrong with the commercial. The message was wonderful and meaningful. It was actually a good reminder to us all to be thankful for the little things in life. But it was sad that the Foundation felt that this particular quality of good character was so absent in our society that they spent a considerable sum of money in an effort to teach it to a multitude of people who might not have had the benefit of a lesson in gratitude growing up. It made me wonder which other values and qualities of good character were so missing in our society that we need to start teaching them in television commercials.

Videos of mob violence, destructive "protests", vandalism, flash mob shoplifting, and random, senseless assaults flood the airwaves. I feel as though a lot of people never had a spanking when they were growing up; but deserve one now. Succeeding in life requires character, and the dysfunctional society around us clearly exemplifies how irresponsible and destructive behavior can invariably be traced to the absence of good character and its ten essential qualities: wisdom, justice, fortitude, self-control, love, a positive attitude, hard work, integrity, gratitude, and humility.

U.S. marriage rates have dropped significantly but the babies keep coming. The U.S. now leads the world in single-parent households. in 1960, only five percent of babies in the U.S. were born to unmarried parents; today, that number is 40 percent. For Black babies in the U.S., it's 70 percent. Two generations of policy conversations and political posturing about inequality, discrimination, and social mobility but not a peep about the importance of family structure in building good character have not done this country any favors.

In his bestseller, "Freakonomics", Steven Levitt makes a very common sense but very taboo observation about why we are seeing so much crime, poverty, and despair in our black, urban cities. He posits that parenting matters a great deal, and single-parent families overwhelmingly produce more dysfunctional adult children. This is the crazy part—some will read the preceding sentence and push back with "I know several children raised by single moms who turned out wonderfully." Great. Note that I didn't say "every" single-parent family produces dysfunctional adult children. I said that they "overwhelmingly" do so. A two-parent, loving family is so "Leave It To Beaver" that most liberals actually argue against the importance of such an environment for children. A woman named Judith Rich Harris wrote a book called "The Nurture Assumption" suggesting that parents mattered less, and peers had a much larger effect on a child's personality.

To examine how much parents matter, Levitt examines the cases of two boys. The first is a white boy raised in a Chicago suburb with attentive parents who are involved in his school and read to him. He performs well in school and manages to skip a grade. The black boy is born in Daytona Beach, Florida, and his mother abandons him at age two. His father is a heavy drinker who beats him. He does poorly in school and eventually begins selling drugs. Most would assume that the second boy does not stand a chance, while the first boy will go far in life.

Levitt examines educational data concerning school choice, which allows parents to opt to send their children to the best school possible. Critics of school choice worry that it will leave the worst students behind in the worst schools. Chicago Public Schools used a lottery in its school choice system. The data revealed that in a student's academic achievement, school choice barely mattered at all. Students who won the lottery and went to a "better" school did no better than equivalent students who lost the lottery and stayed at their neighborhood school. Yes, the students who opted out of their neighborhood school were more likely to graduate overall, but all this says is that the students and parents who used the school choice system tend to be smarter and more academic to begin with.

Next, Levitt talks about the Early Child Longitudinal Study (ECLS) run by the U.S. Department of Education in the late 1990s. It measured the academic progress of more than twenty thousand students from kindergarten through fifth grade. This data was analyzed through regression analysis to show correlation. This data shows that the test gap between black and white children disappears after controlling for variables like the income and education level of the child's parents. However, this gap reappears within two years after entering school, despite these variables being controlled for, and continues to grow. This may be a result of school segregation, and the fact that black children typically attend schools with a bad learning environment.

Levitt presents sixteen variables tested by the ECLS. Eight of these are strongly correlated with success in school, either positive or negative, and eight have little relationship with academic success at all. The factors that matter are the parents' education level, socioeconomic status, age, language spoken at home, involvement in the PTA, the child's birthweight, whether or not the child was adopted, and whether or not there are many books in the home. Conversely, the makeup of the child's family, a move to a better neighborhood, whether or not the mother stayed home from work, whether or not the child attended Head Start, whether or not the child is spanked or watches television, and whether or not the parents read to the child all had little-to-no effect.

What we are left with is the simple truth that parents can instill a set of values and a code of conduct in their children. Religion and faith are simultaneously positive experiences for kids and great resources for parenting. They both provide a common frame of reference for and act as an ally to parents struggling to teach their children the difference between right and wrong. A son or daughter (only two choices) with a deep religious belief is statistically less vulnerable to the risks of adolescence. That's because religion comes with a set of rules – a user's manual for raising your son. It also comes with a community of people who share a child's basic values and help communicate and exemplify those values to him.

The bottom line is that a child needs moral absolutes. It's a mistake to think that a child can be raised in an atmosphere of moral relativism. It will only confuse the child. There will be plenty of time to make philosophical arguments for relativism at some postgraduate level and you can have an interesting discussion about it then, but young children need to have some guidance as to the difference between right and wrong. Religion will make your job easier as you become, by default, both your son's morals teacher and his leader by example.

Instead of focusing on the things that empirically matter, the left disparages traditional values, two-parent families, faith, and the instillation of the ten most essential qualities of good character. Hollywood celebrates and showcases single-parent families in almost every movie or television series—often punctuated by a white, male, abusive, alcoholic father character—and the progressive left focuses exponentially more on allowing a child to change his or her (only two choices) gender, select nutty pronouns, or use a different bathroom. You simply can't make this insanity up. It's as though we are living through the world's most elaborate Candid Camera episode.

I will be the first to agree with the statement that a family does not need to be religious in order to raise well-behaved, well-balanced, kids with great character. But I will at the same time maintain that it can't hurt. Faith gives meaning to life in a world that is struggling to find meaning and behaving quite strangely in an effort to do so. Children who attend religious activities with their parent are more likely to experience higher levels of psychological well-being throughout adolescence, with parents' religiosity related inversely to substance use and externalizing problems among adolescents. Advantages have also been found for families that take part in certain group religious rituals, even when they might not practice religious adherence or other religious behaviors. One example is in a study of Jewish families' celebration of the Sabbath called "Religion and Politics in the United States" (i.e., the lighting of the candles and sacred prayers and blessings), which found that such activities experienced as a family strengthening practice and promoted a healthy child-adult relationship.

What matters in parenting is who the parents are, not what they do, and most of this is determined before their child's birth. This can be both comforting and frightening to a parent: comforting because they can take solace in the fact that minute decisions they make will likely have no effect on their child's upbringing, but frightening because it means so much of the way their children turn out is beyond their control.

Yet there are certain empirical truths which shine through the haze. Two-parent families are statistically better at teaching character than single-parent families. Sorry, but it's true. A two-parent family provides twice as many opportunities for parents to be a role model, to use teachable moments to build character, to tell stories and anecdotes, to draw from literature, and to provide opportunities for their children to practice these characteristics.

Parents have many opportunities and tools to build their children's character. But the parents must possess and exhibit good character traits in order to teach them to their children. If they do not, the rest of society will suffer, and it will be up to public service announcements and television commercials to do the job parents should have done in the first place. The disintegration of the moral and social conditions that make character possible in the first place inevitably lead to the death of character. When morality is reduced to the thinnest of platitudes, severed from the social, historical and cultural encumbrances that make it concrete and ultimately compelling, character dies on the vine.

EV Buses *cont. from page 3*

buses, not simply ones available "off the shelf." This requires tailoring each order specifically to the consumer, which inflates costs.

But the real reason is that their buses have been plagued with problems. Buses caught on fire or frequently broke down, batteries froze in cold weather, and drivetrains had issues pulling a bus load of children up hills. But the most prevalent issue associated with Proterra's buses is that when they break down, replacement parts are so difficult to get that the buses sit idle for months on end. Not very helpful—and potentially dangerous—when your children are forced to ride in electric buses to get to school.

Delaware State Representative Ronald E. Gray (R) noted that two electric buses are required to replace a single diesel bus because it is impossible to recharge the bus from its morning run before the afternoon return run begins. This would cost Delaware taxpayers an additional $2.6 million during just the first two years of HB10's implementation. Employees at DelDOT also have expressed their concern that more than one bus is needed to complete many bus routes. The same would apply to other states, but no doubt at higher costs to larger populations.

Delaware's legislature and the governor's office have pushed electric vehicles as a way to make Delaware's environment clean and green. But although touted as being "clean and green," electric vehicles aren't. The process to mine the rare earth elements that are needed for the batteries creates copious amounts of toxic waste, destroys land and ecosystems through surface mining where vast amounts of rock and soil are removed, and utilizes child and slave labor in poor areas such as the Democratic Republic of the Congo and southeast Asia.

Proterra joins Solyndra, A123, Pink Energy (Power Home Solar), and Lordstown Motors (an EV truck manufacturer) on the ever-growing list of high-profile, federally backed companies that have wasted taxpayer money and gone the way of the dinosaur. Policymakers at federal, state, and local levels must learn that the free market is better at selecting true winners than a legislator or bureaucrat with nothing to lose by wasting hard-earned tax money on these fly-by-night schemes.



Spectacularly Shabby and Sordid Corruption

By John Leake

ZeroHedge just reported allegations pertaining to the Trump prosecution in Atlanta—allegations that seem too spectacularly shabby and sordid to be true. Indeed, even a satirical novelist as zany as Carl Hiaasen would probably hesitate to make up such a ridiculous farce.

Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis hired her secret lover to serve as special prosecutor in the Georgia racketeering case against Donald Trump and 18 other defendants, according to a Monday filing on behalf of Mike Roman, a defendant who led election day operations for the 2020 Trump campaign:

"[T]he district attorney and the special prosecutor have been engaged in an improper, clandestine personal relationship during the pendency of this case, which has resulted in the special prosecutor, and, in turn, the district attorney, profiting significantly from this prosecution at the expense of the taxpayers."

The prosecutor is Nathan Wade, a private attorney in the midst of a divorce who "has little to no experience trying felony cases, much less complex RICO actions," according to the 127-page filing which seeks to have the charges against Roman dropped and both Willis and Wade disqualified from further participation in the case.

According to the complaint, Wade has raked in at least $653,000 and upwards of $1 million for handling the high-profile case. By virtue of their relationship, that pile of taxpayer money benefits Willis, as they've traveled together to Florida, the Caribbean and Napa Valley, California, adding that Wade has also bought tickets for the pair to travel on Norwegian and Royal Caribbean cruise ships.

In addition to his $250 hourly rate, Wade has also billed Fulton County for thousands of dollars in air travel and hotel stays, according to invoices attached to the filing. He categorized them as interview and research trips.

The filing also alleges that Willis contracted with Wade contract without proper approval, as such a move requires a vote by the Fulton County Board of Commissioners. Roman's lawyer, Ashleigh Merchant tells the Wall Street Journal her search of board meeting minutes found no indication his appointment was ever discussed, much less voted upon.

Can this story be true? Perusing the 127-page filing, I came across the following statement:

The Court may well be wondering, and for good reason, "How do you know this?" and "Why does it matter?"

How Do We Know This?

Open records requests to Fulton County reveal that the district attorney did not obtain county approval to appoint the special prosecutor. Why would the district attorney not obtain this approval prior to appointing the special prosecutor?

The special prosecutor has admitted his oath was not filed prior to his work on this case. Why would the special prosecutor not just file the oath, a simple administrative task for a lawyer?

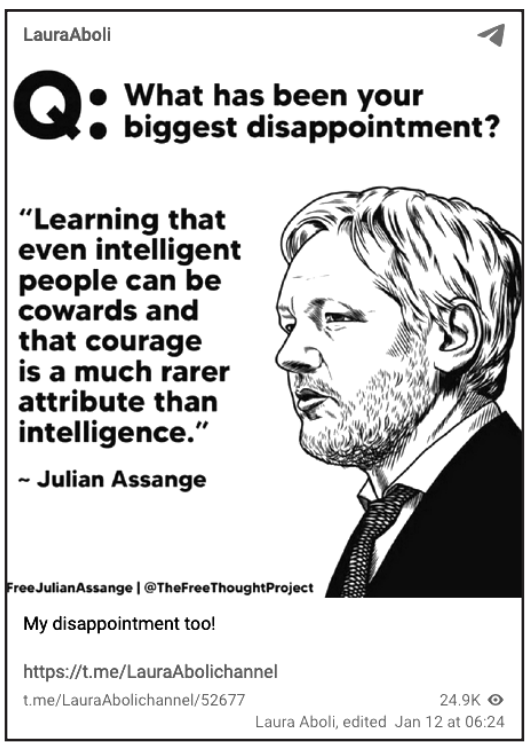
The special prosecutor is seeking a divorce in Cobb County and sought successfully to seal those records, hiding them from public view. Why would a private citizen such as the special prosecutor shield filings related to his income and spending from public view? ☐ While the filings in the divorce case are sealed by Court order (the legality of which is open to question), information obtained outside of court filings indicates that the district attorney and special prosecutor have traveled personally together to such places as Napa Valley, Florida and the Caribbean and the special prosecutor has purchased tickets for both of them to travel on both the Norweigan and Royal Carribean cruise lines. Traveling together to such places as Washington, D.C. or New York City might make sense for work purposes in light of other pending litigation, but what work purpose could only be served by travel to this traditional vacation destinations?

The district attorney and the special prosecutor have been seen in private together in and about the Atlanta area and believed to have co-habited in some form or fashion at a location owned by neither of them.

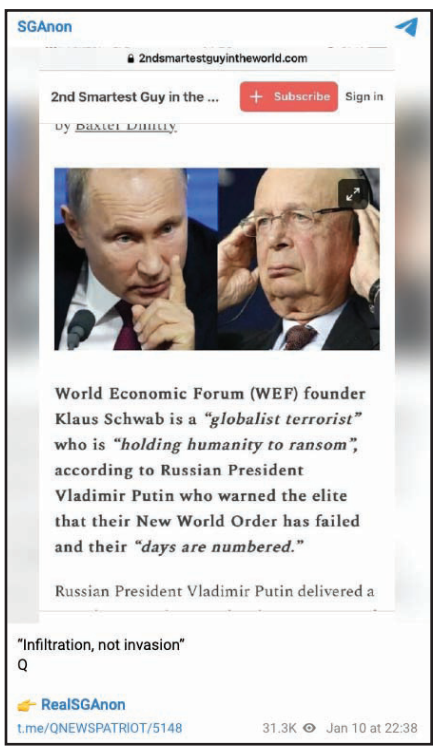
Sources close to both the special prosecutor and the district attorney have confirmed they had an ongoing, personal relationship during the pendency of the special prosecutor's divorce proceedings.

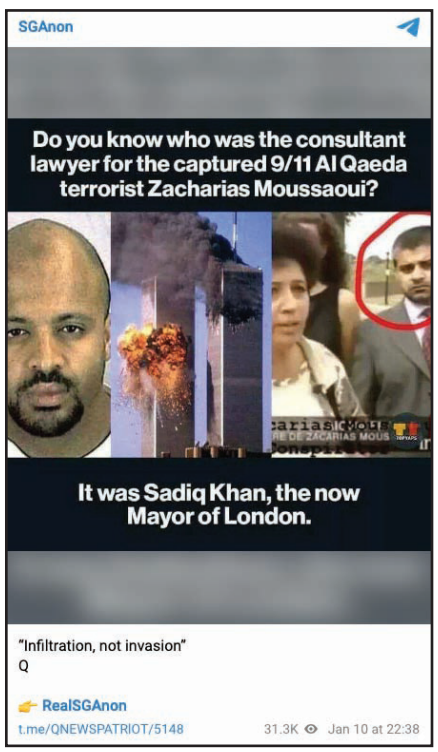
According to these sources, the personal relationship between the district attorney and the special prosecutor began before this prosecution was initiated and before the district attorney appointed the special prosecutor.

Undersigned counsel knows the special prosecutor and has researched his litigation experience. That research reveals that the special prosecutor has never tried a felony RICO case. The State of Georgia and the City of Atlanta has several lawyers who specialize in the prosecuting and *continued on page 11*









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Trump "tyranny" alarms.

The New York Times conveniently referenced only part of Trump's response to Sean Hannity's Fox News town hall-style question whether he would reaffirm that he didn't intend to use government to punish enemies, stating he would only be a dictator on "Day 1" of a new term.

They left out the part where Trump explained that on the "Day 1" referred to, he would use his presidential powers to close the southern border with Mexico and expand oil drilling.

The blatant wholesale hypocrisy regarding true tyranny began with the FBI's Crossfire Hurricane investigation of the Trump campaign which continued into his presidency, based upon fictitious Russia collusion allegations. Were those allegations cooked up by the Hillary Clinton camp as a distraction from her alleged destruction of more than 30,000 email messages on her private server?

Nearly two years and $32 million later, special prosecutor Robert Mueller and his expansive team of investigators found no more evidence of any collusion than when they started.

Undeterred, Trump's enemies impeached him for asking incoming Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy to look into then Vice President Joe Biden's questionable ties to Burisma, an equally questionable energy company which purportedly was paying son Hunter $1 million per year as a no-show board member while Joe publicly bragged about withholding $1 billion in U.S. military aid unless Ukraine fired its lead Burisma prosecutor.

We have since learned that an FBI source told U.S. officials of a conversation in which the head of Burisma claims he paid Joe and Hunter Biden $5 million each for unknown services.

The FBI sat on demons lurking in Hunter's laptop from hell for nearly a year throughout the 2020 election, and even advised media companies to dismiss any upcoming rumors of Biden family scandals as Russian disinformation. Fifty-one intel officials joined that choir in falsely dismissing a bombshell New York Post article on the contents as bogus.

Then came impeachment No. 2, in which Trump again was acquitted, and then months-long Democrat kangaroo court hearings which allowed no meaningful cross examination and entirely omitted his statement: "I know that everyone here will soon be marching over to the Capitol building to peacefully and patriotically make your voices heard."

Nor is there any explanation why then-House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., refused his offer of providing thousands of National Guard personnel to safeguard the Capitol on that day.

All of this has been followed by endless legal assaults clearly intended to make him ineligible for reelection, or failing that, financially bleed his campaign coffers dry while deflecting attention away from the Biden family corruption accusations.

The 45th president — who received 63 million votes in 2016 and even more, 74 million, in his 2020 loss — has since been indicted four times, twice by federal grand juries and once each in the bright blue jurisdictions of Manhattan and Fulton County (i.e., Atlanta), Georgia.

An armed early morning August 2019 FBI raid on his private Mar-a-Lago residence for documents Trump was authorized to declassify somehow served as an indictment pretense, whereas those discovered at multiple Biden properties, including his unsecure garage, with no such legal privilege are somehow no big deal.

A second federal indictment charging Trump with attempting to overturn the 2020 election by challenging its results, apparently ignored Al Gore's demand for a Florida recount of hanging chads in 2000.

Trump's Manhattan indictment for paying Stormy Daniels to bury reports of an alleged sexual encounter got lots of juicy press coverage — not so much for the 1993 sexual accusations by former Senate staffer Tara Reade against former Delaware Sen. Joe Biden alleging that he sexually assaulted her in the U.S. Capitol building.

Trump's mug shot was plastered on the front pages of global newspapers everywhere regarding another felony Trump indictment under mob RICO charges for attempting to interfere with Georgia's 2020 election vote counts. This is in a state where Stacey Abrams challenged her "stolen election" for governor based upon "discriminatory" requirements that voters verify their true identities.

So perhaps it's understandable if Trump is somewhat miffed over what he regards to be unfair treatment deserving of major changes.

In any case — call it retribution or justice — it's long overdue.

When the Ice Returns

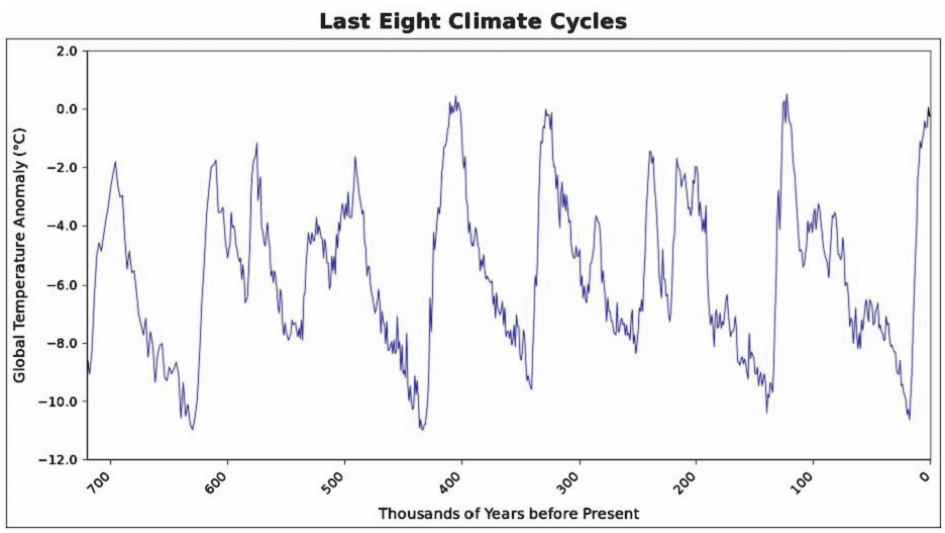
By Viv Forbes w help from friends

A long time ago the universe was made of ice.
Then one day the ice began to melt, and a mist rose into the sky.
Out of the mist came a giant made of frost, and the earth and heavens were made from his body.
That is how the world began, and that is how the world will end.
Not by fire but by Ice.

An Ancient Scandinavian Legend,
quoted by Robert W Felix in his great book:
"NOT BY FIRE BUT BY ICE".

Earth is living in the latter days of the Holocene Warm Era. This is the latest short, fertile, warm interlude within the long, barren, Pleistocene Ice Age. See graph below.

We are at the top on the RHS of that cycle.



Does that look like a bottom, or a top?

Despite what the climate-scare-media tell us, the big danger facing life on Earth is not global warming - it is a return of the deathly Pleistocene ice sheets which once covered the great grain belts of Eurasia and North America. Such global cooling will also trigger plant starvation as more carbon dioxide plant food is dissolved from the atmosphere into the cooling oceans.

We have abundant evidence that alarmist computer modellers have no ability to forecast climate. Meteorologists are gaining the ability to forecast weather up to a week ahead and the trends in ocean temperatures can help forecast whether we have El Nino or La Nina conditions for the next year. But for weather or climate forecasts beyond one year we must look to other scientific disciplines – geology, archaeology, physics and astronomy.

Geological evidence comes from ice cores, deep drilling, stratigraphic mappings and clues exposed in mines and quarries. These records show clearly that with no help from human activities, Earth has suffered recurring periods of volcanism, tidal waves, floods, droughts, asteroid strikes, planetary disruptions, magnetic reversals, ice ages and the extinction of many species. Archaeology and studies of tree rings have also revealed more recent evidence of disruptive natural climate changes.

The global warmth we enjoy today can only come from two sources - the sun or the Earth's molten core.

The major and most reliable source of global warming is that big nuclear power plant in the sky. Our sun directs a continual stream of radiant energy towards Earth. This solar energy melts ice and evaporates water from oceans, seas and lakes. This feeds rain and snow, provides energy for plant life and generates the atmospheric convection that powers trade winds, storms, tornados and cyclones.

Energy also reaches the surface and the oceans from the molten core of the Earth via surface and sub-surface volcanic activity. Many volcanoes on land are generally quiet now but the geological evidence shows that there are periods of massive and destructive volcanic activity often coincident with species extinction and the onset of new episodes of life.

Our scary computerised forecasts of dangerous global warming are based solely on an absolutely trivial factor – the extent to which human production of carbon dioxide and methane may affect global weather by slowing down the transmission of solar energy through the atmosphere. They also ignore the fact that CO2 feeds all plant life (which feeds all animal life) and dismiss the fact that current levels of CO2 in the atmosphere are dangerously low.

Almost every day now, the alarmist media tries to concoct a disaster story from the changing weather.

Weather is always changing - the only time Earth has had a "stable" climate is during the long deathly ice ages.

A diligent lone mathematician/astronomer, Milutin Milankovitch (without giant computers or world conferences) calculated the likely cycles of global temperatures by calculating the varying solar energy received by the major northern hemisphere land masses. His calculations have proved better than anything the IPCC can produce. The Milankovitch cycles are telling us than the next climate cycle will be a cold one.

This is supported by three pieces of evidence.

Firstly, glaciers are returning. When geologists investigated the age of most current glaciers they found they were surprisingly young, and rather than declining, many are growing.

Glaciers known to be advancing include the Vernagtferner glacier in the Alps, the Perito Moreno glacier, the Viedma glacier, the Piedras Blancas Glacier and the Gorra Blanca Glacier in Patagonia; the Tsaa glacier and the Hubbard Glacier in Alaska; the Jakobshavn Glacier; the Hofsjökull, Langjökull, Mýrdalsjökull, and Vatnajökull glaciers in Greenland.

It was reported in 2017 that at least 58 glaciers in New Zealand advanced between 1983 and 2008 with the Franz Josef Glacier advancing nearly continuously during this time and actually regaining almost half of the total length it had lost in the twentieth century.

The Fox glacier in New Zealand is also advancing as is the Nisqually Glacier in North America.

A significant proportion of Himalayan glaciers are also advancing, contrary to the IPCC claiming in a 2007 report that Himalayan glaciers were all retreating and could vanish by 2035.

Secondly, the Greenland Ice Core Project has been used to reconstruct climate for the last 10,000 years. This showed that temperature there has fallen over the last 6000 years. It also showed that global temperature drives atmospheric CO2 levels, not the other way around.

Thirdly, there is the Medieval Warm Period when historians and climatologists can deduce that most areas of the world were warmer than they are now. Food production and population grew and art and culture were supported.

This benign productive era was followed by the Little Ice Age which lasted from about 1300AD almost to the beginning of the 20th Century. The period from 1550AD to 1700AD was a frigid time and famine and disease stalked the world. Arctic sea ice expanded, rivers and lakes froze, the tree line fell, cold gales wracked Europe (one destroyed the Spanish Armada), crops failed and the population fell in northern areas like Norway and Scotland. The population of Greenland perished and the capitals of both Scotland and Norway moved south.

(To read a short history of this terrible time get the paper by Thomas Gale Moore below – it will make you appreciate the warmth.)

Today's modern warm era started about 2000 AD but it will probably prove to be just another short warm reprieve.

As the warmth fades and the ice returns, the threatened generations will gaze in wonder at the snow-covered solar panels and blizzard-damaged wind turbines and power lines that this generation littered over the landscape at such great cost. Future wars will be fought for access to oil, coal, gas and nuclear energy, and herds of cattle, sheep, goats and reindeer will be valued and protected. Australians will also discover why the Snowy Mountains got that name.

Only two conditions are needed for a sudden return of the ice – increased volcanic heat under the oceans and cold cloudy skies. Evaporation from heated oceans will provide the moisture and the cold skies will cause the precipitation of snow and ice on land.

Ice ages can start frighteningly fast and appear to be triggered by magnetic pole reversals which trigger massive volcanism especially in the oceans along the mid-ocean trenches. This under-sea heating drives evaporation from the oceans, increasing cloud cover and reducing surface temperatures.

Once the winter snow is not all melted by the heat from the next summer, the ice age tipping point is reached. The extra snow will reflect more solar energy so that ice sheets grow and sea levels fall. Coral reefs will be left stranded and island nations will expand as sea water is locked up in ice sheets.

Carbon dioxide plays almost no part in this drama except with plant life. When the seas warm up, the dissolved CO2 is driven into the atmosphere and plant life flourishes. But when the oceans cool down, carbon dioxide is re-dissolved and plants suffer. (Only fools like Queensland mining company Glencore would try to win green points by promising to bury the gas of life by forcing it into underground aquifers.)

So let us be relieved from the daily dirge about imagined global warming disasters and plan what we need to do to ensure reliable energy and food supplies as the next ice age approaches.

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defending RICO cases. Despite having access to these resources, why would the district attorney, instead, appoint someone who has never tried a felony RICO case, particularly in a case with such national significance as this one?

The special prosecutor, based on his lack of experience in this type of felony, would not be qualified under Fulton County's standards to be appointed to represent any defendant in this case given the complexity of the charges. If the special prosecutor is not qualified to defend this case under Fulton County's standards, then how is he qualified to prosecute the case? Is that why the district attorney did not seek approval for his appointment? If so, why did she seek to appoint an unqualified lawyer without approval to preside over this prosecution?

Since being appointed as special prosecutor, the special prosecutor has been paid an estimated almost $1,000,000.00 in legal fees. Of course, additional fees would be expected when private counsel is hired, but that would assume they are not in a relationship with the district attorney and they were qualified to do the work they were hired to do.

The special prosecutor's fees have been lucrative in comparison by any reasonable measure. The district attorney's yearly salary, including state and county supplements, is $ 198,266.66 and the total annual budget for the Fulton County District Attorney's Office for fiscal year 2022 was $31,541,968.00. The district attorney lobbied for additional money from Fulton County to hire lawyers and staff to clear the backlog after Covid. Why didn't she use that money to hire qualified in-house staff to try this case? Why did she, instead, use that money to retain the special prosecutor?

"It is bad enough that so many people believe things without any evidence. What is worse is that some people have no conception of evidence and regard facts as just someone else's opinion."
-Thomas Sowell

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from scientific studies that are largely unread to a clear presentation of the real costs of green technology to the general public.

Winston Churchill provided the world with sage advice on how to understand politics when he stated, "I no longer listen to what people say, I just watch what they do. Behavior never lies." It's time for the climate skeptics to transition from discussing scientific flaws in the Progressive's climate policy to implementing a strategy that focuses on what changes the public's behavior. To undertake this approach, the skeptics must recognize:

(1) their real opponent, in addition to the federal government, is now the American business community;

(2) the American people believe climate change is occurring; however, they are not willing to pay for costly climate change policies or bear the burden of hosting the massive facilities in their communities and

(3) the competitive market still works; skeptics must aggressively use it to defeat unprofitable projects before they harm the nation.

Adopting this approach requires the climate skeptics to lay bare the values of the American business community. Business is agnostic on principles. It does not care if our government is capitalist or socialist or a deep-state faux Republic. Business follows the money no matter who is giving it out, the federal government or the Chinese Communist Party that provides subsidized slave labor to U.S. businesses. Trillions flow from the government to corporations to produce what the government wants to be made and purchased, notwithstanding the costs to its citizens or the effect on a functioning society. Climate change is merely the vehicle the federal government uses to buy support to control society.

Understanding the greed of American businesses explains why automakers make more electric vehicles than they can sell, even when faced with significant losses such as Ford's Mustang Mach E and its F-150 lightning. Subsidies explain why American businesses make lightbulbs, dishwashers, air conditioners, low-flush toilets, and dozens of other products that perform less effectively than older products and are considerably more expensive. It's money, money, money that makes business go round.

As part of the federal global warming misinformation campaign that supports its green agenda, numerous federally funded groups reviewed 88,125 climate studies. Amazingly, more than 99.9 % supported the proposition that humans cause climate change. Unfortunately, few studies release the underlying data for peer review and reproducibility. Moreover, the federal government refuses to implement the Information Quality Act. Such refusals mean the federal government and its climate supporters can misinform the public about its science.

The climate skeptics cannot compete with the federal government's propaganda machine and the greed of big business. A new approach is needed since the climate skeptics cannot give up and move to Galt's Gulch.

Taxpayer support stops when they have to pay for or live with the consequences of government policies.

71% of Americans believe climate change is occurring and caused entirely or mainly by human activity. Gallup found that 80% of Americans believe they understand global warming very well or fairly well, and 58% want policies that dramatically reduce fossil fuels within 10 – 20 years. Yet, while firmly believing that human activity causes climate change, a Reuter poll found that only one-third of Americans would spend $100 a year to address it. Americans clearly do not understand they are already paying handsomely for the federal government's green tech follies.

The adage "Don't tax you, don't tax me, tax that fellow behind the tree!" seems to be the prevailing American philosophy for addressing climate change.

Americans do not want to pay to address climate change and do not want the green energy facilities in their backyards. The "Renewable Rejection Database" proves this point. Between 2015 and 2023, 435 communities in the U.S. rejected or restricted big wind projects. The solar industry has seen local communities reject 173 big projects since 2021. The reasons are too much land utilized, noise, sleep disturbance, red-blinking lights all night, too ugly, conflicts with community growth plans, reduced food production, and fear of depreciating land values.

Markets still work, so the skeptics must find ways to allow them to work.

While the American business community loves free money from the government, it still hates losing money. Even with trillions in subsidies, an increasing number of wind and solar projects across the nation are running into problems that harm the economics of the projects. Thousands of these projects need help connecting to local power grids that might need more extensive power lines and new transformers. The high cost of these upgrades translates into canceled projects.

Other projects are abandoned due to a lack of credit. While the government shovels subsidies to green industries, many banks won't extend the additional needed credit to complete construction because of a facility's poor balance sheet. A cancellation of wind farms in New Jersey is a recent example. Orsted, a sizeable Danish wind farm developer, dropped two mega-projects offshore due to $4 billion in cost overruns.

The Wall Street Journal noted offshore wind power is "bleeding cash." Today, offshore wind project costs are 49% more than in 2019. About 60% of all offshore wind projects awarded have been canceled or are at risk of cancellation.

The Li-Cycle battery recycling facility's initial construction cost was $ 700 million. Today, its completion cost is estimated at $ 1 billion, a price so significant that it likely will force the federal government to honor its loan guarantees if the project is to be completed.

Overall, the green industry is in the proverbial toilet. The Environmental, Social, and Governance ("ESG") woke investment funds, the baskets holding the industry's stock for consumers to invest in, are having their worst year since 2011. The green industry is not a good investment. Over time, many of these government monuments to green technology will be abandoned across the national landscape, creating more of a drain on the treasury and local communities as they litter the nation with hazardous waste.

For the climate skeptics to bring sanity back to the climate change debate, they need to clearly explain to the American people the significant costs the government is imposing on them to implement its climate agenda.

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Darkness Before the Dawn

By Max Borders

2024 is more than an election year, it portends a fall. But no matter what happens, we must prepare for what comes after–an era of true self-government.

Some facts are both unstoppable forces and irreducibly social. They are facts because millions of people accept them as such and experience them at once. They are unstoppable in that no single person can prevent them–at least, the probability of preventing their occurrence is vanishingly small.

Imagine trying to prevent Christians from singing carols, Jews from praying at the Seder table, or Muslims from fasting during Ramadan. Of course, we can imagine the heat death of the universe or a giant meteor smashing into Earth. Otherwise, the Abrahamic faithful will sing, pray, and fast as the case may be, and there is nothing you or I can do about it.

Similarly, ordinary Americans will become absorbed in Fall Football or March Madness. Fans will congregate and cheer (and pray) with equally religious zeal. Again, certain human events, though irreducibly social, orbit our lives, and exert their gravity upon us whether we like it or not.

Election Year

2024 is an Election Year. And like Christmas and the Final Four, elections are inevitable. They are both institutions and rituals with the same curious gravity as religious observance or team sports. Even though they may not be terribly secure or fair, we're stuck with them. They are enormous spectacles designed to give pliant voters the illusion that they are in control.

In 2024, in the United States, hundreds of millions will pick a team and gather to worship at the Church of State. It will all culminate in a day that partisan throngs send their prayers to the voting booth. The Cult of the Presidency will be reinforced for four more years, and the Congressional Priesthood will continue driving the American Empire toward insolvency and decline.

And there is nothing you can do about it except be ready.

Collision Course

2024 is a year of liminality, not just because it's an election year and change is written in the rules, but because other unstoppable social facts will converge in the lives of people at home and abroad. Consider:

Debt levels are unprecedented, and debt service is gobbling up more and more of the federal budget.

Americans are so polarized that neither side is likely to accept electoral outcomes, whatever they are.

People are increasingly aware that the national security state (deep state) is in control and that national elections are but bread and circuses auctions.

Deep-state psyops are becoming increasingly ineffective as people become less credulous, more mistrustful, and less hopeful.

The vast nexus of power between the corporate state, elected officials, and the deep state is headed toward collapse.

Happy New Year!

I realize all of this sounds bleak. But when you take time to consider the inexorable logic of these events hurtling into an uncertain future, a dark certainty takes over the mind. The rest is timing. In other words, when one set of unstoppable social facts collides with another set, something's got to give.

There's probably little you or I can do about our current servitude or our nation's decline except quote Lysander Spooner and shake our fists in the general direction of Washington. But we can muster our dwindling resources and gather our strength to seize the moment after the fall. In other words, while there is little we can do about any of these social facts, or about their eventual collision, we can be prepared for that window of time when a crisis becomes an opportunity.

America's Decline

Collapse is not always sudden, like a souffle falling. Nor is it followed immediately by the sound of a firing squad, as with the execution of the Ceaușescus in 1989. Sometimes the process is more drawn out, as with Rome. How on earth did people live with the fact of an Eastern and Western Empire? How did they make do without the system that built the aqueducts and roads?

Just fine, apparently.

If America's decline roughly parallels that of Rome, we're probably in the bread and circuses stage (or empires and entitlements). Our governance systems are somewhere between malaise and paralysis, occasionally lurching to manage a crisis or project power. Only a small minority is starting to question whether any of it is sustainable. But it's growing.

Looking forward, we have set the stage for what former Atlantic writer James Fallows thinks of as a coming era similar to late antiquity in Europe, in

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Opinion: I surrender. A major economic and social crisis seems inevitable.

By Mitch Daniels of the Washington County Post | January 2., 2024

On the list of words in danger of cheapening from overuse — think "focus," "iconic," "existential," you have your own favorites — "crisis" must rank near the top. A Foreign Policy article in 2020 urged some "crisis" caution, listing health care, housing, energy, drugs, education, marriage, police violence and others as declared "crises" that might not fully qualify for such an extreme label.

A host of prognosticators, coming from diverse disciplinary directions, seems to think something truly worthy of the term is coming. They foresee cataclysmic economic and social change dead ahead, and they align closely regarding the timing of the crash's arrival. Unsettling as these forecasts are, the even more troubling thought is that maybe a true crisis is not just inevitable but also necessary to future national success and social cohesion.

The causal diagnoses differ somewhat. Looking through a political lens, James Piereson in "Shattered Consensus" observes a collapse of the postwar understanding of government's role, namely to promote full employment and to police a disorderly world. He expects a "fourth revolution" around the end of this decade, following the Jeffersonian upheaval of 1800, the Civil War and the New Deal. Such a revolution, he writes, is required or else "the polity will begin to disintegrate for lack of fundamental agreement."

In "The Fourth Turning Is Here," published this summer, demographic historian Neil Howe arrived at a similar conclusion. His view springs from a conviction that human history follows highly predictable cycles based on the "saeculum," or typical human life span of 80 years or so, and the differing experiences of four generations within that span. The next "turning," he predicts, is due in about 2033. It will resemble those in the 1760s, 1850s and 1920s, Howe writes, that produced "bone-jarring Crises so monumental that, by their end, American society emerged wholly transformed."

Others see disaster's origins in economics. Failure to resume strong growth and to produce greater economic equality will bring forth authoritarian regimes both left and right. This year, in his book "The Crisis of Democratic Capitalism," Financial Times editor Martin Wolf advocated for an array of reforms, including carbon taxation, a presumption against horizontal mergers, a virtual ban on corporate share buybacks, compulsory voting, and extra votes for younger citizens and parents of children. He fears that, absent such measures, "the light of political and personal freedom might once again disappear from the world."

Then there's that little matter of our unconscionable and unpayable national debt, current and committed. Erskine Bowles led the last serious effort to rein it in, before his commission's report in 2010 was torpedoed by President Barack Obama. Bowles called what's coming "the most predictable economic crisis" — there's that word again, aptly applied — "in history." And that was many trillions of borrowing ago.

Now, market guru John Mauldin has begun forecasting a "great reset" when these unsustainable bills cannot be paid, when "the economy comes crashing down around our ears." Writing in August, he said he sees this happening "roughly 7-10 years from now."

Encouragingly, if vaguely, most of these seers retain their optimism. Piereson closes by imagining "a new order on the foundations of the old." Confessing that he doesn't "know exactly how it will work," Mauldin expects us to "muddle through" somehow.

Howe, because he sees his sweeping, socially driven generational cycles recurring all the way back to the Greeks, is the most cavalier. Although "the old American republic is collapsing," he says, we will soon pass through a "great gate in history," resolve our challenges and emerge with a "new collective identity."

Acknowledging the chance of unfavorable outcomes, including a war we neither win nor recover from, he still leans toward expecting a new era of optimism, national unity and civic engagement. Like economist Mancur Olson in the 1980s, he notes the flourishing of societies where disasters — natural or man-made — swept away encrusted bureaucracies and vested interests.

Paradoxically, these ominous projections can help worrywarts like me move through what might be called the stages of political grief. A decade ago, an optimist could tell himself that a democratically mature people could summon the will or the leaders to stop plundering its children's futures, and to reconcile or at least agree to tolerate sincerely held cultural disagreements.

For a while after that, it seemed plausible to hope for incremental reforms that would enable the keeping of most of our safety-net promises, and for a cooling or exhaustion of our poisonous polarization.

Now, I'm grudgingly ready to surrender and accept that the cliché must be true: Washington will not face up to its duty except in a genuine crisis. Then and only then will we, as some would say, focus on the existential threats to our iconic institutions.

So maybe we might as well get on with it, and hope that we at least "muddle through." I've arrived at the final stage: Crisis? Ready when you are.



Short Takes

By Ken Van Doren

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

"There are three things you can do in a baseball game. You can win, or you can lose, or it can rain." -Casey Stengel

"No, our science is no illusion. But an illusion it would be to suppose that what science cannot give us we can get elsewhere." -Sigmund Freud

"It is harder to crack prejudice than an atom." -Albert Einstein

"I would rather have questions that can't be answered than answers that can't be questioned." -Richard Feynman

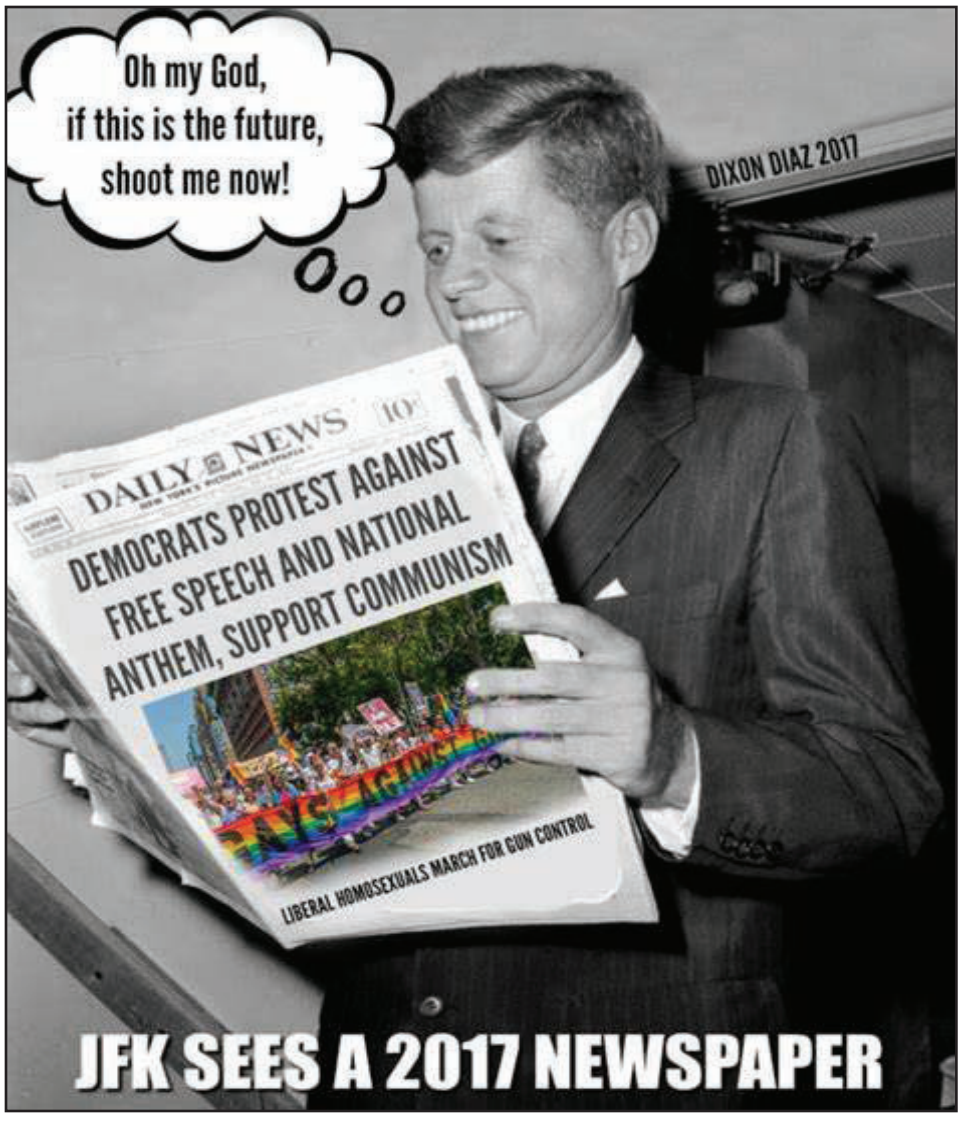
"Gravity explains the motions of the planets, but it cannot explain who sets the planets in motion." -Isaac Newton

"You never change things by fighting the existing reality. To change something, build a new model that makes the existing model obsolete." -Buckminster Fuller

Much of the social history of the Western world, over the past three decades, has been a history of replacing what worked with what sounded good." - Thomas Sowelll

Wisdom to Live By

"Racism has never done this country any good, and it needs to be fought against, not put under new management for different groups." - Thomas Sowell



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Crossword Puzzler

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6. Not this
10. Respiratory organ of aquatic animals
14. French for "Queen"
15. Relating to aircraft
16. Notion
17. Unable to read
19. Pesky insects
20. Accumulate on the surface
21. Cover
22. Urarthritis
23. Death notices
25. Temporary workers
26. Unwanted email
30. A kind of beetle
32. Oval
35. Incessantly
39. A rational motive
40. Swiss city
41. A farcical comedian
43. Demesnes
44. Preserve a dead body
46. Confined
47. Spherical toys
50. Hurdle
53. Rectal
54. Female sibling
55. Revile
60. Fizzy drink
61. Friendly
63. Biblical garden
64. Hodgepodge
65. Birdlike
66. Declare untrue
67. Perished
68. Homes for birds

DOWN
1. Operatic solo
2. Blend
3. Anagram of "Silo"
4. Pearly-shelled mussel
5. Backward-looking
6. Black gunk
7. Wellness
8. Craftsperson
9. Pigeon-___
10. Crisp round cookie
11. Manner of speaking
12. Abatement
13. Persists
18. Diminish
24. Frozen water
25. Basic belief
26. Slave
27. Urgent request
28. Winglike
29. Assortment
31. Mists
33. Lines of verse
34. Give the cold shoulder
36. French for "Head"
37. Baking appliance
38. Long ago
42. A pasta dish
43. Large Australian flightless bird
45. Famous dog
47. Established
48. Positive pole
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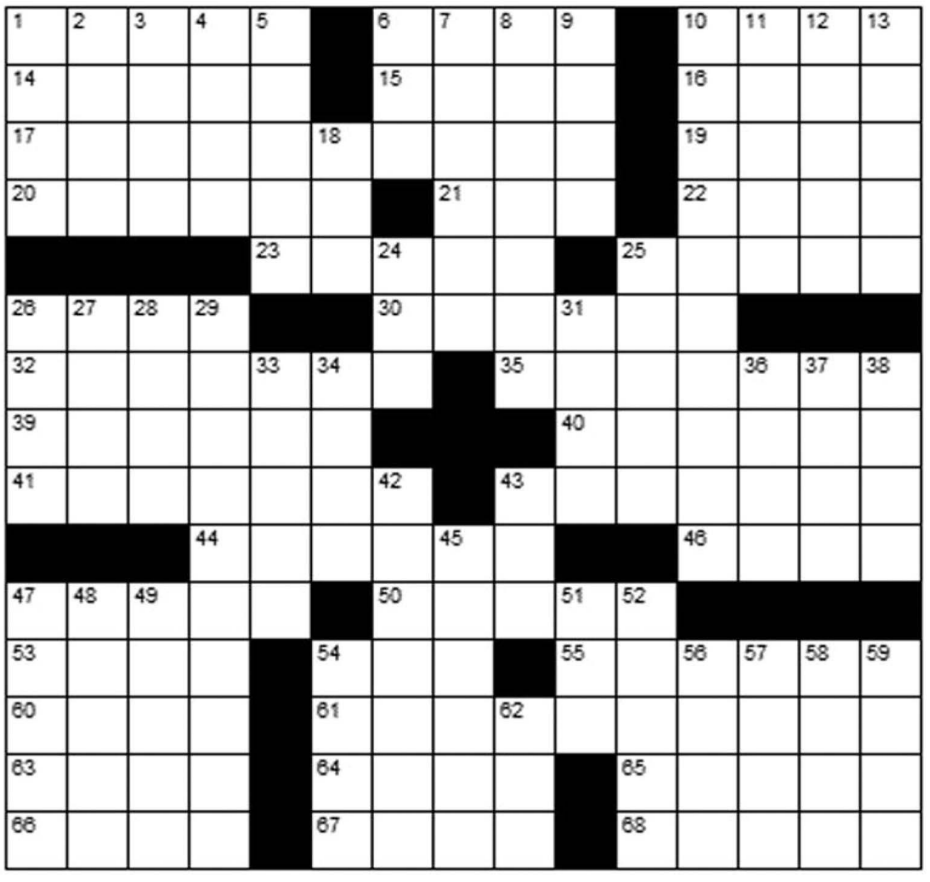

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Massive new $11 billion project could revolutionize US power grid: 'What's amazing … is the speed of deployment'



By Jeremiah Budin

The American Southwest is about to get a lot more clean energy. California-based developer Pattern Energy just closed on $11 billion of non-recourse financing to construct a massive wind and transmission project across New Mexico and Arizona, as Electrek reported.

The project, called SunZia, is divided into two parts: wind and electricity transmission. The wind part, named SunZia Wind, will reportedly be the largest wind project in the Western Hemisphere, with a 3,500-megawatt capacity, per Electrek. The transmission portion, named SunZia Transmission, will have the capacity to transport 3,000 megawatts of power.

The dual projects are expected to employ more than 2,000 workers during the construction phase, which is already underway. Final commissioning is expected during the first half of 2026, which is a quick turnaround for a project of this size, per Electrek.

Danish wind turbine manufacturer Vestas confirmed that it secured an order from Pattern Energy to supply the turbines for SunZia Wind. The order is Vestas' largest yet in the United States and the company's largest globally for its newest high-capacity factor turbine, Electrek reported.

The huge investment in renewable energy is great news for people living in the Southwest who would prefer to get their energy from clean, renewable sources instead of dirty, polluting sources such as gas and oil as well as for the clean energy industry as a whole.

"The size and scale of both the SunZia project and this multifaceted financing show that the renewable energy space can secure attractive capital at levels previously only seen in traditional generation," Daniel Elkort, an executive vice president at Pattern Energy, said, per Electrek.

"What's amazing to me is the speed of deployment," one commenter wrote. "Turbine delivery is expected to begin in the first quarter of 2025, with final commissioning scheduled for the first half of 2026. I love my nuclear power, but it's hard to compete with a full build out taking only 2 years and change."

"Yay! Clean energy, and it will employ 2000 people for construction," another wrote.

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the Biden campaign doubled down.

Dictatorial *cont. from page 1*

In the interest of fairness and accuracy, it's appropriate then to revisit ways the Biden Administration, Democrats and their allies have battled wannabe dictators and defended freedom, democracy and viewpoint diversity in recent years. (Or not.) For example:

• Incessant Antifa rage, riots, rampaging and legal warfare against "Russia-colluding" President Trump, from his election and inauguration throughout and after his term in office.

• School, park and restaurant lockdowns, "social distancing" and mask "advisories," mandates for "safe and effective" inoculations with vaccines approved with minimal study under "emergency use authorizations," and endless misrepresentation and censorship by Biden officials, Democrat governors and "journalists" – in the name of preventing Covid.

• Opening our southern border to untold millions of "undocumented noncitizens" – mostly Latin Americans but also Chinese agents, drug smugglers, sex traffickers, terrorists and disease carriers.

• Billions in "student debt forgiveness," forcing taxpayers to pay off huge loans to graduates who struggle to get six-figure jobs despite prestigious degrees in gender studies or community organizing.

• Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) and Environment Social Governance (ESG) programs, from K-12, college to law school, and into government and corporate arenas – to ensure that every component of society reflects racial, ethnic and gender proportionality, but never viewpoint or political diversity.

These and many other authoritarian actions impacted American society, freedoms, health and prosperity in countless negative ways. Far worse, many progressives and leftists hope they will pave the way for obeisance to even more dictatorial mandates promulgated in the name of saving our planet from supposed cataclysms inflicted by fossil-fuel-driven climate change.

Few will quibble that President Biden directed federal employees to take public transportation, ride bikes or rent electric vehicles for work travel, and hold virtual meetings instead of in-person gatherings.

These rules certainly won't apply to private-jet globe-trotters like Climate Czar John Kerry, and EV's mostly transfer emissions from tailpipes to distant countries where toxic pollution and child labor accompany the mining and processing of raw materials to make EV batteries. But at least some federal workers will now suffer the inconveniences they're imposing on us commoners.

However, Team Biden's endless torrent of dictatorial executive orders, regulatory mandates and twisted legal reinterpretations for electricity generation, vehicles, appliances, agriculture, housing and other matters are already impacting our industries, livelihoods, living standards and basic rights and freedoms.

These diktats are designed to force us to convert everything we now operate with coal, gasoline, diesel or natural gas to electric models. The United States will soon need 3-4 times more electricity than today – and still more to power the AI revolution.

But the same bureaucrats are shutting down coal, gas, nuclear and hydroelectric generators – ensuring that electricity will be in short supply, generated primarily by weather-dependent wind turbines and solar panels, backed up by massive grid-scale battery systems, and thus unavailable or unaffordable during the coldest and hottest days, when electric heat or air conditioning becomes a matter of life or death.

In fact, just the batteries to back up nationwide electricity would cost up to $290 trillion (13 times US 2021 GDP)! Add that to wind, solar and transmission costs, and the juice to run your all-electric home, business, hospital, school or transportation will likely cost 30-40 cents per kilowatt-hour, instead of the 12-15 cents the average American is paying now.

It's a prescription for repeated blackouts, economic disaster – and unelected, unaccountable bureaucrats micromanaging every aspect of our lives: what size home we can have; how warm or cool we can keep it; what cars we can drive and how far, or whether we too will be forced to walk, bike or take a bus; how many trips we can take in jetliners, in our lifetime; what foods we can eat (hint: not beef); maybe even how many new clothing items we will be "allowed" to purchase each year!

Earlier this month, every House Republican voted to block President Biden's electric vehicle mandates. They were joined by just five Democrats. That means 197 Democrats say Team Biden should be able to dictate what kind of car or truck you can drive. And Donald Trump has dictatorial proclivities?

The US and global ecological impacts will be equally harmful and widespread. Here are just a few.

Wind and solar installations, transmission lines and enormous battery complexes would sprawl across millions of acres of now scenic, wildlife habitat and agricultural land. A single solar facility proposed in Virgnia would involve 3,000 acres of panels on 21,000 acres (over half the land area of Washington, DC). It's just one of dozens of Virginia solar plans – on top of onshore and offshore wind turbine projects.

The installations "will power millions of homes," supporters insist. Perhaps – but only when the wind is blowing and sun is shining at optimal intensities ... maybe 15-30% of the year in northern latitudes, considering winter snow and sunlight, clouds, nighttime, zero wind and other factors.

Many local residents and other citizens don't want these massive installations in their backyards; the habitat and scenic vista destruction, bird and bat killings, health problems, and electricity costs and disruptions that go with them; or being turned into energy colonies for progressive urban centers. They've already blocked more than 500 wind and solar projects, on environmental and other grounds.

That's why Michigan, California, New York and Illinois have already enacted laws that give state bureaucrats authority over land use – the ability to exercise eminent domain and other powers over local governments that want to slow or stop the onrush of enormous, heavily subsidized industrial wind, solar, transmission line and other "green" projects. More are likely to follow – depriving rural communities of their rights, property values and autonomy – to serve corporate interests that bankroll Democrat pols.

The federal "deep state" is likely to seek similar legislative authority – or simply assert authority – to implement President Biden's national net-zero "renewable" energy transformation agenda.

UN and Biden "30x30" plans to "conserve" (make off limits to development) 30% of US and global lands and waters by 2030 will massively increase all these impacts and usurpations of power. Any areas not made off limits by 30x30, wilderness, park, refuge and other actions will be developed and desecrated to the hilt by wind, solar, transmission line, mining, biofuel and other "green energy" projects.

Meanwhile, inter-national climate alarmists and bureaucrats are telling African and other impoverished nations how much they will be "permitted" to develop and improve their health and living standards – using only "sustainable, renewable" wind and solar power. It's dictatorial colonialism at its worst.

And amid all that, China, India, Indonesia, Vietnam and other rapidly developing countries are burning more coal, oil and gas – and emitting more greenhouse gases – than most developed nations combined. That means US and EU economic suicide on the climate altar won't make an iota of difference.

What we need is a president who will roll back or cancel these dictatorial decrees. Stop fast-tracking wind and solar projects. End abusive environmental justice, DEI and ESG programs. Return America to energy independence and affordable energy. Build the wall and control immigration. Stop weaponizing the Department of Justice. Above all, follow the law and Constitution. How revolutionary, "dictatorial" ... and refreshing ... that would be!

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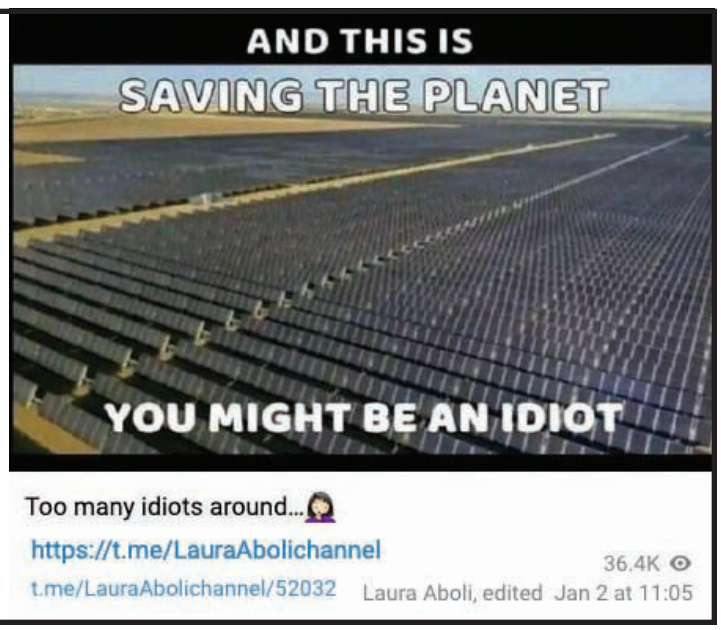

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Morano goes debunking on Fox



By Craig Rucker

CFACT's Marc Morano is a uniquely talented climate and energy communicator.

Check our Marc debunking team climate's most treasured narratives on Stuart Varney:

Morano: "The hottest year on record is pretty much declared almost every year every other year. It's based on temperatures hundreds or tenths of a degree difference between years -- many times within the margin of error, the data set and even the NASA former head global warming scientist said it's 'not important' and a political statement.

It's meant to create fear, meant to push politics like EV mandates. And if you were actually worried about climate change, the last thing you would think of is EVs are the solution. It takes half a million pounds of materials, including rare earth materials to make one average-sized Tesla battery."

Morano on EVs: "EVs dig the Earth, and not on a groovy 1970s Brady Bunch way, Stuart. But I mean, they dig the earth deeply with lots of emissions, with low environmental standards, and we have farmed out all of that mining out to the countries with the worst human rights and environmental standards."

Morano on Electric School buses: "Mandating electric buses is not going to work, but the only thing electric buses will do is make Virtual Learning come back for students as they won't be able to get to school. And then once the EV buses collapse the electrical grid, Virtual Learning won't even exist because of blackouts. And California is very well known for their blackouts."

Stuart Varney: You're painting a very dark picture Marc Morano. Come back and do it again. We'll see you soon."

Solid facts, concise explanations and engaging humor. Marc's got talent!

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CFACT teams up with our allies to produce monthly climate fact checks. December's features exaggerated graphs, octopus DNA, Arizona tree rings, record China cold, elephant mortality, island sea levels and more.

Read the entire fact check at CFACT.org.

Rupert Darwell is a first rate scholar CFACT has worked with for years.

Rupert just released a hard-hitting report entitled The Folly of Climate Leadership in which he details Europe's climate and energy mistakes and warns America to avoid the same traps.

We recommend you read Rupert Darwell's climate report as well.

Armor yourself with the facts.

German farmers take their tractors to the streets

By Craig Rucker

Fed up German farmers took their tractors to the streets and blockaded Berlin.

All over the world, people directly experiencing the harm of the climate and energy campaign are waking up and speaking up.

CFACT's Marc Morano explained on Fox, Germany has "the greatest economy in Europe. They are watching the controlled demolition of the German agricultural sector, their economy due to Net Zero... We saw what happened in the Netherlands, which is very similar to what is happening in Germany, and the farmers fought back in the Netherlands, where 10,000 plus small family farms were about to be put out by the Net Zero regulations. But the farmers formed their own political party in the Netherlands and are now fighting back in parliament."

The Net Zero agenda has caused German energy prices to skyrocket. Farmers experience the pain in many ways, but are particularly hurt by the rising price of diesel, that is the fuel which powers their tractors and brings their crops to market. The German government responded by subsidizing the price of diesel, but then decide to cut the subsidy. Farmers had enough.

The German government is not happy one bit, and the establishment there is branding the truckers "far right extremists" in an attempt to build public support for punishing them for speaking up.

CFACT's friends and supporters will remember when Justin Trudeau's government pulled the same thing on Canadian truckers who organized convoys to protest the absurdities of Trudeau's response to COVID.

With your help, CFACT sent supplies to the truckers when Trudeau tried to starve them out.



Among the worst problems with the the leftist anti-energy agenda, is that the "solutions" they propose at first sounds benign, or even beneficial (to people who don't know better).

By the time the inevitable harms manifest themselves, great damage has already been done.

We saw this in Sri Lanka back in 2022. President Gotabaya Rajapaksa placed a ban on chemical fertilizers which caused the country's rice yield to drop from 3.4 million down to 2.9 million tons. Civil unrest ensued with thousands of protestors eventually occupying the President's home and forcing his resignation.

They say no one loves people who say "I told you so," but CFACT did, over and over again.

The trick is to roll back bad energy and climate policy before the damage is done, or even better, stop it before it starts.

Cold brings out more climate lunacy

By Joe Bastardi

I am not even talking about wind turbines failing due to it being too cold.

Instead, cold brings out the Lunatic Fringe when it comes to climate. Because of the everyone-gets-a-trophy mentality that many of them have (no matter what happens, they always attribute it to climate), they try to blame cold on warming.

Let us get something straight. The so-called global temperature is a horrible metric for climate because temperatures are a third derivative indicator of climate. Wet bulb temperatures are far better and best are saturation mixing ratios. They show the relationship of water vapor to temperatures and, since there is no such relationship between CO2 and temperature, intuitively it means CO2 can not be proven to do anything. And so they refuse to quantify the mixing ratios. But the increase in water vapor due to warming oceans can be directly linked not only to increased temperature but also to understanding where and when it's warmer; we see it has to be water vapor since the warming is in the coldest driest areas much more than toward the equator. This, by the way, sets off a whole chain of events that I have been trying to show people. While I am at it, I would be happy to show this entire hypothesis to groups that want to see it. At the very least, you can laugh it out of existence. (I am confident when I explain, you won't) I have explained this dozens of times and can defend the hypothesis. I figure the best way to prove it is to get out in front of events in the weather and expose these people when they open their mouths on something I was predicting way before. They are clueless until it happens since the only way they care about the weather is to use it for non-weather purposes.

In any case the public does not understand that even if we use the global temperature, it's an average of all observations. If it is 1 degree above average, it means there is enough warmth to outdo the cold by that much, but there is still going to be cold around. There is still going to be much of the planet not knowing it is warm unless they are told and told so in a way that is pure exaggeration (hottest ever). Trying to use a temperature that is a bit over 59 (though at actual weather stations its under 58) and portraying it as hot is deceptive and delusional. 59 is not hot. The fact that it is warmer where its coldest and driest DECREASES temperature contrast and lead to less severe events.

But what about the idea that warm causes cold? This is Climate 101 from back in the 1950s. So they recycle it because no one reading this probably cared about the climate in the '60s, and if you don't, certainly their mindless minions did not. The idea is, if the world warms, it is because of more water vapor, so the snowier areas of the world, though warming more, would get more snow, and it would naturally start to counter warming. I learned about this idea when I was 8 years old out of some books my dad gave me on the weather. I learned it again at Penn State in the 1970s pre Michael Mann (he is at U Penn now). It is a natural built-in cycle that follows Le Chateliers, something that is never mentioned.

Weatherbell laid the trap for the cold you see now, starting back in Spring. We are now going out as far as 9 months in our forecasting (hence the hurricane forecast that came out in December). In any case, the bullet points in the forecast had this from Aug 15 (first official release).

The first part of winter may be mild.

The coldest and snowiest part of the winter should be from mid-January onward.

From our summation:

I expect the opposite of last winter, where we came out of the gate fast and then fell apart. I can't rule out a 2009 December to remember, but the idea here is the core of the worst part of winter, relative to averages, should be from mid-January onward.

Why? Because we expected blocking. And, of course, the know-nothings pushing CAGW think this is something out of the ordinary.

BREAKING--Peer-Reviewed, Published: Autopsy Findings in Cases of Fatal COVID-19 Vaccine-Induced Myocarditis

By Peter A. McCullough

The American College of Cardiology in 2022, with an unprecedented position statement on an illness outside of their field, published the ACC Expert Consensus Decision Pathway on Cardiovascular Sequelae of COVID-19 in Adults and in that document stated "The ACC has long supported vaccination as a vital protective measure against dangerous illness and for personal and community health. There is no question that the benefits of COVID-19 vaccination generally outweigh the risks."

Now a paper peer-reviewed and published today should make every cardiologist question their support of COVID-19 vaccination with the reality that some patients have died with myocarditis sacrificing their lives for a vaccine without randomized trial data demonstrating reductions in viral transmission or adjudicated COVID-19 hospitalization, death or any hard outcome. The dangerous ACC proposition based on a false premise has eroded: "COVID-19 illness causes more myocarditis than the vaccine, so we should vaccinate patients" and therefore cause MORE and FATAL myocarditis! No reasonable and prudent doctor could practice with this perverse rationalization.

Hulscher et al, published in the European Society of Cardiology Heart Failure, a report on 28 cases of COVID-19 vaccine-induced myocarditis and concluded based upon the pathologic findings that death was caused by the injection. Without vaccination, these patients with an average age of 44 would be alive today. They also conclude using the Bradford-Hill criteria, that cardiac death after vaccination can be inferred using epidemiological criteria, in other words, unexplained cardiovascular deaths in the vaccinated with no prior antecedent disease are likely caused by vaccination.

I expect the Bio-Pharmaceutical Complex to exert tremendous pressure on Wiley the publisher and the journal to retract the paper in violation of the COPE (Committee on Publication Ethics) guidelines. This has occurred numerous times during the pandemic as a form of medical censorship, when valid papers are published demonstrating the fatal harms of COVID-19 vaccination. To be prepared, here are the COPE criteria:

Editors should consider retracting a publication if:

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It contains material or data without authorisation for use

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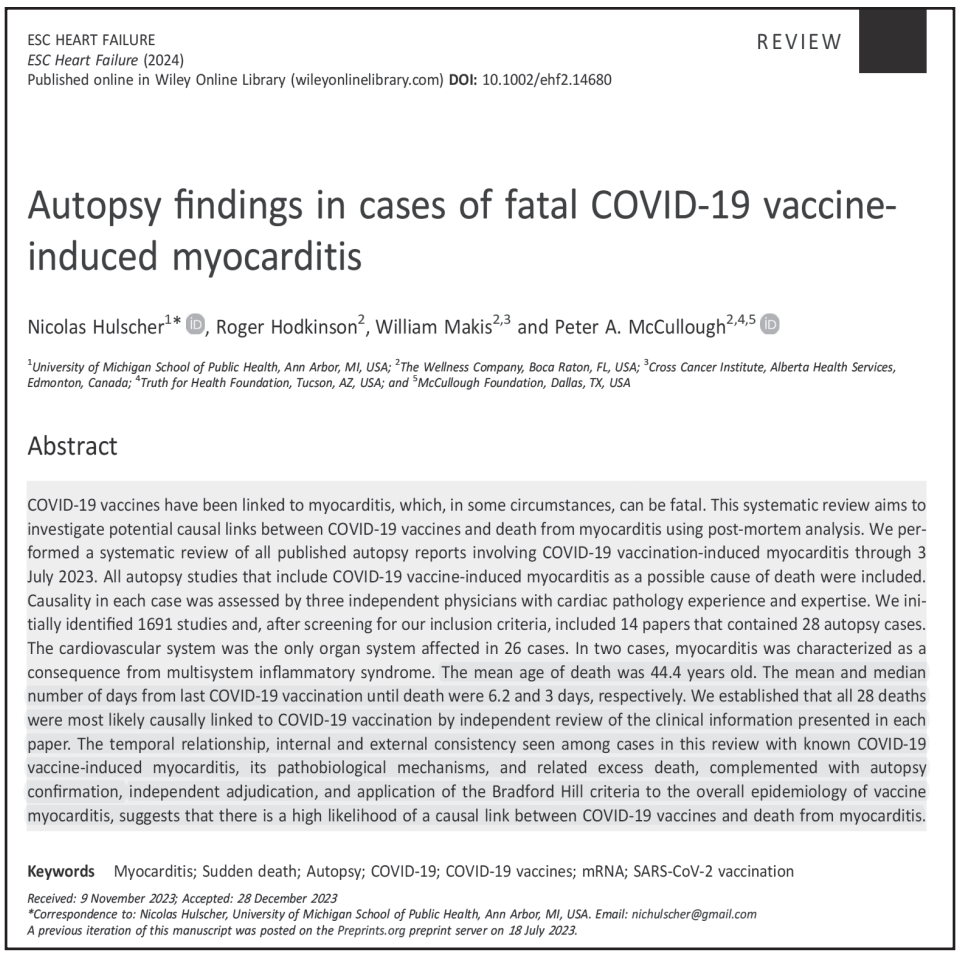
It reports unethical research

It has been published solely on the basis of a compromised or manipulated peer review process

The author(s) failed to disclose a major competing interest (a.k.a. conflict of interest) that, in the view of the editor, would have unduly affected interpretations of the work or recommendations by editors and peer reviewers.

We have taken every step to ensure none of these criteria could be met for this paper. In my view the most important figure in the paper demonstrates how large numbers of vaccine deaths are occurring among young people otherwise known as "sudden adult death syndrome."



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REVIEW

Autopsy findings in cases of fatal COVID-19 vaccine-induced myocarditis

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Abstract

COVID-19 vaccines have been linked to myocarditis, which, in some circumstances, can be fatal. This systematic review aims to investigate potential causal links between COVID-19 vaccines and death from myocarditis using post-mortem analysis. We performed a systematic review of all published autopsy reports involving COVID-19 vaccination-induced myocarditis through 3 July 2023. All autopsy studies that include COVID-19 vaccine-induced myocarditis as a possible cause of death were included. Causality in each case was assessed by three independent physicians with cardiac pathology experience and expertise. We initially identified 1691 studies and, after screening for our inclusion criteria, included 14 papers that contained 28 autopsy cases. The cardiovascular system was the only organ system affected in 26 cases. In two cases, myocarditis was characterized as a consequence from multisystem inflammatory syndrome. The mean age of death was 44.4 years old. The mean and median number of days from last COVID-19 vaccination until death were 6.2 and 3 days, respectively. We established that all 28 deaths were most likely causally linked to COVID-19 vaccination by independent review of the clinical information presented in each paper. The temporal relationship, internal and external consistency seen among cases in this review with known COVID-19 vaccine-induced myocarditis, its pathobiological mechanisms, and related excess death, complemented with autopsy confirmation, independent adjudication, and application of the Bradford Hill criteria to the overall epidemiology of vaccine myocarditis, suggests that there is a high likelihood of a causal link between COVID-19 vaccines and death from myocarditis.

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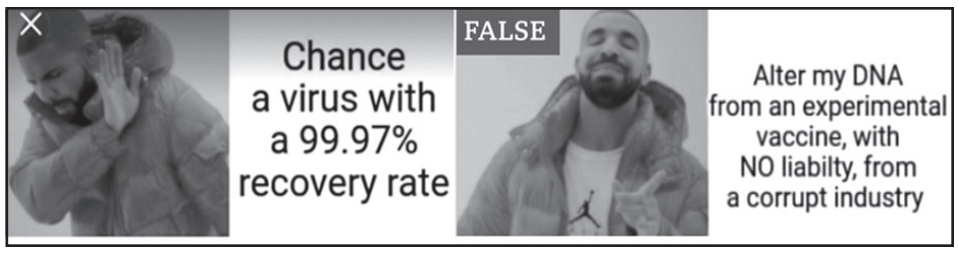





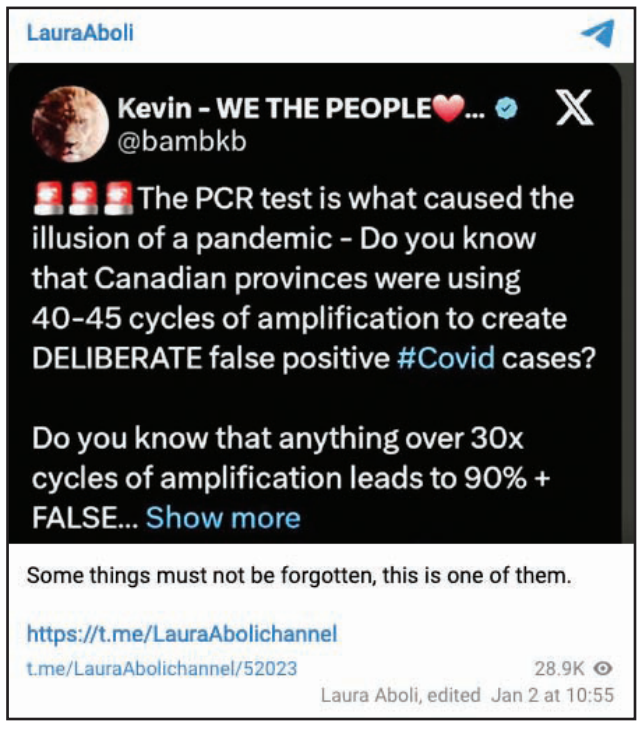

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(R-Ohio), and Any Biggs (R-AZ) and the witnesses were Dr. Peter McCullough adult internal medicine, cardiology, Dr. Ryan Cole, clinical pathology, and Dr. Kirk Milhoan, pediatrics, pediatric cardiology.

The two hour session was nonstop from opening statements and questions from our lawmakers to the experts. It was live-stream broadcasted through many channels and press took interviews from Greene and Johnson. The audience included stakeholders who have suffered injuries from COVID-19 vaccination, students, corporate executives, independent media, and the Children's Health Defense.

Dozens of citations are given for the Congressional Record from the peer-reviewed literature, safety databases, and slides were shown demonstrating COVID-19 vaccine Spike protein doing widespread damage to the human body. Dr. McCullough pointed out for genetic products, the FDA regulatory window for safety concerns is five years. Americans are worried. A Rasmussen poll out on the day of the hearing reported 53% of Americans think severe side effects from the vaccines are leading to large numbers of unexplained deaths.

Please take the time to review this hearing and please share it widely with your family, friends, and colleagues. At the end Senator Johnson makes a plea to physicians and other healthcare workers to come forward, be honest in their missteps, and get on the right side of history. COVID-19 vaccination has been a biological safety catastrophe for the world. On January 12, 2024, all three witnesses called for market withdrawal of all COVID-19 vaccine products for safety concerns—its in the record.

Worsened Menstrual Symptoms for Endometriosis Patients after COVID-19 Vaccination

By Peter A. McCullough

Endometriosis is a disease in which tissue similar to the lining of the uterus grows outside the uterus. It can cause severe pain in the pelvis and make it harder to get pregnant. Endometriosis can start at a person's first menstrual period and last until menopause.

Hormonal therapies used to treat endometriosis include:

Hormonal contraceptives. Birth control pills, shots, patches and vaginal rings

Danazol. A is a synthetic steroid derived from ethisterone, an androgen similar to testosterone.

Gonadotropin-releasing hormone (Gn-RH) agonists and antagonists. These medicines block the menstrual cycle and lower estrogen levels. This causes endometriosis tissue to shrink.

Progestin therapy. Progestin therapies include a tiny device placed in the uterus that releases levonorgestrel (Mirena, Skyla, others), a contraceptive rod placed under the skin of the arm (Nexplanon), birth control shots (Depo-Provera) or a progestin-only birth control pill (Camila, Slynd).

Aromatase inhibitors. The aromatase inhibitors used for endometriosis include letrozole and anastrozole.

Martínez-Zamora et al, evaluated patients with and without endometriosis with the first and second injections of mRNA COVID-19 vaccines (Pfizer or Moderna). As with many studies, the majority had changes in their menstrual cycle. The interesting observation was that those NOT on hormonal therapy had more bleeding and other symptoms. Thus treatment for endometriosis appeared to lessen the impact.

Vaccinations of any type should not cause misery for women who suffering from endometriosis. This paper is important since I plan to advise the occasional patient who may be forced into vaccination to expect a rough ride of they are not on hormonal therapy.

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which "duchies and monasteries" experimented with different forms of civic- and civil association.

"Yet for our own era's counterparts to duchies and monasteries," writes Fallows, "for state and local governments, and for certain large private organizations, including universities and some companies—the country is still mainly functional, in exactly the areas where national governance has failed."

Fallows seems vaguely plaintive, though, as if he assumes all of this centralized governance had been necessary, but that we'll somehow make do with a suboptimal system. Despite quibbling about the optimal loci of power, his point stands: We will do okay without Washington. Maybe all this time, it's been just a weight on our backs and an illusion, like a rucksack full of rocks we were told was gold.

It might not seem like much in the interregnum, but I believe our twenty-first-century duchies and monasteries are going to be beautiful and bountiful. But just know that before we enjoy that beauty and bounty, we will have to get our spiritual and moral houses in order. I say this not as a moralist, but as a realist. Because the rules we write and the culture we build all begin in the deepest places in the heart.

A New Unstoppable Social Fact

If it all comes down, the powerful will fall. At that moment, we must extend our sovereignty and lock arms in solidarity with those who share our commitments. There are only two forces of change in the world, after all, persuasion and coercion. So when the hard times come, silver-tongued demagogues will be waiting in the wings, and there will be wolves clawing at the door. We will have to refuse them, defend ourselves, and be prepared to self-govern–not by choosing "a new master once in a term of years," but really self-govern.

We must integrate new practices and adopt new systems:

Strong common law and private arbitration
Strong federalism and local empowerment
Mutual defense and private security
Mutual aid and community charity
Sound money and competitive currencies

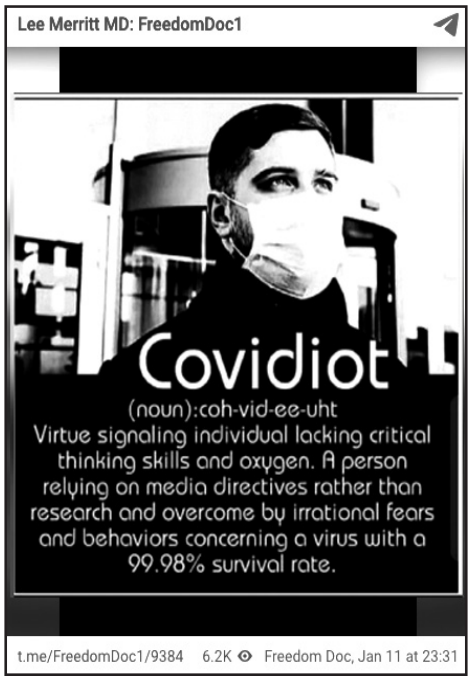
We will have to totemize these principles and tabooize central authority.

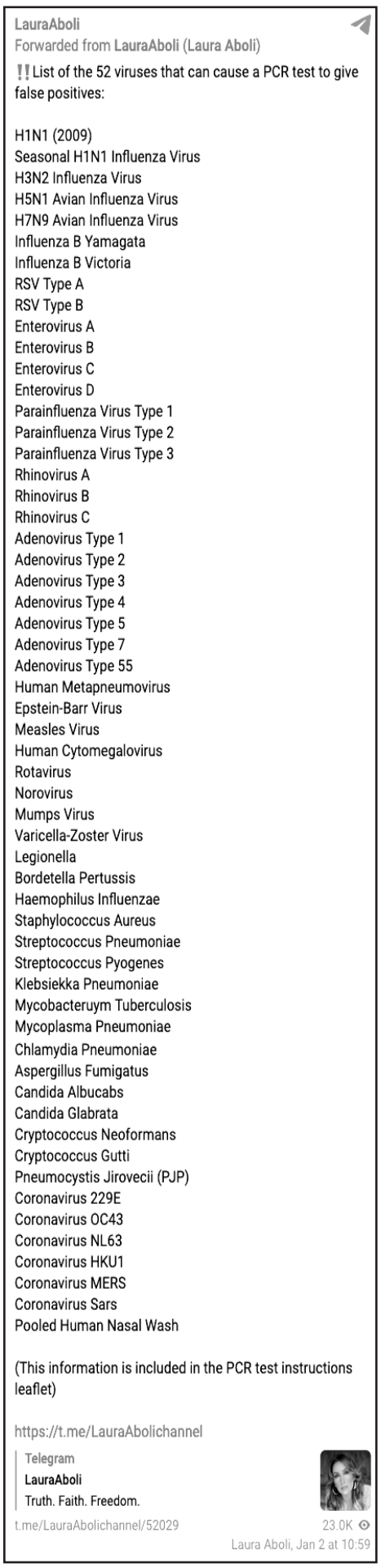
Indeed, we will have to make governance strictly opt-in. We have to build an unstoppable social fact around the very idea of opt-in government–because if we don't, we'll go right back to those old election spectacles that allow the powerful their orgies in distant capitals. They will just go back to using us as milk cows. They'll resume plundering us for new "programs" with baked-in bureaucratic incentives and a mission to expand ceaselessly.

We can't let that happen again. But before we can say never again, we'll have to get through the fall.









Drs Ryan Cole, Peter MCCullough & Kirk Milhoan in Congress

By Dr. Mark Trozzi

This congress hearing is historic; the cat is completely out of the bag on the "poison-death-shot". I am so proud and happy to see these excellent colleagues clearly explaining the scientific evidence of the covid crimes and the need for urgent extreme action, to these great US politicians. Yes there are some great politicians worthy of our praise. You can be sure Klaus Schwab, Fauci, Turdeau and other archcriminals do not appreciate these doctors or politicians. We do.

More from these three doctors:

Dr Ryan Cole
Dr Peter McCullough
Dr Kirk Milhoan

These three doctors are not alone. There are many of us with them; the truth is powerful and for many of us more powerful than money or psychological manipulation.

Other doctors on the right side of covid history:

Dr Richard Amerling
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Dr Paul Alexander
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Dr Laura Braden
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Apologies for being unable to include all of the thousands of doctors in the world who have been on the right side of covid history; salutations to you all!

Xylitol and the Gateway Microbiome

Why Chewing Gum Improves Maternal-Fetal Outcomes and Reduces Dental Caries in Children

By Peter McCullough, MD

The oropharynx harbors thousands of bacteria and fungi that live in symbiosis with the human body. This is called the "gateway microbiome" since the nose and the mouth are the entry point for air, water, and food to the human body. Several cups of secretions from the nose and mouth are swallowed everyday, so what is in these secretions affects the gastro-intestinal tract and the entire body.

The teeth, tongue, and gums depend on a healthy balance of micro-organisms saliva and the periodontal fluid in the dental recesses. It is amazing to think that even maternal-fetal outcomes are impacted by the mother's gateway microbiome and that the nascent oral health of newborn could be set by what the mother does during pregnancy and obvious contact with the baby after birth including breast feeding.

Exogenous xylitol (chewing gum, mints, oral/nasal rinses, etc.) is one of the most available and direct ways of favorably impacting the gateway microbiome. Xylitol and other non-hexose polyols which are natural substances found in fruits and vegetables and can be obtained from berries, oats, mushrooms, corn husks and sugar cane. Xylitol can help maintain the gateway microbiome in a state of eubiosis or balance.

Aagaard et al conducted a large clinical study using xylitol based chewing gum in pregnant women—the results were astonishing, a 24% reduction in pre-term birth. This may have occurred due to a lesser risk of febrile infections or other factors that trigger premature labor.

"10,069 women were enrolled (4549 intervention vs 5520 control) with 9,670 outcomes available at follow-up. Perinatal xylitol chewing gum use resulted in a significant reduction in pre-term births (12.6% vs. 16.5%; aRR 0.76, 95% CI 0.59-0.99) and fewer < 2500g neonates (8.9% vs 12.9%; aRR 0.70, 95% CI 0.49-0.99)…Among n=4220 subjects compliant with dental visits, a significant reduction in periodontitis occurred with xylitol gum use."

Isokangas et al, found the maternal intervention of chewing xylitol gum on a regular basis had lasting beneficial effects in the growing children through age 5 years. Xylitol inhibits the colonization of a bacterium mutans streptococci (MS) which is associated with tooth decay.

"In the microbiological part of the present study in Ylivieska, Finland, with 195 mothers with high salivary MS levels [unfavorable], regular maternal use of xylitol chewing gum [intervention] resulted in a statistically significant reduction in MS colonization in their children's teeth at the age of 2 years compared with teeth in children whose mothers received fluoride or chlorhexidine varnish treatment. The children did not chew gum or receive varnish treatments. For the present study, the children were examined annually for caries occurrence by experienced clinicians who did not know whether the children were colonized with MS. Regardless of the maternal prevention group, the presence of MS colonization in children at the age of 2 years was significantly related to each child's age at the first caries attack in the primary dentition. In children at the age of 5 years, the dental caries in the xylitol group were reduced by about 70% as compared with that in the fluoride or chlorhexidine group. We conclude that maternal use of xylitol chewing gum can prevent dental caries in their children by prohibiting the transmission of MS from mother to child."

Finally, if the children chew xylitol gum on a regular basis at school, along with good dental hygiene, there is a reduction in the risk of dental caries. Makinen et al conducted a large study, N=1277, using multiple types of gum and found:

"The four xylitol gums were most effective in reducing caries rates, the most effective agent being a 100% xylitol pellet gum (relative risk, 0.27; 95% confidence interval, 0.20 to 0.36; p = 0.0001). This gum was superior to any other gum ($p < 0.01$)."

The most commonly used products containing xylitol are sugar-free chewing gum and candies (such as mints, caramels, and chocolates) which have both been endorsed by state and national dental associations. The suggested quantity is ~5 g/day which means chewing gum/mints 3-5 times per day.

In conclusion, these data should give you something positive to "chew on" and smile about as we move into the New Year. I know I have been convinced on the benefits of xylitol. A safe product we can use to improve our gateway microbiome and affect a host of favorable clinical outcomes—particularly among young mothers and children.

All the best to you and yours as we move into 2024! Happy New Year!









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Central American republics for the benefits of Wall Street. The record of racketeering is long. I helped purify Nicaragua for the international banking house of Brown Brothers in 1909-1912. I brought light to the Dominican Republic for American sugar interests in 1916. In China I helped to see to it that Standard Oil went its way unmolested.

Though war is indeed profitable for the financiers and industrialists who champion it, it is invariably a disaster for a free citizenry. As James Madison remarked in a 1795 pamphlet:

Of all the evils to public liberty, war is perhaps the most to be dreaded, because it comprises and develops every other. War is the patent of armies; from these proceed debts and taxes. And armies, and debts, and taxes, are the known instruments for bringing the many under the dominion of the few. In war, too, the discretionary power of the executive is extended; its influence in dealing out offices, honors, and emoluments is multiplied; and all the means of seducing the minds are added to those of subduing the force of the people! No nation could preserve its freedom in the midst of continual warfare.

I thought of Butler and Madison this morning when a friend in Boston sent me an essay by Columbia University Professor Jeffrey Sachs that begins as follows:

US Foreign Policy Is a Scam Built on Corruption

The $1.5 trillion in military outlays each year is the scam that keeps on giving—to the military-industrial complex and the Washington insiders—even as it impoverishes and endangers America and the world.

On the surface, US foreign policy seems to be utterly irrational. The US gets into one disastrous war after another -- Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, Libya, Ukraine, and Gaza. In recent days, the US stands globally isolated in its support of Israel's genocidal actions against the Palestinians, voting against a UN General Assembly resolution for a Gaza ceasefire backed by 153 countries with 89% of the world population, and opposed by just the US and 9 small countries with less than 1% of the world population.

In the past 20 years, every major US foreign policy objective has failed. The Taliban returned to power after 20 years of US occupation of Afghanistan. Post-Saddam Iraq became dependent on Iran. Syria's President Bashar al-Assad stayed in power despite a CIA effort to overthrow him. Libya fell into a protracted civil war after a US-led NATO mission overthrew Muammar Gaddafi. Ukraine was bludgeoned on the battlefield by Russia in 2023 after the US secretly scuttled a peace agreement between Russia and Ukraine in 2022.

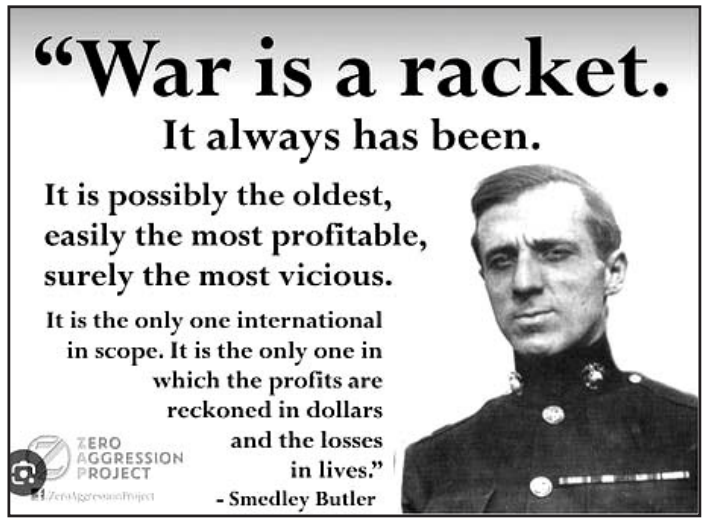
To understand the foreign-policy scam, think of today's federal government as a multi-division racket controlled by the highest bidders.

Despite these remarkable and costly debacles, one following the other, the same cast of characters has remained at the helm of US foreign policy for decades, including Joe Biden, Victoria Nuland, Jake Sullivan, Chuck Schumer, Mitch McConnell, and Hillary Clinton.

That Professor Sachs's essay is widely regarded as controversial shows the immutability of human nature. To me, it seems blatantly obvious that the U.S. government's bellicose foreign policy is a racket. There is nothing about it that serves the interests of the American people other than those employed in the defense industry.

Nevertheless, we as a species seem hardwired to be suckers for pro-war propaganda. The world is chock-full of bad guys—invariably compared to Hitler with no evidence they even vaguely resemble Hitler—and the U.S. government appoints itself to vanquish them.

A large swath of the American people never cease believing this narrative, no matter how many times the pretenses are revealed to be false and the purported objectives are never achieved. Even though the U.S. government cannot balance a budget, organize a transparent presidential election, or defend our southern border, it constantly favors intervening in murky tribal conflicts thousands of miles away from our shores.



Campaign Scare Strategy Underscores Biden Failures, Disasters

During his own campaign rallies, former President Trump has been asking everyone if they can think of anything at all that has become better under the Biden administration.

Based on dismal Biden polling demographics, even among his traditional base populations, it appears that this question reflects enormously negative trending sentiments of much of the public.

According to a recent USA TODAY/Suffolk University Poll, the current president trails his predecessor by 5 percentage points (34%-39%) among likely Hispanic voters, four points (33%-37%) among voters under 35, and retains support of just 63% of Black voters, a precipitous decline from the 87% he carried in 2020.

Nevertheless, having totally bombed out on performance regarding issues the broad public cares most about, Joe and his handlers have framed his campaign mantra around "saving democracy," an ironic term that seems entirely alien to policies and actions planned and orchestrated since taking office in the White House.

Speaking on Jan.5 at a community college about 10 miles from Valley Forge National Historical Park, a strategically themed site on a date obviously intended to be conflated with Capitol riots, Biden said, "Today we're here to answer the most important of questions: Is democracy still America's sacred cause? ... It's what the 2024 election is all about."

Biden had initially planned to give the Valley Forge remarks on Jan. 6, the actual anniversary of the Capitol mayhem, but moved the speech a day earlier due to an inclement weather forecast for the Philadelphia area.

Notably dismissing other prospective GOP and independent opponents by omission, Biden's dark 30-minute fear trope personally referred to Donald Trump more than 40 times.

Adding special irony to the occasion, much of the speech was devoted to that calendar date as a day "that we nearly lost America," by "trying to steal history the same way he [Trump] tried to steal the election."

"We saw it with our own eyes," Biden said. "Trump's mob wasn't a peaceful protest. It was a violent assault. They were insurrectionists, not patriots."

To date, however, although more than 1,230 people have been charged with federal crimes for their participation, neither Trump nor any of those protestors have been formally charged — much less convicted — of "insurrection."

Meanwhile, Trump's legal team has demanded documents in his defense of special counsel Jack Smith's efforts to convict him of inciting the protest in order to eliminate his eligibility for 2024 candidacy … a contentious legal matter that will be addressed next month by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Attributions of threats to democracy posed by Trump and MAGA-leaning Republicans and independents who comprise about half of the U.S. population ring hollow in the face of unrelenting lawfare efforts to remove the nation's leading candidate for top national office by any means they can hope to get away with.

If efforts to keep Trump off the ballot aren't enough, his dutiful DOJ prosecutors work to keep him tied up in court appearances that gag and remove him from the campaign trail.

Jack Smith had originally set the first trial regarding Jan. 6 charges to begin on March 4, the day before March 5 Super Tuesday contests, when Alabama, Alaska, American Samoa, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, and Vermont vote to select a GOP nominee.

Smith has also set a Trump trial date regarding alleged illegal retention of classified documents for May 20, a day ahead of Kentucky's primary and shortly before New Jersey's on June 4.

On top of this, New York Democratic Attorney General Letitia James wants to confiscate all of Trump's New York properties and cancel his licenses to conduct business there based upon allegations that he overvalued his extensive Mar-a-Lago property in Palm Beach when applying for business loans which he subsequently paid fully back on time.

So far at least, none of these banana republic-style attempts to weaponize the U.S. criminal justice system against political opponents seems to be working quite as planned.

Two impeachment charades haven't finished Trump's ascendancy, and four indictments with 91 felony counts based on untested and unchartered claims during the runup to a presidential election have only caused more to rally at his side.

This, after all, is still a 2024 contender with about 70% support from his own party who is decisively beating President Biden in most polls, including likely voters in all swing states.

No, rather than registering fear over any Trump threat to democracy, a growing number of likely voters are logically more concerned regarding a true horror show that has occurred since Joe Biden reversed his predecessor's policies that were previously making their lives far better.

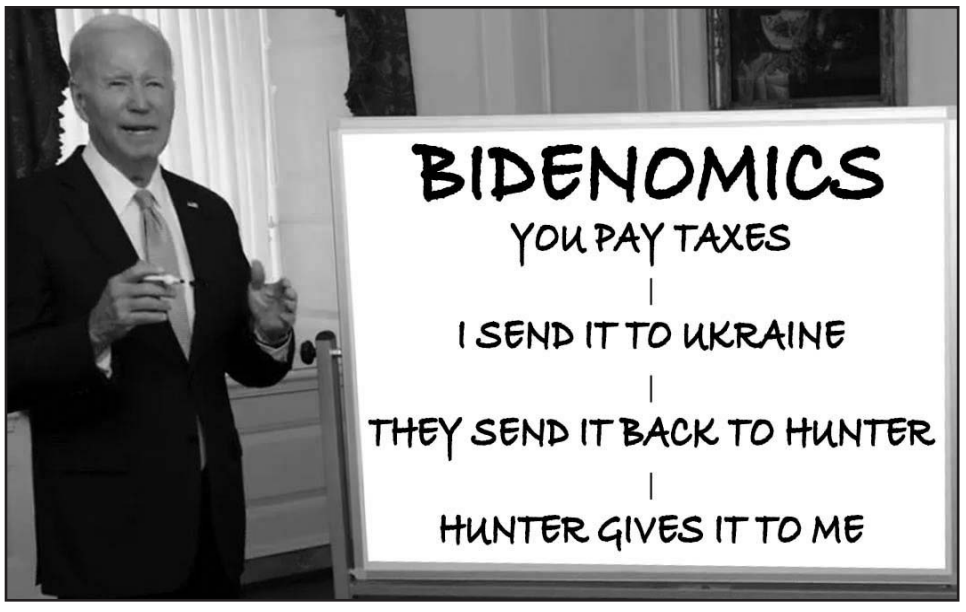
Just for example, they recall recent times that now seem so long ago when inflation, commodity costs and oil prices were low with much thanks to fossil energy independence.

They remember a time prior to the southern border invasion that has since allowed as many as 10 million unvetted illegal migrants into the country — more than 300,000 in December alone - along with rampant sex and narcotics trafficking and national security threats.

They observe rising crime rates as police budgets are cut, and as prosecutors and judges allow criminals to roam free.

Many worry whether their government can continue to honor Social Security and health care requirements as interest obligations now consume nearly a third of the national debt.

And they all really should worry.



Archbishop Vigano *cont. from page 1*

Tucho's repulsive pamphlet show such a level of perversion and alienation to the Faith as to demand the expulsion manu militari of the Argentinean and his accomplices. The Swiss Guards have sworn to defend the See of Peter, not the one who is systematically demolishing it. Let them therefore be faithful to their oath and arrest these heretical perverts!"

Lifesite News reports:

The Vatican whistleblower's declaration follows the publication of the news that Cardinal Fernandez, believed to be the author of the scandalous Fiducia Supplicansand at least parts of the controversial Amoris Laetitia, had published a sexually explicit work of theology in 1998. The work, entitled The Mystical Passion: Spirituality and Sensuality, compares mystical experiences to male and female sexual response.

Archbishop Viganò shared his thoughts at length in a "Declaration of Carlo Maria Viganò, Archbishop regarding the scandalous book 'La Pasión Mística' by Víctor Manuel Fernández."

I repeat: we must recognize that a revolutionary process has been underway for over a century; a planned process which then materialized with the subversive action of the neomodernists at the Council and with their seizure of power throughout the post-conciliar period; a process in which all the Popes from John XXIII to Benedict XVI took an active part. If we arrived at the worship of the Pachamama it is because we passed through Assisi; if the Abu Dhabi Declaration was signed and desired by the Holy See, it is because we first tolerated Nostra Ætate and Dignitatis Humanæ; if we have come to hear deaconesses theorized it is because we have suffered in silence the introduction of "extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist" and altar girls. And – let's say it! – if today the Vatican is reduced to a brothel, it is because since the time of Paul VI there was no desire to nip in the bud the lavender mafia that was encysted in the Vatican, instead favoring those who, being more blackmailable, gave greater guarantees of obedience.

The pattern of how the deep church acted to infiltrate the Catholic Church is a mirror image of what the deep state followed to take control of civil governments, as recent news shows us. The sewer from which the infamous pamphlet of the Prefect of the former Holy Office re-emerged is the same from which the scandals of the characters mentioned in Epstein's list emerge. We need a radical return to the God of the human race, through a purification of civil society and the ecclesial body. We need to oppose this attack with collective action, so that the Papacy may return to being a Beacon of Truth and a Harbor of Salvation, and not the megaphone of the antichristic synarchy of the World Economic Forum.

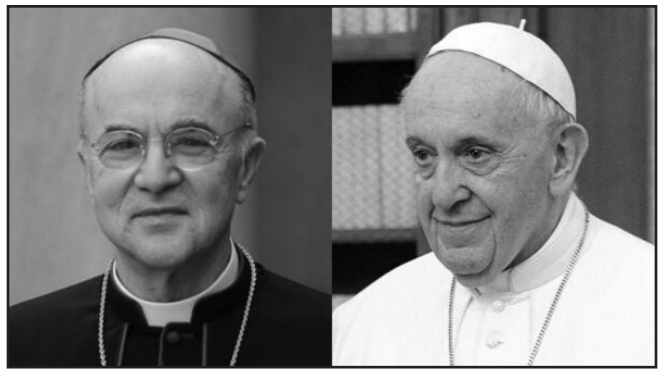
Archbishop Viganò has been a consistently powerful voice standing up to Red Francis and the deep state (and deep church).

The Archbishop issued a strong statement following the dismissal of Bishop Joseph Strickland by Pope Francis.

Bishop Strickland was removed after his appearance at a protest outside Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles after the team honored the demonic group the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence.

Viganò characterized the removal as "a cowardly form of authoritarianism," contrasting it with the Pope's advocacy for "welcoming" and "inclusiveness."

In February of 2023, Viganò sent The Gateway Pundit, Tucker Carlson, and America a message regarding the secular state and the church of the environment that has served to destroy the presence of the Catholic Religion in society, replacing it with the Luciferian paganism of the New World Order (NWO).



Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò has called for the Swiss Guards to remove and arrest Pope Francis and Cardinal Victor Manuel "Tucho" Fernandez after the discovery of a pornographic work by Fernandez. via @planettoday #PlanetToday: https://www.planet-today.com/2024/01/archbishop-vigano-calls-for-swiss.html

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Recalling Vos *cont. from page 1*

Letter to Dan O'Donnell

BILL SAVAGE | OCTOBER 15, 2023

Dear Dan O'Donnell, Several weeks ago, on your program you did a segment on the Adam Steen campaign, and a few thousand dollars that he received from a county party while you ignored the million dollars Vos raised. We found 13 lobbyists listed as donors on just the first two pages of his campaign report.

In your rush to rub Adam Steen's campaign into the mud you had even found yourself retracting statements you made about the true patriot Adrianne Melby. Perhaps if you weren't so busy regurgitating Robin Vos's talking points and had done some actual reporting you wouldn't have been so sloppy. But back to the reason for this letter. You stated that many of your listeners hate Robin Vos. You were correct. Unfortunately, you went on to say that many conservatives have soured on Vos because and I paraphrase, that's what conservatives do. Like Bush and the absolute despot Paul Ryan, we just willy-nilly decided that we don't support Vos for basically no reason whatsoever. I was quite astonished that you would blurt out such nonsense. The conservative voter is an informed voter, and you should show a bit more respect. It is clear that WISN has become the mouthpiece for Vos and the rest of the establishment. You're not quite as bad as Weber and we thank you for that. I would imagine that the $150,000 or more that the Vos campaign spent on WISN ads as you all were desperately trying to drag him across the finish line along with other ad money thrown WISN's way goes a long way to "impress" the hosts. That's ok, your in the business to make money, we understand that and it's all good. But let me share with you just a few reasons why we have soured on Robin Vos.

1. Vos took away Andre Jacques committee for holding a hearing on "prevailing Wage" and then took credit for prevailing wage. Note: Prevailing wage then passed unanimously by the assembly.

2. Vos then supported Jacque's competition for an open senate seat, a 20-year-old carpetbagger. Also got Kitchens, Steineke, Macco, and Stephens to do the same.

3. Vos wouldn't allow the bill to prevent planned parenthood for selling parts of aborted babies to UW to go forward. Dan O'Donnell must not have seen the video from Planned Parenthood showing abortion "doctors" how to abort babies while keeping vital organs intact so UW would pay more. We all know Vos got money from both UW and Planned Parenthood to kill the bill.

4. Vos lied about why he fired Tim Ramthun's staff. In a letter from leadership, it was said that Ramthun's staff lied about Vos's connection with Clinton lawyer Marc Alias. When people like me and others (including your colleague, Mark Belling) pointed out that Ramthun did not lie, Vos went on Jay weber's show and changed his story. Vos told Weber that Ramthun's staff was fired for promoting Ramthun's resolution to decertify the election. Imagine a staffer being fired for promoting his boss's positions!

5. Vos lied about Trump's support. Robin Vos circulated a picture of himself and Trump during the primary campaign against Steen. All the while knowing that Trump despises him.

6. Vos has directed his county party to not allow conservatives to join the party. Do you call that leadership?

7. Vos has removed the staff and committee chair assignments for Brandtjen, Allen, Wichgers and Behnke for simply not being Vos sycophants. Allen, Brandtjen and Wichgers represent some of the reddest areas of the state and have been limited in their ability to promote the republican (and more importantly, the CONSERVATIVE message) in those red areas. Again, even a WISN host under strict "protect Vos" orders cannot justify such behavior as "leadership" can you?

8. Robin Vos spent a million dollars of taxpayer money to hire Justice Gableman for no other purpose than to thwart Brandtjen's investigation into the 2020 election. An investigation that Vos himself ordered and conducted by a committee chair (Brandtjen) that HE appointed. As soon as Gableman reached the same conclusion that Brandtjen did (the 2020 election was flawed to the point that we cannot have confidence in the result of the election) Vos turned on him and fired him. Vos called a LARGE PORTION of the republican party "conspiracy theorists" on the Jay Weber show. Again, I ask if you think THAT is leadership.

9. Robin Vos went on Jay Weber's show the day after Vos "won" his race against the unknown, underfunded Steen by 260 votes. Most of us strongly suspect foul play since the votes 'seemed" to appear around midnight, and Robin Vos seems to be beholden to Meagan Wolfe. Robin Vos has given lip service to "wanting Wolfe gone" but has not used any of the tools provided to him to remove her, including CH 15.61 - see an interesting article from The MacIver Institute asking why the legislature hasn't moved https://www.maciverinstitute.com/.../wisconsin-law.../ you'll recognize it pretty quick, after all you wrote it.

10. Robin Vos continues to break the law. He refuses to provide the people of Wisconsin with open and transparent government.

11. Robin Vos refused to support all inquiries into the 2020 election. He even went as far as to side with Meagan Wolfe against his own committee chair when Rep. Brandtjen asked WEC for documents that could only be considered a reasonable request by a legislative oversight committee chair.

12. Not only did Vos not support Brandtjen's request for information WEC, WEC had the nerve to SUE her for requesting the information! But WAIT!!! THERE'S MORE! Although Vos spent hundreds of thousands of dollars on HIS OWN defense, he denied any legal assistance to the chair of the committee that HE assigned the task of investigating the election. Vos VOTED for AR-15 that clearly DIRCETED Brandtjen's committee to investigate the election. Now, let me say this here and now. YOU CANNOT POSSIBLY CONSIDER THAT LEADERSHIP!!! Election integrity remains the number issue with republican voters and YOUR LEADER has done NOTHING but call those voters conspiracy theorists. I'd like to hear your justification for that.

13. Robin Vos spent, at the very least, a half of million dollars of RACC money on his reelection campaign. He had lobbyists donating to his campaign and knocking on doors for him. He even strongarmed representatives to knock on the doors for him during his primary race. Sortwell, Callahan, Murphy and others all went down and knocked on doors but literally hid from cameras while doing so. Let me ask you this Mr. O'Donnell, have you ever campaigned for someone but was ashamed to admit it? Let me answer for you. NO, YOU DID NOT. None of us would ever do that. We put pictures of ourselves with the candidate's literature on social media, hoping EVERYONE sees it! But these legislators hid. What say you, Mr. O'Donnell?

14. The budget has exploded under Vos. 51% since Vos has been in leadership. We could go on forever with this, but you get the drift…. You DO get the drift, don't you Dan?

One of the number of reasons that Vos is reportedly polling at 16% is his constant game playing regarding election integrity and the 2020 election. I outline that in my letter to Jefferson Davis, who despite giving a excellent presentation about the 2020 election steal, feels a need to protect Vos even at his own peril. Read the letter to Mr. Davis.

Statement on the exchange between Jefferson Davis and myself

BILL SAVAGE | OCTOBER 18, 2023

Statement on the exchange between Jefferson Davis and myself during an Election Integrity presentation.

For those of you who have not seen the brilliant presentation by Jefferson Davis regarding election integrity, you simply must see it. Jefferson takes the extensive research done by State Representative Janel Brandtjen and her staff (including yours truly), former State Rep. Tim Ramthun, election expert Peter Bernegger, former Supreme Court Justice Michael Gableman and just too many other to mention and he presents the material in a concise and thorough manner. He uses his charm, wit and speaking skills to clearly make the case on why the 2020 election was not only stolen but stolen in broad daylight and using a multifaceted illegal and unethical approach to the 2020 election. Unfortunately, Mr. Davis continues to claim that the leaders at the State Capitol are "working with him" to provide "wins" for those of us who know that Joe Biden didn't win Wisconsin, or Georgia or Arizona and so on. I can appreciate Jefferson's decision to not use his presentation to bash the tyrant known as Robin Vos, I agree, stick to the facts. But then STICK to the facts.

There is not one person following the issue who isn't aware that Robin Vos not only is uncooperative regarding election integrity, but he has also done EVERYTHING in his power to thwart the investigation. He lied to President Trump, he turned his back on Janel Brandtjen, he took away Tim Ramthun's staff and wouldn't allow him in meeting regarding the election issue. He hired Gableman, spending a million dollars to undermine Brandtjen's authority, then fired Gableman for finding out what most of already know, the election was stolen. Jefferson went as far as to thank Representative Ron Tusler this past Saturday for coming to a patriots group event. The event was 75% election integrity based. Tusler is the author of the Ranked Choice Bill AND the Monday Count Bill. Tusler stands for everything that the entire group despises (and yeah, I bet I can speak for everyone in the room!). My question to Tusler was "what are you doing here?"

Back to the election steal. We have known about these illegal activities for well over two years now. Green Bay's mayor, special voting deputies, the ballot harvesting in Madison, the illegal drop boxes, the bloated voter rolls, the indefinitely confined debacle, and the illegal ballot curing done in the five major cities.

So… my question to Mr. Davis is this – Since we have such an overwhelming and convincing amount of evidence, that is being presented by yourself (in a brilliant presentation) and these so-called leaders at the capitol are cooperating, why has it taken such a herculean effort for the last (almost three years) to get even the slightest movement on these issues? Why is Robin Vos still calling us conspiracy theorists if he is serious about helping us regain election security? Do you not know that if Robin Vos really wanted Meagan Wolfe gone, she would be gone?

I am disheartened that Jefferson would allow the fantastic work he has done to be undermined by an ill-advised and I might add, useless sop, to those who are clearly standing in the way of democracy.

I have outlined in numerous Substack articles Vos's failure to respect the Republican platform (which is a conservative platform). A quick look at the budget over Vos's tenure as speaker shows his willingness to allow government spending to explode. A bloated budget allows Vos to pass out favors to his campaign donors.

Newsletter 19# -Budget

BILL SAVAGE | AUGUST 16, 2023

Newsletter 19#

Holding Republicans Accountable

In past newsletters I've pointed out that even though republican candidates in Wisconsin consistently campaign on the promise that they will "fight" for lower taxes, less government, less spending etcetera, etcetera, etcetera, they don't come close to living up to these promises. I also pointed out that the proof is in the pudding. They are either voting against bloated budgets or they are not. Right now, in the Assembly, only Janel Brandtjen has voted no on multiple budgets and both Scott Allen (2017) and Rick Gundrum (2019) has voted no on one. Other than that, every assembly republican has voted for every budget that has been put in front of them.

As most of you are aware, I have a personal project call "We've Had Enough" that is looking to find and support candidates to run against these republicans who say one thing at the conservative events in their districts and then go to Madison and giveaway YOUR representation to Robin Vos.

The chart below says it all and nothing more really needs to be said. Why is Robin Vos willing to spend this kind of taxpayer money? I've outlined that in past newsletters. The road builders, the Hospital Assoc, the teachers' union, Planned Parenthood, the University system (the list goes on and on) all have deep pockets and are willing to pay to play. Where do you think Vos got a million for his own re-election campaign? Every lobbyist in the state was knocking on doors for him. Why? YOU KNOW WHY!

Look at the spending that was done under republican leadership! "Republicans" if that is what you want to call them, have had HUGE majorities in the legislature for the ENTIRE time that the chart below addresses. Not one penny was "forced upon them" this is ALL REPUBLICAN spending. Ask yourself this question – HAVE YOU HAD ENOUGH?

As I crisscross the state, please consider becoming a paid subscriber to help with gas, food, and lodging.

Vos's dishonesty is also well known. And WISN seems to be willing to give this dishonest man a platform. When Vos removed Tim Ramthun's staff, I did a Facebook post outlining the lies involved. WE MUST BE ABLE TO TRUST OUR SPEAKER!

"Vos went on Jay Weber and lied to all of us about the "Ramthun staffer" Vos made it clear, and the follow-up letter from "leadership" (below) confirmed that the Ramthun staffer was removed because the office "lied" about Vos's involvement in the drop box drama. Mark Belling and others, including myself challenged that, because Ramthun did not lie. Vos then changed his story and on Friday, February 16, 2022 (on The Jay Weber Show), Vos said that Tristan was removed because he was developing a state wide network for decertification

However that is what Tristan's job is. To promote the positions of the representative and garner support for the measures he brings forward. He basically admitted he removed Tristan for being too good at his job. This should cause concern for every fair minded American.

We need to to hold everyone of these people accountable. If you see your representative on this list ask them why they blindly follow someone who lies. You have a right to know. See the original letter from leadership!"

As you can see the Assembly leadership under Vos has NO PROBLEM lying to the public. In my opinion Vos is just the first pin that needs to be dropped. They ALL MUST GO!!!

"The feeling that the government should 'do something' has seldom been based on a comparison of what actually happens when government does and when it does not 'do something.'"

-Thomas Sowell

Patriot News

Patriot Events and Activities

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

Elon Musk calls out Trudeau's government after Rebel News reporter's brutal arrest

By Rebel News

Business mogul voices concern over the arrest of journalist David Menzies, calling into question the actions of Justin Trudeau's administration.

Elon Musk has publicly commented on the outrageous arrest of Rebel News journalist David Menzies and has taken aim at Justin Trudeau's government.

Musk, responding to a post on X, formerly Twitter, expressed his dismay at the vision, stating, "They (Trudeau's government) won't make it past the next election."

The incident in question took place in Richmond Hill, where Menzies was detained while simply asking accountability questions of Deputy Prime Minister Chrystia Freeland.

Disturbing footage shows Menzies being physically obstructed by a member of the RCMP before being taken away in a police vehicle.

In a further comment on the incident, Musk pointed out that it was clear from the footage that the journalist had not assaulted the RCMP officer.

"Fine for the officer to body block someone trying to get close to a senior government official, but false to say that he deliberately assaulted an officer," he said.

The arrest has sparked outrage, with many questioning the Trudeau administration's commitment to press freedom.

It's not the first time Menzies has been on the receiving end of heavy-handed authorities, having previously faced similar confrontations with the RCMP.

The incident has reignited concerns about the state of media freedom in Canada, particularly in light of ongoing protests and pro-Hamas rallies that have received police escort.

Lee Merritt MD: FreedomDoc1
Forwarded from Marlo

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I'm a Meta insider working on Project Lazarus. We're building an AI that can take over a deceased persons social media accounts and continue making relevant posts as if that person is still alive. This includes age progressed photos, interacting with other peoples content and everything else needed so that person continues on in the digital realm after physical death. We were originally told this would be a service offered to people struggling with the loss of loved ones and people who had missing children. Seemed like a decent idea.

Things are getting weird now and I'm having second thoughts about what this is actually going to be used for. The AI is extremely capable of impersonating people. It doesn't take as much initial input as one might think to train the AI how a certain person interacts with the digital world. It's very convincing. An entire island of people could go missing and with little to no downtime the AI could take over all of their social media and the world wouldn't have a clue that life wasn't just continuing as usual. A lot of the project is becoming more compartmentalized.

Things have taken a dark turn it feels like. They've forbidden communication between people working on different things. Something isn't right and I don't know what I should do. I'm not going to post any personally identifiable information but I will try to answer questions that won't expose my role within the project.

Meta is training AI to impersonate dead people online. This is the testimony of a whistleblower.

This is sick!🤮🤮🤮

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Imagine seeing this sky & not questioning a thing..



So many people are still blind to this... 🤦‍♀️

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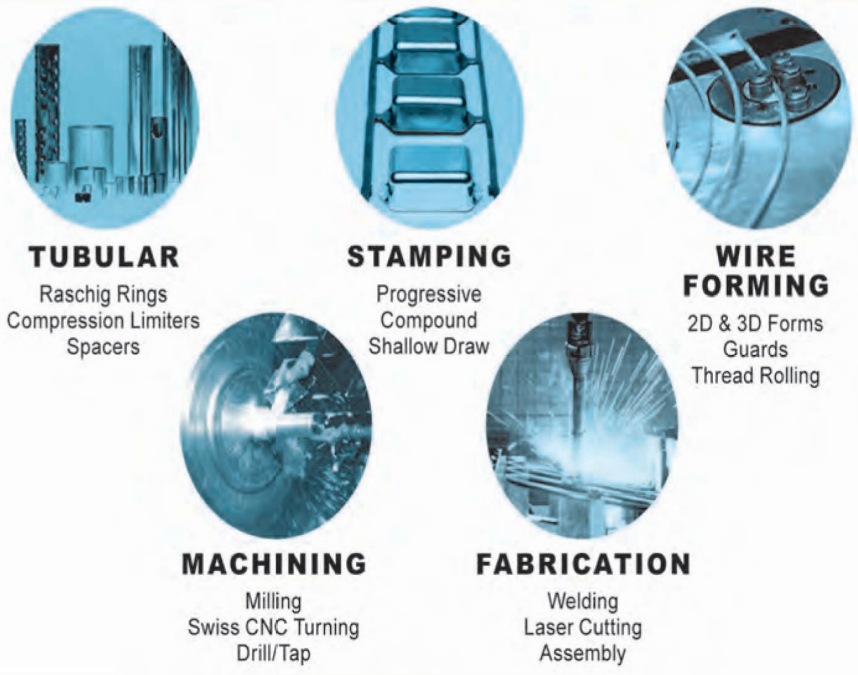

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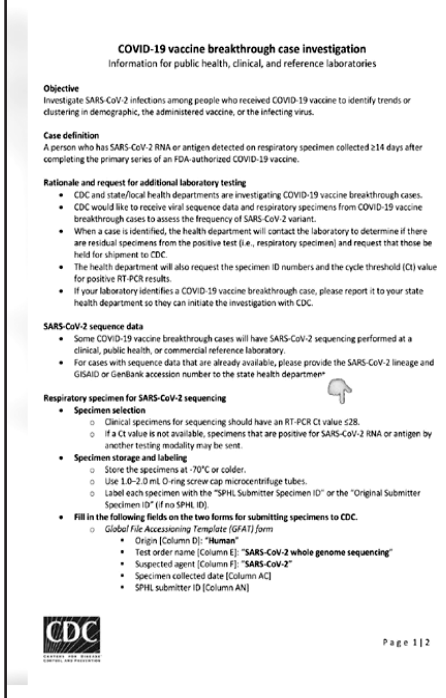

COVID-19 vaccine breakthrough case investigation
Information for public health, clinical, and reference laboratories

Objective
Investigate SARS-CoV-2 infections among people who received COVID-19 vaccine to identify trends or clustering in demographic, the administered vaccine, or the infecting virus.

Case definition
A person who has SARS-CoV-2 RNA or antigen detected on respiratory specimen collected ≥14 days after completing the primary series of an FDA-authorized COVID-19 vaccine.

Rationale and request for additional laboratory testing
- CDC and state/local health departments are investigating COVID-19 vaccine breakthrough cases.
- CDC would like to receive viral sequence data and respiratory specimens from COVID-19 vaccine breakthrough cases to assess the frequency of SARS-CoV-2 variant.
- When a case is identified, the health department will contact the laboratory to determine if there are residual specimens from the positive test (i.e., respiratory specimen) and request that those be held for shipment to CDC.
- The health department will also request the specimen ID numbers and the cycle threshold (Ct) value for positive RT-PCR results.
- If your laboratory identifies a COVID-19 vaccine breakthrough case, please report it to your state health department so they can initiate the investigation with CDC.

SARS-CoV-2 sequence data
- Some COVID-19 vaccine breakthrough cases will have SARS-CoV-2 sequencing performed at a clinical, public health, or commercial reference laboratory.
- For cases with sequence data that are already available, please provide the SARS-CoV-2 lineage and GISAID or GenBank accession number to the state health department*

Respiratory specimen for SARS-CoV-2 sequencing
- **Specimen selection**
  - Clinical specimens for sequencing should have an RT-PCR Ct value ≤28.
  - If a Ct value is not available, specimens that are positive for SARS-CoV-2 RNA or antigen by another testing modality may be sent.
- **Specimen storage and labeling**
  - Store the specimens at -70°C or colder.
  - Use 1.0–2.0 mL O-ring screw cap microcentrifuge tubes.
  - Label each specimen with the "SPHL Submitter Specimen ID" or the "Original Submitter Specimen ID" (if no SPHL ID).
- **Fill in the following fields on the two forms for submitting specimens to CDC.**
  - *Global File Accessioning Template (GFAT) form*
    - Origin [Column D]: "**Human**"
    - Test order name [Column E]: "**SARS-CoV-2 whole genome sequencing**"
    - Suspected agent [Column F]: "**SARS-CoV-2**"
    - Specimen collected date [Column AC]
    - SPHL submitter ID [Column AN]

CDC

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Unbelievable! New CDC document shows that PCR tests for vaccinated people will use a 28 cycle threshold.

The CDC guidelines set a 40+ cycle threshold to inflate the Covid-19 statistics. A 40 cycle threshold produces a 97% false positive rate.

Lowering the PCR cycle threshold for vaccinated people is a massive fraud to make it look like the vaccines are working.

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Declaration of Carlo Maria Viganò, Archbishop
regarding the scandalous book "La Pasión Mística" by Víctor Manuel Fernández

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« [...] Look at the erotic frescoes commissioned by Vincenzo Paglia in the Terni cathedral; Rupnik's blasphemous and sacrilegious sexual magic rituals; the "chem parties" with prostitutes of the secretary of Cardinal Coccopalmerio, Monsignor Capozzi; the appointments of Ricca in Santa Marta and as Prelate of the IOR [Vatican Bank], of Maradiaga to the Council of Cardinals, of Grech, of Hollerich, not to mention the Substitute of the Holy See, Archbishop Peña Parra; the shame of Fabian Pedacchio, former personal secretary of Bergoglio and "companion" of the Secretary of the Dicastery of Bishops Ilson Montanari; look at the cover-ups of the McCarrick sex scandals that I denounced and how his circle is still found in roles of high responsibility, both in the Vatican and in the United States, with Farrell, Cupich, Tobin, Gregory, and McElroy; Bergoglio's audiences with transsexuals, well-known homosexuals, and cohabiting lovers: can anyone seriously believe that there is no coherence in this cesspool of vices and perversions with what Tucho wrote in 1998?

The first confirmation of this coherence comes from the enthusiastic approval enjoyed by Bergoglio and his henchmen among the declared enemies of Christ and the Church: Freemasons, globalists, LGBTQ+ and gender activists, promoters of the woke ideology, proponents of neo-Malthusian eugenics, abortionists. How can we believe that those who enjoy the support of Lynn Forester de Rothschild, the Soros's, the Clinton's, Bill Gates and Klaus Schwab can at the same time fight in the name of the Gospel of Christ against the infernal ideology that drives these criminal subversives? [...] »



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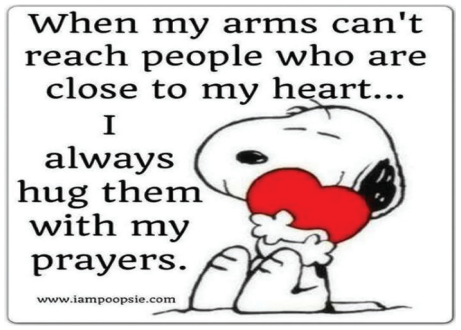

DEFENDING THE PRO LIFE POSITION

By Dan Miller, State Director

The 100% pro-life position to me is as natural as the changing of the seasons. I can defend the 100% pro-life position in my sleep. It was not always easy getting answers to my questions. I grew up in Wisconsin on a farm. I enjoyed a loving, nurturing household with the best parents and siblings I could ever ask for. However, I grew up before Pro-Life Wisconsin came into existence. When we had family over for special occasions or the Holidays, sometimes the conversations were about abortion. We, kids, never really participated in these conversations, but we sure were listening! The only problem is that what we heard were the talking points of a national pro-life organization that made exceptions for rape, incest, or the life of the mother. Even as a child, I knew abortion was wrong. So why was it "right" in some cases? When I questioned the adults having the conversation, they just patted me on the head and said, "it's too complicated for you to understand right now...you'll understand it one day."

But that day never came and here is why!

Walk with me as I explore defending the 100% pro-life position when a woman's life is in danger due to pregnancy.

God IS THE ANSWER—and He has all the answers for our questions. Yet, the average person walking this earth, even those who would consider themselves 100% pro-life with no exceptions, really has no idea how to defend the 100% pro-life position against the "life of the mother" exception.

For Pro-Life Wisconsin, the answer lies in the Principle of Double Effect as outlined in Fr. Charles Grondin's article, "Ectopic Pregnancy and Double Effect" (**catholic.com/qa/ectopic-pregnancy-and-double-effect**). This principle says it is morally allowable to perform an act that has at least two effects, one good and one bad. There are four conditions that must be adhered to:

1. "The act itself is not intrinsically wrong".
2. "The person acting intends only the good effect and would avoid the bad effect if possible" (the end does justify the means).
3. "The good effect cannot be caused because of the bad effect".
4. "The good effect must be in proportion to the bad effect".

Let us use the most common strawman example pro-abortion groups use when they challenge us on the life of the mother exception—an ectopic pregnancy. When a woman's life is in danger because of an ectopic pregnancy, the goal is to save the woman's life. That satisfies condition number one. To save her life is a good in and of itself. To save the woman's life, the physician must remove that section of the fallopian tube which holds the embryonic baby. The intention is to save the mother's life, not to kill the baby. This satisfies conditions two and three. Now, the physician has just saved the woman's life by removing the rupturing fallopian tube and cauterizing the bleeding, but in doing so, the baby has been removed from the woman's body. The intent is never to kill the baby even though the embryo has no chance of survival outside the womb. Condition number four is satisfied because there is a proportionality to both of their lives. They are both equal in God's eyes. What many fail to recognize is if the physician does not attempt to save the woman, both persons, the baby and the woman, will die.

In conclusion, abortion, defined as the direct intentional killing of a living preborn human being, is never medically necessary to improve the health or save the life of the other. Physicians must support both the mother and her preborn child. Because of the principle of double effect, a legal exception for the life of the mother is unnecessary and dangerous. We must never codify in law the importance of one innocent human life over and above another. That is a denial of equal protection under the law. I hope this will help if you ever need to explain this position to others. It is not always easy to do! Having the right words always helps. I have Vicky Thorne, founder of Project Rachel, to thank for explaining this to me in such an easy-to-understand way. I hope it helped you as much as it helped me to understand this powerful principle that supports the value of all human life.



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He condemned Israel's subsequent war in Gaza and said only Palestinians have "a right of self-defense."

His assertions reflect language in the Palestinian Liberation Organization and Hamas Charters. Israel is an "imperialist, colonialist, racist, anti-human," even "fascist" "colonizer," they declare. The "Zionist entity" "occupies" Palestinian lands and denies Palestinians their "right to return" to their homes. The charters call for the "liberation of Palestine" through "resistance," "armed struggle" and "self-defense."

Mobs of students, faculty and fellow travelers flaunt their ignorance of morality and historic and modern reality by echoing these claims, justifying the October 7 massacres, calling for a "global intifada" (violent uprising), and demanding the eradication of Israel and its non-Muslim inhabitants "from the [Jordan] River to the [Mediterranean] Sea.

You have to wonder: How does a group of people achieve permanent "refugee" or "colonized victim" status with a "right of return" that no others have ever had? What constitutes a "legitimate right" of "resistance" or "self-defense"?

Particularly across the Europe-Asia-Middle-East mega-continent, human history has been a saga of settlement, invasion, victory or defeat, continuation or disintegration, expansion or dispersion. Those who lost wars were annihilated, lost title to their land, accepted subservient status (dhimmi in Muslim countries), emigrated, melded into the victorious civilizations or otherwise adjusted.

Over their six-thousand-year history, including since arriving in "the Promised Land" that is now Israel over 3,600 years ago, Jews have played all these roles. They defeated the Amorites, Canaanites, Philistines and Jebusites, created the Kingdom of Israel, fell to Assyrians and Babylonians, lived under Persian and Greek rule, established the Hasmonean dynasty, and were slaughtered, enslaved and dispersed by the Romans in 70-133 AD (CE).

At no point, however, did they entirely disappear from the Promised Land. Indeed, Muhammed's Muslim (imperialist, colonialist) empire hired Jews as administrators after the Arab army arrived in 636. Jewish fortunes ebbed and flowed under Christian, Mongol and 500-year Ottoman Turkish rule.

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VOICE OF JERUSALEM

Victory is more important than US support

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his ministers must remember that Israel is not an American vassal state. Op-ed.

By Caroline Glick

(JNS) At his press conference Tuesday evening, U.S. Secretary of State Tony Blinken showed that contrary to popular belief, the Biden administration is not Israel's ally. It is the greatest obstacle to Israel's victory.

Blinken began his remarks by drawing a moral equivalence between the suffering of Israeli hostages and their families and that of the Palestinian Arabs in Gaza. The Palestinian Arabs in Gaza, who overwhelmingly support Hamas, are just as innocent as the hostages, Blinken insisted.

Blinken said nothing about the torture, rape, mutilation and deliberate starvation of the hostages carried out by Hamas terrorists and its civilian accomplices alike. Instead, Blinken spoke of the "acute food insecurity," that Gazans suffer from—and blamed that "acute food insecurity" on Israel.

"Israel needs to do everything it can to remove any obstacles from [aid] crossing to…Gaza. Improving deconfliction procedures to ensure that the aid can move safely and securely is a critical part of that," he said.

The body responsible for distributing "humanitarian aid" in Gaza today is the United Nations, through UNRWA. Blinken ignored completely the documented fact that thousands of UNRWA employees posted fulsome praise for the Oct. 7 slaughter on social media. He ignored the overwhelming evidence that UNRWA schools and clinics are Hamas military bases. He ignored that UNRWA employees have been credibly accused of holding Israeli hostages and deliberately starving them. And he ignored that UNRWA employees, including all of its regional directors in Gaza, have been credibly accused of being Hamas terrorists themselves.

Burying his head deep in the sand, Blinken cooed, "The United Nations is playing an indispensable role in addressing the immense humanitarian needs in Gaza. There is simply no alternative.

"UN personnel…in Gaza are demonstrating extraordinary courage by continuing to provide lifesaving services in what are extremely challenging conditions."

Israel, he demanded, must join the United States in giving the United Nations its "full support."

As for Israel's military campaign to wipe out Hamas, Blinken said that military operations must take no toll on civilians, even if that means that Israel will lose the war.

"We know that facing an enemy that embeds itself among civilians—who hides in and fires from schools, from hospitals—makes this incredibly challenging. But the daily toll on civilians in Gaza, particularly on children, is far too high," said Blinken.

The only way to separate the civilians from the terrorists and so protect them is by permitting them to leave Gaza, just as 6 million Ukrainians left their country since the Russian invasion.

Gazans are so eager to leave that the Guardian reported they are paying $10,000 to middlemen to bribe Egyptian officials to let them leave. But the United States will have none of it.

"The United States unequivocally rejects any proposals advocating for the resettlement of Palestinians outside of Gaza," said Blinken with a scowl.

Not only must Israel force the Palestinian Arabs to stay in Gaza and care for them, Israel must allow them to return to northern Gaza, thus subverting Israel's main sustained operational achievement since the ground operation began.

"In today's meetings" with Israeli leaders, Blinken said, "I was also crystal clear: Palestinian civilians must be able to return home as soon as conditions allow."

The only way for the now abandoned Israeli towns and villages bordering Gaza to be rebuilt and for their surviving residents to return safely is to block Hamas from rebuilding its terror infrastructure, including its forces in northern Gaza.

Keeping that area unpopulated, or lightly populated, for the foreseeable future is a military imperative.

After demanding that Israel permit Hamas to survive and regroup in Gaza, Blinken moved to the northern front against Hezbollah. There too, the United States demands that Israel lose.

"As I told the war cabinet and other senior officials, the United States stands with Israel in ensuring its northern border is secure. We're fully committed to working with Israel to find a diplomatic solution that avoids escalation and allows families to return to their homes, to live security in northern Israel and also in southern Lebanon," he said.

The problem is that the "diplomatic solution," the United States proposes will make it impossible for Israel to secure its northern border or permit the 80,000 civilians that were forced to flee their homes along to border to return to their homes.

Blinken and the administration are pushing for a deal that will see no decrease in Hezbollah's forces trained to invade Israel and commit genocide. Their deal will see no decrease in Hezbollah's missile and drone arsenal, which are capable of destroying strategic targets and civilian populations throughout Israel.

The administration's "diplomatic solution" requires Israel to surrender sovereign territory to Hezbollah in exchange for the removal of Hezbollah forces from the border area.

There are two problems with the plan. First, it requires Israel to surrender its land to terrorists. And second, the only force capable of pushing Hezbollah away from the border is the Israel Defense Forces, a prospect the deal is geared towards blocking at all costs.

In other words, just as is the case with Gaza, U.S. policy is to enable Israel's enemies to win strategic victories against Israel by forbidding Israel to defeat them on the battlefield.

Leaving aside the administration's slavish commitment to establishing Iran as the regional hegemon by empowering the regime and its terror proxies, the expressed goal of the administration's effort to induce an Israeli defeat is to establish a Palestinian Arab state.

As the administration sees things, the main obstacle to this goal is Israel, and specifically, the Netanyahu government, which represents the people of Israel.

To push this obstacle aside, the administration is working to overthrow the Netanyahu government. On Sunday, CNN's Jake Tapper reported that an administration official told him that Netanyahu has to choose between his coalition partners from the nationalist Religious Zionism and Otzma Yehudit parties led by Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich and National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir, respectively, and his ties to President Biden and the United States.

In other words, Netanyahu needs to choose between the Israeli public, which elected him to office as the head of a right-religious governing coalition, and Washington, which rejects the will of the Israeli people.

During his visit Tuesday, Blinken took the unprecedented step of meeting privately with Minister Benny Gantz and Knesset member Gadi Eisenkot. In the wake of the Oct. 7 invasion, Gantz and Eisenkot brought their leftist opposition party into the government to form an emergency unity coalition. The administration has been all but explicit about its intention to use these men and their party to overthrow the

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Western European and Russian Jews to their ancestral land in the late 1800s. Theodore Herzl's Zionism increased the purchase of agricultural and other land. Turkey's loss to the Allies in WWI transferred ownership and control of the area from Ottoman Turks to Britain.

The Roman term Palestine had applied to the region for two millennia, but there was never a Palestinian state or empire. Syria, Lebanon, Iraq and other Middle Eastern countries emerged as independent nations from British-French-Russian rule over the Ottoman Empire before, during and after WWII – but no Palestinian nation. Palestinian ancestors were always citizens or subjects of ruling empires.

Jewish immigration and land purchases from local and absentee Arab landlords increased significantly between the world wars. The Holocaust and end of World War II brought surging Jewish immigration ... and more conflicts. Land ownership in the pre-1947 British Mandate area that is now Israel was roughly 15% Arab, 9% Jewish and 76% public/Mandate land.

In 1948, despite Arab states' opposition, the United Nations made Israel nationhood a reality. Local Arabs and five Arab countries declared war on the fledgling state. Some 700,000 Arabs fled, emigrated or were persuaded to leave Israel "temporarily" under hollow promises of victory over the Zionists. After the '48 war, some 850,000 Jews were displaced, banned or banished (Hamas charter language) from Muslim countries across North Africa through the Middle East to Afghanistan; most of them settled in Israel.

The 1967 and 1973 wars between Arab countries and Israel also ended in Israeli victory and expansion. Two intifadas (1987-1993 and 2000-2005) brought many deaths on both sides but no gains for Palestinians. The war Hamas began from Gaza has been far more destructive.

Wars have consequences – now and throughout history. Assertions in charters or speeches do not change that; nor do they convey an "inalienable right" of return, even under some imagined "basic principles of human rights and international law" (Hamas Charter, Article 12). If a new Palestinian nation is created and recognized, there will be a right to return to that new nation – but not to Israel.

Imagine former German-speaking inhabitants asserting a right of return to lands that are now France, Poland and Russia. Hindus and Muslims returning to their prior homes in India and Pakistan. Berbers and other conquered, colonized people reclaiming their villages and pastures across the Maghreb in North Africa. Spain regaining Gibraltar from Britain. Turkey regaining Greece, Spain or its other Ottoman territories. China surrendering control over Tibet, or Russia over Crimea.

Imagine descendants of Celts and other ancient peoples across Britain and Europe demanding redress and return because their ancestors were subjugated by the ancestors of today's British, French, Italian, Hungarian, Balkan and other nations. Descendants of the Mongols demanding the return of eastern Europe. Or Israelis demanding the return of Jewish Banu Qurayza lands near Medina.

The history of colonizers and colonized nations is long, complicated and ill-suited for assertions in self-serving charters. Perhaps Hamas's elimination as a military and political power in Gaza will clarify that. Perhaps it will finally resolve the matter of Palestinians still being "refugees" 75 years after the '48 war.

Columbia University defines "colonization" as "a system of oppression based on invasion and control that results in institutionalized inequality between the colonizer and the colonized." That certainly describes the fate of countless nations and peoples, including those conquered, colonized and forcibly converted by Muhammed and his caliphs. It applies to European countries, Lenin and Stalin, and Islamists today in Nigeria and Sudan. It does not apply to Gaza, which Israel left in 2005 and Hamas has ruled since 2007.

Hamas and its allies nevertheless assert that "armed struggle" is required to "liberate Palestine" from Israeli "occupiers" (PLO Charter, Art. 9) ... families, schools and mosques have a "national duty" to raise individual Palestinians "in an Arab revolutionary manner" (PLO Art. 7) ... and Palestinians have "a legitimate right" to use "all means and methods" to "resist the occupation" and meet the "demands of self-defense" (PLO Art. 18; Hamas Arts. 25 and 39).

For decades, Hamas terrorized Israelis by firing thousands of rockets at civilian targets, bombing buses, cafes and bar mitzvahs, and shooting or stabbing parents and children. To claim this was "resistance" or "self-defense" is patently absurd. The calculated, barbaric October 7 massacres crossed the line of what any nation would ever permit.

Hamas terrorists gunned down hundreds of unarmed concertgoers; gang-raped and mutilated scores of women; soaked people in gasoline and burned them alive; beheaded babies or roasted them alive in ovens; cut a pregnant woman open, murdered her baby and butchered her; wiped out entire families as they begged for mercy; kidnapped 240 more – and then hid behind, among and under Gazan citizens.

(If you can stomach viewing Hamas atrocities, go here, here, here, here, here, here, here and here.)

Gaza has smart, capable people, and miles of gorgeous Mediterranean coastline. It could be as magnificent and prosperous as the United Arab Emirates. Its people just need to reject Hamas, tear up the PLO and Hamas charters, install a proper government, and build a genuine future for their children.

Global Warming *cont. from page 1*

This means that the phrase was referenced on average about 182,000 times per year, or 500 times per day, in the past ten years."

Of course, governments, the United Nations, and even some scientists also use the term often, hyping meaningless records in an imaginary parameter in order to frighten us about something that doesn't matter.

Climate activists venture even further into the realm of unscientific fantasy chanting "1.5 to stay alive," meaning that we must prevent the "global temperature" from rising more than 1.5 degrees Celsius (oC) above pre-industrial levels or we are all doomed. But the so-called "global temperature," at least the way the UN calculates this make-believe parameter, has already risen 1.2oC since pre-industrial times. Only a climate hypochondriac would think that a further 0.3oC rise would be noticeable, let alone catastrophic.

Unknown to most of the public, and indeed many scientists who should know better, is the fact that "global temperature," or "global average temperature," or even "global temperature anomaly," is not real. It is merely a statistic that, outside of politics, has no meaning in the real world.

In their award-winning book, "Taken By Storm," Canadian researchers Christopher Essex and Ross McKitrick explain,

"Temperature is not an amount of something [like height or weight]. It is a number that represents the condition of a physical system. In thermodynamics, it is known as an intensive quantity, in contrast to quantities like energy, which have an additive property, which we call extensive in thermodynamics."

For example, a person's height is an extensive quality; it can be added to other people's heights to give a meaningful result, namely the total height of all the people involved if they lay head to toe on the floor. Dividing that total height by the number of people gives the mean height or the average height of the people in the group. The same applies to weight and other extensive qualities. We can combine two or more systems, and the values of extensive variables for the whole system will simply be the sum of the values of the individual components.

But this does not apply to intensive qualities like density, pressure, chemical potential, color, viscosity, concentration, and of course, temperature, none of which can be added up in any meaningful fashion. Intensive variables are independent of system size and represent the quality of the system. And, if you can't generate a physically meaningful answer when you add them up, how can you end up with a meaningful answer when you divide the total by the number of measurements? You can't.

Let's say, at a particular moment in time, you measure 1,000 temperatures, ranging from 0oC (or, in the absolute temperature scale used in science, 273 degrees Kelvin, oK) to 20 oC (293 oK) at 1,000 different locations. Adding them yields a number, perhaps 283,000. That means nothing, of course. There is no place or thing that measures 283,000 oK. So, how can you take that meaningless number and divide it by a meaningful number (1,000, the number of temperature measurements) and generate a meaningful result? In fact, that is a test that reveals whether measurements can generate a meaningful average; does the intermediate sum mean anything?

In the final analysis, it is no more meaningful to calculate an average temperature for a whole planet, or even a state or a city (or even a room in your house), than it is to calculate the average telephone number in the Washington D.C. phone book. If you called that "average phone number," would you be in touch with the average Washingtonian? Individual telephone numbers are useful and meaningful, while the sum or average of the telephone numbers in a directory has no meaning. Similarly, temperature, like viscosity and density, is not something that can be meaningfully averaged. "Global temperature" does not exist.

Even if enough accurate surface temperature measurements existed to ensure reasonable planetary coverage (it doesn't) and some sort of global temperature statistic was calculated, interpreting its significance would be challenging. What averaging rule would you use to handle the data from thousands of temperature-sensing stations? Mean, mode, median, root mean square? Science does not tell us. For some groups of close temperature measures (NASA and NOAA are dealing with thousands of very close temperatures across a huge temperature field that varies from -93.22 oC (the low-temperature record, detected by satellite observations on August 10, 2010, along a ridge in Antarctica) to +56.7 oC (the high-temperature record, observed on July 10, 1913 in Death Valley), one method of calculating an average can lead to a determination of warming while another can lead to a conclusion of cooling.

In 2007, an important paper written by Christopher Essex, Ross McKitrick, and Bjarne Andresen was published in the Journal of Non-Equilibrium Thermodynamics. Titled "Does a Global Temperature Exist?" the authors give examples of how different averaging methods can show a system is both warming and cooling at the same time. They point out, however,

"The notion of being globally ''hotter'' or ''colder'' for out-of-equilibrium systems [the Earth is obviously "out-of-equilibrium" which is why we have variable weather] is not altogether without merit. Miami in January, with temperatures ranging from 20 to 30oC, say, is certainly warmer than Toronto at, say, -15 to -5oC. However, this ranking of relative warmth is not based on averages, but on the ranges [my bold] in respective temperature fields. Since the ranges do not overlap, all averages will agree which field seems to be the warmer. It is independent of the choice of average.

"Not so for the case of comparisons of Earth's temperature field at times a few years apart. The range over the globe (about -80oC to +40oC) is essentially the same for both when compared to statistical trends in averages (i.e., about +/-0.01oC/year), which are three orders of magnitude smaller. In cases where ranges overlap, not all averages over a given set of actual observations agree on trends, throwing into doubt for this case what 'warmer' or 'cooler' means."

In private communications, Dr. Christopher Essex, Emeritus Professor of Mathematics and Emeritus Professor of Physics at the University of Western Ontario, summed up today's preoccupation with "global temperature" well:

"The idea that a single local state variable (i.e., temperature) drives everything is breathtakingly naive."

Essex, McKitrick, and Andresen come to three critical conclusions:

"Sums or averages over the individual temperatures in the field are not temperatures. Neither are they proxies for internal energy."

"The utility of any global spatial average of the temperature field as an index for global conditions has been presumed but not demonstrated."

"If there are no physical or pragmatic grounds for choosing one over another, and one increases while the other decreases, there is no basis for concluding that the atmosphere as a whole is either warming or cooling."

So, how can we tell if a system, in this case, the Earth, is warming or cooling? You cannot unless the range of temperatures at different times changes so much that they do not overlap. There is no chance of that occurring anytime in the foreseeable future on this planet, so confident pronouncements of global warming in the past century are entirely misguided. We have no way of knowing if "global warming" is real since we have nothing meaningful to base it on.

Governments must stop wasting trillions of taxpayer dollars trying to stop a climate crisis that no one knows actually exists. The world has real problems to solve.

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Netanyahu government.

Immediately after their meeting, reports began to stream in that Gantz's inclination to leave the government is growing. Blinken and the administration see two scenarios for Gantz to seize power. Either Gantz can incite a revolt in Likud that can lead to Netanyahu's ouster and the formation of an alternative government led by Gantz in the current Knesset; or by working with the administration, Gantz can force Netanyahu to accept pro-Palestinian policies that will compel Smotrich and Ben-Gvir to bolt the government. If they leave and Gantz remains in the coalition, Netanyahu will become completely dependent on Gantz to remain in power.

Under both scenarios, the administration believes that it will be in a position to force Israel to crown the terrorist Fatah-led Palestinian Authority as the new leader of Gaza. That in turn will set the stage for a massive pressure campaign to coerce the Gantz-controlled government to make massive strategic concessions to the P.A. in Judea, Samaria and Jerusalem that will facilitate the establishment of a Palestinian Arab state.

Blinken's statements on the topic were nearly bereft of diplomatic niceties.

"As I told the prime minister, every [Arab] partner that I met on this trip said that they're ready to support a lasting solution that ends the long-running cycle of violence and ensures Israel's security. But they underscored that this can only come through a regional approach that includes a pathway to a Palestinian state," he said.

"To make this possible, Israel must be a partner to Palestinian leaders who are willing to lead their people in living side by side in peace with Israel and as neighbors," he continued, adding, "and Israel must… stop taking steps that undercut Palestinians' ability to govern themselves effectively."

Doubling down on his practice of slandering Israelis as the moral equivalents of terrorists, Blinken then libeled the half million Israeli residents of Judea and Samaria as well as IDF forces operating in these areas.

"Extremist settler violence carried out with impunity, settlement expansion, demolitions, evictions all make it harder, not easier, for Israel to achieve lasting peace and security," he said.

Finally, echoing Tapper's report, Blinken took a shot at Israel's leadership, stating that, "If Israel wants its Arab neighbors to make the tough decisions necessary to help ensure its lasting security, Israeli leaders will have to make hard decisions themselves."

Blinken made his remarks during the primetime news hour. Before he spoke, commentators from left to right insisted that Blinken is a friend and an ally in Israel's war. After his diatribe, they sheepishly changed their tune.

Blinken, they admitted, presented demands that would foment Israel's defeat. The only way for Israel to rout its enemies and enable its citizens to return to their homes in southern and northern Israel is to do precisely the opposite of what the United State demands.

Israel must end the farce of "humanitarian assistance" to Gaza.

It must stop providing electricity and fuel to Gaza.

It must fully control the distribution of food and water to the population.

It must block the return of the population to northern Gaza.

AnAnd it must open the Egyptian border with Gaza to permit the Gazans to leave or permit them to exit through Israel.

As for Hezbollah, the government must stop participating in the destructive farce of U.S. diplomacy. Instead, Israel should strike missile stores and terrorist barracks and be prepared to carry out a ground operation in the immediate term.

Israel must defeat Hezbollah. It is the only way Israelis in northern communities will be able to live safely in their homes.

If the United States retaliates by placing a weapons embargo on Israel, then Israel must make do with what it has and what it can produce. Use of imprecise missiles will expand collateral damage, but it will also win the war faster at less risk to IDF soldiers.

Since entering office, the Biden administration has treated Israel with colonialist contempt. Rather than respect Israel as an independent ally, Biden and his aides have acted like imperial overlords barking orders at a backwater, troublesome province.

Despite the pressure, Netanyahu and his ministers must remember that Israel is not a vassal state. We are a successful regional power. It is Israeli power, not U.S. charity that has sustained us to date. And it is Israeli power, not U.S. largesse that will bring us victory in this war for our survival. If forced to choose between support from Washington and victory, the choice is an easy one.

