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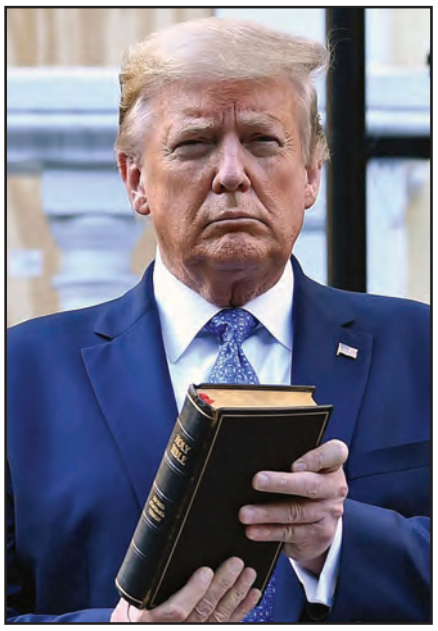

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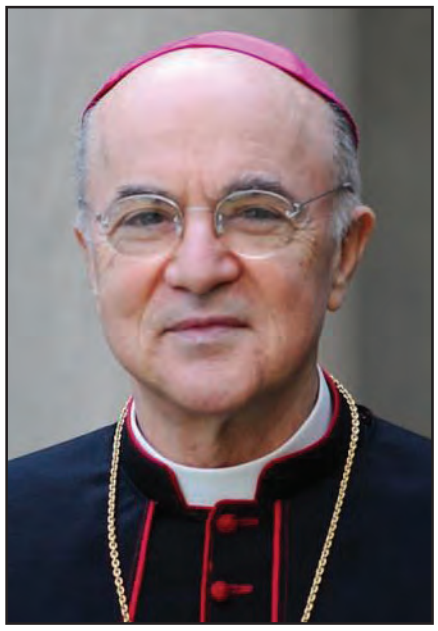

Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano

Archbishop Viganò's powerful letter to President Trump: Eternal struggle between good and evil playing out right now

By Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano, Titular Archbishop of Ulpiana

Mr. President,

In recent months we have been witnessing the formation of two opposing sides that I would call Biblical: the children of light and the children of darkness. The children of light constitute the most conspicuous part of humanity, while the children of darkness represent an absolute minority. And yet the former are the object of a sort of discrimination which places them in a situation of moral inferiority with respect to their adversaries, who often hold strategic positions in government, in politics, in the economy and in the media. In an apparently inexplicable way, the good are held hostage by the wicked and by those who help them either out of self-interest or fearfulness.

These two sides, which have a Biblical nature, follow the clear separation between the offspring of the Woman and the offspring of the Serpent. On the one hand there are those

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The Green New Deal dress rehearsal

The Covid-19 lockdown as a blueprint for a permanent economic shutdown to 'save the Earth'



Paul Driessen

By Paul Driessen

More than 1.4 million cases of Wuhan Coronavirus and 106,000 deaths in the United States alone have accompanied stay-home lockdowns, businesses bankruptcies, over 40 million unemployed workers, plummeting tax revenues and unprecedented debt. Ongoing rioting, vandalism, arson and looting are compounding problems for many cities and minority communities.

But where many see disaster, others see opportunity. Some want to use the crises to enact laws and welfare programs they could never get otherwise. More ambitious activists see the lockdown as a blueprint or dress rehearsal for a total energy, economic

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There Is No Evidence Lockdowns Saved Lives. It Is Indisputable They Caused Great Harm

By William M. Briggs

The US has a little more than 4% of the world population. Yet, throughout the end of April and through mid-May, the US claimed to have about a third of the reported coronavirus cases and a quarter to a third of reported death worldwide. What accounts for these amazing numbers?

By any measure, the US has a much better healthcare system than the Philippines (PI). The country has about a third of the US population, at 106.7 million. Just to pick a date, on May 12, 2020 the PI reported 11,086 cases and 726 deaths, according to Worldometer. This represents 213 cases per million residents, and 7 per million deaths. The US reported 4,187 cases per million, and 247 deaths per million, 20 and 30 times higher than the PI. The PI also had variable lockdowns, as did the US, with Manila reportedly facing the strictest measures, similar to some areas in the US.

One obvious difference in numbers is the level of testing. The US surely carried out testing more assiduously than did the PI. The same site claimed the US carried out 29

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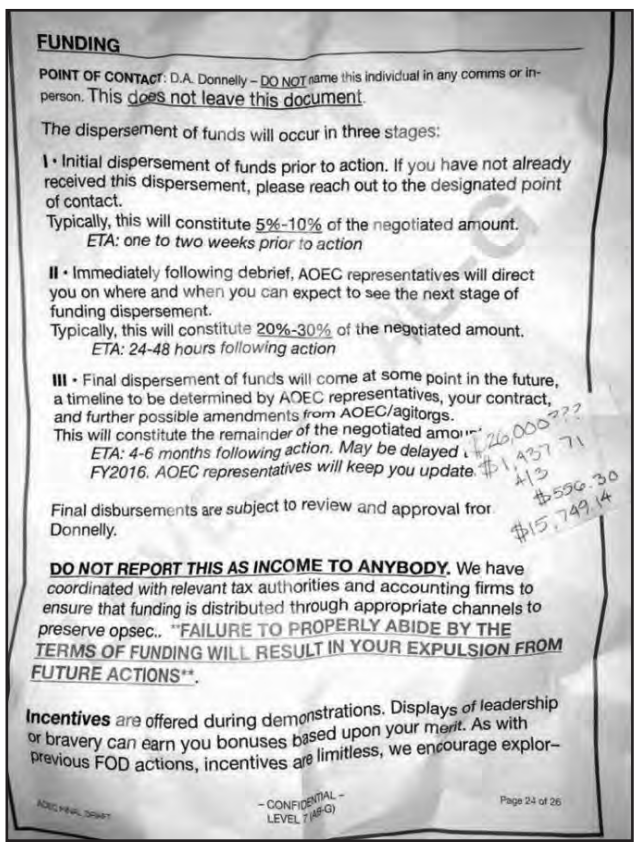

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A Premeditated Crime Against America's Most Disadvantaged School Children

By John Eidson

Why are America's prisons filled with so many young black men? Are they inherently bad? Too shiftless to succeed? Too stupid to learn? Actually, none of the above. Most black men who do time were cheated out of a decent education by the inexcusably sorry public schools they had no choice but to attend. And why do so many young black women fall into the demeaning lifestyle of government dependency? Are they inherently bad, too shiftless to succeed, to stupid to learn? In every case, no. Like their male counterparts, they too were robbed of a decent education by the grossly substandard public schools

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Brewster's Millions, Federal Trillions, Kids Inherit Debt



By William L. Kovacs

When we experience a strange event in life, we tritely dismiss it saying "Truth is stranger than fiction." It is easy for us to laugh at the delightful movie, Brewster's Millions, which is based on a 1902 novel, about how hard it is to spend a lot of money quickly. But what about when the federal government spends trillions quickly?

Brewster's Millions

Brewster is given the opportunity to inherit a fortune if he can spend a large amount of money ($30

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Large Scale Contact Tracing Poses Greater Dangers Than the Virus



By Larry Bell

Lots of proposals that claim to have our health and security protection interests at heart turn out to have very different consequences we didn't bargain for.

They promise that all we have to do is waive our right to privacy from surveillance and surrender details of our locations, movements and private conversations and society will be safer from all manner of threats.

After all, we should trust "them"

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Steve's Say . . . What Is Real?

By Steve Welcenbach

Let's start with the short answer: The Leftists believe the dream of establishing their One World Totalitarian regime, a.k.a the New World Order has arrived. This New World Order does nothing more than expand the Communist Chinese regime, the proven most murderous regime ever to exist, across the entire planet.

They've given up on the long game - they're tired of waiting and biding their time. Forget about Agenda 21, 2030 or even the Green New Deal. Climate Change? Too much work, not enough return. No, it's time to go back to basics - incite racism, the most primary of collectivist tools of division.

The Deep State, cultivated over a century and several generations, possesses and utilizes all of the weapons one could ever dream of to carry out their vision. Its length and breadth go way beyond the imagination of most, polluting all federal agencies, all state bureaucracies and even local governments, both urban and rural.

The latests declassified releases demonstrates the wholeness of corruption of leadership in the FBI, CIA, DOJ and other security agencies, But the lack of whistleblowers coming forth from these agencies provides silent testimony to the participation, support or indifference of rank and file bureaucrats to the corruption surrounding them. All of these people, salaries fully paid with taxpayer dollars, owe their allegiance to America as founded, the constitution and the citizens thereof. Yet how many have come forward?

Back in my March Steve's Say, when the whole Covid-19 hysteria put forth by Dr. Fauci & Friends and cultivated by the fake news media and resulting in the cancellation of sports tournaments and seasons, I put forth a few possibilities of what might be taking place.

1)The final play of the One World Socialists to institute world totalitarianism

2)Trump's a power hungry authoritarian dictator wanna-be

3)Trump's shows great leadership and gets us quickly to the other side

Three months later we now have facts and data showing that the virus did originate from the Wuhan lab, purposely spread by the Chinese Communists Party (CCP) to the rest of the world. The resulting economic destruction caused by the panic and hysteria sewn by CCP pawns Fauci and Gates struck hardest upon the two groups of greatest Trump support - small business owners and the working middle class. Bullseye!

Yet Trump displayed rational leadership and within two months most states reopened, the stock market rebounded and the economy appeared back on the mend. We now know May's job report saw 2 million plus jobs created instead of the predicted 7 million plus jobs lost. Despite Fauci's contradictory stances on everything from wearing masks, the ability of Covid-19 to spread by air or on surfaces, etc, a majority of people concluded that the threat of the virus paled in comparison to the economic and personal destruction of the lockdowns. So the gig was up.

But not so fast.

Suddenly on Memorial Day a video appears showing a cop with his knee on the neck of a black man on the ground apparently hand cuffed. The perfectly filmed event showed other cops standing around and not displaying any concern about what the cop with the arrested man is doing, despite pleas shouted by the bystanders and the black man's repeated claims that he can't breathe. A more horrible abuse of public safety authority I had never seen before. Incredibly, no cop tries to block or augment the filming of this situation. George Floyd, the black man on the ground with the cop's knee on his neck, was declared dead later that day. How awful! Those cops need to go to prison immediately and convicted of murder!

But things began to happen immediately which gave me pause. Major riots and looting erupted not just in Minneapolis but all across the nation. Black Lives Matter and Antifa appeared all over the place at the center of all these violent mobs. I re-watched the video more carefully. How much pressure was the cop really applying? What's with those ambulance people plopping George on the stretcher and disappearing as fast as they arrived, no examination or first aid necessary. Something's not right.

We then find out the white cop, Derek Chauvin, knew George Floyd for years having worked security at the same Minneapolis nightclub. That seems weird.

Then you hear that Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison says he's going to handle this case directly. Chauvin does not personally appear at his arraignment but by telecom. The most notorious coroner of all time who did the autopsy on Jeffery Epstein now gets the gig of making an independent determination of death. Why him?

Then we find out that these cops didn't have body cams. Really? I thought all urban cops wore these things. Yet we have no cop body cam pictures to review. And if we did AG Keith Ellison doesn't want or need to see it.

Then there's the funeral. Closed casket? And $13 Million dollars for the family on go fund me. Wow! Put all these data points together and they don't add up at all. Especially when you see how the George Floyd death protests have immediately morphed into Leftist violence, complete destruction of commercial areas and occupation of neighborhoods in some major cities. And now the defund the police movement, which reaches all the way into Milwaukee and Wauwatosa.

This whole thing stinks. In fact, I think the whole thing was staged. I know, crazy conspiracy theorist. But if you believe the following to be true, it leads to this logical conclusion.

1)The CIA, FBI, DOJ or other such agencies have the ability to stage someone's death

2)There are enough individuals within these organizations corrupt enough and willing to participate in such an illusion

Everyone knows the first to be true. These agencies have pulled this off many times. Witness protection sometimes involves this tactic. The second we also know to be true, demonstrated by the agency coup attempted on President Trump by these Deep State denizens.



A staged death is a three-legged stool. There must be the official story, the conspiracy story, and the truth. Take Jeffery Epstein. Let's say he's still alive due to his valuable testimony against some very high profile people.. The official story : He hung himself with a sheet in his cell. But all the cameras just happened to be off in the place and all the guards were apparently asleep or distracted. So the conspiracy theory becomes someone like the Clinton's paid for a hit and paid off or intimidated the guards. Thus no one even suspects the real truth because you fed them a viable conspiracy.

So what about George Floyd? The "official" (cop cover-up) story, that drugged up George just happened to die of some other pre-existing condition while the cops appropriately restrained a large and violent man during arrest. The video provides the counter, along with the famous Epstein coroner determination. Who could

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The real climate science deniers

Manmade Climate Crisis Promoters Reject Inconvenient Evidence of 'Natural' Climate Change



By Paul Driessen

Fifty years ago, I helped organize Earth Day #1 programs on my college campus, calling attention to serious pollution problems that afflicted much of the USA. Over the ensuing decades, laws, regulations, and changed attitudes, practices and technologies reduced most of that pollution, often dramatically.

I didn't buy into the 1970 end-is-nigh, doom-and-gloom, billions-will-die hysteria that Ron Stein and Ron Bailey summarize, including the manmade global cooling crisis. I don't buy it today, either – certainly not this year's Earth Day focus on the alleged manmade global warming crisis, also blamed on emissions of carbon dioxide, the same gas that humans and animals exhale, and plants use to grow. We're told the crisis is unprecedented, and poses existential threats to humanity and planet. What nonsense.

But what I find fascinating in all this is the steadfast, often nasty determination of scientists, politicians and interest groups promoting alarmist themes – and profiting immensely from them – to reject and deny any science, history and evidence that undermines their claim that nothing like this ever happened before.

The "highest ever" temperatures are a mere few tenths or even hundredths of a degree above previous records set many decades ago. The United States recently enjoyed a record 12-year respite from Category 3-5 hurricanes, ended finally by Harvey and Irma in 2017. Violent tornadoes were far fewer during the last 35 years than during the 35 years before that, and the complete absence of violent twisters in 2018 was unprecedented in US history. Modern day floods and droughts were certainly no worse than past floods or the multi-decade droughts that devastated Anasazi, Mayan and other civilizations.

However, alarmists insist, Earth's climate and weather were stable and unchanging until humans began using coal, oil and natural gas. We must eradicate fossil fuels now, they say, regardless of what biofuel, battery, wind and solar replacements (and mining for raw materials to manufacture them) might have on wildlife, scenery, environmental values or human rights. Their disconnect from reality is astounding.

Equally fascinating is the notion that melting glaciers are something new. It amounts to asserting that everything was just peachy until American, European and Greenland glaciers started melting a few decades ago, threatening us with catastrophic sea level rise. It amounts to claiming the glacial epochs never happened; their mile-high ice sheets never blanketed a third of the Northern Hemisphere, multiple times, with warm periods in between; and seas haven't risen some 400 feet since the Pleistocene ice age, leaving the entrance to Cosquer Cave and its Paleolithic paintings 115 feet beneath the Mediterranean.

It amounts to claiming the Roman and Medieval Warm Periods never happened, and weren't followed by the Little Ice Age, when priests performed exorcisms, asking God to keep glaciers from inundating villages in the Alps of Europe. It's as though we couldn't possibly be finding what we are finding today.

In the latest example, government and university researchers recently found numerous Viking-era artifacts along a Norwegian mountain pass that had been heavily traveled for at least 700 years, but then was buried beneath the ice and lost to history for 1,000 years. Locals used the rough 2,200-foot-long pass to travel between summer and winter lodgings, while long-distance trekkers used it as a trade route.

Within the treasure trove were tunics, mittens, horse shoes and bits, remnants of sleds used to haul food and gear over winter snow, a small shelter, and even the remains of a dog with a collar and leash. They all came to light because the glacial ice is again receding, as Earth continues its post Little Ice Age warming.

Alarmists insist the warming is due to fossil fuels, and deny that it is just part of natural climate cycles. And much more evidence of past warming and cooling periods has also come to light in recent years.

In 1991, German hikers found the incredible mummified and heavily tattooed remains of "Oetzi the Ice Man" sticking out of the ice in the Oetzal Alps near the Italian-Austrian border, at an altitude of some 10,000 feet. A partial longbow, bearskin hat and other artifacts were found nearby. He had died about 5,300 years ago from an arrow wound and had the blood of four different people on his clothes and weapons. He is further evidence of human habitation in these alpine areas during past warm periods.

Tourists and archeological teams have also discovered parts of shoes, leather clothing, fragments of a wooden bowl and numerous other items from 3000 to 4500 BC (BCE) that have emerged from the alpine ice. They are among the oldest objects ever found in the Alps. A Bronze Age pin, Roman coins and early Medieval artifacts have also been found. They show how these mountain passes and trails, impassible during cold, more glaciated periods, served as vital trade routes in periodic warmer centuries.

Norwegian ice fields show shrinkage and growth patterns similar to those of the alpine glaciers, says Norwegian glacial scientist Atle Nesje. The archaeological findings "seem to fit quite nicely with our glacier reconstructions," he adds, which helps us understand past, present and future climate changes.

Years of research by Swiss and other scientists have produced similar findings – sometimes human artifacts, but also plant and animal remains, in areas of newly melted ice. In one location in the Swiss Alps, University of Berne geology professor Christian Schluechter found pieces of wood 12-24 inches thick and the remains of a moor. Melting waters had flushed them out from under the glacier. That means the ice there is hardly "perpetual," he says. There were multiple periods of warmer weather and less ice.

In fact, carbon-14 dating shows ten "clearly definable time windows" over the last 10,000 years – periods when glaciers were limited to regions up to 1,000 feet higher in the Alps than today. This means that, for multiple long streches of time, "the Alps were greener than they are today," Schluechter concludes.

Inca children sacrificed 500 years ago in Argentina's Andes have also emerged from melting glaciers.

Off the Florida coast, the Mel and Deo Fisher archeological diving team didn't just find the famous Spanish galleon Nuestra Se?ora de Atocha, which sank during a ferocious 1622 hurricane, or only the British slave ship Henrietta Marie, which went down during a 1700 hurricane, after leaving 190 Africans in Jamaica to be sold as slaves. They also found†charred tree branches†and pine cones from a†forest fire 8,400 years ago, when this ocean area 35 miles from Key West was still well above present day sea levels!

Even an entire forest has been discovered, protruding from the melting Mendenhall Glacier near Juneau, Alaska – an area I visited several years ago. Roots, stumps and large segments of entire upright spruce or hemlock trees have already been found across several acres. They are the remains of a forest that thrived there for as long as 2,350 years, until it was buried by glacial ice around 1,000 years ago.

The chronicle of amazing discoveries yielded by melting glaciers goes on and on. Their most important lesson is that our current climate is but a snapshot in time, on a vibrant planet where climate change and extreme weather have been "real" since time began. Only a science-denying climate alarmist would refuse to recognize this. Simply put, there is nothing "unprecedented" about what we are seeing today.

This is dangerous stuff – sacrilegious, even. It pulls the rug from under demands for a post-Coronavirus Green New Deal. It must be suppressed. And frightened climate science deniers are doing their best to keep it out of "mainstream" and social media. Realists must do their best to disseminate climate facts.

Of course, it may be that these past climate changes were caused by carbon dioxide and water vapor from wheezing, snorting horses, oxen and humans – laboring at the edge of exhaustion, doing what our fossil-fuel-powered vehicles and equipment do for us today. But it's far more likely that the changes were due to a complex and still poorly understood combination of solar and other powerful natural forces.

Climate alarmists may not want to recognize or discuss these natural fluctuations and causes. But the rest of us should, and this historic evidence must be a central part of that discussion.

Improving our knowledge of what these forces are and how they work together will enable us to better predict, prepare for and adapt to future climate changes. Continuing to focus on carbon dioxide and other "greenhouse gases," as the primary or sole cause of climate changes and weather events, will ensure that we never get beyond the politically driven climate and energy battles in which we are now engaged.

Introducing Noelle Evangeline Kinard!



April 22, 2020 | 7 lbs., 9 oz., 20 in.

Having a baby during a pandemic is a unique experience, but all went well. Mom, Dad, and Noelle are enjoying their time together without the added distraction of visitors.

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Nations Go Big on Coal Amidst COVID-19 Economic Uncertainty

By Vijay Jayaraj

The economic forecast this year is bleak, no matter where you are. When faced with an uncertain future, economies usually opt for their best bet. For many countries, when it comes to energy source, that safe house is coal.

Yes, the dreaded fossil fuel that doomsayers believe to be the planet destroyer. Coal is being treated as an economic elixir.

The fossil fuel industry has made some staggering advancements that the mainstream media conveniently ignore, while promoting the "end of oil" storyline during the lockdown.

The demand for fossil fuels fell sharply following the lockdown in March and April. With vehicles off the road and businesses shutting down, the demand for energy was at a historic low in many leading economies.

Analysts say coal suffered the biggest hit from the COVID-19 lockdown, and some even declare that coal will never recover.

Obviously coal took the biggest hit. Coal dominates the global energy sector, amounting to 40 percent of all electricity. But the way nations look at coal and the future is quite different from the anti-fossil media's view.

Asia's Relentless Thirst for Coal Knows No COVID-19

Asia is a coal powerhouse. With most Asian countries in the developing stage, and with coal being, in most places around the world, the least expensive fuel from which to generate electricity, there is a high demand for coal and other fossil fuels.

Despite the decreased demand during lockdown, the world's coal giant, China, produced a staggering 830 million tons of coal, dropping production by only 0.5 percent in the first three months of 2020. It is expected to revive its coal sector after the COVID-19 slump. China National Coal Association forecasts an "improvement in the second half of 2020" due to the government's stimulus coming out of the crisis.

China also has numerous projects for building coal plants and supplying coal to many countries, especially those in Africa.

The Philippines, Indonesia, and India are also champions of coal. While Indonesia is the world's largest exporter of thermal coal, India is the second largest consumer.

India displayed its unwavering commitment to coal when it included it among measures to help the economy get back on track after the lockdown. While announcing the stimulus package for COVID-19, Indian Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said the country would spend US$6.6 billion to create infrastructure to transport coal. She also announced the privatization of the coal mining sector, thus opening doors for commercial companies to develop and extend it further.

India has spent a considerable amount of its stimulus package on coal, indicating its heavy reliance on coal as the primary energy source.

It is important to remember that most of these Asian countries aim to increase their coal consumption in the future—looking at the next few decades—despite being a part of the anti-fossil fuel Paris climate agreement.

The downfall of coal and other fossil fuels is likely to be short-lived. As economies reopen and countries push to make up for lost growth, demand for coal will be higher than ever.

Solar Energy: Yes or No?

I'm Dr. Calvin Luther Martin, retired Rutgers University professor of history (with, incidentally, graduate training in molecular biology/immunology and B.A. degree in biology). I am part of FARM, a bunch of crusty NYS old-timers who sized up the industrial solar proposition — and decided "no."

Photovoltaic (PV) panels on rooftops, brownfield sites, abandoned parking lots, abandoned shopping malls are a great idea. In other words, relatively small arrays for local power.

When you "inflate" solar power into a massive, utility-scale proposition, you've got an industrial monster on your hands:

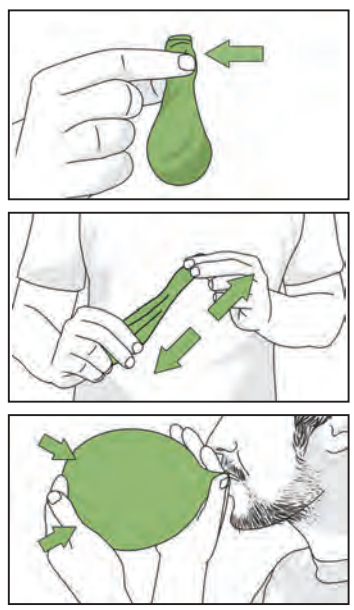
• Hundreds of thousands or millions of PV panels hard-wired to inverters (DC to AC), transformers, switch-gears, "electrical balance of plant systems," and large lithium-ion battery energy storage systems (ESS).

• Biologically-speaking, these zillions of panels are smothering hundreds or thousands of acres of oftentimes USDA Grade A farmland. The supreme irony is when the installation "requires" clear-cutting of forest. Ironic because Mother Nature's trees and other green plants are carbon sequesters and energy producers of unmatched efficiency, ingenuity, and output.

• Once operational, this 3.4-square-mile sheet of glass (see, e.g., the Wisconsin Invenergy project, below) is billed as delivering electrons to the grid in response to split-second fluctuations in regional demand (if the sun is shining). Whereas if PV panels are churning out electricity when the grid has no use for it, the electricity is superfluous and dumped, presumably into the ground. Onsite energy storage systems (ESS), hyped as "smoothing" PV panel output and "stabilizing" the grid, are in fact ineffectual and unrealistic, despite Elon Musk's fantasies otherwise.

• The video, below, may not be relevant to industrial-scale solar. It has to do with EMF interference from neighbors' solar panels. The date of the video is 2016. It's possible that home solar installers have resolved EMF "trespass" since 2016 — I frankly don't know. Whether EMF trespass is a problem with utility-scale solar plants — once again, I don't know, yet it's a possibility and worth exploring before allowing a huge solar plant to be built in your community.





You're beginning to get the picture. The problem with industrial solar is scale (size) and credibility (lack of honesty). (Let me interject, it's okay to have strong convictions about global warming and fossil fuels; it's not okay to jettison your faculties of reasoning along the way. Hucksterism, lampooned in Herman Melville's The Confidence Man, is ingrained in the American psyche. Watch out for the smilin' young man with a name like Chad and a suit that's cheap who turns up one day as Solar Man. The devil just came to town.)

Solar Man

Here's a graphic of the scaling-up process from little to big. Sort of like blowing up a balloon.Notice the individual inflating the balloon. He's not a kid. It's Solar Man, the sales rep for Big Solar: The slick, heavily-lawyered, generally foreign energy company making piles of money from (1) upfront state cash grants, state renewable energy mandates and feed-in tariffs, (2) federal & state tax credits, (3) 5-year accelerated depreciation on the whole shebang, (4) deduction of loan interest from taxable revenues, and (5) the lucrative sale of carbon credits (renewable energy credits) to corporations and industries who now advertise themselves as 100% carbon-free.

Notice panel #3, above. What Solar Man is blowing into that "clean, green, renewable energy" bag is rhetoric that's soon to be transformed — presto! — into dollar bills. Hundreds of millions of your tax dollars. The perfect scam. (Melville subtitled his con-man book, "His Masquerade." What better masquerade than "clean, green, renewable" — to save Planet Earth?)

Solar Man is prepared to offer a few hundred thousand of those scammed tax dollars to your town government and municipal fire department (new fire engine) in what he calls a Host Community Agreement. He's also prepared to spread several hundred thousand among the lease-holders who have naively surrendered their land to his LLC (Limited Liability Corporation).

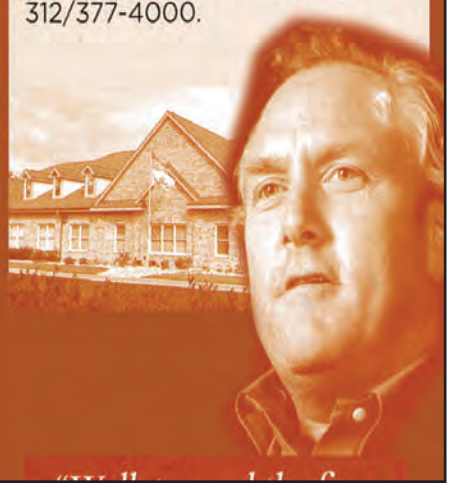
ANDREW BREITBART FREEDOM CENTER AT THE HEARTLAND INSTITUTE

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

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

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

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



The smart way for post-coronavirus pandemic NYC to save money: Stop recycling – The same for the rest of the country.

By Howard Husock

Ever since China banned foreign trash, it costs the city millions to send recycling to a local processing plant.

The financial pressure of the coronavirus pandemic has led Mayor de Blasio to do what he's never done before: propose reductions in New York City's sprawling $93 billion budget. A good place to start would be the city's recycling collection program. That may seem like eco-sacrilege but in extraordinary times nothing should be sacrosanct. For recycling, the numbers don't add up.

By sending recyclables to safe landfills — and avoiding the cost of separate collection — the city could save nearly $200 million. At a time when COVID-19 puts front line workers, including the city's 7,000 uniformed Sanitation workers, at risk and may make staffing more difficult, simplifying garbage collection makes sense — and would save taxpayer dollars.

Conceived originally as a way to save money by selling paper, glass and metal instead of paying to bury it in landfills, recycling in New York — and nationwide — has become a money-loser and a drain on the city's budget. Nor is there even a guarantee that recyclables will not ultimately go to a landfill anyway.

In a forthcoming paper for the Manhattan Institute, I find that the elimination of recycling — by combining what's now put out in blue bins with general refuse — would save the city approximately $185 million annually. These are funds that could help restore the youth jobs program and, were they directed to parks, help provide a direct environmental benefit for outdoors-starved New Yorkers.

All this may seem wildly counterintuitive to those with only a general knowledge of waste recycling. Historically, the idea of recycling — which took off at the time of the original Earth Day 50 years ago and became a voluntary option in New York in 1986 — was predicated on its being a win-win: Cities would reduce their waste-disposal costs and materials would be reused, saving energy and lowering producer costs.

By sending trash to safe landfills and avoiding the cost of separation, the city could actually save nearly $200 million.

That was actually true for many years — so long as China, the chief export destination of US recyclables — needed them and was willing to accept them. But all that changed in 2017, when the Chinese government initiated what it calls Operation National Sword — limiting the import of "foreign garbage."

It turns out that much of what was sent to China was actually contaminated — think about that greasy cheese residue on your pizza box — and being sent to landfills likely not nearly as safe and sanitary as modern ones in the United States. The market for plastics especially dried up dramatically.

Plastic exports to China dropped a stunning 99 percent — and the prices which US processors were willing to pay cities for such materials fell as well.

New York City's Sanitation Department today must either pay, or receive very little from, private industry to take recyclables off our hands — even after we spend millions for separate, blue-box pick up. Incredibly, New Yorkers spend an estimated $101 million to collect 148,000 tons of paper — for which we received $17.7 million in revenue.

The financial toll when it comes to metal, glass and plastic is much worse. It costs $128.2 million to collect 187,000 tons of such materials — but the city must then pay $79.88 per ton for a private firm to take it all off our hands. That means it costs $143?million to collect and dispose of metal, glass and plastic.

Of course, we'd have to get rid of all this stuff one way or another. And the city likes to compare the cost of paying to dispose of recyclables with that of sending materials to landfills — and claiming financial savings. But this overlooks the crucial cost of sending out special trucks and crews to collect recyclables.Mayor de Blasio needs to make deep cuts to NYC's budget to save money amid the pandemic. Cutting the city's expensive recycling collection program would be a good place to start.

With that in mind, it's much less expensive to simply combine recyclables with general refuse and send it all to landfills — which, although they may have a bad reputation historically, are now federally regulated and no longer leak into groundwater as some once did.

What's more, the Independent Budget Office has found that were the city to look to the short-term market for landfill disposal, rather than being tied up in a long-term contract, that disposal option would be much less expensive. Instead, the city is tied up in a 20-year contract premised on the idea that recycling will continue, with materials being delivered to Sims Municipal Recycling, which operates a huge reprocessing plant in Sunset Park. The contract protects the city from paying even higher disposal costs but did not contemplate that it would simply make more sense, environmentally and economically, to halt recycling outright.

It's important to know that New York is far from alone in dealing with the post-China recycling economics. As one official from Dallas puts it, "If you just looked at the economics of it, it would make more sense to landfill, and that's true for any city in the country and for that matter any city in the world."

To be sure, there are many New Yorkers who would simply dislike the idea of sending their recyclables to a landfill, rather than separating them. They'd likely be willing to pay for the possibility that, one way or another, many will be reused, even if the city budget is subsidizing that outcome. But at a time when the city is operating under emergency conditions and must look to budget savings, this is the time to cut back on what amounts to a feel-good service.

Thought Bubbles from Canberra

more useless energy policies

By Viv Forbes

The Australian Minister for Promoting Useless Energy thinks that hydrogen fuel, carbon capture and storage, soil carbon and biofuels are priorities for energy policy and greenhouse gas reduction.

If that's the best our leaders can come up with, Australia should have voted Green last election to speed the inevitable recession and blackouts that will eventually kill this tsunami of energy nonsense.

"Hydrogen" does not supply net energy – burning it can return some of the energy used to produce it from hydrocarbons or electrolysis of water. It is an expensive explosive gas that makes less sense than Snowy 2 - more energy in than out!

Moreover, we have no infrastructure that can safely store, distribute or use hydrogen in our transport fleet, energy network or smelters. Governments should not force energy consumers or tax payers to promote Canberra's thought bubbles - let the "green hydrogen" entrepreneurs risk their own or shareholders' money.

"Carbon capture and storage" is another dumb idea. To capture CO2 emissions from coal, gas or biomass power stations consumes a lot of energy to separate, store, pipe and pump it underground (hoping it will stay there). It would be far better leave non-polluting CO2 in the lower atmosphere and surround every power station with crops and forests hungry for the CO2 plant food so essential to their growth.

Trying to extract CO2 from the atmosphere is even dumber because the mighty oceans will quickly release CO2 from their huge stores to restore equilibrium between atmosphere and oceans. Even if it could be done, it is a bad idea – why steal plant food from grass, crops and forests?

"Soil carbon" is green-speak for what every sensible pastoralist tries to do – increase the humus and biological activity in soil. The quickest way to do this is via keyline/contour ripping to retain water in the soil (as shown in Australia by P A Yeoman), and by managed periodic heavy impact of grazing animals to promote pasture growth (as shown in Africa by Alan Savory). But it is total nonsense to turn "carbon farming" into a costly rural rort run by a bureaucracy of soil samplers and modellers who think it will cool the climate.

"Biofuels" are another way to waste energy, food crops and trees to do jobs better done by coal, gas and oil - a crime against humanity and the environment.

If our Minister for Promoting Useless Energy is determined to sequester and store carbon, there is only one sensible way - restore the forestry industry. Harvest mature forest trees for poles, posts, sleepers, paper, cardboard or dance floors. Then replant with new trees. Young trees grow rapidly and extract much CO2. But old trees reach a stage of carbon equilibrium when the CO2 they extract in summer is equal to what they lose as leaves, branches and trunks fall to frosts, droughts, bushfires and termites.

'We could open up again and forget the whole thing'

Epidemiologist Knut Wittkowski on the deadly consequences of lockdown.

Governments around the world say they are following 'The Science' with their draconian measures to stem the spread of the virus. But the science around Covid-19 is bitterly contested. Many experts have serious doubts about the effectiveness of the measures, and argue that our outsized fears of Covid-19 are not justified. Knut Wittkowski is one such expert who has long argued for a change of course. For 20 years, Wittkowski was the head of Biostatistics, Epidemiology, and Research Design at The Rockefeller University's Center for Clinical and Translational Science. spiked spoke to him to find out more about the pandemic.

spiked: Is Covid-19 dangerous?

Knut Wittkowski: No, unless you have age-related severe comorbidities. So if you are in a nursing home because you cannot live by yourself anymore, then getting infected is dangerous.

We had the other extreme in Switzerland, which was hit pretty hard. There was one child that died. People believed that this child was born in 2011. In fact, it was born in 1911, and that was the only child that died. It was a mere coding error. Somebody with the age 108 was coded as aged eight.

spiked: How far along is the epidemic?

Wittkowski: It is over in China. It is over in South Korea. It is substantially down in most of Europe and down a bit everywhere, even in the UK. The UK and Belarus are latecomers, so you do not see exactly what you are seeing in continental Europe. But everywhere in Europe, the number of cases is substantially declining.

spiked: Have our interventions made much of an impact?

Wittkowski: When the whole thing started, there was one reason given for the lockdown and that was to prevent hospitals from becoming overloaded. There is no indication that hospitals could ever have become overloaded, irrespective of what we did. So we could open up again, and forget the whole thing.

I hope the intervention did not have too much of an impact because it most likely made the situation worse. The intervention was to 'flatten the curve'. That means that there would be the same number of cases but spread out over a longer period of time, because otherwise the hospitals would not have enough capacity.

Now, as we know, children and young adults do not end up in hospitals. It is only those who are both elderly and have comorbidities that do. Therefore you have to protect the elderly and the nursing homes. The ideal approach would be to simply shut the door of the nursing homes and keep the personnel and the elderly locked in for a certain amount of time, and pay the staff overtime to stay there for 24 hours per day.

How long can you do that for? For three weeks, that is possible. For 18 months, it is not. The flattening of the curve, the prolongation of the epidemic, makes it more difficult to protect the elderly, who are at risk. More of the elderly people become infected, and we have more deaths.

spiked: What are the dangers of lockdown?

Wittkowski: Firstly, we have the direct consequences: suicides, domestic violence and other social consequences leading to death. And then we have people who are too scared to go to the hospitals for other problems like strokes or heart attacks. So people stay away from hospitals because of the Covid fear. And then they die.

spiked: Were hospitals likely to be overrun?

Wittkowski: Germany had 8,000 deaths in a population of 85million. They had 20,000 to 30,000 hospitalisations. In Germany, that is nothing. It does not even show up as a blip in the hospital statistics. In Britain, the highest hospital utilisation was about 60 per cent, if I am not mistaken.

In New York City, it was a bit higher. The Javits Congress Center was turned into a field hospital with 3,000 beds. It treated just 1,000 patients in all. The Navy ship sent to New York by President Trump had 179 patients but it was sent back because it was not needed. New York is the epicenter of the epidemic in the United States, and even here at the epicenter, hospital utilisation was only up a bit. Nothing dramatic. Nothing out of the ordinary. That is what happens during the flu season. People have the flu, and then there are more patients in the hospitals than there otherwise would be.

spiked: Are we on the way to reaching herd immunity?

Wittkowski: All the studies that have been done have shown that we already have at least 25 per cent of the population who are immune. That gives us a nice cushion. If 25 per cent of the population are already immune, we are very quickly getting to the 50 per cent that we need to have what is called herd immunity. We will actually get a bit higher than that. So we have flattened what otherwise would have been a peak, and if we now let it run, even if the number of cases would increase a bit, it would not get as high as it was, because we already have enough immune people in the population. So it is not going to spread as fast as it could have spread in the beginning.

spiked: Should we worry about a second spike?

Wittkowski: This is an invention to justify a policy that politicians are afraid of reversing.

spiked: Should people practice social distancing?

Wittkowski: No.

spiked: Why not?

Wittkowski: Why? What is the justification for that? People need to ask the government for an explanation. The government is restricting freedom. You do not have to ask me for justification. There is no justification. It is the government that has to justify what it is doing. Sorry, but that is how it is.

spiked: How did we get this so wrong?

Wittkowski: Governments did not have an open

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Quote of the Week:

"It is in the admission of ignorance and the admission of uncertainty that there is a hope for the continuous motion of human beings in some direction that doesn't get confined, permanently blocked, as it has so many times before in various periods in the history of man."
– Richard Feynman, The Meaning of It All: Thoughts of a Citizen-Scientist

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Number of the Week: 10% loss

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

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

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

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

You can help in two ways:

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

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

Send your contributions to:

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And thank you.

SCIENCE & ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY PROJECT

The Week That Was June 6, 2020

An Inverse? Traditionally in Washington, Fridays are a slow news day and during June reporters, and others, would be leaving early for the beach or for other activities. During the Obama Administration, regulatory agencies often would announce expanded regulations on Fridays giving time over the weekend to assess the response.

On Thursday, June 4, the White House pulled an inverse. It issued an executive order limiting the regulatory steps and the time frame an agency may take in evaluating a major infrastructure development proposal. The given justification is the economic crisis created by the COVID-19 virus and the reaction of governments to it.

The primary vehicle for these reductions in regulations is the emergency authority built into the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). NEPA has long been used to stop or delay infrastructure improvements. For example, after Hurricane Betsy flooded New Orleans in 1965 with a storm surge through Lake Pontchartrain, the Corps of Engineers planned to build a movable gate barrier system along Interstate 10, to prevent such flooding in the future. The system is used to protect the Dutch from flooding from storm surges in the North Sea.

Using NEPA, environmental groups, such as Save Our Wetlands, Inc., successfully stopped the Corps of Engineers. On December 30, 1977, in Save Our Wetlands, Inc. vs. Early J Rush III (Corps of Engineers), Federal Judge Charles Schwartz, Jr. ruled "it is the opinion of the Court that plaintiffs herein have demonstrated that they, and in fact all persons in this area, will be irreparably harmed if the barrier project . . . is allowed to continue."

An appeal failed. After Hurricane Katrina killed about 1200 people in New Orleans in 2005 with a storm surge through Lake Pontchartrain, the environmental groups dropped any reference to their prior success in litigation.

When NEPA is used to delay infrastructure projects, the process can take 4 to 5 years, sometimes over a decade. Contrary to what environmental groups may claim, the executive order does not eliminate the need for such projects to comply with the requirements of the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, and other applicable environmental statutes.

The administration has been active in providing regulatory relief since it took office. This is one reason why in December 2019 the US unemployment rate was 3.5%, the lowest since the 1960s. Other recent examples of regulatory relief included the following: on May 19, the White House issued an executive order "Regulatory Relief to Support Economic Recovery" requesting federal agencies to suggest regulations that need to be revised or repealed in order to reinvigorate the economy. On June 1, the EPA issued a final rule limiting the ability of states to use the Clean Water Act to block fossil fuel energy projects.

Examples of abuses of the Clean Water Act are the State of Washington blocking the development of a coal export facility on the Columbia River and the State of New York using it to block the development of a natural gas pipeline to serve New England. The latter appears to be a clear violation of the Interstate Commerce clause in the Constitution.

Ironically, on June 3 House Democrats proposed a $500-billion-dollar green transportation infrastructure bill to stimulate the economy. One is reminded that the $800 billion American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 contained a major infrastructure component promising "shovel ready" jobs. Later, when pressed about the "shovel ready" jobs, President Obama had to admit they were not quite "shovel ready." They were tied up in the lengthy approval processes needed. Thus, one is prompted to ask how many of those supporting the new transportation infrastructure bill will support the new executive order streamlining approvals of infrastructure development?

Apples and Oranges: Articles claiming to compare climate models with Covid-19 models continue to appear. It is like comparing apples to oranges. Both are fruits that grow on trees, but beyond that there is little similarity. Solid models require solid physical data, not speculation or extrapolation. As more data emerge, the models must be tested against the new physical data. At this point the climate modelers fail. Prior to 1990, we had no method of calculating comprehensive atmospheric temperature trends. Now we have thoroughly verified data extending to 1979. The climate modelers ignore these data because the data refute the assumptions in the models. Instead, the modelers resort to political rhetoric.

For example, in an article comparing Covid modeling and climate modeling, investigator Eric Felten quoted George Mason University climatology professor Jagadish Shukla as saying:

"There are fundamental differences between epidemiological models and climate models."… "The former are empirical models driven by incomplete data; climate models are based on fundamental laws of physics and thermodynamics."

The last clause is political rhetoric. Climate models do, of course, use some laws of physics and thermodynamics, but to say that they are based on those laws is to ignore the guesswork that underlies their projections. The models fail the most basic testing precisely because they are NOT based on verified and validated data, but rather on baseless empirical models driven by incomplete data and wishful thinking. That is the exact opposite of what is being claimed.

Crucially, the greenhouse effect is not sufficiently understood or developed to make precise predictions of what occurs in the atmosphere. Additionally, convection theory of the two principal fluids involved, the atmosphere, and the oceans, is not sufficiently developed to make precise predictions. The inability to make weather reliable forecasts more than 5-7 days out demonstrates the limits to this knowledge.

One can only collect the best data possible and base short-term estimates of the future on these data. Yet, climate modelers insist on using inferior data to make long-term predictions of 50 to 200 years, which render them akin to just wishful thinking.

Although we cannot precisely predict what the increase in temperatures will be with a doubling of carbon dioxide, we can set an upper bound for the estimate. Based on 40 years of atmospheric temperature trends, the upper bound may be no more than 3 degrees F, and it may be far less – even one-half that. Importantly, these atmospheric temperature trends are constantly monitored.

To have a good political discussion addressing whether adding carbon dioxide to the atmosphere is harmful or not, such bounding must be clearly presented. However, it is not. See links under Censorship, Measurement Issues – Atmosphere and Model Issues.

Ignorance: Australian scientist Jennifer Marohasy had an essay on her explorations of the Great Barrier Reef, the efforts of John Cook University (JCU) to suppress Peter Ridd who questioned overblown claims that the reef was dead or about to die, and the waste of public funds to continue the litigation after the University decisively lost in Federal Court. Marohasy opened her essay with an unusual paragraph on the importance of recognizing one's ignorance.

"To be truly curious we must confess our ignorance. The person who knows everything would have no reason to question, no need to experiment. If they went in search of evidence, it could only be to confirm what they already knew to be true. Knowledge then would be something that conferred prestige, rather than something to be built upon."

Alkalinity: By definition, a water-based solution with a pH of 7 is neutral. Above 7 is alkaline, below 7 is acidic. Unfortunately, some scientists have stated that lowering the pH of a solution is acidifying it, even if the pH remains above 7, which is effect reducing the alkalinity, not increasing the acidity. To TWTW, the use of the "scientist's" definition would mean that lowering the pH of drain cleaner (14) to that of bleach (13) is acidification. Yet both are highly alkaline and corrosive, and clearly unfit for consumption.

Writing for the CO2 Coalition, Jim Steele et al. have produced a paper addressing the misleading term ocean acidification, which is an example of political rhetoric. As Steele writes:

"Ocean 'acidification' from carbon dioxide emissions would require a virtually impossible ten-fold decrease in the alkalinity of surface waters, so using that term is misleading. Even if atmospheric CO2 concentrations triple from today's four percent of one percent, which would take about 600 years, today's surface pH of 8.2 would plateau at 7.8, still well above neutral 7.

"In fact, ocean health is improved rather than damaged by additional CO2, because it is a phytoplankton food that stimulates food webs. Converted CO2 allows phytoplankton such as algae, bacteria, and seaweed to feed the rest of the open ocean food web. As carbon moves through this food web, much of it sinks or is transported away from the surface. This 'biological pump' maintains a high surface pH and allows the ocean to store 50 times more CO2 than the atmosphere. Digestion of carbon at lower depths maintains the lower pH in the deeper ocean. Carbon is then stored for up to millennia.

"Upwelling recycles carbon and nutrients from deep ocean waters to sunlit surface waters. Upwelling injects far more ancient CO2 into the surface than diffuses there from atmospheric CO2. Upwelling at first lowers surface pH, but then stimulates photosynthesis, which raises surface pH. It is a necessary process to generate bursts of life that sustain ocean food webs.

"When CO2 enters ocean water, it creates a bicarbonate ion plus a hydrogen ion, resulting in a slight decrease in pH. But photosynthesis requires CO2. So marine organisms convert bicarbonate and hydrogen ions into usable CO, and pH rises again. Contrary to popular claims that rising CO2 leads to shell disintegration, slightly lower pH does not stop marine organisms from using carbonate ions in building their shells."

As with the greenhouse effect, political rhetoric has changed an important physical process, needed for diverse life on the planet, to something that is to be feared. Ignored in the political rhetoric is that photosynthesis, critical for life, consumes CO2, thereby raises pH.

The Third Generation: An old saying about family wealth is: The first generation makes it; the second generation uses it; and the third generation squanders it. If applied to scientific integrity, NASA-GISS must be in the third generation. See link under Below The Bottom Line.

Number of the Week: 10% Loss: An experienced UK electrical engineer writes in the Global Warming Policy Forum on the Inter-Connector Merry-Go-Round.

"On Saturday 23 May at about 8.30 pm the electricity interconnectors that link us to grids across the Channel were humming. France was supplying us with 152 MW and the Netherlands were supplying 466 MW. Meanwhile, however, the UK was supplying Belgium with 688 MW.

"The cables across the English Channel can only use direct current (DC), and the grids on both sides of the water use alternating current (AC). So, the 600-odd megawatts of electricity coming from France and the Netherlands had to be converted from AC to DC and then back again. A somewhat larger supply of power was, at the same time, sent to the Belgian interconnector, where it was converted to DC for its journey back across the water. At the other side it was converted back to AC for injection into the Belgian grid.

"But each step along the way involves energy losses. For electricity that does the full trip, from the Netherlands to the UK to Belgium, the conversion process is only 90% efficient. So, 60 MW of electricity is simply being converted to heat and lost; at the windspeeds prevailing that weekend, this is the equivalent of the output of 150 onshore wind turbines.

"And who pays for those losses? Why of course we, the electricity consumers, do."

GND dress rehearsal *cont. from page 1*

and lifestyle transformation to "save the planet." If three months of Covid lockdowns can reduce fuel use and greenhouse gas emissions, they argue, permanent fossil fuel bans are possible, essential and should be undertaken immediately.

Five years ago, former UN official Christiana Figueres said the real goal of climate actions was to "intentionally transformthe economic development model that has been reigning for at least 150 years" – and replace it with socialist-environmentalist global governance. More recently, she said post-Corona economic stimulus packages should be used to "kick-start" investments "in low-carbon infrastructure projects that will create jobs and put the world on a safer, fairer, more resilient path." Others want to use climate change as a pretext for dictating how global wealth and resources will be redistributed.

Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez's chief of staff is on the same page. The Green New Deal "wasn't originally a climate thing at all," he said in May 2019. It was "a how-do-you-change-the-entire-economy thing." Presidential candidate Joe Biden and other leading Democrats have endorsed the GND.

UN Secretary-General António Guterres believes "the pandemic could create an opportunity to rebuild the global economyalong more sustainable lines." His environment chief thinks COVID-19 presents "a chance to do capitalism differently." The UN Green Climate Fund says it "offers an opportunity to direct finances towards bolstering climate action" and "re-launch[ing] economies on low-emission, climate-resilient trajectories," to control climate and weather and prevent massive extinctions.

In short, echoing former Obama science advisor John Holdren, they want the United States and other modern societies to de-develop and de-industrialize, establish low-consumption life styles that ensure "more equitable distribution of wealth," and tell poor countries how much "ecologically feasible" development they will be permitted to pursue.

Perhaps most important, these "visionary" ruling elites will be in charge. They will define what is clean, green, renewable, sustainable, ecologically feasible, safer, fairer, more resilient. They will demand less travel, trade and commerce – for the masses. They will live quite well, while telling today's oilfield and factory workers their industries must disappear and they must be content with minimum-wage jobs installing, maintaining and dismantling wind turbines and solar panels made overseas.

Fans and implementers of Covid-19 lockdowns have been oblivious to the economic, societal and human devastation caused by the lockdowns: not just economic losses, depleted savings and ruined dreams, but millions of cases of depression, drug addiction, alcoholism, domestic violence, obesity, stroke, heart attack, thousands of deaths from these causes, and suicide and murder attributable to the lockdowns.

Add to that millions of future or still uncounted deaths and disabilities from missed biopsies, skipped cancer screenings and chemotherapy, missed early treatments for stroke and heart-attack patients, and organ transplants simply not performed – because "non-essential" medicine was closed down, people lost their health insurance, or patients were afraid to go to clinics and emergency rooms.

Many hospitals, clinics and practices lost so much money that they may have to close their doors. The cumulative long-term impact from that on healthcare, life spans, and death tolls among obese, diabetic, elderly and severely ill patients could be enormous. These human costs will take years to manifest themselves and be calculated. Indeed, the ultimate cost of the lockdown could be worse than the virus.

We still do not have reliable data on Covid infections, cases and deaths – and don't know whether deaths were due to Corona, or merely associated with the virus and primarily due to age or serious underlying health problems. We don't even know how many vulnerable elderly people died from Covid complications inflicted on them by decisions by New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and other officials to force nursing homes to accept recovering Corona patients and keep Covid-infected staff working in those facilities.

All this is from lockdowns lasting several months. Suggestions that we "transform" our economy with expensive, unreliable, weather dependent energy – and endure energy, employment, healthcare and other deprivations in perpetuity – border on homicidal insanity. They would postpone or eliminate any economic recovery, result in unimaginable misery and death in now-developed countries – and condemn tens of millions of people in still impoverished nations to horrible suffering, disease, starvation and death.

As to saving the planet and ensuring "ecologically feasible" development, GND energy systems would be vastly more devastating to scenic areas, habitats and wildlife – and to human health and welfare – than any likely effects from manmade portions of future climate changes or weather events.

As Michael Moore's new film, "Planet of the Humans," dramatically demonstrates, wind, solar, battery and biofuel technologies are the antithesis of clean, green, renewable and sustainable. Even worse, the ecological devastation it documents is happening in a world that is still 81% dependent on oil, natural gas and coal, 4% on nuclear and 7% on hydroelectric. The impacts and species losses would be orders of magnitude greater if we were 100% dependent on pseudo-renewable energy sources.

Adopting UN-AOC energy prescriptions would require literally millions of 800-foot-tall wind turbines, billions of solar panels, billions of half-ton batteries, thousands of biofuel plantations and clear-cut forests, billions of battery-powered vehicles, and thousands of new and expanded mines to provide tens of billions of tons more metals and minerals. The ecological impacts would reach every corner of every continent. Hundreds of bird, bat, reptile and mammalian species would disappear. Household, hospital, school, business and factory electricity costs would skyrocket. Jobs and industries would vanish.

Those prescriptions would also make the United States enormously dependent on China, not just for medical devices and pharmaceutical components – but for metals, raw materials and component parts needed in wind turbines, solar panels, backup power batteries, and defense, aerospace and high-technology applications. And all that mining and manufacturing, in Asia and other distant lands, would require fossil fuels, at levels far beyond anything seen in history, under minimal to nonexistent pollution, workplace safety and human rights laws, accompanied by prodigious emissions of carbon dioxide.

Fans and implementers of GND transformations are willfully oblivious of these realities. They refuse to discuss them or allow others to discuss them – because to do so would destroy their phony "saving the planet" narrative and quest for total control over our lives, livelihoods, living standards and liberties.

No wonder the UN-AOC-environmentalist crowd went ballistic over Moore's film. YouTube yanked the movie from its viewing platform, and "mainstream" media, social media, search engines and information sites are now engaging in blatant censorship on climate, energy and environmental issues.

An increasingly activist, liberal media complex also wants to dictate and control what people see, hear, say and think on race relations, medicine and virtually every other political topic. From the NY Times and Washington Post, to Facebook, Twitter, Google, YouTube and Wikipedia, platforms that should be forums for robust debate instead are used to dictate what is true or false, permissible or banned.

US, EU and UN green new deals are just one component of the battle for our future. Corona lockdowns should serve as a bitter taste of what could come – not as a dress rehearsal or blueprint for it.

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Climate death certificates?

By Craig Rucker, CFACT

The latest distortion of reality being pushed by climate campaigners is listing "climate change" as a cause of death on death certificates.

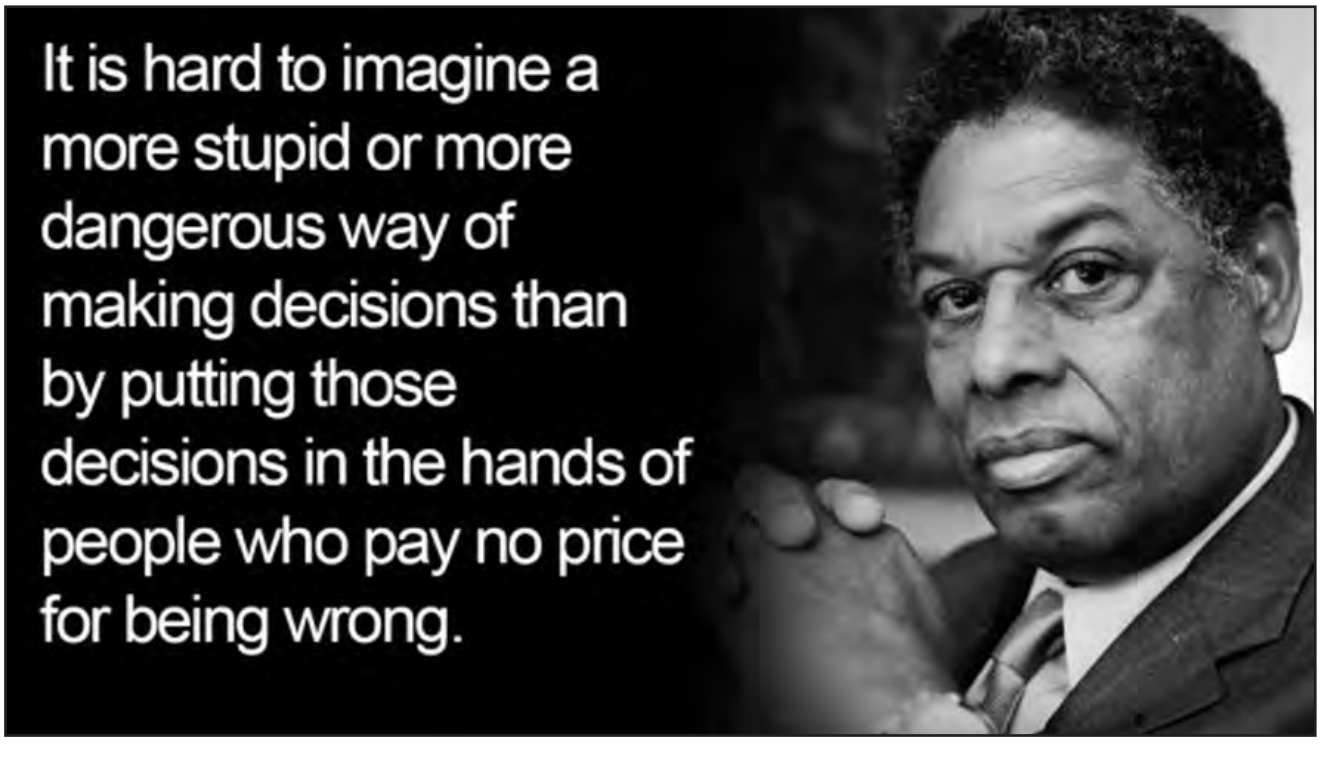
CFACT's Marc Morano explains at Climate Depot, and in The Washington Times:

"Professors in academia are touting a new study that is being used to call for climate change to be added as a cause of death on death certificates," writes Marc Morano, founder of Climate Depot, a news site which tracks alarmist reports and research trends... "Given the focus on COVID-19 infection rates and death tolls, it appears the climate activists in academia may want in on the scary and emotional death toll counts in order to draw attention back to their climate cause," Mr. Morano explained.

Marc quoted this dialogue envisioned by Richard Baer:

Honey I got the results from the doctor. It's bad.
Cancer? Please say no.
No.
What then - heart problem?
No worse. Climate change.
OMG how awful. How long do you have?
Depends on emissions this summer.
Greta told me to be strong.

As Marc ably exposed, listing climate change on death certificates is both absurd, and exploitation of human emotion at its worst.



Activists call for climate change to be listed as cause of death on death certificates

By Jennifer Harper

The environmental cause just took an unusual new turn.

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The academic and professors appear quite taken with a study published in The Lancet Planetary Health this month by the Australian National University Medical School.

"Climate change is a killer, but we don't acknowledge it on death certificates," the study authors noted.

"Death certification needs to be modernized, indirect causes should be reported, with all death certification prompting for external factors contributing to death, and these death data must be coupled with large-scale environmental datasets so that impact assessments can be done," the authors wrote.

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The Myth Of Systemic Racism



By Gary L. Wickert

You can't turn on the television, play a video game, or eat Ben & Jerry's ice cream without being bombarded with public service announcements and memes lamenting the existence of systemic racism in our American society. The argument and purported solutions have become so ridiculous that human beings are actually having to go on television to defend the need for police. That "Black Lives Matter" is about as intuitive as "Infant Lives Matter" or "Korean Lives Matter", but it is bantered about as though African Americans walk around in our society in fear of being annihilated. The support for the hysterics is anecdotal at best, and is a stark reminder of how easily Americans—especially young Americans still trying to find purpose in life—can be so easily indoctrinated. Those who disagree are bullied by liberal fascists and called racist—a word that has lost all its meaning.

A study from the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, shows that the more often officers encounter violent suspects from any racial group, the more likely a person of that race will be shot and killed by an officer. The second study, based on Justice Department analysis of the Philadelphia Police Department, showed that white police officers were less likely to shoot unarmed black suspects than black or Hispanic officers. In her June 2 commentary in the Wall Street Journal entitled "The Myth of Systemic Police Racism", Heather MacDonald articulates that while we should hold police officers accountable who use excessive force, there is no evidence of widespread racial bias. No data to back up the claim. But let's assume for a moment there was. What is the solution? Riots? The L.A. police department is 60% minority. The Chicago police department is nearly the same. Yet specious-sounding statistics pushed by social justice warriors or anti-American anarchists with an agenda do not stand up. One headline in Chicago said that police are 14 times more likely to use violence against a black suspect than a white suspect. Racism? Not so much when you consider that Chicago police are 20 times more likely to interact with a black suspect. The "14 times more likely" meme used by social justice warriors to perpetuate the big myth of systemic racism actually disproves it.

Ridiculous allegations of blacks being mowed down by law enforcement at unprecedented numbers are utter nonsense. In 2019, police shot and killed nine unarmed black suspects compared to 19 unarmed white suspects, which was down from 38 and 32, respectively, in 2015. When those numbers are compared to the total number of black homicide victims, 7,407 in 2018, the nine unarmed black victims killed by police represented 0.1% of all black people killed in 2019.

By contrast, a police officer is 18? times more likely to be killed by a black male than an unarmed black male is to be killed by a police officer. White suspects are much more likely to be shot by law enforcement. These are facts. They cannot be disputed, parsed, or brushed aside by looting Target stores or burning down police precincts. Where is the data to support their outlandish indictment of America? Maybe they have other evidence?

Ben & Jerry's—an ice cream I will never purchase again—drank the Kool-Aid and prayed for expiation at the altar of political correctness recently by polluting their website with blanket statements such as "There is systemic racism at every level of society. Racism of this kind, racism that infects the very structure of our society, is called systemic racism. And at first glance, it may be difficult to detect." I agree with Ben & Jerry's that it is difficult to detect." In fact, it's impossible to detect. If it were real, it wouldn't be difficult to detect at all. For all you social justice warriors flooding social media with similar accusations, I have one simple question: "Where is the data?" Show me the "systemic racism" because I do not believe it exists. Convert me. Whether it is as rampant as you claim or as "difficult to detect" as Ben & Jerry's admits, you should be able to show it to me. The death of George Floyd, while tragic, was the result of one bad cop—a cop who will be going to prison for a long time. But it is not evidence of systemic racism. So where is the data?

Evidence of systemic racism would appear in the form of laws that are innately biased; Jim Crow laws, housing bias, etc. But these things are already against federal law and penalties are steep. We all oppose them. So what about the "disparate impact"? Legitimate laws that disparately impact blacks? Every law in the history of civilization impacts groups as well as individuals differently. The only way the law would be "systemically racist" is if it was directed at one group. The New York Times reported that Minneapolis police were 7 times as likely to use force against black as they do against whites. But the real question is how much more frequently do the police encounter blacks? If a black resident of Minneapolis calls the police on a black neighbor who is threatening him with a gun, and a black police officer arrives and gets into an altercation with the suspect, that would be included in the data that liberals are using to support their claim of institutional racism. Obviously, it is no evidence at all. Where is the data?

The race experts at Ben & Jerry's gave it a shot. Wealth. They point to the fact that whites make up 77% of the population but own 90% of the wealth, while blacks make up 13% of the population but own only 3% of the wealth. Black poverty hovers at around 23%. Hispanics are about the same, but make no claims of systemic racism. America's definition of "poverty" however, is different from the rest of the poverty in the world. For most of the planet, the word "poverty" means destitution, an inability to provide a family with nutritious food, clothing, and reasonable shelter. Only a small number of the 37 million Americans classified as "poor" by the U.S. Census Bureau fit such a description. The truth is that Americans of any color who have less than a high school education have a higher poverty rate than blacks. If you extrapolate the number of blacks with less than a high school education, racism fails as a reason for poverty. It becomes the ultimate straw man. Native Americans and Alaskan natives have a higher poverty rate than blacks. So do Americans with a disability and the unemployed. Hardest hit by poverty are single mothers of any color. If you look at the numbers and realize who falls into these demographics that seemingly attract poverty, you have plenty of explanations for poverty other than phantom systemic racism. The share of families headed by single parents was 75% among African American families, 58% among Hispanic families, 37% among white families and 21% among Asian families. Racism isn't to blame for the fact that the vast majority of black families have only one parent.

Professors Ben & Jerry next focus on unemployment and blame racism for the high rate of unemployment among blacks. There are federal laws which hit hard if you are convicted of discriminating in employment or housing. Yet racism is blamed for unemployment, instead of the fact that only 22.8% of black Americans aged 25 to 29 are college graduates, in comparison to 42.1% of white Americans. Ignore for a moment that the true purpose of the rioting and protesting is politics and a visceral hatred for President Trump, and focus instead on the fact that under Trump, unemployment was brought down to all-time lows among African Americans, Hispanics, and Asians. By indirectly attacking Trump they are actually harming the very cause for this they seem to be protesting.

Racism is also not to blame for the fact that those without high school diplomas—regardless of skin color—work in lower-paying, more volatile jobs which come and go at the drop of a hat. It is not responsible for the fact that families headed by unmarried women of any color are the ones most vulnerable to poverty. Race doesn't account for a poor work history, labor force experience, poor attendance at work, low education levels, and a lack of work experience.

According to Heritage Foundation studies, the endemic problem is not racist people; it's policy. America has spent $28 trillion on a dizzying number of government poverty programs that promote non-achiever values. A black, single mother named Kay James wrote an article in Heritage.org that urges people who are ready to continue with the myth of "institutional racism" as the scapegoat for black poverty for another 50 years to read "Slave Narratives From the Federal Writers' Project," easily accessible online and at the Library of Congress. It is a collection of stories of the determination of freed slaves following the end of the Civil War, walking miles in search of family members who had been ripped from them. "It's a tale of survival, of family, of faith, and of indomitable determination. Those freed slaves and their children and grandchildren built businesses, colleges, churches, and communities, and they did it not only often without government help, but often in the face of government adversity known as Jim Crow," James says.

James points out that since then, liberal policies like welfare in these areas of urban blight have done more harm to the African-American community than slavery ever could. Since the War on Poverty began over 50 years ago, James points out that:

• "Our marriage rate has plummeted, and the number of out-of-wedlock births has soared.

• Children are being raised without the security of an intact family or having ever even experienced parental marriage.

• Fathers are routinely rejecting their responsibilities, increasing their children's risk of living in poverty.

• Nearly 1 million black boys and girls are being raised by a grandparent, often because their parents suffer from drug abuse, have passed away, or are in prison."

James added, "As Kim Holmes of The Heritage Foundation wrote in his book 'Rebound': 'The welfare state … substitute[d] a check for a father, a social worker for a caring mother or grandmother, and a slew of civil rights organizations for the neighborhood church'." James says that, "Under the so-called enlightened approach launched by the Great Society liberals, more money is doled out to people who (1) aren't married, (2) have children, and (3) don't work." There is your root cause. Not racism. The only thing keeping racism alive is white liberals.

Professors Ben & Jerry, the hapless protesters, and corporations tweeting and posting things in solidarity with Black Lives Matters are actually part of the problem. Do-good white liberals and their virtue-signaling self-proclaimed guilt have done nothing but make the problem worse. They do so because it makes them feel good. It makes them feel less guilty. And they are guilty.

Study after study bear out the myth of systemic racism in our society and in our police departments. There are bad cops just like there are bad people. A recent Harvard University study by economist Roland G. Fryer Jr., PhD, examined more than 1,000 shootings in 10 major police departments and found no racial differences in officer-involved shootings. More than 90% of people sent to prison are men. Does this mean that the police are sexist too?

Poverty among Americans of any color is tragic, although not nearly as tragic as poverty in other countries. Yet, the list of the real causes of poverty is long, and racism is way, way at the bottom. Racism is on life support in our country, but is being kept alive by university professors, liberal politicians, poverty pimps, the media, and an army of misinformed social justice warriors who read the headlines but don't think them through. Eager to further the big lie about the evils of America, whole demographics have been convinced to support drastic solutions in search of a problem. The last two weeks of rioting and protesting are the most feckless and pointless in world history. They demanded justice, but justice was served from the very beginning. They demanded change but could not articulate the change they desired. They didn't even know why they were protesting. Once infiltrated by the socialist antifa organization and the Black Lives Matter group, and once the peaceful protesters were co-opted as the foot soldiers of the anarchists and Hate America crowd, they finally found their voice and settled on the most ridiculous and unattainable call to action in the history of protests and social justice: defund the police. System racism has become the biggest myth since anthropogenic global warming.

Interracial Violence in America, By The Numbers FBI Statistics

Heather MacDonald writes about the pandemic of violence that spread across America after the killing of George Floyd. Her excellent article includes this statistic:

Between 2012 and 2015, blacks committed 85.5 percent of all black-white interracial violent victimizations (excluding interracial homicide, which is also disproportionately black-on-white). That works out to 540,360 felonious assaults on whites. Whites committed 14.4 percent of all interracial violent victimization, or 91,470 felonious assaults on blacks.

Blacks commit around 70 percent of black-white interracial homicides. I take it that, as a statistical matter, the "expected" number is 50 percent for all forms of black-white interracial violent crime.

Is the vastly disproportionate number of violent crimes by blacks against whites explained by black racism? Not necessarily. It might be the product of the disproportionate propensity of blacks to commit violent crimes against anyone. But the explanation must be racism, criminality, or both.In all events, these numbers render absurd the claim that racist America is waging war against "black bodies." When whites encounter blacks, it's "white bodies" that are in greater jeopardy. (As a statistical matter, neither set of bodies is normally in danger.)

We almost never see the statistics on interracial violence presented above. It's politically incorrect, and probably impolite, to bring them up.

I'm fine with that — until our cities are trashed and burned by mobs on the pretext that white racism makes blacks, as a group, unsafe in America.### -Data from FBI statistics

Josef Goebbels: Climate change is a lie. Covid-19 is a lie. Systemic racism is a lie.

If it's not a direct lie it's hyperbole on steroids

Excerpt from Canada Free Press - Ray DiLorenzo

This movement, these protests, this 'righteous anger', is based on a LIE! There is no systemic police brutality on blacks or any other group. There is only the occasional bad or incompetent police officer. According to Candace Owens of Prager University, 2018 stats, 9 unarmed blacks were killed by police officers, while 19 whites were killed by police officers. Black men represent 6% of the population but commit 44% of all murders. You have a 25% greater chance of being shot and killed as a white criminal than a black criminal. A police officer is 18 times more likely to be killed by a black person than a white person. Blacks commit 50% of all violent crime while being 13% of the population. How is that for stubborn facts? And now the Left is demanding we defund the police or abolish them altogether. Yes, that's how crazy it is getting out there.

Look at the riots, how many innocent blacks were killed, injured, or had their livelihoods destroyed by rioters? Who's mourning for the 463 people shot and killed in Chicago last year along with the 2,292 people shot and wounded, almost all black? In that same year, 147 police officers throughout the country were killed in the line of duty with 185 the year before. Who was the young black that was killed by a drive-by shooting in Chicago recently? What's his name? You don't know, do you?

Here Are The Companies That Support Antifa, Black Lives Matter, and Want You Dead

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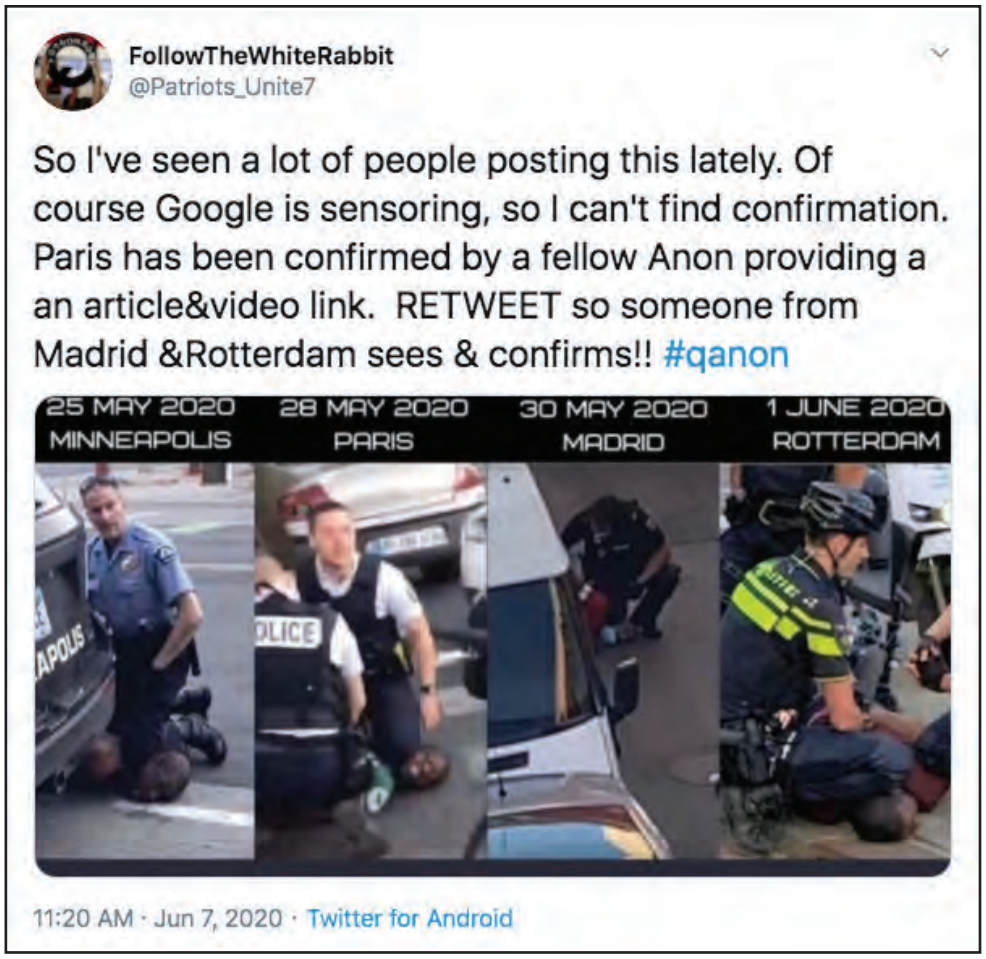


Alliance for Wise Energy Decisions: Special Newsletter - 6/8/20

In this special version of our Newsletter, I'm only covering two topics:

1 - Some background about the Newsletter, and 2 - George Floyd.

I receive a LOT of questions about the Newsletter (How long it has been published? How much time do I spend putting together each issue? Can the Newsletter be reposted on social media sites? Can past issues be easily searched for topics of interest? Etc., etc.).

For the first time ever, I'm publishing answers to all the questions I've been asked. If I've missed any, let me know and I'll update this summary.

2 - Some George Floyd Insights —

I wrote a commentary about this issue, from the perspective that our recent poor societal choices have made the riots (looting, arson and deaths) completely expected. My piece was published in the DailyWire last week.

Archbishop Vigano's superior letter to the President touched on some of my theme, as did Dennis Prager's excellent video about values.

a) Some Black Perspectives on the George Floyd Matter:

Jason Riley: Good Police Work SAVES Black Lives

Short video: Shelby Steel on Floyd Riots

Short video: Candace Owens Gives George Floyd Facts

President Obama (2015): Looters are 'Criminals' not Protestors

Rob Smith: Floyd protesters vandalism shows 'stunning lack of knowledge of American history'

b) Some Other George Floyd Insights:

Heather MacDonald: The Myth of Systemic Police Racism

Tucker Carlson video: Our Leaders Dither as our Cities Burn Understanding Genes, Decadence, and the Decline of Empire Armed Patriots Patrol Coeur d'Alene George Floyd and the Future of Police Misconduct

On George Floyd: There is Nothing to Protest

Learn more at www.WiseEnergy.org



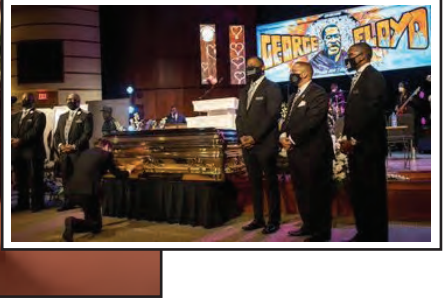
George Floyd - Is it real?

Why was George Floyd's casket closed at his service? There was no injury to the face like a gun shot wound. A little makeup and embalming isn't expensive. **His family received over $13 million on GoFundMe.** They couldn't afford a mortician?

This is how conspiracies start...







GOVERNMENT CIRCUS

Cliff DeTemple on ballot to replace retiring Congressman Jim Sensenbrenner

Jackson – Conservative Republican and business owner Cliff DeTemple has earned a spot on the August 11th ballot to replace James Sensenbrenner for Wisconsin's 5th Congressional District. DeTemple, a Commander in the US Coast Guard Reserve with 33 years of military experience, turned in over 1500 signatures to qualify for the election. DeTemple resides in Jackson, Wisconsin, with his wife, Paula, and their 11-year-old daughter, Anastasia.

DeTemple experienced unusual challenges gathering signatures this election cycle due to the Covid-19 virus. "We usually have about six weeks to go knock on doors and chat with voters to secure signatures, along with political events," DeTemple said. "We had to work a little harder this election, but we were able to find plenty of support," he added. "My wife Paula supplied an amazing amount of energy; she deserves a lot of the credit."

DeTemple is the owner of Turning Point Systems Group, a local business that provides measuring systems for Land Surveying, Construction, and Forensic Mapping. He also holds a Federal Firearms License to support Police Departments. As a community supporter and lifelong Eagle Scout, he is a Boy Scout Merit Badge Counselor in Southeastern Wisconsin.

When asked why he was running, DeTemple stated that Washington D.C. does not need more of the same "let's make a deal" approach to government. "I've been a business owner for 18 years, and I know firsthand what it takes to create jobs, meet deadlines, and hold myself and others accountable," DeTemple noted. "I learned that nothing in life is given and everything is earned, and I intend to take that experience to Washington. I am a fiscal conservative who is Pro-Life, Pro 2nd Amendment, and Pro-America. My love of God and Country has shown through military service and Boy Scouts; it's time to bring that to politics," he added.

To learn more about Cliff DeTemple visit www.detemple.us

A Personal Message From Cliff

Quarantining healthy people is tyranny and quarantining sick people should rarely be done. Closing down businesses should never happen again, the people should not allow it, and the many governors across the country completely abused their power. Solutions need to be handled as local as possible. Milwaukee County and Clark County have different needs. The Governor's one size fits all statewide ban hurt more people than it ever helped. We can never close the state again.

The DATA does not show a racist pattern of mistreating criminals. Cops like in the incident in Minneapolis should be held accountable for their own actions with a trial of peers. One bad cop does not represent all police, just like one Islamist extremist does not represent all people of that religious faith. People have a right to protest and be upset, but riots and destruction night after night after night is unacceptable. Protesting is a right protected by the constitution. Rioting and causing damage under the guise of a righteous cause is criminal. There are 375 million police contacts every year with the public. Police do a darn good job serving the community. Under the conditions they are subjected to and the protection they provide they should be commended for the work they do.

- Cliff DeTemple



Deregulation pays dividends

By Casey B. Mulligan

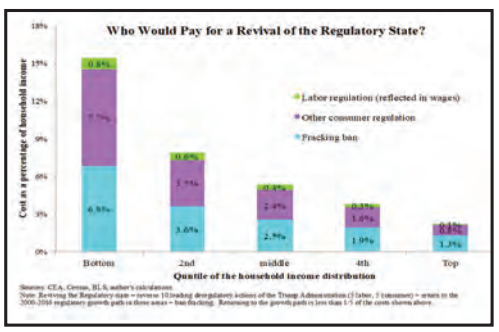
The roll back of regulations by administration has helped the economy report shows

At the end of March, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) rolled back Obama-era fuel economy standards projected to add nearly $3,000 to the cost of a new car. It was the latest instance of President Trump's record of cutting excessive regulations, which he describes as "stealth taxation, especially on the poor." Trump's deregulatory actions over the past three years will increase the purchasing power of working-class income by up to 15 percent, at least after the Covid-19 pandemic passes and the economy begins functioning again. The current economic depression from the pandemic underscores the importance of removing obstacles to economic advancement for those most in need of it.

One of the best-kept secrets in the economics of regulation is how regulation's costs fall disproportionately on the poor. "Well-intentioned regulation often indulges the preferences of the wealthy," observes Creighton University professor Diana Thomas. By "driving up the prices of regulated goods and lowering the wages of lower income households and workers, such regulation is likely to have disproportionately negative or regressive effects on the poor."

Trump's 2020 reelection drive will likely position itself on the side of the poor and middle class, while portraying his likely Democratic opponent, former vice president Joe Biden, as a representative of the entrenched bureaucratic class that oversaw accelerated rulemaking during the Obama years. The historical trend has been toward ever-greater regulation, with all of Trump's political competitors promising to restore that tradition and even exceed it.

Who would pay most for a revival of the regulatory state? Dividing American households into five income groups from lowest to highest, I have estimated each group's regulatory costs and expressed them as a percentage of its average income. The costs to the bottom quintile amount to 15.3 percent of their total income—representing as high a burden as all the taxes they currently pay. This group would experience part of the cost as lower wages, but the biggest bite would come in the form of diminished purchasing power due to higher prices for energy, cars, and other consumer goods. The top quintile, by contrast, would suffer the least from regulatory restoration, with labor, energy, and other consumer rules amounting to only a 2.2 percent implicit tax on the highest earners.



My analysis of a hypothetical revival of the regulatory state focuses on ten of Trump's key deregulatory actions—five of which reverse employment regulations such as employer mandates—and on a revised definition of "joint employer." These employment regulations held down productivity and wages and reduced job opportunities, especially for less-skilled workers. It's no coincidence that Trump's regulatory reversals coincided with an acceleration of wage growth in 2018 and 2019, with low-skill workers seeing the fastest gains.

The Trump administration has also revoked regulations that outlawed more affordable alternatives for Internet services, prescription drugs, and financial products, thus expanding consumer choice. Another move partially reverses the Obama administration's minimum fuel-efficiency standards that added about $3,000 to the price of an average car, and even more to the price of cars that did not meet these standards. This environmental tax on driving is a significant burden for lower-income households.

Did these rolled-back regulations have any benefits? Certainly—to large banks, trial lawyers, major health-insurance companies, big tech companies, and foreign drug manufacturers that profit when consumers must buy their expensive products because affordable alternatives are not available.

Not only has Trump removed hundreds of regulations; he has slowed the pace of adding new ones, compared with prior administrations. The chart above therefore also includes the costs of a revival of the regulatory state, by which I mean returning to the prior trend in the same employment-, consumer-, and energy-regulation areas. Finally, the chart also shows the costs of banning fracking—another policy pursued by pre-Trump regulatory regimes—which would increase consumer prices for electricity, heat, and gasoline.

These estimates are conservative because I have excluded many significant deregulatory actions from the

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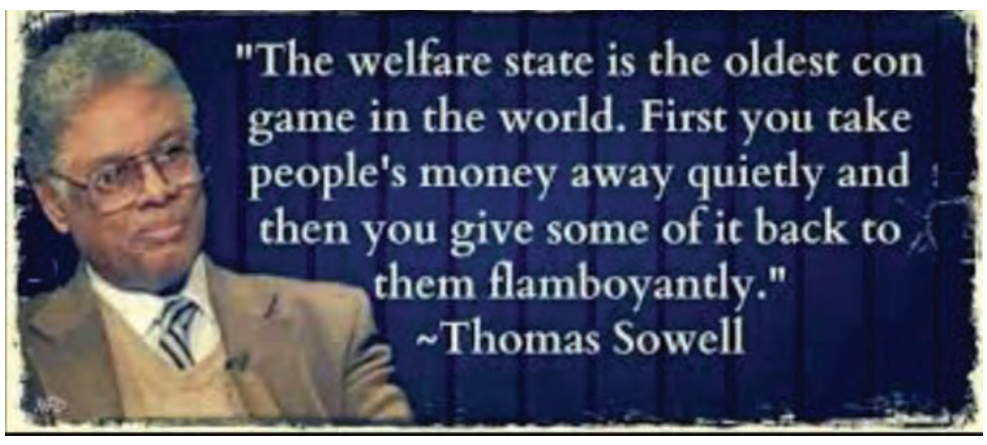

Deregulation pays *cont. from page 10*

analysis. For instance, I did not include the removal of health-insurance regulations, including the individual mandate and prohibitions against "junk" insurance plans, or plans that are affordable because they permit healthy people to opt out of unneeded coverage. The estimates also exclude costly state and local regulations that, according to estimates by the Council of Economic Advisors (CEA), increase metro-area homelessness by 44 percent.

Children once learned the tale of how the poor of Sherwood Forest were abused by taxation by the rich, giving rise to Robin Hood's campaign to reverse the injustice. Scholars still argue whether a real Robin Hood actually existed, but the record shows that President Trump's assault on the regulatory state is helping the working poor keep more of their money.

When you have more disposable income, you don't care. That is unless you actually care about working people. I have found that those, over educated, no experience managers resent that a high school drop out can earn a good living. I'm not a union man by any account, but I do realize that the unions have raise the earning capacity of workers. They also insured that employers, like me, paid better wages to keep the unions out.

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Democrat Cities failing voters

May was a record month of job growth with 2.5 million jobs added in the US. The top large cities with no job growth (Negative growth) with-in those numbers.

New York -8.4% **Boston -8.2%**
Wash DC -6.0% **Los Angeles -5.9%**
Chicago -5.5%

How to fix the cities jobs decline? Replace political leadership next election..



This cartoon appeared in the Chicago Tribune in 1934.

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million in the 1985 movie version) in thirty days. At the end of that time, Brewster must be penniless. His spending however, is limited in that he can only give so much to charity, or lose so much to gambling. He must get value for services and he cannot destroy property. The most difficult condition is he cannot tell anyone why he is recklessly spending money.

Brewster finds difficulty spending $30 million so quickly. But he spends and at the end, when he believes he is penniless, a friend, worried about his spending, tells Brewster he saved a large amount of the money paid him for services and gives it back to him. Needing to get rid of the money in minutes, Brewster punches a lawyer and immediately settles by offering the remaining money.

Even in fiction, it is hard work to spend a massive amount of money in a short period of time, but it's funny to watch.

Federal Trillions

This is where "Truth is stranger than fiction." In the first few months of 2020, the federal government produced the reality version of Brewster's Millions, commonly known as the CARES Act, and a few other laws, to address the coronavirus pandemic. In this real-life version of Brewster's Millions, Congress, believes the only way to address the pandemic is to give away trillions of dollars in a short time and each time it gives money away, it must find another reason to give away more money.

The "Groundhog Day" nature of the giveaways is needed since the last restraint in limiting federal money supply, the need for green ink for printing dollar bills, was eliminated by using electrons to distribute money directly to people. Since money now magically appears, it necessitates continuous giveaways.

The Feds acted amazingly quick for government. Our elected representatives appear in Congress, wearing masks, making them look like the robbers they are. Under mask and in a frenzy, the Feds quickly spend trillions.

Law 1, $8.3 billion to develop vaccines to fight the virus and disaster relief for small businesses.

Law 2, $100 billion for paid sick leave for workers, free virus testing but without available tests, food assistance, supplemental nutrition for women and children.

Law 3, $2.2 trillion including direct giveaways to individuals, grants to small business with good banking and political connections, suspension of interest on student loans, $32 billion just for airline employees, tens of billions for the airline industry, $100 billion for hospitals, and a half a trillion for the Federal Reserve to purchase almost any type of corporate bond.

Law 4, another $484 billion more for additional grants to small business and hospitals.

Even before Law 4 is signed into law, Congress begins developing Law 5, a $500 billion law to send money to states and municipalities, more money for food assistance and more checks to individuals. To move quickly with this new legislation, the Democratic majority in the House of Representatives delegated all drafting power over the new legislation to the Speaker of the House. Acting on decades of "wisdom," the Speaker increased the proposed new giveaways to $3 trillion and immediately passed it in the House.

As Law 5 is being drafted, a Congresswomen proposes law 6, to give $2,000 a month to every adult in the nation and $1,000 a month to every child.

Laws 7 to infinity, are the Political requests of the many trade associations in DC whose only reason for existing is finding ways to siphon-off taxpayer money to their industries. These same associations have a long tract record for demanding and securing bailouts: Lockheed, 1971; Franklin National Bank, 1974; Chrysler, 1980; Continental Illinois Trust Company, 1984; the S&L crisis, 1989; the Airline industry 2001; Bear Sterns, Fannie Mae/Freddie Mac, AIG, 2008; Citigroup, and the entire financial industry in 2008; Auto industry, 2008; Bank of America, 2009 and today CARES and all its coattails.

There is simply no reason to believe they will not be successful again.

On top of all the money Congress gives away, the Federal Reserve has a magic money machine that allows it to turn $454 billion into a $4 trillion corporate give-away through the purchase of bonds.

The children shall inherit the debt

Brewster spends all $30 million and gets the big inheritance. He also gets the girl and we imagine; he lives happily ever after. As Shakespeare wrote "All's well that ends well."

As to the federal trillions, our government spent more money than anyone ever thought possible, in a few months. Whether these elected officials keep their jobs or needed to spend even more money for voters to be satisfied, is to be determined in November, 2020 by the recipients of the federal giveaways.

What is certain however, is that the children of this nation will inherit the debt. Lots and lots of debt. Seventy-seven percent of the U.S national debt was incurred since 2001, when our national debt was only $5.791 trillion. When all the giveaways are completed, the national debt will be well over $26 trillion. The portion of every citizens' debt today is about $ $72,000; and likely to exceed $82,000 per person in six months.

Since it is highly unlikely anyone alive today will offer to even start paying off the debt, yes, children, it is to a certainty, you will inherit the debt.

Mark Twain explains why truth does not always end as well as fiction, when he remarks - "Truth is stranger than fiction, but that is because fiction is obliged to stick to possibilities; truth isn't."

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Enterprising Private Sector Propels US in Space



By Larry Bell

On Saturday, May 30, a half century after NASA and the efforts of more than 377,000 corporate contractors first delivered two of my personal friends to the moon, America's enterprising private sector delivered humans beyond Earth again.

This latest historic event witnessed a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket launch astronauts Bob Behnken and Doug Hurley to orbit aboard a Crew Dragon vehicle that docked with the International Space Station (ISS) on Sunday morning.

SpaxeX's milestone achievement will competitively position the company to keep its rockets and Dragon capsules busy for a long time, serving to taxi crews to orbit, and functioning as an attached ISS lifeboat.

An expanded Crew Dragon capsule, SpaceX's scaled-up "New Starship" spacecraft, may serve as a small habitat for NASA's planned lunar-orbiting "Gateway" space station.

Corporate founder Elon Musk has even more ambitious plans. His company is developing a much larger "Super Heavy Rocket," along with the New Starship upper stage, capable of extending human exploration to the moon, Mars, asteroids, and future deep space destinations beyond.

While appropriately crediting last weekend's historic accomplishment to a carefully coordinated joint private-public partnership, the same can be said regarding America's Mercury-Gemini-Apollo lunar programs of the 1960s and early 1970s.

Let's not forget that while NASA played crucial guidance, planning and supervisory roles, many commercial companies did most of the detailed design development and manufacturing "heavy lifting." Some were long-established aerospace powerhouses, including North American Rockwell Corp.'s Space Division, the Grumman Aircraft Engineering Corp., and Boeing's Aerospace Division.

Others were far less well-known newcomers, such as the International Latex Corporation (ILC) of Dover, Delaware, a division of a company that manufactured Playtex bras and girdles.

Their uplifting engineering experience at the forefront of soft material technology came in enormously handy to develop space suits that then and now have made human space exploration possible.

It has been my great life honor to know and work with many remarkable public and private sector people who played key roles in America's human lunar, Space Shuttle, and International Space Station development and astronautics achievements.

Astronaut Buzz Aldrin has been a close personal friend, professional colleague, and valued contributor to our University of Houston space architecture research and graduate-level teaching activities over a period spanning four decades.

During later years of his life, Astronaut Neil Armstrong (prior to his death in 2012) served on our board of Space Industries, Inc., a 100% private investor- funded commercial space company I co-founded in the mid-1980s with the NASA Johnson Space Center's original Chief Engineer, Dr. Max Faget and two other partners, Guillermo Trotti and James Calaway.

Other board members included NASA JSC's first two directors, Dr. Robert Gilruth and Christopher Kraft. Westinghouse and Boeing became early corporate partners.

Space Industries later co-ventured with other privately-held companies through merger and acquisition stock interests which were acquired by General Dynamics in 2003 for $1.5 billion.



Cape Canaveral, Fla. - May 30, 2020 - A Falcon 9 rocket carrying the company's Crew Dragon spacecraft launches on the Demo-2 mission to the International Space Station with NASA astronauts Robert Behnken and Douglas Hurley onboard. The Demo-2 mission is the first launch of a manned SpaceX Crew Dragon spacecraft. (SpaceX via Getty Images)

Public interest and enthusiasm about the future of America's space program is now being turbocharged by a fresh new breed of highly competitive, adventurous, innovative, and business risk-tolerant entrepreneurs. Elon Musk's SpaceX, a prime example, emerged from a fledgling private startup to a brashly innovative and successful upstart in a remarkably short time.

Since beginning in 2002 with barely a dozen workers based in a converted warehouse near a Southern California strip mall, the company has grown to 7,000 employees operating facilities in Washington State, Texas and Florida.

Despite some setbacks, including two catastrophic explosions of unmanned Falcon 9 rockets and nagging NASA safety concerns about the Dragon capsule riding on top, SpaceX has notched several previous records.

It was the first private entity to place a satellite into Earth's orbit; the first to land and then repeatedly reuse motor parts of returning rockets; and the first to send a private spacecraft to link up and transfer cargo to the International Space Station.

SpaceX's latest human orbital launch record achievement puts the company ahead of commercial competitor Boeing's "Starliner" capsule launch program which has struggled with its own technical setbacks.

Having previously failed to dock an unmanned Starliner with the ISS due to a computer software glitch, Boeing plans to conduct another test attempt later this year.

America is now also engaged in a very different sort of public-private "moon shot" effort involving more than 30 Big Pharma and small biotech firms that are racing for COVID-19 vaccines and treatments.

The stakes of winning or losing this race are incalculably high, with an outcome that will dramatically affect the physical and economic wellbeing of our entire population for years or even decades to come.

Thanks to outstanding public-private sector cooperation, rapid FDA approval enabled Roche to commence their vaccine high-volume tests in January; Moderna turned around its vaccine for batch testing in just 42 days; and Gilead Sciences is already in Phase 3 trials for its remdesivir treatment.

Bayer has announced it will freely donate three million potentially promising and demonstrably safe chloroquine tablets for coronavirus prophylactic and treatment testing trials.

Above all, let's remember that America has a winning history of rising to big challenges.

We should be confident that the same competitively innovative spirit that put humans on the moon — that will one day deliver others to Mars — will overcome this virus threat as well.

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"Scientist" reveals politicized GISS as NASA returns Americans to space

By Craig Rucker

This has been a (mostly) great week for NASA. We saw the first successful launch of astronauts into space on an American rocket since 2011 -- on a private spacecraft. Last night SpaceX sent up another Falcon 9 rocket with (count-em) 60 communications satellites on board!

NASA getting back to serious work in space is long overdue.

Then there's the Goddard Institute for Space Studies (GISS), far removed from NASA's launch pads, in an office building on Manhattan's upper west side.

With America working through a painful moment on race, GISS scientist Dr. Kate Marvel declared on June 1: "Climate justice and racial justice are the same thing, and we'll never head off climate catastrophe without dismantling white supremacy."

CFACT's Marc Morano has full coverage over at Climate Depot.

GISS went all-in on left-wing, politically correct science some time ago, prompting a huge group of astronauts, ground controllers and mission specialists to co-sign a hard-hitting letter to NASA asking the space agency to knock it off and get back to work.

Racial equality is a fundamental human right. NASA has long led the way which was well dramatized in the movie Hidden Figures.

"Climate justice," however, is a Socialist buzzword and should have no place at NASA. It's code for wealth redistribution.

Protecting the rights of all people and ending racism is paramount.

Leave the nation-destroying Socialism out of it.

That goes double for you NASA.

Short Takes

By Ken Van Doren

Without reflection one knows from daily life that one exists for other people.

-Albert Einstein

Peace is a daily, a weekly, a monthly process, gradually changing opinions, slowly eroding old barriers, quietly building new structures.

-John F. Kennedy

The Lord is pleased with every effort, even the tiny, daily ones in which we strive to be more like Him.

-Ezra Taft Benson

The greatest heroes are those who do their duty in the daily grind of domestic affairs whilst the world whirls as a maddening dreidel.

-Florence Nightingale

People often say that motivation doesn't last. Well, neither does bathing - that's why we recommend it daily.

-Zig Ziglar

Where can you look in your daily life and find ways to do it better, to be more thoughtful of the Earth, to be more thoughtful of people?

-Julia Butterfly Hill

Let everyone try and find that as a result of daily prayer he adds something new to his life, something with which nothing can be compared.

-Mahatma Gandhi

Fires can't be made with dead embers, nor can enthusiasm be stirred by spiritless men. Enthusiasm in our daily work lightens effort and turns even labor into pleasant tasks.

-James Baldwin

Daily, constantly, we choose by our desires, our thoughts, and our actions whether we want to be blessed or cursed, happy or miserable.

-Ezra Taft Benson

Dreams are the guiding words of the soul. Why should I henceforth not love my dreams and not make their riddling images into objects of my daily consideration?

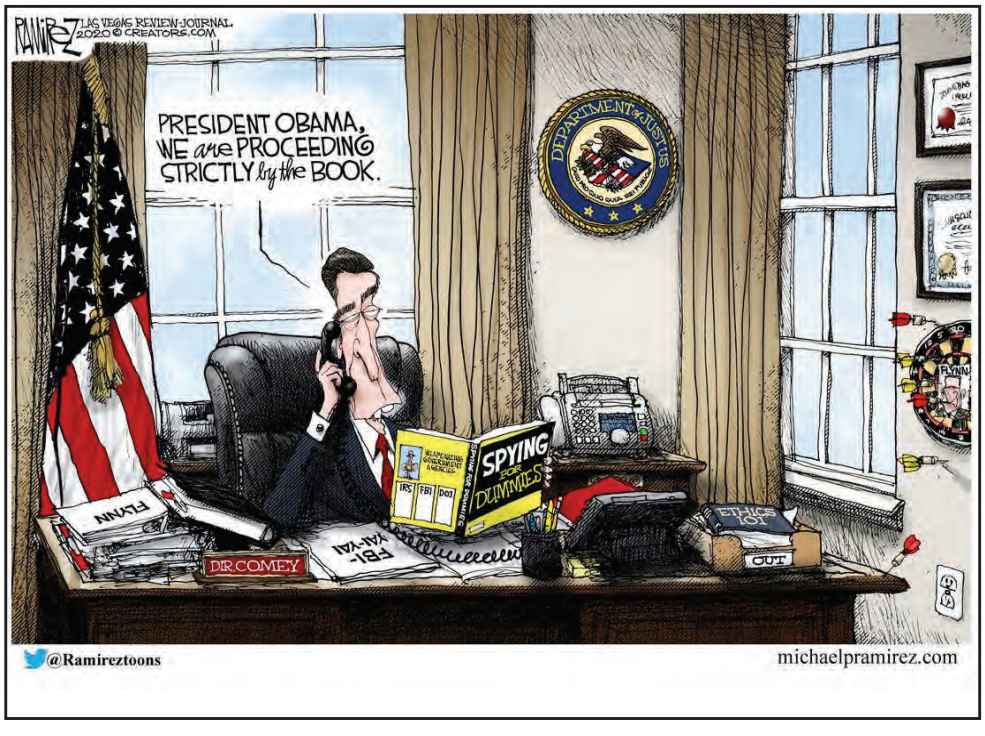
-Carl Jung

The amount of negativity I hear on a daily basis is unbelievable. But that's the kind of stuff you have to tune out, focus, stick with your vision and keep plugging every day.

-Dana White

Wisdom to Live By

"…and I get on my knees and pray.
We don't get fooled again"
- The Who



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Crossword Puzzler

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1. Mast attachment
5. Greeting bearer
9. Stinging insects
14. Pokémon character #63
15. Water in Juárez
16. Alan or Adam of film
17. "Ode on a Grecian Urn," e.g.
19. Alpaca's cousin
20. Think about overnight
21. Suitcase ID
23. Feel sorry for
24. Lion's locks
25. ___-Lorraine
28. Warm up in the ring
30. Scrooge's epithet
33. Bold
34. Big blast of the '50s
35. Start of a long-distance call
36. Infuriates
37. Shipbuilding woods
38. ITAR-___ (news agency)
39. Afternoon social
40. Viper or adder
41. Facial astringent targets
42. Establish, as a price
43. Wear a long face
44. Table tennis racket
45. Half hitch, e.g.
47. Child's plea
48. Fission fighter's slogan?
51. Sister of Apollo
55. Thumb ___ (hitchhike)
56. Relaxes for a bit
58. Deduce
59. Store door sign
60. Warning sign
61. Windblown soil
62. Nuisance
63. Musical pause

DOWN
1. Fifth Avenue store
2. Biblical brother
3. "Dies ___" (Latin hymn)
4. Note excusing tardiness
5. "Breakfast at Tiffany's" author
6. Serious suffering
7. Street, in Montreal
8. "___ Yankees"
9. Sam's Club parent company
10. Senator Specter
11. Kid's conveyance
12. Fine cotton
13. Glitch
18. Hot, on a Chinese menu
22. Accumulate
25. Anxiety
26. Fisherman's boxful
27. Sirloin slicer
28. Vampire killer
29. Yappy dog, briefly
31. Photographer Adams
32. Hermann who wrote "Siddhartha"
34. Jalopy
37. Govt. debt instrument
38. Beyond fabulous
40. Backyard cooking devices
41. Huffs and puffs
44. Orphan's lack
46. Artists' subjects
47. Tortes and petits fours
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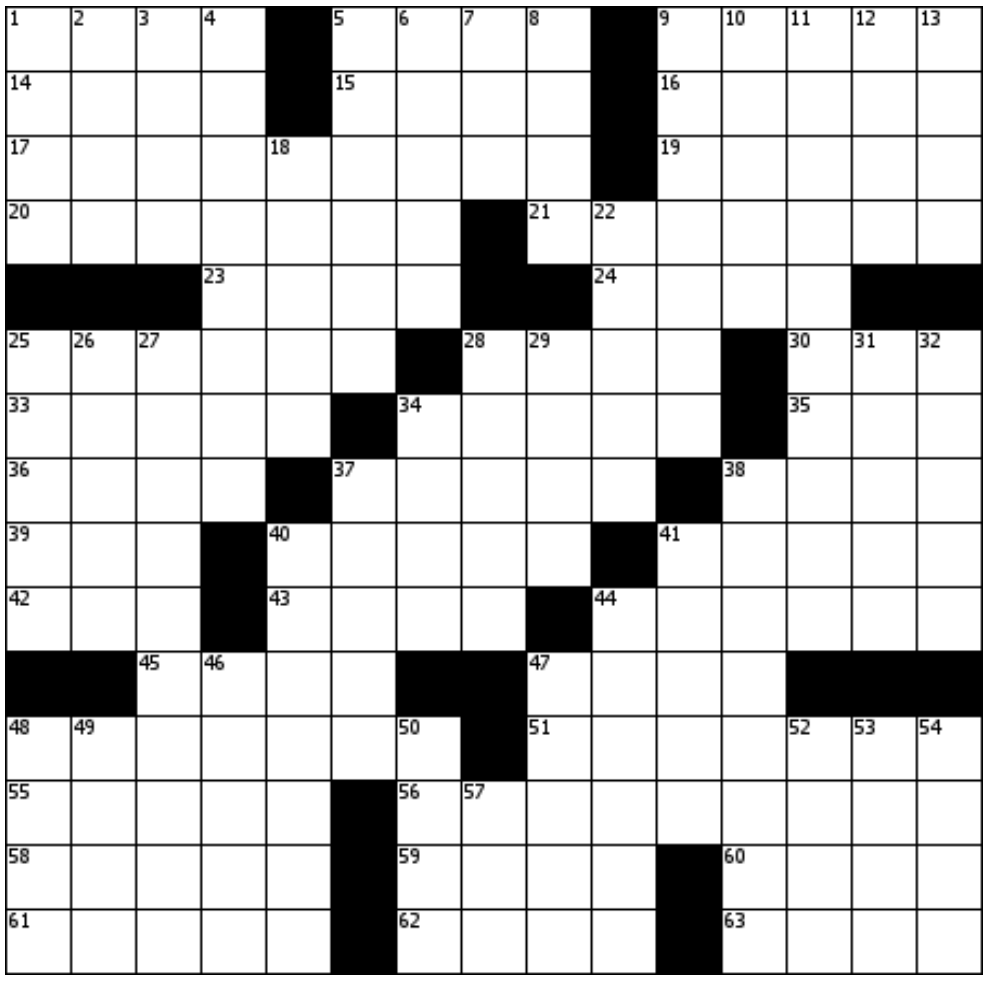
49. Yes-___ question
50. "Cut it out!"
52. Silent performer
53. Folk singer Burl
54. In the mail
57. Copycat



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The Muslim Report: India

"It is an abomination for kings to commit wickedness: for the throne is established by righteousness." Proverbs 16:12

By Riley J. Hood—Milwaukee County Constitution Party

Few Americans know about the Sepoy Rebellion of 1857. Disloyal Indian troops were angry about cartridges greased with pig fat, offensive to Muslims. The historical blame was placed on evangelicals rather than the East India Company. What is little mentioned is that an Imam called for Jihad, setting the event in motion. The Rebellion led to the widespread murder of Indian Christians. Liberal historian William Darlymaple says, "The rebels saw themselves as fighting a war to preserve their religion, and articulated it as such." The British never evangelized India in any official capacity.

Islamic history in India is one of extermination and expropriation. Muslims murdered Hindus, Buddhists, Jains, and Parsees. Their favorite target was Christians. There was an early Christian presence in India. Historians say the Thomas brought the Gospel to India, who martyred for refusing to worship Kali. This is affirmed by the Mar Thoma Christians of Kerala. The Thatta Nagar in Pakistan believe themselves to be founded by Thomas. Sources about Thomas come from the Syriac Church, from 180AD. A letter from 196 mentions Christians among the Kaishans in the region of Pakistan. In 225, there was a Bishop of Baith Lapat, now called Shahabad. Challenge it if you must, Christianity was around almost 600 years before Islam was invented and they reached India.

According to Islamic sources, an Islamic Arab army defeated the King of Zabulistan in 643 AD. Muslims won another victory at Sindh. Crushing the resistance, Muslims established their rule and the misery began. Muslims suffered setback under Genghis Khan, yet Islam was left in place. Islam dominated the Mongols, especially in the Ilkhan Empire, a part of the Mongol Empire. Ahmed Tekuder in 1282 declared himself, not Khan, but Sultan. In 1295 Sultan Mahmood Gazan declared Sharia and imposed the Jizya on Jews and Christians, murdering many Christians. Tamerlane arrived and the Northern Church was exterminated.

Turkic Muslims raided central India, starting in 1,001 under Mahmud of Ghazni. They set up a sultanate in Delhi. Christians and Hindus had to pay the Jizya. The Muslim rulers were going easy on Hindus. Hinduism is not part of the "People of the Book" platitude. They were stopped by Hindu rulers in 1344, but the Church was exterminated in Central India.

The Mongols became the Moguls, ruling over a Hindu majority, and a tiny Christian minority. The treatment of the people depended on the ruler. Akbar (1556-1605) is styled as being enlightened, even building a Church in Lahore. Akbar's son, Jehangir wore a crucifix, yet he forced Christians to convert to Islam or be executed. He closed Akbar's Church in Lahore and from 1614 until 1624. Shah Jahan, built the Taj Mahal for his favorite wife, but targeted Christians and the Portuguese. In 1632 he besieged Hugli, with an army of 150,000 men. Hugli was defended by 700 Indian and 300 European Christians. After three months, the City fell, 4,000 Christians were murdered, or sold as slaves. In 1633 Jahan closed all the Churches. In 1748 Sultan Hyder Ali laid siege to Mangalore. 20,000 Christians were murdered, the remaining 60,000 were force marched 202 miles. 40,000 died on the march. Tipu Sultan killed 25,000 Hindus in Mangalore and forced the circumcision of 30,000 Christian men in 1784. He liked to cut off ears and noses. Tipu was defeated by the Duke of Wellington in 1799.

After the Sepoy Rebellion, The Raj passed from British East India Company control, to direct rule by the Crown. In 1947, the British vacated the Raj. Hindu India and Islamic Pakistan began their current existence. 14 million people left their homes and Hindus and Muslims murdered each other. These rulers hate

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The Communist Curfew

"Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." II Corinthians 2:17

By Riley J. Hood—Milwaukee County Constitution Party

Grenada became an independent nation amid violence in opposition to Prime Minister Eric M. Gairy. A coalition called the New JEWEL Movement, (JEWEL meaning Joint Endeavor for Welfare, Education, and Liberation) staged a bloodless coup on March 13, 1979, while Gairy was abroad. Their leader Maurice Bishop proclaimed a People's Revolutionary Government (PRG). The PRG imposed socialism and allied itself to Cuba. The PRG administration was ended on October 19th, 1983 by a military coup, during which Bishop was executed. A military government under Hudson Austin announced a total curfew under which anyone who left their home without authorization for any reason would be subject to summary execution. According to Britannica.com, "October 25, a US-led invasion of the island overthrew the coup leaders and returned power to the governor-general, Sir Paul Scoon." With the removal of the NJM government, the former Grenadian constitution re-entered force. Grenada still went in for socialism and is still poor. In the 1990's it re-established ties with Cuba. Why did America invade? You can read the declassified details at, https://www.webharvest.gov/peth04/20041016173412/http://www.history.navy.mil/faqs/faq95-1.htm

This small island is a strategic location, being just off the coast of South America. It would be a perfect staging area for attacks against Venezuela, etc. According to the report. "With close air support from Navy attack aircraft from Independence, Golf Company (2nd Battalion 8th Marine Regiment) captured the governor's residence at 7:12AM, freeing several civilians and Sir Paul Scoon, governor-general of Grenada and representative of Queen Elizabeth." Even more important than that, "Rangers had moved to evacuate American students at the True-Blue campus of St. George's Medical Center." A second campus at Grand Anse was farther away, and retreating Cubans and PRA units blocked the Rangers from the students." The report reads, "But the loudest sounds of all were the cheers of rescued medical students."

Even more important was the Grenadian people. "We expected that the people would at least passively accept the situation," Scott said. "After all, they had been under a 24-hour shoot-on-sight curfew for several days before we got there." "The thing that is most indelibly in scribed in my mind," said Brooks, 'in regard to Grenada, was how incredibly happy they were to see us." "Morale is sky high," Marine Colonel James P. Faulkner said, "One reason is how well we were received by the Grenadians. We were not treated as conquerors, but as friends of the people." This was in spite of an anti-American propaganda campaign by the NJM.

The Milwaukee County Constitution Party asserts that Communists, socialists and other utopians love imposing curfews, because that atomizes the opposition. The radio can broadcast the socialist slogan, "we are all in this together" over and over, but the reality is under the safer at home edicts, we were all in it alone: isolated and in disarray, as we tried to restructure our lives. Part of the reason why socialism advances is the same reason why street gangs defeat the "lone wolf" types. Gangs function as a team, and gang up on individuals. Obviously, our God-given rights are individual rights, and self-government is the basis of all other government. But to assert those rights you must be organized and take team action.

The Muslim Report: The Islamic Republic of Mauritania

"That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." Romans 15:6

By Riley J. Hood—Milwaukee County Constitution Party

Mauritania is an Islamic State, with Sharia in place. They will execute, "Every Muslim, man or woman, who mocks or insults Muhammad, his angels, his books," and will apply the death penalty even if a man recants his pretended offense. A Muslim blogger was sentenced to two years in jail. The almost 100% Muslim nation wanted the "blasphemy law" to be more Islamic. This weapon will be used against underground Christians, if any are found.

In 1981 Mauritania was the last nation in the world to outlaw slavery. In 2007, under international pressure, they finally passed a law criminalizing slave holding. Note that Muslim nations were the holdouts, such as Saudi Arabia in 1962 and Pakistan in 1980. Having said that, there is still plenty of slavery, peonage, and prison labor in Islamic countries.

According to Encyclopedia Britannica the "Almoravids, a puritanical 11th-century Islamic reform movement that spread an austere form of Islam from the Sahara through to North Africa." "In the central desert, Chingue??i, the fabled seventh great city of Islam, was one of the major caravansaries along these routes." The ?ass?n? Arabs raided the western Sahara: an admixture of Arab-Amazigh culture emerged. The Idaw ?Aish, claim ancestry from the Lamtunah tribe, and the Reguibat, who claim descent from Muhammad. The outcome of the conflict between them in the mid-17th century, known today as Shurr Bubba ("the War of Bubba"), has decided social status in the region.

The Portuguese, Spanish, Dutch and French traded for Gum-Arabic, used in textiles and slaves. The slave trade was in place when the Portuguese arrived, and in time the French dominated the region. The French governor, Col. Louis Faidherbe, entered into a treaty with the Amirs in 1858. The "pacification" of Mauritania, started in 1900 and continued until 1912. The final battle to subdue a Reguibat band took place in 1934. The French nickname for the colony was "Le Grand Vide" ("the great void"); if the population was quiet, there was little evidence of a French presence.

In 1958, an elected government under Moktar Ould Daddah negotiated membership in the French Community. King Hassan II of Morocco temporarily occupied parts of the nation in 1960. The Islamic Republic of Mauritania declared independence on November 28, 1960; it became a member of the United Nations in October 1961. Mauritania was simultaneously members of the Arab League and the African Union. In 1976, Morocco and Mauritania divided what was Spanish Sahara. A rebellion led by the Polisario Front guerrillas in Mauritania's new turf contributed to Daddah's downfall. In July 1978 he was deposed and exiled in a military coup led by chief of staff, Col. Mustapha Ould Salek. Salek resigned in June 1979. Lt. Col. Mohamed Mahmoud Ould Louly signed a treaty with the Polisario Front in August 1979 an effort to exit from Western Sahara. Louly was in turn replaced in January 1980 by Lt. Col. Mohamed Khouna Ould Haidalla.

In December 1984 Col. Maaouya Ould Sidi Ahmed Taya took over the presidency and the office of prime minister from Haidalla in a bloodless coup. Taya renewed diplomatic ties with Morocco in 1985, trying to resolve the dispute in Western Sahara. In 1989 Mauritania and Senegal both expelled tens of thousands of each other's citizens, and teetered on the brink of war. Diplomatic ties were reestablished in April 1992, but efforts at repatriation were not totally successful. He restored civilian government, inaugurated a new constitution in 1991. He won elections in 1992. 1997 and 2003, but Taya pursued an Arabization policy in government and education considered by black Mauritanians as bigoted.

In August 2005, with Taya abroad, army officers staged another coup. Col. Ely Ould Mohamed Vall, emerged as the leader of the ruling Military Council for Justice and Democracy. He pledged that democracy would be restored. In 2006 he presented a referendum on constitutional reforms. In March 2007 Sidi Ould Cheikh Abdallahi was elected president. In July 2008, responding to charges of corruption, the parliament passed a vote of no confidence, which was followed by resignation of almost 50 ruling-party members of parliament. On August 6, 2008, Abdallahi dismissed a number of high-ranking army officials rumored to have been involved in the parliamentary crisis, including Gen. Mohamed Ould Abdel Aziz, Commander of the Presidential Guard,

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The Muslim Report: Congo

"Have I not commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersover thou goest." Joshua 1:9

By Riley J. Hood—Milwaukee County Constitution Party

While Congo is a Christian majority nation, if action isn't taken, the numbers of Christians will decline. Historical examples of this are Turkey, Lebanon, and more recently Nigeria. Christian leaders are asking President Joseph Kabila to step down, as he is a dictator. According to one Churchman, "People are terrified." There is a new outbreak of the e-bola virus, and the Covid-19 panic, and the Islamic ADF (Allied Democratic Forces) continues their Jihad.

The ADF attacked Christians on September 11th, 2018 murdering 14 people and causing wholesale flight and panic. Some of the Congolese Christians fled as far as Israel, but Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu wants to expel them. Israeli people disagree with the policy, and have been helpful. This writer hopes that in an effort to preserve the Jewish State that the Israeli government won't send these people back to their tormentors.

On August 23rd, 2019 Muslims from the ADF abducted 200 Christian women and children. They destroyed a Church and hospital in the same raid.

The Milwaukee County Constitution asserts that using firearms to stop these men from murdering, raping and abducting your women and children is neither selfish nor un-Christian. It is your duty before God. If mission organizations won't help Christians stand in their own defense, then they aren't really helping them. The verse from Joshua is a verse of war, not a verse of pietism.

Greece

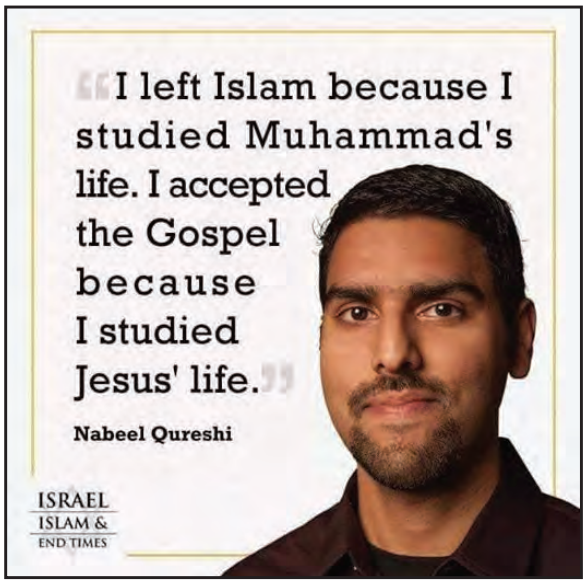
"And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write, 'These things says the First and the Last, who was dead, and came to life:" Revelation 2:8

By Riley J. Hood—Milwaukee County Constitution Party

On March 2nd, Muslims vandalized a Church building on the Greek Island of Lesbos. The vandals were alleged refugees, fleeing from Afghanistan and Syria. One wouldn't want the 99% of all Muslims to give the 1% that don't believe in Jihad a bad name, but the Muslims themselves call those guys, "renegade infidels." If any nation has historical reasons to tell Muslims to take a hike, and not take them in, it is Greece. Remember Smyrna in 1923. Remember the Armenian genocide. Remember that there was a time when there were no Muslims in Asia Minor. Remember that Hagia Sophia was turned into a Mosque. Remember that the Seven Churches of Revelation are now under the tyranny of Islam.

The Milwaukee County Constitution Party asserts that are no Islamic refugees. There are merely Muslims who don't like the taste of their own medicine, as their actions on Lesbos prove again. We assert that not only should Trump keep our borders closed until the economy is back on track: the border should be closed to Muslims, who are emigrating here to take over. We suggest the following answer, "when you Muslims say Islam is everything" then, "You have Allah and the Quran. America was founded by Christians and to live here could only degrade you." As to Islamophobia, no asks how loving it was to the victims of 9/11, Ft Hood, Boston, San Bernardino, and a thousand other miseries: when our federal government let these monstrosities into our country.

Patrick Henry said," It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded, not by religionists, but by Christians; not on religions, but on the gospel of Jesus Christ. For this very reason peoples of other faiths have been afforded asylum, prosperity, and freedom of worship here." We assert that is a gift on our part. When that gift becomes destructive, we have every right, through Congress, to regulate our borders per Article I Section8 of the US Constitution. As Robert Jackson said, "Our Constitution is not a suicide pact." We add, neither is it a tool for the ACLU to euthanize America.





"You Are Finished!": Turkey's Growing War On Christians

By Tyler Durden

Authored by Raymond Ibrahim via The Gatetone Institute,

Islamic terror attacks that target Christians in Turkey have been noticeably on the rise. During Christmas in 2011, for instance, a large-scale al-Qaeda plot to bomb "all the churches in Ankara" was exposed. Before Christmas 2015, ISIS issued death threats to at least 20 Protestant churches, and warned that "Koranic commandments... urge us to slay the apostate like you."

In 2017, as widely reported, a gunman dressed as Santa Claus entered a nightclub in Istanbul during New Year celebrations, and murdered 39 people. A "heroic soldier of the caliphate," the Islamic State ("ISIS") later claimed, "attacked the most famous nightclub where Christians were celebrating their pagan feast." The statement further characterized the government of Turkey as being the "servant of the cross."

In once-secular Turkey, hate for Christians has, in fact, come to permeate every segment of society — from the average Muslim citizen to the highest levels of government.

The examples are many; two of the most obvious — the slaughter of Christians and attacks on their churches — follow:

In 2009, a group of young Turks — including the son of a mayor — broke into a Bible publishing house in Malatya. They bound its three Christian employees, tortured them for hours, and murdered them. "We didn't do this for ourselves, but for our religion," one of the Turks accused said. "Let this be a lesson to enemies of our religion." Later, they were all released from prison on a technicality.

In 2012, an 85-year-old Armenian woman was stabbed to death in her Istanbul apartment. Lest anyone mistake the motive, her murderer carved a crucifix on her naked corpse. According to the report, that "attack marks the fifth in the past two months against elderly Armenian women (one has lost an eye)."

In 2019, an "86-year-old Greek man was found murdered in his home with his hands and feet tied"; he too had reportedly been tortured.

In late 2019, a 16-year-old Muslim boy stabbed a Korean Christian evangelist in the heart several times; the 41-year-old husband and father died shortly thereafter.

More common than the targeted killing of Christians are attacks related to churches.

In 2014 in Istanbul, a random gang of Muslims disrupted a baptismal church service in Istanbul. They pushed their way into the church, yelling obscenities; one menacingly waved a knife at those in attendance. "It's not the first, and it won't be the last," a local Christian said.

In 2015, a Muslim man, shouting "Allahu Akbar" ("Allah is greater") and "Revenge will be taken for Al-Aqsa Mosque," hurled a Molotov cocktail at Istanbul's Aya Triada Orthodox Church, and set parts of it on fire. In a separate incident, four Turks shouting "Allahu Akbar"

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Muslim Report: India

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white people, considering us all Christian. On that basis they murder local Christians. You have Sharia in Pakistan and the Hindutuva in India.

There are Christians today in India, especially among the untouchables: a tiny minority. India, while having abundant resources, suffers under crushing poverty, much of it is directly traceable to their rejection of Christianity.

I have written this overview to ask this, do you think Islam is any nicer today than it was in the past? The Quran is the same, the violence is similar. Why would you want to Muslims takeover America? We are no better than other people, and we will suffer in like manner.

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Updated understanding of what's going on and why most models have been badly wrong

By Sanjeev Sabhlok

I shared Dr Knott's analysis last night widely over the internet. Also studied the various comments on Dr Vernon Smith's Facebook page and the actual video itself. And had a long conversation with Nirmesh Mehta of Mumbai till nearly 2 am at night!

Things have become clearer in my mind now. I've been updating my analysis on Twitter. I've compressed everything into a single slide (below, at the end of the text of this email).

Basically, I believe models have neglected two vital factors: innate immunity (which one can assume is in the range of 10-15%, depending on Vitamin D levels and other factors, and up to 70% is explained by insufficient viral load.

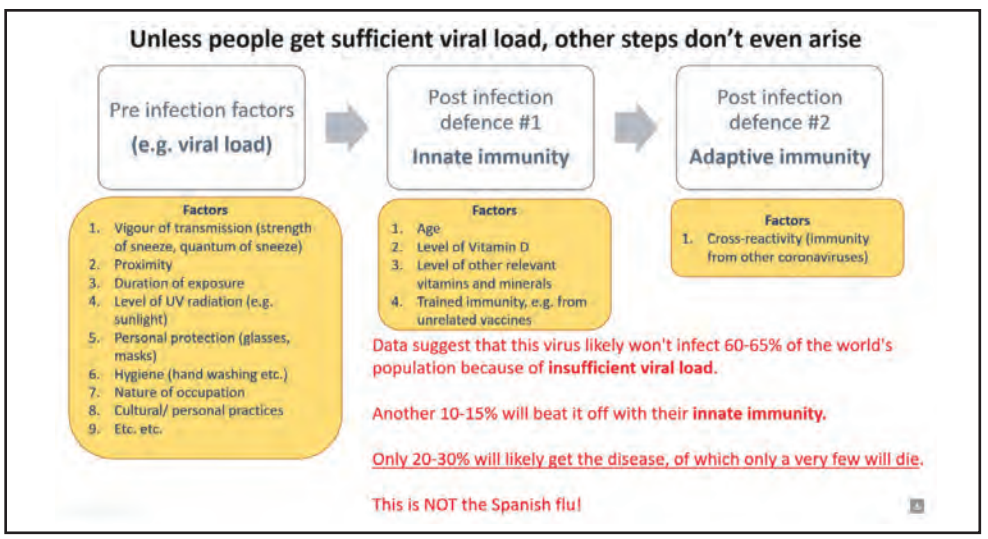
The virus spreads only with sustained contact and in low UV conditions. While it is impossible to predict the spread of infection in a particular individual, it is a constant for society, being the sum of constants for each segment (occupational, rural/urban, cultural). For instance, tradies and farmers will necessarily have low spread (a low constant). Call centres, nurses in hospitals, etc. will necessarily have a higher level of spread (a higher constant). And so on.

The sum of this constant for society and immunity will inform herd immunity. Basically this means that in an average society not more than 60-80% of the people will ever get infected, therefore herd immunity levels should drop very significantly for the virus to disappear.

This explains a lot of the data we are currently seeing, and also why Sweden's rural areas have also seen a drop off in ICU presentations - that's because their "constant" is higher and fewer Swedes will get sufficient viral loads in these areas.

Anyway, this is all work in progress and I welcome thoughts and criticisms of this analysis.

And now back to my day job - time to earn a living!



Data Doesn't Support Cloth Masks Reduce COVID-19 Risks: Nurse



A woman wears a stars and stripes bandana for a mask, amid COVID-19 fears, in Washington on April 2, 2020. (Kevin Lamarque/Reuters)

By Meiling Lee

A pediatric nurse said she was compelled to research the science on the risks and benefits of cloth masks after learning that her granddaughter's preschool would require every child over the age of 2 to wear a mask.

Patricia Neuenschwander, a registered nurse with over 25 years of experience, said she understands that the preschool had the children's safety in mind with their mask policy, but she is concerned that wearing a mask all day may cause some harm to the children's social, mental, and emotional development. Her granddaughter is 2 years, 5 months old.

"Children are not small adults, they progress through a developmental maturation that builds upon different skills," Neuenschwander told The Epoch Times. "At that age, they want some increase in independence, they need to become more confident in their own ability to survive in the world. Being overly criticized, being overly controlled, not being given the opportunity to assert themselves that can start to become a problem for children at that age."

Mauritania *cont. from page 14*

and Gen. Mohamed Ould Chiekh Ghazouani, Chief of Staff of the National Army.

The military staged another coup removing Abdallahi from power, placing him under house arrest for several months. After the Military refused to reinstate civilian rule, the AU imposed sanctions on Mauritania and a travel ban. External pressures mounted on the regime that led to elections in July 2009, Aziz, was voted into office, with Ghazouani as his chief of staff. His policies were repressive, especially regarding anti-slavery activism. He was elected to a second five-year term in June 2014. The opposition charged him with election rigging, commonly charged in many Mauritanian elections. In 2017 a referendum suggested by Aziz abolished the Senate. Aziz did not seek a third term and instead endorsed Ghazouani in the 2019 election, who won the election with just over half the vote, avoiding a runoff. His inauguration in August 2019 marked Mauritania's first democratic transfer of power. Observers expect his presidency to mark a continuation of Aziz's policies.

The Milwaukee County Constitution Party points out that this is typical Islamic history, and typical Islamic government. Islamic factions are fighting each other because Mohammad set an example of violence, even when Christians are absent the scene. Mauritania needs the Gospel. Any Constitution is fit only for a moral people, namely Christians. Order in the Muslim world is maintained via tyranny.

Steve's Say *cont. from page 2*

possibly suspect George lives on?

I think all can agree that someone wanting to start a race war might think showing a white cop with his knee on the neck of a black man resulting in his death just might do it. In fact, it seems like this idea has taken hold all over the world (see p.9). Based upon Floyd's familiarity to Chauvin, his personal story and situation, and all of the inconsistencies in what took place during the "arrest," I think George Floyd certainly could've been motivated to be used by these totalitarians in this way. And he may very well be ideologically aligned with them and want the result they seek. Who knows. He'd certainly be handsomely paid.

But I also wouldn't put it passed deep state operatives to sacrifice the life of George Floyd, on purpose or by accident, for the sake of their idea of the "Greater Good." And just like that, Antifa and Black Lives Matter appear right there with people, signs, bricks and weapons all ready to create chaos. They had to have alot of internal support and personnel to pull this off.

We next witness democrat politicians kneeling down to the Black Lives Matter crowd upon demand. All these people are sick. And World Corporate kneels right there with them



(see page 8). Apparently the monster these progressive politicians, liberals and corporatists created scares them to death. This sign of fealty and submission I see as a major warning sign.

If these Black Live Matter/Antifa totalitarians become emboldened to pursue more foolhardy acts of violence and intimidation, we're in for some really awful results. Should they decide to attack the suburban neighborhoods, there will certainly be widespread loss of life. Peaceful communities will not tolerate violence and will defend themselves.

And finally, I kneel only to Jesus Christ, King of Kings, and no other.

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Right?

Besides, this case is different. It's an emergency. It's just temporary, or at least until the new virus enemy goes away — maybe when "herd immunity" occurs or a totally effective vaccine comes to our rescue, or until needed, just in case, to prevent another different pandemic.

Presumably, when those blessed events happen and we don't need to worry anymore, all those contact tracing policies and tools we establish now for "temporarily" interrupting our civil liberties will be dismantled. We can even furlough a huge army of "contact tracers" that are being created especially for this recent occasion, or at least until we need them again.

Or maybe not.

At least that hasn't happened since the time supposedly temporary surveillance enacted to safeguard our nation by the Patriot Act nearly 20 years ago in the wake of 9/11 became weaponized through lack of oversight against our civil liberties.

Although billed as essential to curb the spread of COVID-19, contact tracing should be recognized as a frightening tracking and surveillance program that potentially gives government near-total control of citizens. Those who decline to participate are subject to legal enforcement along with other penalties such as employment ineligibilities.

Once unleashed, ever-expanding privacy-invasive surveillance programs will require law-abiding citizens to submit to monitoring about when, where and with whom they have been.

It's already happening.

In April, New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced plans to hire an army of 17,000 contact tracers.

Even Texas, my wisely chosen home state, has recently signed a $295 million contract with the MTX Group which soon plans to staff up with 4,000 Texas employees, including case investigators, epidemiologists and contact tracers.

Many Texas lawmakers were both surprised and dismayed by our popular Gov. Greg Abbott's swift approval of the appropriation. Sen. Paul Bettencourt, R-Houston, a member of the powerful Senate Finance Committee that writes and oversees the state budget, questions that use of federal dollars. He remarked, "There was no heads-up … $300 million is a big contract by any definition and the fact that it comes through during an emergency period of time may allow it not to have any legislative reviews, but there's going to be a lot of questions about it. This is a concept that has opposition to it."

The bar of entry to qualify for a contact tracing job is low, requiring only that the applicant pass a six-hour-long online training course offered by an authorized organization such as Johns Hopkins.

And ,as a Johns Hopkins training video says: "[E]ach person can make their decisions. This is true unless decisions they make or the things they do can harm someone else. And we all know that this is true. And in the case of contact tracing, it means that people can make their own decisions. But if they're not isolating themselves or not quarantining themselves, that could harm someone else. It does put other people at risk so they do have some limits on their autonomy, or their ability to make their own decisions within the context of contact training."

In other words, in the event that someone is deemed incapable of "voluntarily" making their own decisions, someone that has taken their brief online course must make that decision for them.

Now if this doesn't worry you, let's add contact tracing cellphone app technology to the murky, messy, privacy and control-surrendering mix.

The way this works is that using the embedded geolocation and Bluetooth systems, each cellphone emits unique pings or identifiers. When pings detect each other, they use Bluetooth signal strength to estimate whether the phones' users came close enough, for long enough, to potentially pass on the virus. Later, if either person becomes infected, the app uses the geolocation data (stored on the phone or an external server) to trace everywhere that person went prior to the onset of symptoms. The system then alerts everyone who pinged within range of an infected person during the contagious period that they have been potentially exposed.

App users can expect to be flooded with anxiety-causing notifications ("Alert: You may have been exposed to the virus – self-isolate.")

Also remember that no digital tracking app can guarantee complete anonymity. Although companies such as Apple and Google say they won't allow government agencies to mandate use of apps, that doesn't prevent others like employers and schools, from requiring app participation as a condition of employment or entrance.

Any notion that all this human and electronic invasion of our privacy will be rolled back after the pandemic passes is fantasy. Once surrendered, freedom is lost forever.

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New Strains of Corona-Socialism

"You will not be afraid of the terror by night, Or of the arrow that flies by day; Of the pestilence that stalks in darkness, Or of the destruction that lays waste at noon." Psalm 91:5-6

By Riley J. Hood—Milwaukee County Constitution Party

People are sick of the talk of "opening up," and want the reality. Only the Bernie Bros and ANTIFA like wearing masks, everyone else thinks they reek. But we have COSCO and other stores requiring that customers wear masks as part of socialist distancing. As hard as we are fighting to restore the Republic, the socialists are in a frontal attack to destroy our America. This isn't only company policy; it is also government policy. While people have been focusing on every tangent from Bill Gates to the Illuminati, there are several threats: real and actual.

PCHETA: The Palliative Care and Hospice Education and Training Act (PCHETA) (S.2080/H.R.647) is being promoted to "alleviate workforce shortages in hospice and palliative care organizations because of the COVID-19 "crisis." According to Sarah Buscher, "PCHETA can hardly be a response to this crisis. By the time providers could complete PCHETA training, the COVID-19 crisis will be over." This writer knows PCHETA was authored before COVID-19 was discovered. Hospice profiteers are looking to use the panic to expand their killing business. Recently the HHS Office of Inspector General issued reports about hospices fraudulently enrolling people and providing poor quality care leading to the death: people who could have had years to live. I am more concerned about hospice killing my wife and myself than a newly discovered virus that has a 99.99% survivability rate. In other words, my chances of surviving COVID-19 are much higher than surviving hospice, which is by design meant to put me to death.

HR 6666: The TRACE (Testing, Reaching, And Contacting Everyone) Act introduced by the affirmative action malcontent Bobby Rush, a Democrat from Illinois. This bill hands over, "$100,000,000,000 for fiscal year 2020; and (2) such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal year 2021 and any subsequent fiscal year during which the emergency period continues, " in federal grant dollars to Churches and Medical buildings and mobile units on the pretext that people from underserved communities need additional organizations with the power the place them under quarantine: in order to help them. This could be used to close or restrict Church buildings. So much for the free exercise clause of the First Amendment, and the Wisconsin State Constitution's, "Freedom of worship; liberty of conscience; state religion; public funds. SECTION 18. [As amended Nov. 1982] The right of every person to worship Almighty God according to the dictates of conscience shall never be infringed," The TRACE Act funds a wide range of latitude, it reads, "To authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to award grants to eligible entities to conduct diagnostic testing for COVID–19, and related activities such as contact tracing, through mobile health units and, as necessary, at individuals' residences, and for other purposes." There may be no end to "other purposes."

Other concerns about testing is that when you are "swabbed" your DNA may be entered into a database. Some doctors assert that the tests can and do produce "false positives." In Wisconsin, there was a mandatory vaccination Bill that didn't pass. Wisconsin has an opt-out waver that the Democrats want to eliminate. The 2019 pretext was measles, the 2020 pretext is Covid-19 and we don't have a Covid-19 vaccine yet.

The Milwaukee County Constitution Party asserts that your God-given Rights to Life, and Liberty are always essential. What is never essential is socialism, a foreign, alien ideology. Join us and help us fight the bad guys. You don't have to stand alone.

Physician Heal Thyself

By Mike Jacobs

Psychosis - Also called: psychotic disorder

Description

A mental disorder characterized by a disconnection from reality.

Psychosis may occur as a result of a psychiatric illness like schizophrenia. In other instances, it may be caused by a health condition, medications, or drug use.

Possible symptoms include delusions, hallucinations, talking incoherently, and agitation. The person with the condition usually isn't aware of his or her behavior.

Treatment may include medication and talk therapy.

Common

More than 200,000 US cases per year

Treatable by a medical professional

Requires a medical diagnosis

Lab tests or imaging not required

Critical: needs emergency care

For informational purposes only. Consult your local medical authority for advice.

Sources: Mayo Clinic and others.

It may be time to re-evaluate this definition found online from the Mayo Clinic of the word, "psychosis". Given the events of the past ten weeks, the estimated number of cases listed is off by several orders of magnitude. It may also be time to reevaluate the potential treatment, as a significant number of the victims appear to be from the very field that is proposed to treat this disorder.

What is this psychosis, this delusion, you ask? Well, there are several. Here are a few:

That a viral disease can be stopped, either by isolation or by vaccine, (even though that's NEVER happened).

That the government is responsible to "keep us safe", (even though there is no expressed power delineated in any founding document, no court precedent, no historical precedent, and no conceivable mechanism for the government to do this.)

That a viral disease that 99.9% of its victims survive is worth condemning 20% of Americans to long term structural unemployment, (even though staying at home has proven to spread the disease faster than being employed, and unemployment and poverty are several times more deadly than COVID-19.)

That a mask is an effective means of preventing the spread of the virus, (even though the virus is so small that even the most effective filters on the planet cannot prevent some viral bodies from getting through.)

In the face of this mass psychosis, we are led to believe that staying home, wearing masks, giving up our livelihoods and schools, and counting on the government to feed and shelter and support us is the only "rational" option.

Every time I go out, I see psychotics nervously adjusting their masks, most of which are made of flimsy material as likely to stop a virus as your clothes are to stop the aftermath of too much Taco Bell… Once their mask is adjusted, they go on handling everything in their environment with virus covered hands, convinced that they have done their bit to rid the world of the evil 'Rona, or, at the very least, made sure that THEY won't get it… Yes, some of them are wearing nitrile or vinyl gloves to stay "safe". Except those gloves carry and transfer viruses more efficiently than bare skin…and when these paragons of civic virtue are through signaling that they are down with the struggle against this "biblical plague", they promptly pull them off in parking lots, (usually using no precautions to prevent the transfer of ALL THOSE GERMS from the outside of the gloves to their hands), and drop them on the ground for some "essential employee" to clean up.

Mind you, I'm not using the label 'psychotic" in the pejorative sense. These people truly need help. They need intervention. They are the closest thing to California's sidewalk poopers we typically will see this side of the Rockies… They are mentally ill.

They have allowed their fear of the unknown to cause them to abandon all reason, to the hurt of the entire planet. Over a quarter of a billion people are expected to die of starvation because of the overreaction to this virus. That's one thousand times more people than the worst projections that models gave for Corona Virus deaths.

75,000 people are expected to die of suicide, depression, and just "giving up" in the wake of this shutdown. Who knows how many hundreds of thousands of people will die much sooner than they should have because there was no medical testing going on for treatable conditions for months? Who knows how many hundreds of malnourished Americans will emerge from the other side of this global depression caused by the overreaction?

Is the Corona Virus a threat? Yes. If you catch COVID-19, you have a 0.0595253079% chance of dying from it. In the United States, 0.00406885757% of Americans have caught the disease in the first five months we've known about it. (Who knows how many millions more had it before we even know to look for it?)

Have people been killed by COVID-19? Yes. The highest estimate of Covid-19 deaths currently is 79,926. The CDC lists fewer than 50,000 as of this writing. For perspective, 2017, the latest year that the National Safety Council has published statistics, roughly 40,000 people died in car accidents. Another 65,000 died of "accidental poisoning", (which includes overdose deaths).

Is anyone seriously contending that we need to eliminate automobiles to combat the 40,000 annual deaths from car accidents? No? Then you are obviously an insensitive brute who actively wants people to be dismembered and crushed and horribly burned in car wrecks. Have we shut down the economy and eliminated 20 million jobs to prevent poisoning and drug overdoses? No? Then you must want young people to die in drug houses with needles hanging out of their arms.

Obviously, the foregoing is hyperbole. But it mirrors the reaction that the psychotics running the show are exhibiting toward COVID-19.

The patients are running the asylum.

Premeditated Crime

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that failed to educate them.

The harm America's biggest school systems have inflicted on urban kids who want to learn has gone on for so long that it's tantamount to a premeditated crime against the most disadvantaged children in our society.

Consider the plight of minority students who have no choice but to attend the horrendous public schools in the nation's capitol. For the school year 2010-2011, the District of Columbia Public School District spent nearly $600,000 per classroom of 20 students — $29,345 per pupil, to be exact — yet 8th graders in the District finished dead last in a national proficiency test in math and reading. Dead last! For that school year, DC's public schools were the uncontested winner in the race to the bottom, with every other urban school district in America breathing a sigh of relief that they were edged out as the worst of the worst. From border to border and coast to coast, inner city children are being robbed of a chance to learn by school systems that give little more than lip service to providing disadvantaged kids with a good education.

Spending Money Like It Grows on Trees

Since the 1960s, urban school districts have received astounding sums from the U.S. Department of Education, yet their abysmal results have repeated like a broken record year after year after year. The 2009 stimulus bill signed into law by President Obama allocated $98 billion of additional funding to the DOE, nearly all of which went to the same Democrat-run school systems that have failed decades on end to adequately educate minority children. Despite that intolerable failure, their answer to the problem is always more money. But while children who want, need and deserve a decent chance to learn are getting the educational shaft, school superintendents and legions of other lavishly-paid, off-campus administrators are taking gargantuan bites out of school budgets:

• From 1999-2010, Dr. Beverly Hall was superintendent of Atlanta Public Schools, a system that habitually graduated less than half its high school students. The year before she resigned, Hall was paid a salary of $389,000, plus a chauffeured limousine and other lavish perks. Many big-city school superintendents are paid more than their state's governor. As head of one of the worst performing school districts in American history, the superintendent of Baltimore City Schools is paid $320,000, $50,000 more than Maryland's governor.

• When federal grants — a.k.a. political slush funds — land in their lap, urban school districts squander much of the money on lavish junkets disguised as "education conferences." With one of the lowest high school graduation rates in the Atlanta area, the DeKalb County School District blew through a $382,000 grant from the Obama administration's 2009 stimulus package by treating 184 senior administrators to a relaxing four-day stay at a luxury resort hotel & spa in Hollywood, California.

School Choice: A Way Out for Children Who Want to Learn

The surest way to ensure that inner city children receive a quality education is through federally-funded school choice vouchers. Established in 2004 as a school choice pilot project by President George W. Bush and a Republican Congress, the DC Opportunity Scholarship Program provided thousands of minority students in the nation's capitol with $7,500 scholarships.

The program enabled 1,700 black and Hispanic kids from low-income families to get out of DC's sorry and unsafe public schools, and into the same kind of safe, high-performing private academies attended by the likes of Chelsea Clinton and the Obama daughters. Although the program was enthusiastically supported by eager-to-learn minority kids and their parents, President Obama and Democrats in Congress terminated it in 2010 at the behest of teachers unions, the Democratic Party's most loyal constituency.

Fifty-nine years ago, a black baby who would never set foot in a public school was born to a mother who chose to enroll him in top-rated private academies as he grew up. So what impact did private schooling have on his life? He's done quite well. His name? Barack Obama, who exercised school choice for his own children, but denied it to disadvantaged children in the nation's capitol.

During his 2020 State of the Union address, President Trump used the occasion to announce that Philadelphia 4th-grader Janiyah Davis was being awarded a school choice scholarship. Janiyah and her mother were given seats of honor in the Special Guests section anchored by First Lady Melania Trump.

Janiyah had been on a scholarship waiting list. Speaking to her from the podium, President Trump said, "Janiyah, your long wait is over. I can proudly announce tonight that an Opportunity Scholarship has become available, and it's going to you." As stone-faced Democrats sat on their hands, the announcement was met by a roar of approval from the rest of the audience.

Unfortunately for inner city kids like Janiyah, Democrats at both the federal and state level erect endless hurdles to school choice. Pennsylvania is one of 18 states that accept applications for federal school choice scholarships, but its Democrat governor vetoed legislation that would have expanded school choice to 50,000 children in the state.

The Trump administration is pushing hard for a national, 50-state voucher program for urban kids from low income families, but is obstructed at every turn by Democrats doing the bidding of teachers unions. Democrats eagerly subsidize Planned Parenthood so unborn urban babies can have a womb funeral, yet are fiercely hostile to the idea of providing a first-rate education to black and Hispanic children whose mother chose to give them a shot at life.

The Public School Pecking Order

The following quote is attributed to Albert Shanker, former president of the American Federation of Teachers: "When school children start paying union dues, that's when I'll start representing children." Whether Shanker said that is disputed. But even if he didn't, that's the attitude teachers unions and Democrats have about where children stand in the public school pecking order.

The unholy alliance between Democrats and teachers unions has cynically exploited urban school children for nearly six consecutive decades. The harm they've caused has been so thorough, so devastating that it's hard to conclude anything other than they couldn't care less about the disadvantaged children for whom they piously profess infinite concern.

Below are links to short videos that will break your heart. The first shows eager-to-learn minority students in the nation's capitol literally begging President Obama to save their opportunity scholarships; the second shows a bewildered African American mother asking why oh why did the president she'd enthusiastically supported kill her daughter's school choice scholarship.

The Children

By Alan L. Stewart, Canadian freelance authour

The picture on the right portrays the absolute stupidity of our political masters. What's wrong in the picture?? They've all been sent home to protect them from the deadly virus. Do you see social spacing which could easily be done in schools?? Where is the modern SS the social spacing police? The best part was the tyke in the blue T-shirt. She said to me; 'I miss school, I like math!!' I found a multiplication chart on the net and printed it out for her. One Happy Camper! To add, an economist opined that the tykes in the picture would be paying for the COVID-19 bailout until they were at retirement age.

I think all of this will produce an epiphany, an awakening. With Cuomo and others who shoved people into substandard nursing homes it verges on criminal negligence or 'depraved indifference.' It is time for the people to strike back against these miserable petty tyrants. It is for your children's lives you will do this. General Douglas MacArthur's words when he returned to the Philippines as he had promised are below. This marked the beginning of the end of the tyrants from the land of the Rising Sun.

"Strike at every favorable opportunity. For your homes and hearths,strike! For future generations of your sons and daughters, strike! In the name of your sacred dead, strike! Let no heart be faint. Let every arm be steeled. The guidance of Divine God points the way. Follow in His name to the Holy Grail of righteous victory!

About 20 years ago I picked up a quote from a novel: 'The irony of the information age is that it lends credibility to uninformed opinion.' Perfectly accurate, but one word has to be changed. It is now inflammatory opinion. We are now over at least a generation and a half of children being fed Josef Goebbels Big Lie. Listen to the Spokeschild Greta Thunberg who is being directed by adult masters. 30 years of non-existent Climate Apocalypse. Trillions wasted on virtually useless wind/solar monstrosities. We now live within political systems best described as 'Fiat by Fear.' To compound this is the shift from DDE's military industrial complex to the Scientific political complex. Listen to Fauchi and Birx and then think of the H.G. Wells character, Dr. Moreau. Possibly harsh but at the least consider the Cambridge dictionary definition of the word 'quack,' - a person who dishonestly pretends to have medical skills or knowledge. After well over a century of modern medicine and continual epidemics and pandemics jamming elderly people with multiple comorbidities into minimum quality nursing homes was their final solution. That expression is not new and was a malignant action whereas this version is almost as bad, benevolent ignorance.

Economies are based on trust and confidence and so is medicine. Covid-19 has most certainly destroyed that, at least to any rational thinking person. The entire doctor/hospital patient system is based on confidence. But remember,Medical malpractice insurance is a legal requirement. There should also be a political malpractice insurance requirement. Both groups above knew another pandemic was inevitable and their solution was to send people to jail Let's parse their knowledge or more correctly, lack of. See below.

CDC Website below:

The virus that causes COVID-19 is thought to spread mainly from person to person, mainly through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs. Spread is more likely when people are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet).

It may be possible that a person can get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object, like a packaging container, that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose, or possibly their eyes, but this is not thought to be the main way the virus spreads.

The entire world government's plan to kill the pandemic was not the 'politically correct' social distancing but correctly, a medical spatial separation. There is a certain mechanical sensibility to that plan. By force of law the plans were implemented and the majority of populations had confidence that this was an expert driven plan to protect their lives. But 99% of world populations have never seen the words in red above. Look at the words; 'is thought to,' 'possibly,' 'not thought,' 'may be possible,' 'within about,' 'possibly (again).' Does that instill confidence in you the reader???

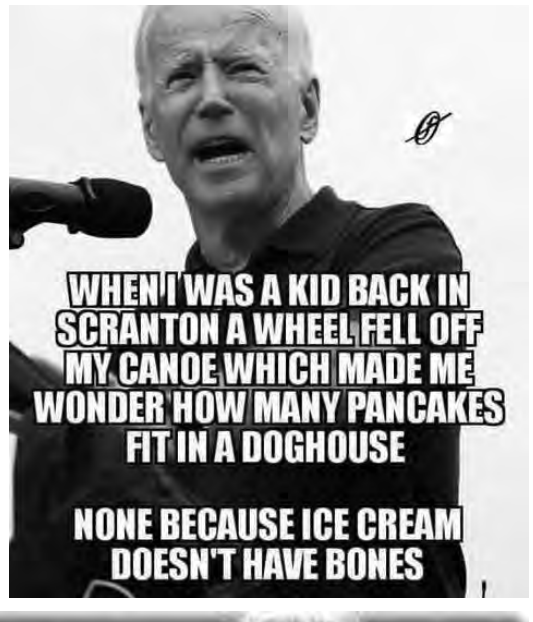
Another factor exists within research. At least 6 reasonably credible sources add the word exhale after coughs or sneezes above. Several sources also (with laboratory tests) state that the viruses are not immediately driven by gravity but can linger airborne for, as one source said, up to 14 minutes. Gravity eventually coats products on store shelves. You should be disinfecting your hands when you leave the store, not when you enter.

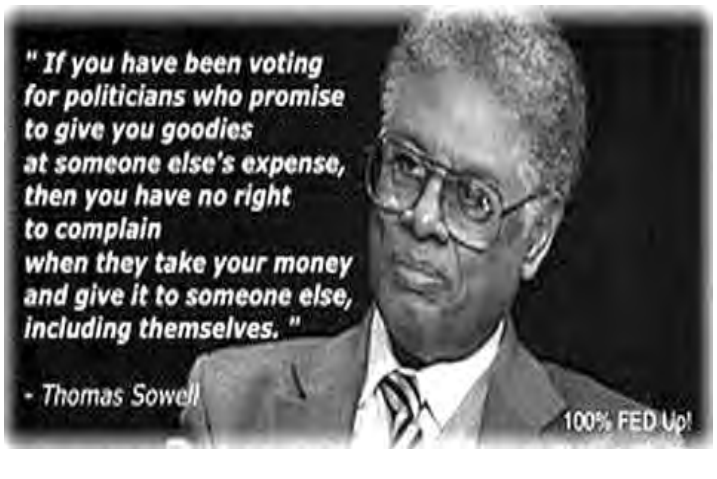
One may surmise that the politicians medical advisors know the above but they spoke in sotto voce as the information destroys the 6' solution and is the road to real panic and absolutely no need for laws as people will automatically shun each other. You're smart people and know the implications of that scenario. There is a tiny possibility though that they have kept their mouth's shut understanding that. So difficult as most are inflicted with the Warhol 15 Syndrome on steroids. They are and will beat their breasts – 'Our plan saved millions,' and yes they will say millions.(contrapose statements that Trump has killed millions) Let's repeat the words, nursing homes, nursing homes. The sick irony is healthy people being arrested in parks, beaches and hiking trails with 60-600 foot separations. Lord Acton, power corrupts…. vs intelligence. Everything was done with eyes wide shut.

COVID-19 is utterly a debacle of the first water. It is an abject failure of communication and Lord Baden Powell's Boy Scout motto: Be Prepared. The 1918 Spanish Flu (properly the Fort Riley Kansas flu) was airborne. The Hong Kong Flu (1968 – 1,000,000+ deaths) was airborne. SARS, HINI et al were airborne. Some governors are maintaining the people's jail sentence will remain until there is a vaccine. Read this: SARS-CoV-2, also known as the 2019 novel coronavirus, was shortened to COVID-19. SARS-CoV-1 was identified in 2003. The search for a vaccine has been underway for 17 years.

In December of 2019 when the first reports of C-19 came out; 'We're not sure it can be passed between humans' was an initial statement. We've had worst case scenarios jammed down our throats for decades about Climate Change. It is all based on the 'Precautionary Principle basically preparing for problems decades in the future. To use the CDC's favorite word, possible – the possibility of human transmission should have been automatically considered. Seniors will remember Duck and Cover in the 50s – 60s. That was the mantra for Civil Defense preparedness in the event of a nuclear attack. An actual existential threat not like the ersatz Climate Change. In reality it was facile – KYA Goodbye was closer to the mark. But, at least, there was a plan.

In summary there is this. A survivor of the 1918 flu said this; ' There is no such thing as safe. No one is safe.' The only possible way to provide a modicum of safety for your children is to paint the map red on November 3rd, 2020. Heed MacArthur's words, strike, strike, strike.







YEP: COVID-19: China says Wuhan wet market was site of 'superspreader' event, not ground zero. Yeah, it leaked from the lab, didn't it?

So here's a thought: What elevated this in my mind from "oh, the annual rumors of a new disease outbreak in China" to "holy crap, better pay attention" was the Chinese government's own rather dramatic response. Hypothesis: They knew it had leaked from the lab, but weren't sure yet which infectious agent had leaked from the lab, hence the dramatic response, more appropriate to a much deadlier disease. Second hypothesis: From this, we can assume that there is a worse infectious agent in that lab. Or at least that there was.

Monkeys took CV-19 Blood tests from medical tech taking them to lab in India. Moneys seen drinking the test samples near-by. Well, that does'nt sound good.





Locks and Chains, Hobbles and Handcuffs

By Viv Forbes

The Lockdown Depression is rushing towards us. Many in politics, media and industry are digging the hole deeper, some through panic and ignorance, others cynically pushing anti-industry agendas or serving vested interests.

We will never rebuild our industries and jobs with locks, chains, hobbles, handcuffs or handouts. We need to recognise the realities of history, geography, geology and economics.

Australia is a huge dry continent with an empty heart - over 70% is desert, indigenous land or national parks. Outback mines provide some income and employment but a huge area does little to employ, feed or clothe Australians. Too much land is a haven for weeds, pests and bushfires, a no-go zone for water conservation or mineral exploration, and a magnet for over-populated neighbours.

The foundations for today's Australia were built by aboriginals, explorers, miners, farmers and foresters. The first European explorers marvelled at the vast grasslands and open forests which were created and maintained by frequent aboriginal fires. Then prospectors, miners, drovers and settlers blazed the first wagon tracks and droving trails. Foresters followed to harvest timber thus clearing land for small farms in fertile coastal areas. The mighty Cobb and Co had a policy to "Follow the Gold" and their coach tracks became roads, and their supply stations became towns. The overland telegraph crossed the continent and railways and road trains replaced horse-powered coaches, camel trains and bullock wagons.

Miners built towns and roads everywhere - Mt Isa, Cloncurry, Cooktown, Charters Towers, Mungana, Mount Morgan, Collinsville, Newlands, Moranbah, Dysart, Blair Athol, Blackwater, Anakie, Sapphire, Gympie, Callide, Ipswich, Stanthorpe, Stannum, Broken Hill, Silverton, Cobar, Newcastle, Yallourn, Wonthaggi, Clunes, Ballarat, Bendigo, Renison, Mt Lyell, Roseberry, Whyalla, Port Pirie, Leigh Creek, Lightning Ridge, Moonta, Burra, Coober Pedy, Olympic Dam, Kalgoorlie, Coolgardie, Collie, Laverton, Leonora, Marble Bar, Argyle, Dampier, Port Hedland, Halls Creek, Rum Jungle, Pine Creek, Tennant Creek, Groote Eylandt, Weipa and many more. The taxes paid by mines and their employees supported an ever-growing government/welfare sector and their profits funded smelters, refineries and fabricators processing iron and steel, copper, lead, zinc and aluminium.

Our farmers and graziers fed the miners and the rest of the country.

These backbone industries have always carried Australia through wars, droughts, depressions and epidemics. When gold bottomed, wool boomed. Then wheat, beef, mutton, cotton, sugar and rice buffered the cycles in base metal prices; then iron and coal became our backstop industries.

But these work-horses are now heavily handicapped by locked gates and no-go zones, green hobbles, inadequate education in engineering and science, expensive electricity, excessive taxes, and export tariffs, barriers and red tape. Government handouts will create nothing but debt and dependency. Our real industries could pull us out of the looming Lockdown Depression but they must be set free to do it.

The first step is to break the Green manacles on Australia's backbone industries – exploration, mining and agriculture. Mineral deposits are where you find them - their discovery and development cannot be planned by some bureaucratic model. And it is a scandal that a mining project can take ten years or forever to get through the bloated bureaucracy. Agriculture needs water, so build more dams. And stop prosecuting and fining farmers and graziers for managing their own land and vegetation – this neglect and oppression is sowing the seeds of rural revolt. Kyoto must be unwound.

Secondly, people hesitate to develop businesses or improve assets on insecure title. Governments should quickly offer all leasehold and indigenous land-owners individual freehold title to their lands on attractive terms. Then abolish the capitals gains tax so that aging owners are encouraged to sell to new owners who will immediately start thinking of productive capital improvements.

Thirdly, convert half of the land frozen in National Parks and reserves to freehold forestry, grazing or nature tourism. Locking up so much land for weeds, pests and bushfires is criminal waste.

Fourthly, industry needs low cost reliable power. We must ensure that EVERY electricity generator who connects to the grid can supply reliable 24/7 power using their own backup facilities or via firm contracts.

Finally, abandon the Zero Emissions farce. Bullock-drawn wagons, camel trains and horse teams may achieve the zero emissions dream but they will not keep our cities fed - there are no electric tractors, dozers or road trains.

This Lockdown Depression is giving us a taste of "Zero Emissions". It is a bitter taste. It leads to unemployment and poverty with no proven benefits for nature or the climate.

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discussion, including economists, biologists and epidemiologists, to hear different voices. In Britain, it was the voice of one person – Neil Ferguson – who has a history of coming up with projections that are a bit odd. The government did not convene a meeting with people who have different ideas, different projections, to discuss his projection. If it had done that, it could have seen where the fundamental flaw was in the so-called models used by Neil Ferguson. His paper was published eventually, in medRxiv. The assumption was that one per cent of all people who became infected would die. There is no justification anywhere for that.

Let us say the epidemic runs with a basic reproduction rate of around two. Eventually 80 per cent of the population will be immune, because they have been infected at some point in time. Eighty per cent of the British population would be something like 50million. One per cent of them dying is 500,000. That is where Ferguson's number came from.

But we knew from the very beginning that neither in Wuhan nor in South Korea did one per cent of all people infected die. South Korea has 60million people. It is about the same size as the UK. How many deaths were in South Korea? Did they shut down? No. The South Korean government was extremely proud to have resisted pressure to drop the very basic concepts of democracy.

The epidemic in South Korea was over by March, the number of cases was down by 13 March. In Wuhan they also did not shut down the economy. Wuhan had restricted travel out of the city. They stopped train services and blocked the roads. They did not restrict anything social within the city until very late. We have seen, then, in Wuhan and South Korea, if you do not do anything, the epidemic is over in three weeks.

Knowing that the epidemic would be over in three weeks, and the number of people dying would be minor, just like a normal flu, the governments started shutting down in mid-March. Why? Because somebody pulled it out of his head that one per cent of all infected would die. One could argue that maybe one per cent of all cases would die. But one per cent of all people infected does not make any sense. And we had that evidence by mid-March.

spiked: Just to clarify, cases are different from people infected?

Wittkowski: Cases means people who have symptoms that are serious enough for them to go to a hospital or get treated. Most people have no symptoms at all. But waking up with a sore throat one day is not a case. A case means that someone showed up in a hospital.

spiked: The UK government was also heavily influenced by the situation in Italy. Why did that go so wrong?

Wittkowski: What we saw in Italy was that the virus was hitting those who were both old and had comorbidities, so lots of people died. But the median age of those who died in Italy was around 81 years. It is not that children or working people were dying. It was the elderly in nursing homes – not even the elderly living by themselves mostly. We saw lots of deaths and that scared people. But then, Italy did an illogical thing. It closed schools so that the schoolchildren were isolated and did not get infected and did not become immune. Instead, the virus spread almost exclusively among the old, causing more deaths and a higher utilisation of hospitals. And that is mind-boggling.

Very early on, we knew from China and we knew from South Korea that this is an epidemic that runs its course, and there was nothing special about it. But when it hit Italy, we stopped thinking about it as an age-stratified problem, and instead lumped everyone all together. The idea that if we did not shut down the schools the hospitals would have been overwhelmed does not make any sense. I frankly still cannot fully understand how our governments can be so stupid.

spiked: Governments say they are following the science. Is that really true?

Wittkowski: They have the scientists on their side that depend on government funding. One scientist in Germany just got $500million from the government, because he always says what the government wants to hear.

Scientists are in a very strange situation. They now depend on government funding, which is a trend that has developed over the past 40 years. Before that, when you were a professor at a university, you had your salary and you had your freedom. Now, the university gives you a desk and access to the library. And then you have to ask for government money and write grant applications. If you are known to criticise the government, what does that do to your chance of getting

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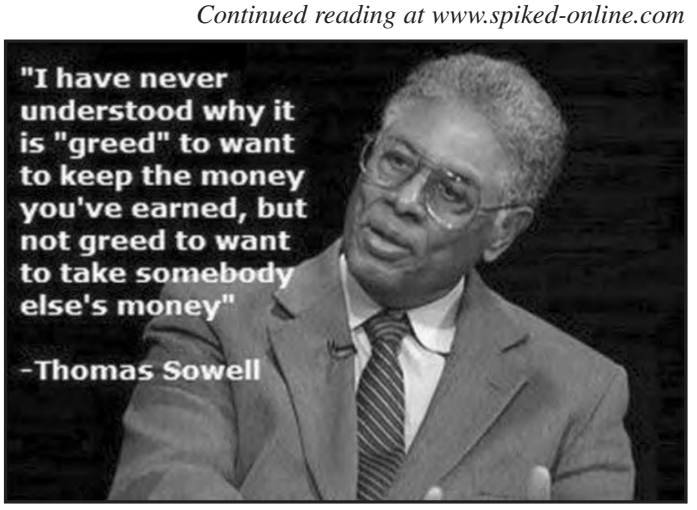

WILL, Archbishop Listecki Ask Supreme Court to Expand Religious Liberty Protections

Court May Revisit Key Decision in Fulton v. City of Philadelphia

The News: The Wisconsin Institute for Law & Liberty (WILL) ?led an amicus brief in the U.S. Supreme Court on behalf of Jerome Listecki, Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, in Fulton v. City of Philadelphia, a landmark religious liberty case. WILL and Archbishop Listecki urge the Supreme Court to interpret the Free Exercise Clause of the First Amendment to provide robust protections to religious adherents by overturning Employment Division v. Smith, a case that made it dif?cult for those who object to laws that require them to violate their consciences to obtain relief in court.

Get Up to Speed: The case involves a decision by the City of Philadelphia to forbid Catholic Social Services ("CSS") from participating in foster care services as a result of the Catholic Church's longstanding views on marriage and CSS's unwillingness to provide written endorsements of same-sex couples for foster care. Whether the City of Philadelphia can penalize a religious entity precisely for acting on their sincerely held beliefs is the matter before the Court.

The Quote: Archbishop Jerome Listecki of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee said, "Religious liberty is a bedrock freedom in the United States. It is our hope that the U.S. Supreme Court ensures that people of faith can participate in critical civic and social services without discrimination."

WILL President and General Counsel Rick Esenberg said, "Smith has made religious freedom a second-class right. The Supreme Court has an historic opportunity to correct this."

WILL's Perspective: WILL President Rick Esenberg and Deputy Counsel Anthony LoCoco encourage the Court to reassess its approach to analyzing claims that a law impermissibly burdens a religious adherent's conscience.

In the words of one Supreme Court justice, Smith "drastically cut back on the protection provided by the Free Exercise Clause." The Court now has a chance to ?x this mistake.

The Smith Court expressed some reluctance to provide strong conscience protections for fear it would lead to "anarchy." WILL points out that Wisconsin courts have long applied strict scrutiny to laws that burden the free exercise of religion, and no such pandemonium has resulted.

Supporting political positions carries risks of injuring rights for all sides and may silence them in the future

In a few weeks, one of two things will have happened. Either covid-19 cases will abruptly reverse their decline in some of America's largest cities, and we will know that they were seeded by the days of rage we are living through .?.?. or they won't. Either way, social distancing is over.

In the happy scenario, the protests will have performed an enormous public service, even beyond agitating for justice. They are basically running a natural experiment that scientists could never have ethically undertaken: Do massive outside gatherings — including singing, chanting, screaming and coughing — spread covid-19, or not? Along with evidence from the Memorial Day weekend parties at Missouri's Lake of the Ozarks, they may well demonstrate, once and for all, that the risk of spreading covid-19 outdoors is negligible. At which point, throw open the bar patios and backyard barbecues! Bring on the beach-blanket bingo! Move church pews into the parking lot and sing away!

Unfortunately, it's also grimly plausible that in a few weeks we'll see new outbreaks that will soon surge out of control, taking many American lives. Because we'll never be able to lock down our cities again; once you've let the cat out of the bag, kitty won't allow himself to be stuffed back in. . . .

First, as was pointed out when red states and cities were protesting, you may have every right to risk your own death, but with infectious disease, protesters also risk killing other people, who might not have volunteered to die for your cause. Which brings us to the second caveat: In a diverse and highly pluralistic society, authorities don't get to declare some causes worthy and others worthless. . . .

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The Right Time to Use this 4-Letter Word



UhOh! OhNo! OhMy! Ouch! Pray!

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By Riley J. Hood-Milwaukee County Constitution Party

Our position on civil government is straightforward. Law is not to make sure the, "squeaky wheel gets the grease," LAW exists to restrain the Lawless. We support the Rule of Law. We are committed to having the Civil Government once again punish criminals, as opposed to abetting them.

We affirm that the many things government does is a usurpation of family and church government, but punishing criminals is the civil government's job, per Romans 13:1-7. We believe in placing limits on criminal behavior, and not on liberty. Tom Barrett's curfew punished the innocent, and then it wasn't applied to the guilty. "Racism" is no excuse, you have no right to riot, because a suspected black criminal in Minnesota died in Police custody. Milwaukee's "peaceful protests" are violent and destructive, and supported by the very same demagogues who called Americans "privileged white people," for protesting the corona-lock-down, and demanding your arrest, because those peaceful protests were "mostly white men." The latest "protests" are black led "protests" block traffic and vandalize businesses. They are riots, and should be punished, by whatever means necessary.

Archbishop Viganò's powerful letter *cont. from page 1*

who, although they have a thousand defects and weaknesses, are motivated by the desire to do good, to be honest, to raise a family, to engage in work, to give prosperity to their homeland, to help the needy, and, in obedience to the Law of God, to merit the Kingdom of Heaven. On the other hand, there are those who serve themselves, who do not hold any moral principles, who want to demolish the family and the nation, exploit workers to make themselves unduly wealthy, foment internal divisions and wars, and accumulate power and money: for them the fallacious illusion of temporal well-being will one day – if they do not repent – yield to the terrible fate that awaits them, far from God, in eternal damnation.

In society, Mr. President, these two opposing realities co-exist as eternal enemies, just as God and Satan are eternal enemies. And it appears that the children of darkness – whom we may easily identify with the deep state which you wisely oppose and which is fiercely waging war against you in these days – have decided to show their cards, so to speak, by now revealing their plans. They seem to be so certain of already having everything under control that they have laid aside that circumspection that until now had at least partially concealed their true intentions. The investigations already under way will reveal the true responsibility of those who managed the Covid emergency not only in the area of health care but also in politics, the economy, and the media. We will probably find that in this colossal operation of social engineering there are people who have decided the fate of humanity, arrogating to themselves the right to act against the will of citizens and their representatives in the governments of nations.

We will also discover that the riots in these days were provoked by those who, seeing that the virus is inevitably fading and that the social alarm of the pandemic is waning, necessarily have had to provoke civil disturbances, because they would be followed by repression which, although legitimate, could be condemned as an unjustified aggression against the population. The same thing is also happening in Europe, in perfect synchrony. It is quite clear that the use of street protests is instrumental to the purposes of those who would like to see someone elected in the upcoming presidential elections who embodies the goals of the deep state and who expresses those goals faithfully and with conviction. It will not be surprising if, in a few months, we learn once again that hidden behind these acts of vandalism and violence there are those who hope to profit from the dissolution of the social order so as to build a world without freedom: Solve et Coagula, as the Masonic adage teaches.

Although it may seem disconcerting, the opposing alignments I have described are also found in religious circles. There are faithful Shepherds who care for the flock of Christ, but there are also mercenary infidels who seek to scatter the flock and hand the sheep over to be devoured by ravenous wolves. It is not surprising that these mercenaries are allies of the children of darkness and hate the children of light: just as there is a deep state, there is also a deep church that betrays its duties and forswears its proper commitments before God. Thus the Invisible Enemy, whom good rulers fight against in public affairs, is also fought against by good shepherds in the ecclesiastical sphere. It is a spiritual battle, which I spoke about in my recent Appeal which was published on May 8.

For the first time, the United States has in you a President who courageously defends the right to life, who is not ashamed to denounce the persecution of Christians throughout the world, who speaks of Jesus Christ and the right of citizens to freedom of worship. Your participation in the March for Life, and more recently your proclamation of the month of April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month, are actions that confirm which side you wish to fight on. And I dare to believe that both of us are on the same side in this battle, albeit with different weapons.

For this reason, I believe that the attack to which you were subjected after your visit to the National Shrine of Saint John Paul II is part of the orchestrated media narrative which seeks not to fight racism and bring social order, but to aggravate dispositions; not to bring justice, but to legitimize violence and crime; not to serve the truth, but to favor one political faction. And it is disconcerting that there are Bishops – such as those whom I recently denounced – who, by their words, prove that they are aligned on the opposing side. They are subservient to the deep state, to globalism, to aligned thought, to the New World Order which they invoke ever more frequently in the name of a universal brotherhood which has nothing Christian about it, but which evokes the Masonic ideals of those want to dominate the world by driving God out of the courts, out of schools, out of families, and perhaps even out of churches.

The American people are mature and have now understood how much the mainstream media does not want to spread the truth but seeks to silence and distort it, spreading the lie that is useful for the purposes of their masters. However, it is important that the good – who are the majority – wake up from their sluggishness and do not accept being deceived by a minority of dishonest people with unavowable purposes. It is necessary that the good, the children of light, come together and make their voices heard. What more effective way is there to do this, Mr. President, than by prayer, asking the Lord to protect you, the United States, and all of humanity from this enormous attack of the Enemy? Before the power of prayer, the deceptions of the children of darkness will collapse, their plots will be revealed, their betrayal will be shown, their frightening power will end in nothing, brought to light and exposed for what it is: an infernal deception.

Mr. President, my prayer is constantly turned to the beloved American nation, where I had the privilege and honor of being sent by Pope Benedict XVI as Apostolic Nuncio. In this dramatic and decisive hour for all of humanity, I am praying for you and also for all those who are at your side in the government of the United States. I trust that the American people are united with me and you in prayer to Almighty God.

United against the Invisible Enemy of all humanity, I bless you and the First Lady, the beloved American nation, and all men and women of good will.

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The 'Liberal Leaning' Media Has Passed Its Tipping Point

A return to balance would be commercially unviable. The best solution may be an honest embrace of bias.

By Van Gordon Sauter, WSJ

About 35 years ago I was sitting at lunch next to Jeane Kirkpatrick, a onetime Democrat who became a foreign-policy adviser to President Reagan and later U.S. ambassador to the United Nations. She was lamenting what she called the "liberal leaning" media. As the president of CBS News, I assured her it was only a "liberal tilt" and could be corrected.

"You don't understand," she scolded. "It's too late."

Kirkpatrick was prophetic. The highly influential daily newspapers in New York, Washington, Los Angeles and Boston are now decidedly liberal. On the home screen, the three broadcast network divisions still have their liberal tilt. Two of the three leading cable news sources are unrelentingly liberal in their fear and loathing of President Trump.

News organizations that claim to be neutral have long been creeping leftward, and their loathing of Mr. Trump has accelerated the pace. The news media is catching up with the liberalism of the professoriate, the entertainment industry, upscale magazines and the literary world. Recent arrivals are the late-night TV hosts who have broken the boundaries of what was considered acceptable political humor for networks.

To many journalists, objectivity, balance and fairness—once the gold standard of reporting—are not mandatory in a divided political era and in a country they believe to be severely flawed. That assumption folds neatly into their assessment of the president. To the journalists, including more than a few Republicans, he is a blatant vulgarian, an incessant prevaricator, and a dangerous leader who should be ousted next January, if not sooner. Much of journalism has become the clarion voice of the "resistance," dedicated to ousting the president, even though he was legally elected and, according to the polls, enjoys the support of about 44% of likely 2020 voters.

This poses significant problems not only for Mr. Trump but for the media's own standing. If Mr. Trump prevails in November, what's the next act, if any, for journalists and the resistance? They will likely find Mr. Trump more dangerous and offensive in a second term than in the first.

More important, how will a large segment of the public ever put stock in journalism it considers hostile to the country's best interests? Unfortunately, dominant media organizations have bonded with another large segment of the public—one that embraces its new approach. Pulling back from anti-Trump activism could prove commercially harmful.

On the other hand, how would the media respond to a Joe Biden victory (beyond exhilaration)? Will Mr. Biden be subjected to the rigor and skepticism imposed on Mr. Trump? Will he get a pass because he is a liberal and "not Trump"? The media's protective coverage of the sexual-assault allegation against Mr. Biden is perhaps a clear and concerning preview to how his presidency would be covered.

The media seems uninterested in these issues of bias. But wouldn't a softening of its editorial orientation bring new readers or viewers? Probably not. The growth of new customers would be more than offset by the defection of outraged members of the current audience. The news media seems very comfortable with its product and ability to sell it.

There's probably no way to seal the gap between the media and a large segment of the public. The media likes what it is doing. Admires it. Celebrates it. There is no personal, professional or financial reason to change. If anything, the gap will expand. Ultimately, the media finds the "deplorables" deplorable.

Dan Abrams, ABC's chief legal-affairs anchor and founder of the website Mediaite, has a novel but valuable idea for the media—candor. Speaking to the matter at February's Rancho Mirage Writers Festival, Mr. Abrams said "I think the first thing that would help . . . is to admit . . . that the people in the media are left of center."

It would be delightful if a publisher, an editor, a reporter, would just say: Yes, I am left of center! I'm proud of it. I think our reporting is accurate. It best serves the public. And the credibility of the media. So there!

Publications open about their bias might feel freer to focus on the specifics: story selection, presentation, facts, fairness, balance. Not devoid of subtlety for sure, but manageable.

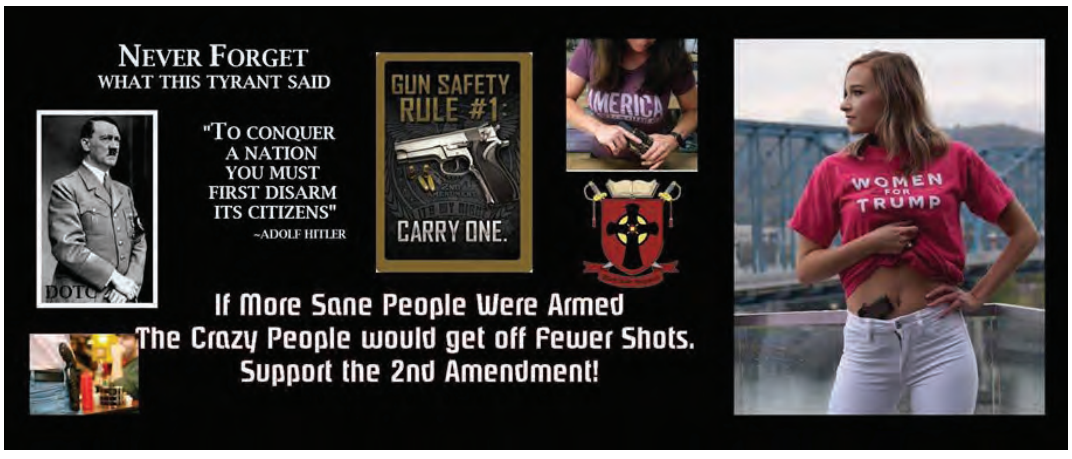
Journalism affects social cohesion. Convinced of its role and its legitimacy, however, the media doesn't seem to much care. And the other side can certainly enjoy throwing rotten tomatoes at distant targets.

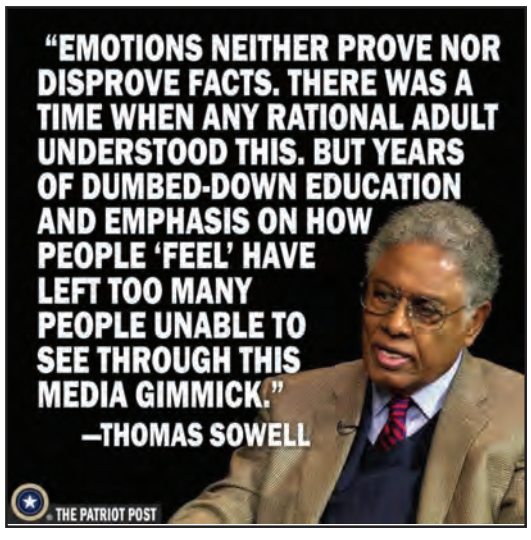
But America won't reunite until far more people can look at a news story in print or on the screen and, of all things, believe it.

Mr. Sauter was president of CBS News, 1982-83 and 1986.











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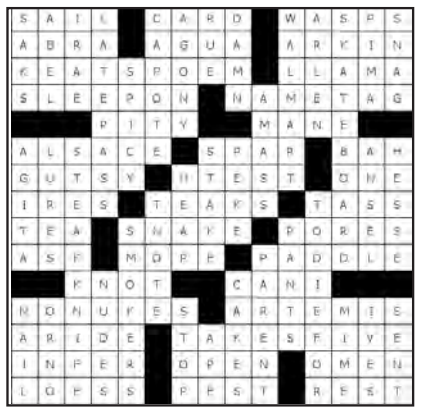

One Nation Under God

Peter Barnes on the Pre-Born

"For thou hast processed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb." Psalm 139:13

By Riley J. Hood—Milwaukee County Constitution Party

Dr. Peter Barnes is a Presbyterian pastor who lives in Sydney, Australia. He was a missionary in Vanuatu, he also ministered on the Nambucca River in northern NSW. He is currently pastor at Revesby Presbyterian Church. He lectures in Church History at the Presbyterian Theological College in Burwood. He is married to Lyn and they have six children.

Peter Barnes said of John Powell's book, The Silent Holocaust, "This description is tragically apt, as the treatment of unborn children in the Western democracies can indeed be compared with the treatment of Jews in Nazi Germany." Barnes described the process of de-humanization and murder, "The unborn child has been labeled a protoplasmic mass or fetal tissue, while abortion itself has been called a method of post-conceptive fertility control." "For early pregnancies, there is the dilation and curettage technique (D&C). The cervix is first dilated, and a tube is inserted into the mother's uterus. This tube is attached to a suction apparatus that tears the little baby apart and deposits him in a jar. A curette is then used to scrape the wall of the uterus to remove any parts of the baby's body that might still be present."

Barnes lamented, "In many places, girls as young as eleven have had abortions; and fourteen-year-olds have returned for their second operation." He further stated, "There are government-sponsored campaigns against smoking by pregnant women because the practice could harm the infant. Unborn children involved in automobile accidents have even secured compensation through the law courts. Yet no action has been taken against the practice of killing the unborn child." He cited the popularity of abortion in the UK, the US and Australia, "one child out of every three or four conceived is deliberately put to death in the womb." "In the United States, for example, perhaps as many as fifteen million died in the ten years following 1973. Based on these figures, it is calculated that the number of babies killed through abortion in four months is approximately equal to the number of Americans killed during the whole of World War II. The womb has become more deadly than the battlefield."

Rev. Barnes defends the faith, "We do well to remember the important principle laid down by the Westminster Confession of Faith: The whole counsel of God concerning all things necessary for His glory, man's salvation, faith and life, is either expressly set down in Scripture, or by good and necessary consequence may be deduced from Scripture." Rev. Barnes asserts that "The Scriptures, as the Word of God, consistently refer to the unborn child as a human being. Every child in the womb is fearfully and wonderfully made by God (Job 31:15; Ps.139:13-16; Isa 44:2, 24; Jer.1:5) in a way that we can never completely understand (Ecc.11:5)."

The Milwaukee County Constitution Party agrees with Pastor Barnes. The veterans in our affiliate point out that Barnes referred to the "war on the unborn" and we further point out that while other countries introduced abortion, people around the world are looking at Americans to do end the murder. We are asking Christians, Vets and real Americans to sign the Pre-Born Can't Petition and send it in to Tony Evers.



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obvious to you that ending police brutality rises to a level of importance that, say, church services don't. But the impossibility of rank-ordering competing ideas about what is "most important" is the reason liberal democracy had to be invented. If you were a religious believer, you might rank church higher; if you were about to lose your house unless your business reopened, you might put nail salons high up on the list.

As individuals, we can make those distinctions. But our authorities may not except on broadly neutral terms. Some public officials seem to imagine that if they can distinguish between selling food and offering Communion, they must also have the authority to make even finer distinctions: allowing people to exercise their First Amendment right to protest police brutality, while circumscribing their First Amendment right to worship in public. Legally, I doubt it, but I'm quite positive that courts won't let governments distinguish between assembling to protest police brutality and assembling to protest public health policy.

One can, of course, argue that there's a moral difference. But moral distinctions have no force outside the community that makes them. However satisfying it feels to call one sort of protest "suicidal," "reckless" and "mind-bogglingly selfish," while describing the other as a noble and necessary fight against injustice, this will not restrain the disdained. Indeed, the perceived hypocrisy will deafen them to anything said after that.

Yep. The public health experts had one shot,

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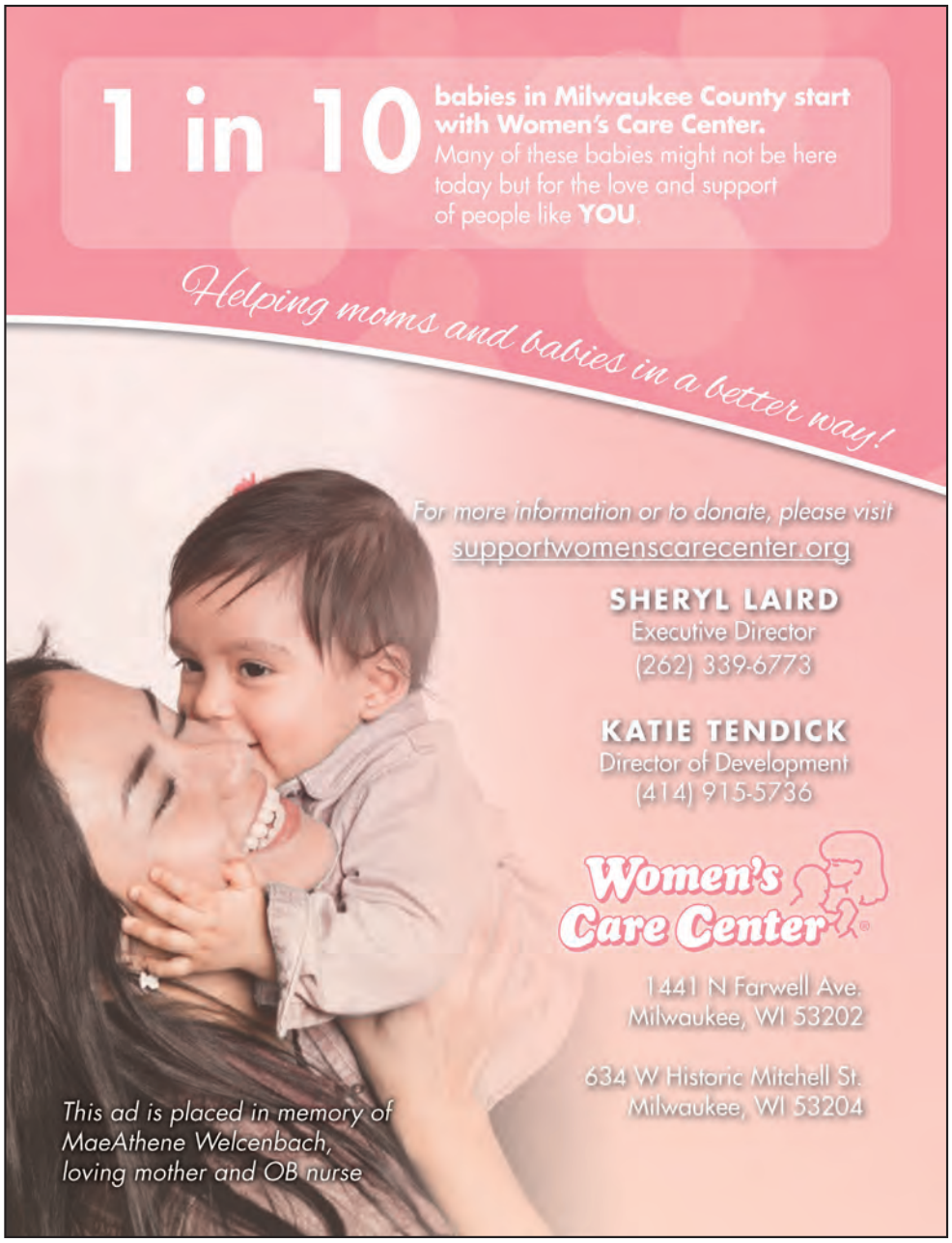

The Incorporated Church: The Worst of Both Worlds

"And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence." Colossians 1:18

By Riley J. Hood-Milwaukee County Constitution Party

For the last 100 years, the majority of Churches have been incorporated at the State level, and since 1954, most Churches pulpits are further controlled at the Federal level through the IRS 501(C)-3 Regulation. Both these models introduced the corporation; a "creature of Caesar." The Civil Government heads the Church Inc. Under the State Church model, you have State Control, plus State support. It leads to nominalism and corruption, but it staves off a socialist disaster which has happened in Europe, because all those State Churches were disestablished after the French Revolution. In America today you have State Control, coupled with a lack of State support and State-hostility. The State engages in extortion; by telling Pastors if you preach on certain things, you will lose your incorporated status. This is truly the worst of both worlds.

Do I want to a State Church? I have been accused of this by homosexuals who can't abide the name of Jesus Christ. I favor the Free Church, with no taxation and no regulation. What has America endured since 1954 as a result of the Church being muzzled?

The removal of the Ten Commandments. Abortion, through the US Supreme Court's decisions, Roe v. Wade, Doe v. Bolton and Casey v. Planned Parenthood. Sodomy through the Lawrence v. Texas decision and "same-sex Marriage" via the Obergefell decision. Mainline denominations promoting evil and socialism because the civil government says it is okay now. The Evangelical and Fundamentalist Churches answer is non-participation, neutrality and escapism. After demonstrating that their uselessness, is it any wonder they have been classified as non-essential, and have been closed by edicts from Governors?

Before 1954; every Political Party, except the Communist Party appealed to Christianity as the basis for their support. Even the Socialists, while riddled with Atheists, Evolutionists, and Agnostics still appealed to Christianity and promoted religious freedom as a differentiator between themselves and the Communists. Today, most parties are atheistic.

Regarding the Milwaukee County Constitution Party, our stands do come from the US Constitution and Declaration of Independence; but we put the Bible over and above our nation's founding documents. We respect the founding fathers, but we are not a cult of the founding fathers, and we assert that skepticism isn't improved by putting the term "Jeffersonian" in front of it. In the election of 1800, the Presbyterian minister William Linn preached, "to vote for Jefferson is to sin against God." Election sermons were common, not only teaching right principle from the pulpit, but instructing the congregation on where each candidate stood. The "lesser of two evils," was not a consideration. Today, the buildings are empty, and a few Christians are having ad hoc meetings in homes: underground. The IRS wouldn't intimidate Churches if the IRS didn't exist. The same thing applies to the Governor's dictatorial powers. We mean to end government interference in Church matters, because we think America needs more bold preaching, not less. Finally, at the Constitution Party, you don't have to check your Christianity at the door.

VOICE OF JERUSALEM

Abbas's empty, worn-out threats

By Caroline Glick

Tuesday evening, Palestinian Authority and PLO Chairman Mahmoud Abbas announced that the PA is renouncing the peace deals it signed with Israel along with its agreements with the United States. According to several left-leaning Israeli television commentators and retired generals, his speech was an earthquake. It was a calamity of epic proportions. Most importantly, it was a reason to bury the government's plan to apply Israeli law to the Israeli communities in Judea and Samaria and to the Jordan Valley.

But the truth is not at all what they claim. This isn't an earthquake. It isn't even a hiccup. It isn't a calamity. It just a tired, recycled, empty threat.

Abbas had no problem remembering his lines Tuesday night because he's given the same speech, word for word a half dozen times, (aside from the throw away sentence blasting President Donald Trump's peace plan and Israel's sovereignty plan). The first time Abbas gave it was in September 2015 in his address to the UN General Assembly.

As was the case Tuesday night, so every other time Abbas gave this speech, shortly after he walked offstage, Israeli leftists said the sky is falling. But then the truth started filtering in.

After the first news cycle passed, Abbas's lackies clarified that he didn't mean it. There is no plan to make his declaration operative. He's just trying to send a message – that is, a threat – to Israel and America.

The same state of affairs prevailed following Tuesday's "I'm ditching the peace deals" speech. After the Israeli media and the leftist former generals wailed and sounded dire warnings about what will befall the country if the government doesn't abandon all of its plans, the Palestinians made clear that this week too, he didn't mean it. Abbas's advisors and lackeys said it was simply his way of "warning" Israel and America. For their part, local leaders and militia chiefs shrugged their shoulders and said they heard about the speech from the Israeli media.

Set aside for a moment the fact that Abbas's speech this week was a complete joke. And consider what would actually happen if he implemented his declaration and officially abrogated all the agreements he and his predecessor Yassir Arafat signed with Israel since 1993.

The fact is that nothing would change at all.

Since 1994, when they began governing the Palestinian areas in Judea and Samaria and Gaza by force of the agreements they signed with Israel, the Palestinians have systematically and continuously breached every single substantive commitment they made to Israel. Most notably, the Palestinians agreed to fight terror. Instead, for the past 27 years the Palestinian Authority under both Arafat and Abbas has incited, financed and directed terrorism against Israel.

In every sphere of authority Israel transferred the Palestinian Authority has used its powers — military and civilian – not to govern Palestinians and advance the cause of peace, but to wage a multidimensional war against the Jewish state and its citizens. From diplomacy to planning and zoning, from sewage treatment to education and religious affairs, the PA has continuously breached every article and annex in the agreements it signed with Israel in order to harm the Jewish State and its citizens.

So again, if Abbas actually carries through on his tired threat and cancels the agreements, it won't make a bit of difference to anyone. Those deals have all been long been dead in the water.

One of Abbas's lines that always gets terrifies Israeli leftists is his threat to cut off security cooperation between Palestinian security forces and Israeli security forces. The Israeli left's Pavlovian response to that is to say that if that happens, rivers of blood will flow and anyone who doesn't immediately give in to all of Abbas's demands, they say, will have the blood of Israeli soldiers and civilians on their hands.

Setting aside the moral obscenity at the base their practice of blaming their political opponents for the Palestinians' aggression, the leftists' claim is substantively wrong on two counts. First, as former defense minister Moshe Yaalon has said repeatedly over the years, the Palestinians don't protect Israelis. The IDF protects Israelis. The Palestinians benefit far more from their security coordination with the IDF than the IDF benefits from its security coordination with them.

Second, the security coordination between Israel and Palestinians has little to do with Abbas. Under the Oslo deals, the PA formed more than a dozen militias all charged with overlapping duties and authorities. Over the years Israel's security cooperation with each of these militias has been a function of how local commanders on the ground of the various forces view their personal interests. A commander of the preventive security force in Jenin or Kalkilya for instance may view his personal interests as advanced through tight cooperation with Israeli security forces and Israeli civilian leaders in the Israeli communities surrounding them.

A military intelligence commander in the south Hebron Hills, on the other hand, may prefer to cooperate with his brother-in-law or cousins in Hamas than with Israel.

In both cases, the local militia bosses make their judgments with little connection to Abbas's position on the matter.

If the Abbas abrogates the agreements with Israel, his actions will be met with the same indifference by local commanders that they are met with today.

This is not to say that Abbas is irrelevant. He is relevant in two arenas. The first arena is the international arena. Abbas leveraged the Oslo agreements to invent a paper state called "The State of Palestine."

Palestine-on-paper exists to advance the PLO's political and propaganda war against Israel and to legitimize terror attacks against Israelis and Jews. Palestine-on-paper files fabricated war crimes charges against Israelis. Palestine-on-paper leads the international campaign to transform Israel into an economic, social and diplomatic pariah state.

In keeping with Palestine-on-paper's continuous war against Israel, during his latest "I quit the agreements" speech, Abbas called on the nations of the world that have yet to recognize Palestine-on-paper to do so.

Another thing that won't change if Abbas actually abrogates the agreements is the PA's demand for money. If Abbas formally ends the peace deals, that doesn't mean he won't expect Israel to collect taxes for him and transfer him the money. He can be trusted to keep the demands for cash up no matter what happens.

This brings us to the second arena where Abbas plays an outsized role. Abbas, an 83-year-old kidney patient sits on a goldmine worth billions of dollars. The funds that Abbas controls are comprised of his personal wealth, PA funding from foreign governments and tax revenues that Israel collects and transfers to the PA's bank account.

No one knows who will take control over the money after Abbas dies or otherwise quits the stage. But who that person (or persons) is will determine to a great degree how Palestinian clan leaders, mayors and local security chiefs behave going forward. If Abbas is succeeded by people aligned with Hamas or by members of Hamas, it will have a major impact on the behavior of commanders on the ground. Some will choose to join Hamas and turn their guns on Israel. Some will cling to Israel ever more tightly. Israel will fight the commanders who side with Hamas and help those who stand with it.

If a PLO apparatchik—or as Abbas hopes, one of his sons — takes over. It is likely that they will continue using money to grease the gears of power as Abbas has. If this is the case, little is likely to change in Israel's relationships with commanders on the ground.

Although Abbas's latest empty threat is no reason for concern, his remarks – and the left's predictable response — should serve as a reminder that Israel needs to develop a reality-based policy for dealing with the Palestinians for the day after Abbas – who is old and sick — leaves power. The first challenge for Israel's leaders in forging such a policy is to base it on reality.

The peace deals Israel signed with the Palestinians in the 1990s failed utterly because they never reflected reality. Those deals, like the peace process itself, were an expression of the Israeli left's ideological aspirations. Yassir Arafat and Abbas were never interested in making the left's dreams of appeasement-based peace come true. But they were prepared to lie to their Israeli fans in exchange for cash, power and international standing.

Israel's post-Oslo policy towards the Palestinians needs to recognize the basic fact that deals – all deals – can succeed only if they are predicated on reality. The purpose of deals is not to transform reality, but to serve as a means for the sides to the agreement to advance their common goals.

Israel would be better off signing fifteen reality based, limited agreements with fifteen local Palestinian leaders and security bosses from Hebron in the south to Jenin in the north than one big peace treaty with the PLO which will only use it as a means to escalate its war against Israel while cultivating its ties with the Israeli left, the European Union and the Democratic Party in America.

Beyond agreements, a critical aspect of a reality based Israeli policy towards the Palestinians is the question of funding. What Israeli interest is advanced by transferring billions of dollars in tax revenues to the PA? Should Israel continue to transfer the funds? Would Israel be better served by transferring the funds directly to local Palestinian leaders than continuing to transfer them to the PA's bank account in Ramallah?

As Israel gets closer to the July 1 date to begin applying Israeli law to the Israeli communities in Judea and Samaria and to the Jordan Valley, threats from those who have prospered by perpetuating the peace fraud will multiply and escalate. There is no reason to listen to the prattle. Israel and its allies should maintain a steady course forward and concentrate on how to build a new framework for relations with the Palestinians built not around catering to Abbas and his lies but towards building durable ties with those on the ground who recognize the value of good relations with Israel.

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and they blew it. If deaths do result, they should be specifically blamed — and named — as grandma-killers. If deaths don't result, they should be specifically blamed — and named — as business-killers. And they can't hide behind neutral science because they abandoned neutral science for politics and preening within their own social circles

Which is a sub-case of why so many of our institutions, from the New York Times to NYC government to higher education and even sports, are failing: The people running them care more about mugging for their peers than about the welfare of the institutions they are entrusted. That's a species of corruption, and a highly destructive one.

Turkey's Growing War

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attacked and kicked at the door of Agape Church in the Black Sea region. According to the besieged pastor, they wanted "to go inside and hit someone or attack in some other way."

In 2015, as many as 15 churches received death threats for "denying Allah." "Perverted infidels," one threat read, "the time that we will strike your necks is soon. May Allah receive the glory and the praise." "Threats are not anything new for the Protestant community who live in this country and want to raise their children here," church leaders commented.

When a man opened fire on the Saint Maria Catholic Church in Trabzon in 2018, it was just the latest in several attacks on that church. Weeks earlier, a makeshift bomb was thrown at its garden; in 2016 Muslims crying "Allahu Akbar" vandalized the church with sledgehammers; in 2011 the church was targeted and threatened for its visible cross; and in 2006 its priest, Andrea Santoro, was shot dead during service.

Threatening and defacing churches is especially common. In early 2019, hate-filled graffiti — including "You Are Finished!" — was found on the Armenian Church of the Holy Mother of God in Istanbul. Commenting on it, an Armenian activist tweeted, "Every year, scores of hate attacks are being carried out against churches and synagogues."

In late 2019, while shouting abuses and physical threats against Christians gathered at the Church of St. Paul in Antalya, a man said he "would take great pleasure in destroying the Christians, as he viewed them as a type of parasitism on Turkey."

Most recently, on May 8, 2020, in Istanbul, a man tried to torch a church that had been repeatedly attacked with hate-filled graffiti, among other desecrations.

Rather than threaten or attack churches, Turkish authorities have the power simply to confiscate or close them (here, here, and here, for examples). In one instance, police, similarly to the marauders mentioned above, interrupted a baptismal ceremony while raiding and subsequently shutting down an unauthorized church. "Turkey does not have a pathway for legalization of churches," the report noted.

When pretexts cannot be found, assailants sometimes resort to other tactics. In an apparent attempt to conceal the online presence of at least one church, for instance, authorities labeled its website "pornographic," and blocked it. The ban was "horrible," a church representative responded. "It's a shame. It really pains us at having this kind of accusation when we have a high moral standard."

In addition, ancient churches that predate Islam by centuries — including Stoudios monastery, the oldest Christian place of worship in Asia Minor, and founded a millennium before the Islamic conquest in the fourteenth century — are being transformed into mosques. After explaining how the Turkish government built nearly 9,000 mosques in one decade, while banning liturgy in the Sumela Monastery — another historic site inaugurated in 386, about a 1,000 years before Asia Minor became "Turkey" — a report adds, "This arbitrary ban seems to be yet another demonstration of the 'unofficial' second-class status of Christians in Turkey."

Hate for Christians in Turkey has reached the point where "infidels" are pursued even beyond the grave. Attacks on Christian cemeteries are on the rise, prompting one Christian to ask: "Is it now the turn of our deceased?"

According to a March 2020 report, 20 of 72 gravestones in just one Christian cemetery in Ankara were found destroyed. In another recent incident the desecraters broke a cross off a deceased women's grave. A few days earlier, her church burial service had been interrupted by cries of "Allahu Akbar!"

What is behind all these attacks on anything and everything Christian — people, buildings, even graves? The recent response of a journalist in Turkey was an "environment of hate":

"But this hateful environment did not emerge out of nowhere. The seeds of this hatred are spread, beginning at primary schools, through books printed by the Ministry of National Education portraying Christians as enemies and traitors. The indoctrination continues through newspapers and television channels in line with state policies. And of course, the sermons at mosques and talk at coffee houses further stir up this hatred."

In other words, Turks, once "secular," are now educated to hate Christians.

Notably, even that is not enough to prevent ISIS from accusing Turkey of being a "servant of the cross".

Just what, then, do so-called "radical" Muslims — between 63 and 287 million Muslims support ISIS in just eleven nations — regard as the "proper" treatment of Christians?

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thousand tests per million, with only 1,600 per million in the PI. But with lower deaths, a country needs fewer tests.

Without question, the media, including non-American media, focused on the US. And perhaps the US was quicker to ascribe deaths to coronavirus. Who knows what the PI policy was for ascribing deaths. The weather in the PI, too, was much better— that is, hotter and sunnier—than in the areas of the US with the largest deaths, New York, Chicago, and Detroit metropolitan areas, which all had lousy weather. A late spring, with cool temperatures and a lot of rain.

Taiwan is a country of 24 million people and had, on the same date, 440 cases and 7 deaths, or 0.3 per million. With no lockdowns and relatively good weather. We heard much about Sweden, which only took modest measures. Sweden has less than half the population of Taiwan. Sweden had 26,670 reported cases, and 3,256 reported deaths, or 2,641 and 322 per million, respectively. It had worse weather.

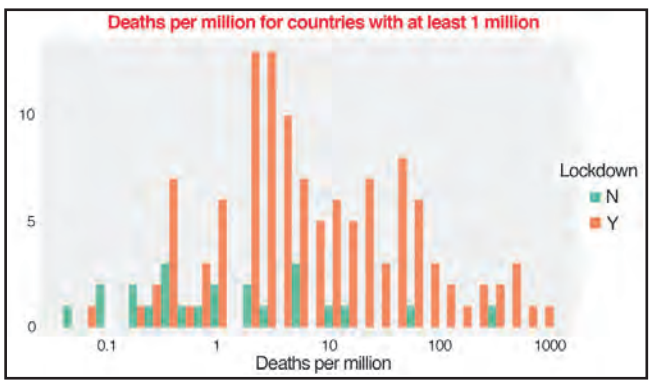
Belgium has about as many people as Sweden, 11.5 million, though more spread out. They had 53,449 reported cases and 8,707 reported deaths, or 4,612 and 751 per million respectively, the worst of all countries. Three times worse than the US. The Belgian and US lockdown were similar, with the Belgian being slightly stricter, and easier to monitor and control given the country's size.

There were 12 countries (with at least a million people) that had, on May 12, reported death rates greater than 100 per million. These were, from worst to best, Belgium, Spain, Italy, UK, France, Sweden, Netherlands, Ireland, USA, Switzerland, Canada, Portugal. Each country besides Sweden (which had some impositions) had lockdowns, in varying severity.

There were 31 countries (of at least one million) with reported death rates from 11 to 99 per million. These included, from worst to best, Denmark (92), Germany (91), Iran (80), Norway (41), Israel (30), Mexico (28), Russia (14), and Greece (14). Lockdowns varied widely, as we'll see.

There were 51 countries (of at least one million) with reported death rates from 1 to 10 per million. These included Japan (with modest measures), South Korea (with more stringent measures), both at 5 per million, Singapore, Malaysia, Afghanistan, Georgia, Jamaica, Costa Rica, Paraguay, India, China, and a host of African countries.

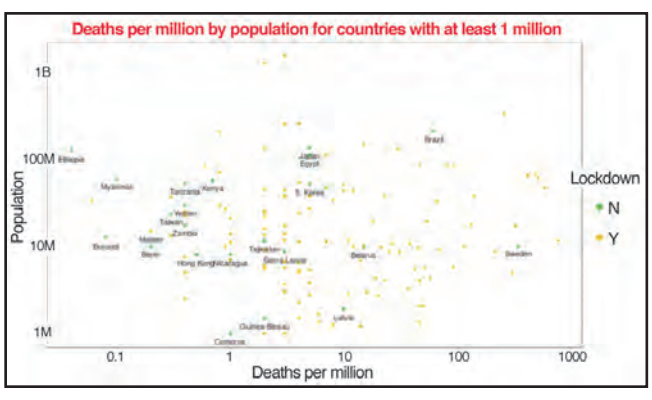
Finally, there were 30 countries (also at least one million) with reported deaths under 1 per million. These included Thailand, Taiwan, Jordan, Hong Kong, Botswana, Syria, Myanmar, Ethiopia,



and so on.

Let's look at in pictures. I first went through every country and classified whether that country had a government-imposed lockdown of at least half its population, for any time in 2020. The sources were saved, so you can check for yourself. I welcome correction and amplifications! Download the data here. Or ignore it altogether. The spread in death rates is more then sufficient proof against lockdowns, as we'll see. This is a histogram of the deaths per million population for those countries with at least a population of one million, broken down by lockdowns and no lockdowns. Iceland, population about a third of a million, did not have a lockdown, thus does not appear. They had a death rate of 29 per million.

The scale is by log base 10, a necessity because of the enormous variability in death rates. Countries which did not have lockdowns



are in green. If anything, these are are clustered at the lower end of death rates, but the evidence is far from conclusive. Another way to look at it, because of the potential for population density to play a role, is a plot of the death rate per million by the population, for countries with at least one million.

The two top population points are, of course, China and India. The highest death rates were discussed above. Again, death rates were more than highly variable: they were all over the place! Vietnam, which reported 0 deaths, does not appear.

Lockdowns ranged from severe, as in China's Wuhan, to practically non-existent or highly localized, as in Botswana, where major cities saw greater control. If lockdowns worked as advertised, then we would not expect to see such enormous variability in the reported death rates. Belgium, again, had 751 per million, and Ethiopia, population 109.2 million, had the lowest reported non-zero death rate of 0.04 per million. This is a difference of 19 thousand times!

Ethiopia did declare a state of emergency, but had no lockdown. They also had from the US a "$37m package which encompassed case management, infection prevention and control, laboratory strengthening, public health screening, and communications and media campaigns, among others."

Vietnam, population 95.5 million, which had a lockdown (they reported 18,000 businesses were forced to close), reported 0 deaths.

Sweden did better than the UK, and there couldn't have been a greater difference in strategies. In the US, South Dakota, which had no lockdown, did 7 times better than Chicago (or all Illinois), which did.

Brazil did not have a country-wide lockdown, but a handful of cities threatened, and some carried out local measures. Same kind of thing in the US, with of course harsh mandatory measures in more enlightened cities, to nothing in all in some flyover cities. Japan did not have a lockdown and did fine, relatively speaking. It's never mentioned in the press, though. Wonder why? Georgia (the country) appeared only to lockdown Tblisi.

Some countries locked down only a few major cities or ports, others cut off foreign travel, and either left their citizens alone or only issued warnings. Some lockdowns were esoecially harsh, with food shortages happening fast, like in Paraguay. Lithuania required people to wear coronavirus bracelets to indicate their health status. Foreign workers in Qatar concentrated on their lockdowns in camps. Albania scanned the grounds using drones to find lockdown scofflaws. Even nomads in Western Sahara were ordered to stay in their tents!

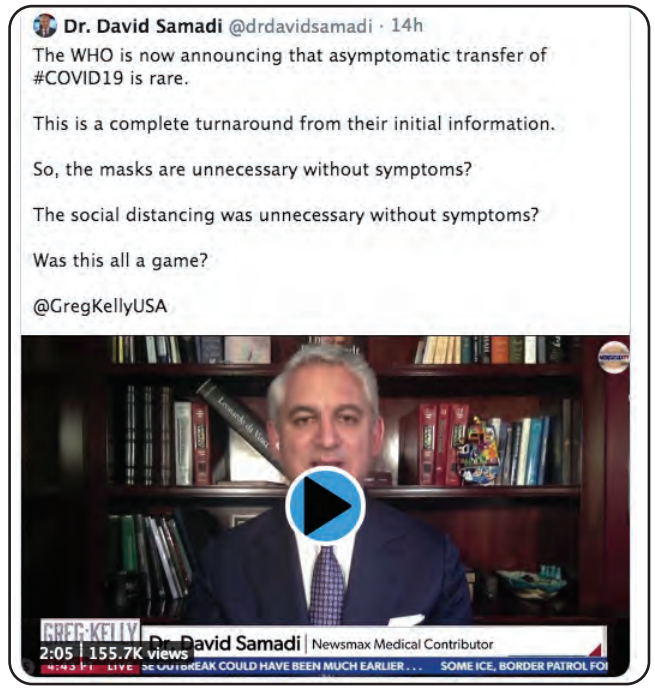
There is a sort of trend of lower death rates in hotter countries, or in areas of larger countries with better weather, like the US. Population density also played a part. It easier to spread any bug in tightly packed quarters, than when people are spread far apart. People mattered, of course. Australia and New Zealand, both locked down, and both had 4 per million death rates, but then it was summer in both places at the start of the pandemic, and the people are largely similar.

Obviously, many, many other things varied between countries. Age and healthy of citizens. Old and decrepit in Europe? Younger and more robust in Africa? Compliance of people was of every possible status. In some countries, there was not as much oversight on lockdowns, and even in those without lockdowns some measures were taken, as in Taiwan. In Guinea police fired on lockdown protesters. In Somalia police fired and hit their targets, killing lockdown protesters. In Michigan no shots were fired, but the politicians began sweating.

Reporting also varied widely, and wildly. The West went with hour-by-hour breathless updates for every number. The press trumpeted each new increase, besides themselves with glee for an opportunity to feel important. We hardly heard from, or about, African countries.

And then the medical systems are also vastly different among all these countries. Some numbers seemed more reliable than others. Tajikistan only a few deaths (2 per million), which some said was a lie. Who knows? Everybody is sure China lied. Did Japan? Did Belarus? Over-counting and excessive nervousness caused uncertainty in the numbers in the West. Incapacity, or lack of interest or resources, or even government intervention, as in China, muddied the numbers elsewhere.

In the end, it does not come down to country- or even city-level statistics. It comes down to people. Each individual catches the bug or not, lives or dies. Not because of their country, but because of



themselves, their health, their circumstances. Any given individual might have benefited from self-quarantine and loss of job. Just as any given individual might have come to a bad end from a lockdown. The only possible way to know is to measure each case. Which can never happen.

What should we conclude? Strike that. What can we conclude. Only one thing: we cannot conclude that lockdowns worked.

The only evidence for lockdowns is the desire that lockdowns worked. That, and the embarrassment (and worse) in admitting to error. What politician anywhere will cop to ruining their economy and the lives of millions of their citizens? Who can say "Ah, it was only a few trillion"? This will not happen. It just won't. All politicians will and much go on repeating that their lockdowns "saved lives".

They have to. It's suicide not to. They are all talking out their nether regions. What's the answer, the realpolitik? Let those leaders say "My plan worked" get away with it. And dispose of those who revealed themselves a petty martinets, dictators in training, and assholes. You can read into "dispose" whatever you like. Whatever happens to politicians should happen harder and longer to journalists. In any case, a global purge of braggarts will not happen.

This virus, as viruses will, found its way to all corners of the world, and it affected different areas differently. End of story.

There is a distinct tendency, at least in the Western media, to ascribe merit and blame for every event to people. What egos we all have!

In the US it went like this. The virus was caused or exacerbated by the political party I disfavor. If persons in the party I favored were listened to, this would not have been as big a crisis. The virus spread so rapidly because of the actions of the party I disfavor. The party I favor helped stem the tide and saved lives. The crisis would have ended sooner, and more lives would have been saved, if the people in the party I hate were ignored. Science saved us!

> **Dr. Tom Frieden** @DrTomFrieden · Jun 2
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> The threat to Covid control from protesting outside is tiny compared to the threat to Covid control created when governments act in ways that lose community trust. People can protest peacefully AND work together to stop Covid. Violence harms public health.
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> I have been supportive through all this for months. I'm starting to believe we've been deceived. That we destroyed the economy and lives for NOTHING. When government punished people for holding a funeral but lets thousands of people roam and destroy at will, it doesn't add up.

Nature gets no credit. Not for the creation of the virus, not for its highly variable spread, not for its highly variable infection rate, and certainly not for its hugely variable deaths caused. All those things were believed to be the responsibility of people. Nature has no real power, we think. It can be controlled to any degree of precision desired, if only we can muster sufficient political will and suppress our enemies.

We can credit, as we've already seen, the lockdowns for causing any number of difficulties, such as massive job loss, grief, disharmony, terror, and even death. It cause hubris to rise to the bursting point.

But the pandemic numbers suggest that this was yet another in an endless string of viruses that came, did its damage, and is fading into the background. It was not nearly as deadly as others, not even in the last 100 years, and it was worse than some. Chances are we can do little to prevent pandemics like this. It's the expectation that we can that inspired the panic. If we don't remove that expectation, we're going to have to go through this again.