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How the Censorship Industry Works, and How We Can Stop It

By Dr. Joseph Mercola

STORY AT-A-GLANCE

The internet was likely not intended to remain free forever. The intention for it to be used as a totalitarian tool was baked in from the start.

Google started as a DARPA grant and was part of the CIA's and NSA's digital data program, the purpose of which was to conduct "birds of a feather" mapping online so that certain groups could be neutralized.

All of the early internet freedom technologies of the '90s were funded by the Pentagon and the State Department. They were developed by the intelligence community as an insurgency tool — a means to help dissident groups in foreign countries to develop a pro- U.S. stance and evade state-controlled media. Now, these same technologies have been turned against the American public, and are used to control public discourse In the past, censorship was a laborious task that could only be done after the fact.

Articial intelligence has radically altered the censorship industry. AI programs can now censor information en masse, based on the language used, and prevent it from being seen at all One of the most effective strategies that would have immediate

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Biden Administration Environmental Injustices

Federal agencies proclaim 'climate justice' to justify controlling every aspect of our lives

By Paul Dreissen

President Biden recently issued a 5,400-word executive order directing all federal agencies to emphasize "environmental justice" in every decision they make.

After ducking questions for weeks on what remediation, remuneration and environmental justice the administration is providing East Palestine, Ohio residents following a toxic railway chemical spill, White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre explained the EO in her inimitable style:



The President has "the most ambitious climate agenda than any other president in history, and one way that you can look at this today is that he's continuing to deliver on that ambitious agenda, and he's not done yet. This is a continuing continuation of what he's promised the American people."

In plain English,

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WHO, EU Announce Partnership Creating 'Global System' of Digital Vaccine Passports

By Lifesite News

The World Health Organization and the European Union announced their collaboration on global digital vaccine passports at a joint press conference in Geneva on June 5.

"In June 2023, WHO will take up the European Union (EU) system of digital COVID-19 certification to establish a global system that will help facilitate global mobility and protect citizens across the world from on-going and future health threats, including pandemics," the WHO press release states.

"This is the first building block of the WHO Global Digital Health Certification Network (GDHCN) that will develop a wide range of digital products to deliver better health for all."

'The first building block of the global WHO system becomes operational in June 2023 and aims to be

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Cataloging a Tsunami of Covid Scandals

By Bill Rice Jr.

If you have an hour to spare, I highly recommend reading this document, which summarizes and debunks many of the false and counterproductive "mandates." This 22,000-word paper was produced by authors from the Isle of Man of all places.

It is divided into five sections including in-depth treatment of virus origins, iatrogenic deaths, lockdowns, mandated masking and "vaccines." I think it might be the most impressive and persuasive piece of Covid writing I've read.

After reading the document, I was struck by the sheer number of massive scandals that have overlapped and cascaded - like a series of tsunamis - on the world in the past three-plus years.

By orders of magnitude, every one of these scandals dwarfs Watergate. As the authors point out, all are "horrific" and "nightmarish."

Building upon the author's arguments and adding a few of my own "scandals" that weren't highlighted in this paper, I've identified 10 of these scandals. Again, each one by itself would probably qualify as the greatest scandal and outrage of our lifetimes.

When listed one after the other, readers are left with overwhelming evidence that our world must have gone completely mad. These scandals, roughly in chronological order, include:

(Mad) Scientists - funded and encouraged by our own government - probably created this virus.

The above possibility is not

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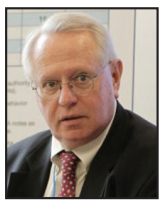
Use Immunity: Congress Can Find Truth by Forgoing Punishment

By Williams Kovacs

As investigations of the Biden administration and related activities proceed in the House Oversight and Judiciary Committees, the Department of Justice ("DOJ") and the FBI are



not cooperating with the Committees. These agencies will not even produce a specifically identified, unclassified Form FD-1023 that is a record of a payment scheme involving then vice president Biden and a foreign national. Moreover, the special counsel's investigation of Hunter's taxes and foreign business

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UNESCO and Red Flag Laws

The Incestuous Coupling

By Kathleen Marquardt

Tennessee Governor Bill Lee is trying to pass a Red Flag law. 1 Gee whiz, that shooting in Nashville was so opportune. Oops,



I shouldn't have said that, but we are on the verge of collapse – literally, not figuratively – so my concern is it just seems suspicious that our government is trying to take away our guns right when we need them most.

Pennsylvania Congressman Brian Fitzpatrick just introduced H.R. 715 – National Gun

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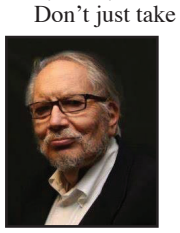
Latest Trump Indictment Proof Witch Hunt Unabated

By Larry Bell

Don't just take this from an openly conservative opinion guy.



Even the virulently anti-Trump Wall Street Journal editorial board recognizes destructive influences of Merrick Garland's partisan legal assaults on the former president and leading GOP candidate for reelection while overtly protecting the incumbent.

Noting that

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Steve's Say . . .

Acknowledging Our Fallen Patriots and Continuing Their Heroic Efforts



A short tribute to one of our great Wisconsin Patriots, Paris Procopis, accompanies this short Steve's Say today. Paris' activism preceded the TEA Party days of 2009-2012 as we changed Wisconsin's electoral map. One of the greatest events Paris organized occurred in the winter of 2011-2012 when the Walker Recall began. Dr. Tim Nerenz, US Senate candidate Eric Hovde and a host of other Patriots took the stage near Hart Park in downtown Wauwatosa to rebuke this onslaught of the Left and demonstrate that We the People would not be cowed by their tactics of violence and intimidation. Walker trounced Tom Barrett for a second time June 5th, 2012 in the recall election.

Paris, like many of our fellow countrymen and people around the world today, succumbed to the now ubiquitous "died suddenly" syndrome. Since Paris left us just days ago, we hope to learn more about what caused him to leave us so suddenly. Be that as it may, his actions in defense of life and liberty both in what he did in the conservative movement and what he wrote about the current events surrounding us will live on and affect us all for years to come. Reality News republished many of his written works over the years, always grateful that Paris allows us free access to share his work with our readers.

Along with Paris we celebrate the tremendous contributions of another Patriot, Avi Zarmi, whose tribute you can find on p.21 in Patriot News. Avi, an energetic, outspoken and very visible member of the conservative Jewish community, along with Ivan Lang, Nancy McQuide and some others, pioneered the Voice of Jerusalem page which we continue to enjoy to this very day. Avi's contributions to America and our efforts of restoration to our founding encompassed every aspect of his life. We all benefited greatly from the efforts of this one Patriot.

We all can do the same. And we all must.

President Trump demonstrates daily what it takes to be a true Patriot, continually battling the hordes of totalitarian foot soldiers attempting to snuff out your personal freedom and human dignity. Unfortunately most religious leaders and churches failed the test miserably, aiding and abetting the hordes of hoaxes fabricated by the Deep State and perpetuated by the mainstream media. Their compliance with and in many cases advocacy of criminal government directives allowed much of the intended damage to be inflicted upon the population. The fallout from their abdication of this sacred responsibility will be felt for decades and even generations to come.

We must demand that our churches and religious institutions speak out against the criminal governments running America and most countries around the world, your tax-exempt status be damned. We must demand they apologize for aiding and abetting the false narratives of man-made climate destruction, overpopulation and pandemics, for which Reality News and others provided clear and irrefutable data sets proving the falsehood of each of these hoaxes.

The damage has been great and continues to mount. These institutions must also articulate their commitment to advocating for the freedom and liberty guaranteed in the American Constitution and as a consequence of God's creation of man in His image and likeness.

Our country came into being from persecuted Christians seeking to find a home to freely worship. Let us Patriots revive that historical legacy and reinstitute of fealty to truths contained in our Founding Documents. Our churches must become our voice of protest and non-compliance with those entities in power trying to destroy this country and institute their dream of a worldwide totalitarian state, satanic rituals and trans-humanistic future. We cannot allow them to institutionalize Hell on Earth.

So stay strong Patriots. Truth is gushing forth and Justice coming very soon. Trump just told us again the other day he's going to obliterate the Deep State. I believe him. True Patriots will be helping him.

So where do you fit in?

Paris Procopis: A Loss in the Media and Activism Community



The media industry mourns the untimely passing of Paris Procopis, a renowned figure in the field of communications and a respected conservative activist. Paris Procopis served as the director of Community Relations and Public Affairs at a local non-profit organization and was previously the director of communications at InfusionPoint Media Group. On June 13, 2023, his family members sadly pronounced his passing, leaving behind a legacy of dedication and contribution to his profession. This article delves into the life and achievements of Paris Procopis while also exploring the circumstances surrounding his unexpected death.

The Life and Career of Paris Procopis

Paris Procopis had a multifaceted career that spanned various roles within the media industry. He began his journey as the Senior Account Manager at MIG & Consultants, where he showcased his skills in managing client accounts and fostering professional relationships. Paris Procopis pursued his passion for Mass Communication at Marquette University, honing his expertise in the field.

The Mysterious Passing

The news of Paris Procopis's sudden demise shocked the community, leaving many questions unanswered. On June 13, 2023, his family discovered his lifeless body inside his home. The cause of his death remains unknown, further adding to the mystery surrounding this unfortunate event. The fact that he had actively engaged on social media just hours before his passing raises even more questions about the circumstances leading to his death.

Fond Memories and Tributes

The passing of Paris Procopis has left friends, colleagues, and admirers devastated. Jim Piwowarczyk, a close acquaintance, expressed his disbelief, stating that Paris Procopis was one of the state's first conservative bloggers. His energetic presence and contributions to the media industry will be sorely missed. The grief-stricken community awaits further details about his obituary and funeral arrangements, which will be shared by his family in due course.

InfusionPoint Media Group: A Resource for Brand Identity

InfusionPoint Media Group, where Paris Procopis served as the director of communications, is more than just a design service provider. Their primary focus lies in assisting individuals and businesses in constructing and managing their brand identities across various media platforms. Whether you are looking to expand an existing brand or establish a new one, InfusionPoint Media Group offers comprehensive services to cater to your needs. They specialize in creating websites, developing collateral materials, and managing social media presence, all with the goal of empowering clients and ensuring ownership of their brand assets.

Conclusion

Paris Procopis's untimely demise has left a void in the media industry, where he made significant contributions throughout his career. As family, friends, and colleagues mourn his loss, the circumstances surrounding his death remain shrouded in mystery. The legacy he leaves behind as a dedicated journalist, communications director, and conservative activist will be remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

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The European War On Food Ignores Water Pollution

By Duggan Flanakin

According to the World Health Organization, 31 million Europeans have no access to public sanitation, and 48 million do not have piped water at home. At least 300,000 Europeans follow San Francisco's practice of defecating openly – but in the countryside rather than on public streets. But just as in the United States, water quality has taken a back seat to "climate change."

On another front, the European Commission has adopted a "Sustainable EU Food System," an initiative that intends to set agricultural policies for European farmers from the top down – by bureaucrats, most of whom have never plowed a field. The Czech-based Society for Animals commented that a mandatory sustainable food system framework must cover areas related to the environment, climate, water, air, soil, the impact on farmed animals for food – as well as trade, transport, economic instruments, and strict food import rules. No farmers need apply.

Meanwhile, in once-prosperous Europe, the European Environmental Bureau reported in 2021 that over a fifth of all Europeans were at risk of falling into poverty or social exclusion because food is seen as a commodity and not a human right. Only bureaucrats can save Europe, they add. No farmers need to be consulted.

The EEB declared that "it is absurd to expect that simply giving people information about the nutrition or sustainability credentials of food and relying on them (the people) to make the 'right' choice" is no match for the evils in the "food environment" manufactured by market forces. Only if policymakers "step up to their role as defenders of the public good," using "all policy instruments at their disposal," is there hope that European eating habits will be conformed to the bureaucrats' demands.



Chief among the bureaucratic "solutions" is the claim that "Europe has a moral responsibility to reduce the land and resources needed for our own food consumption." The reason? We, they tell us, are living "in a world where fertile land is dwindling due to climate change and environmental degradation and global population is increasing."

Curiously, the UN Food and Agriculture Organization reported in 2021 that the global value generated by agriculture, forestry, and fishing grew by 73 percent in real terms between 2000 and 2019, and the total production of primary crops grew by 53 percent during the same period. Agriculture, they noted, employs 27 percent of the global workforce. [Real world fact: Increased levels of carbon dioxide over the past three decades have caused an 11 percent increase in green foliage over the globe's arid regions.]

Part of this grand scheme has already been playing out in the Netherlands, where the government in 2022 announced a plan to buy up and close down up to 3,000 farms "near environmentally sensitive areas" to comply with European Union nature preservation rules. Specifically, agriculture is responsible for about half of the nitrogen emissions that are alleged to be causing the disappearance of native species.

The European People's Party stood up for the farmers, calling agriculture a "strategic sector" that delivers food security in Europe and beyond and plays a crucial role in the vitality and economies of rural communities.

The EPP set its sights against the proposed Nature Restoration law, noting that implementing existing nature legislation has led to bureaucratic nightmares and planning deadlocks that have endangered rural economic viability, food security, renewable energy production, and crucial infrastructure. Such laws, said the EPP, are a direct assault on property rights, and taking 10 percent of farmland out of production would be extremely irresponsible.

In March, to the chagrin of the planners, the farmer-citizen movement (BBB), created in 2019 in the wake of widespread farmer protests (tractors blocking highways, for example), won 15 seats in the Dutch Senate with almost 20

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Is Opposition to Fossil Fuels Pro-Life?

By E. Calvin Beisner

The Evangelical Environmental Network (EEN) supports a recent proposal by the federal Environmental Protection Agency to stiffen PM2.5 requirements—a regulation that would further impede the use of fossil fuels—claiming: "PM2.5 is a deadly killer responsible for up to 200,000 deaths in the United States every year. Recent medical research links PM2.5 to nine (9) causes of death: cardiovascular disease, cerebrovascular disease, chronic kidney disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, dementia, type 2 diabetes, hypertension, lung cancer, and pneumonia."

"As pro-life evangelicals," EEN continued, "we … want children to be born healthy and unhindered by the ravages of pollution …" and PM2.5 "causes "16,000 pre-term births in the U.S., with 35% of these births resulting in death."

There are three big problems with this sort of claim about PM2.5.

First, as real pro-life leaders point out, it falsely equates this concern with being "pro-life." To be pro-life is to be anti-abortion. Every successful abortion results, intentionally, in a dead child. That is its intent. Air pollution from burning fossil fuels is an unintended result. To equate the two is morally equivalent to equating death by premeditated murder with death in an auto accident. For further discussion, see How Does the Creation Care Movement Threaten the Pro-Life Movement?

Second, it ignores an important tradeoff. The use of fossil fuels provides energy essential to sustaining health and life. That is its intended result. Pollution from it, which may reduce that benefit, is, as already noted, an unintended result. Opposing the use of fossil fuels because they have some deleterious side effects without carefully comparing the benefits with those harms is like refusing to take medicine that can cure a life-threatening disease because a side effect of it is a skin rash.

Third, the claims that PM2.5 kills up to 200,000 Americans per year or causes 16,000 pre-term births per year and 5,600 infant deaths (35% of 16,000) are based not on autopsies that reveal that PM2.5 killed someone but on epidemiological studies. Such studies seek to uncover correlations so strong that causal connection is almost undeniable.

But such correlation simply doesn't exist

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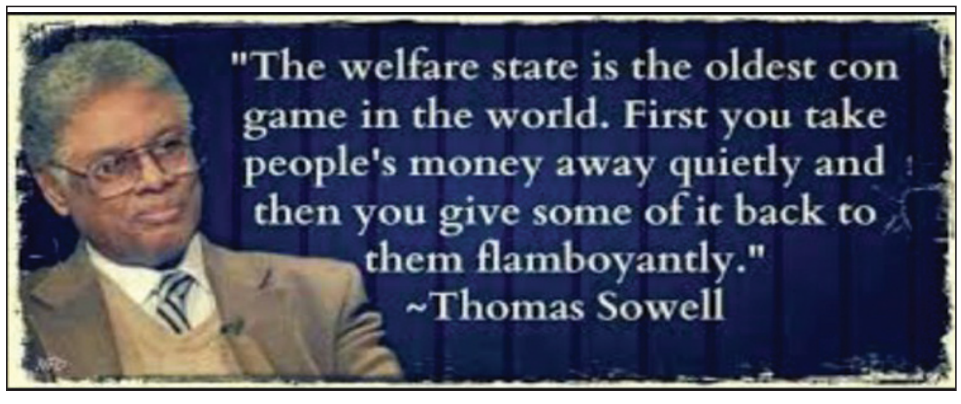

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Polar Ice Defies Climate Crisis Narrative

By H. Sterling Burnett

Almost every projection made by climate models, and as a result every dire warning issued by alarmists based on the models' simulations, has been refuted by time and evidence over the years. Even the one projection that seemed for a short time most likely to be proven accurate—the disappearance of sea ice in the Arctic—has become a bit of a non-issue, especially once additional research put in context the steep decline in Arctic sea ice after 1996.

Even as recent research puts in stark relief the fact that, just as the rate of temperature rise, the rate of sea level rise, the extinction of polar bears, and the increase in extreme weather events of all types projected by climate models have all proven false, the actual data from the poles is disproving claims that Antarctica is melting, leading to a massive rise in sea levels, and that sea ice at either pole is anywhere near disappearing.

Let's look at the sea ice data first. A 2021 paper from the Global Warming Policy

Foundation (GWPF) examined the data in detail and found no evidence sea ice at either pole was in the process of imminently disappearing.

GWPF's report notes former Vice-President Al Gore referenced research he said showed Arctic sea ice was "falling off a cliff," soon to disappear due to the continued use of fossil fuels, in his Nobel Prize acceptance speech in 2007. Gore's claim was based on research from scientists at the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School "who used a regional model of the sea ice–ocean system in the Arctic, constrained using observational data for the 12-year period 1996–2007," to conclude the Arctic would become virtually ice-free during the summer sometime between 2013 and 2019.

The projection was wrong; sea ice still exists. And, it turns out, subsequent research indicates the present extent of summer Arctic sea ice is not unusual even for recent history, much less over long periods. Indeed,
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The Heartland Institute Comments on East Coast Smoke from Canadian Wildfires

By James Taylor, H. Sterling Burnett, Anthony Watts

As a result of prevailing wind currents, seasonal wildfires in Canada are blanketing East Cost American cities with smoke, triggering air quality alerts.

Rather than focusing discussion on what the real or imagined harms may be, how to mitigate them, and how to help people, climate activists are taking the opportunity to blame "climate change" for the smoke. The reality is wildfires are becoming less frequent and severe as the planet modestly warms. As wildfires become less frequent, it is nonsensical to blame the few wildfires that remain on climate change.

The following statements from climate and energy experts at The Heartland Institute – a free-market think tank – may be used for attribution. For more comments, refer to the contact information below. To book a Heartland guest on your program, please contact Director of Communications Jim Lakely at media@heartland.org and 312/377-4000 or (cell) 312/731-9364.



"Peer-reviewed studies and verified satellite observations show beyond a shadow of a doubt that wildfires in the long term, mid term, and short term have become less frequent and less severe as the Earth modestly warms. The likely reason is the measured increase in evaporation from the world's oceans, which has resulted in more frequent global precipitation. Climate activists embarrass themselves when they claim that the fewer wildfires that still do occur must be caused by climate change and are proof of a climate crisis."

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"The prevailing winds at present are responsible for the smoke along the Northeastern U.S. coast and has nothing to do with climate change. Nor are the wildfires in Canada unusual or unusually large. Wildfires have been common in Canada throughout history and its wildfire season starts earlier than in the United States and peaks, typically in late-May to early June. Globally, and in Canada, data show that the amount of acreage lost to wildfires has declined in recent decades, even as the Earth has modestly warmed. Research indicates that part of the decline is likely due to climate change. Peer reviewed research by the Canadian Forest Service reported that warming since 1850 has resulted in a decline in wildfires due to the carbon dioxide fertilization effect improving soil moisture.

"The only thing historic about the present wildfires in Canada is the hysteria it is generating in the mainstream media centers on the East Coast due to the present wind direction. Climate Change is not a factor."

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"While irresponsible politicians such as Rep. Alexandria Ocasio Cortez (D-NY) rush to blame the Canadian wildfires and the resulting smoke in New York City on climate change, the simple fact of the matter is that such fires and darkening of the skies in the Northeast have occurred before. On May 19, 1780, the daytime skies darkened over New England states and parts of eastern Canada. The primary cause is believed to have been a combination of smoke from forest fires in the Algonquin Provincial Park in Ontario and weather conditions. Called 'New England's Dark Day,' this occurred well before the industrial revolution and climate change were even a glimmer in the eye of science.

"AOC and other pundits appear clueless about history, and even more so about what constitutes a climate crisis."

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The Leftist Green Agenda Is Buying Its Way Into The News

By Larry Behrens

Take a moment to consider the phrase "Joe Biden's hard-hat environmentalism" that appeared in a recent Associated Press article. Examining Biden's controversial energy policy and assigning it the positive spin of "hard-hat environmentalism" is something that makes sense as a White House press release or something from the Biden campaign, but not the AP, a purported objective carrier of the news.

Unfortunately, this is not an isolated incident.

One recent analysis found AP stories mentioned the phrases "climate change," "global warming," and "Climate disaster" hundreds of times since receiving grants totaling $8 million in early 2022. The stated purpose of the money is to fund the AP's "Climate Journalism Initiative," which would employ 20 new reporters to "transform how the AP covers the climate story."

Perhaps it also funded the story that gave us Biden's hard-hat environmentalism?

In another example from the story, former top Clinton adviser John Podesta is heavily quoted in his role as overseer of the $369 billion for green energy from Biden's so-called Inflation Reduction Act. The story fails to mention Podesta's political operative past, including his unofficial title of "White House clean-up chief" during the Clinton years. Also quoted are the extreme eco-groups the Natural Resources Defense Council and Center for Biological Diversity. They are all given a lot of space in a story with a lot of reach.

As a wire service, the hard-hat rebranding from the AP will appear in thousands of newspapers across the world as news. We don't know if the millions the AP received for climate coverage played a role in helping Biden rebrand his energy policy, and that's precisely the point.

It is no secret that across the country, particularly in rural areas, newspapers are struggling to survive. It's not unusual to walk into a small-town newspaper and find one person covering what used to be two or even three different full-time positions. The environmental left recognized this struggle and is now providing money and reporter reeducation to fill the void with its own version of the news.

It's an ethically questionable but smart strategy that is paying immediate dividends.

As just one of many examples, the nationally recognized Poynter Institute recently offered $15,000 grants to reporters or newsrooms willing to cover the Great Lakes area with some eco-strings attached. Any reporter wanting in on the money will have to tell Poynter "A brief description of what they will probe, why they believe there is a story to be told, and how they plan to report the story." Put another way, reporters must disclose what they cover and how they will cover it before the money flows.

The program receives "funding support" from the Joyce Foundation, and it didn't take long to see who provides their support. According to documents filed with the IRS, none other than Bloomberg Philanthropies provided millions to Joyce — yes, as in billionaire and climate darling Michael Bloomberg.

By following the bouncing ball of eco-money, there's a troubling pattern of a frontline journalism association offering grants to reporters, provided they disclose how they will report their stories, by using money that can be traced back to a billionaire with a big green agenda. If it all seems confusing, that's because it was designed that way.

Proponents of the green movement are putting millions into grants to sneak content supportive of their agenda under the umbrella of news outlets. Sure, the first story or two may include a small disclaimer at the end noting how the story is part of a project funded by an organization. However, green funders put many layers between themselves and the final project to ensure their fingerprints are nowhere to be found.

Even more insidious is that those stories are then offered to local newspapers under the guise of free content. Cash-strapped newsrooms welcome the money, the stories, or the new personnel with promises that journalistic integrity will be upheld, but also with an implied whisper that the content had better be what the funders want … or the funding will stop.

In the end, what we're left with is only all the green news that's fit to print.

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European War *cont. from page 3*

percent of the vote. The BBB's aim is to fight the government's plan to force farmers off their lands, and reduce livestock and crop production – that is, to protect their livelihoods from the foibles of urban disrespect for those who feed them.

The battle is on in Europe for the future of farming – and in a world dominated by urban politics, farmers and other rural residents whose livelihoods for centuries have been intertwined with those of farmers are viewed as just "not with it." After all, urbanites today eat heavily processed foods and are being introduced to such delicacies as artificial meat and crickets.

Meanwhile, in the United States, the Biden Administration is continuing his former boss' war on agriculture. According to a "study" funded by a $10 million grant back in the Obama years, fine particulates (dust and soot emissions) from farm operations are killing 17,000 Americans annually. Poppycock, says the Union of Concerned Scientists, citing other studies claiming fine particulates kill between 100,000 and 200,000 people a year. Back in 2011 EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson claimed fine particulates were responsible for a fifth of all U.S. deaths.

In both Europe and the U.S., the eagerness of urban "intellectuals" (bureaucrats) to attack farmers and rural residents has increased as globalist institutions have grown in wealth and power. Concentrated power is easier for the very wealthy to influence, and the rules government creates always seem to benefit the rich at the expense of the common people.

The wealthy make little profit in replacing aging water and wastewater and sewer lines, cleaning rivers and streams of accumulated pollution, or even providing running water to those in isolated communities. To the bureaucrat, there is nothing sexy about enabling the hoi polloi to enjoy water recreation in cleaned-up lakes and streams. The regulations they impose on farmers and rural areas do not affect their lives.

In Europe and America – and in developing nations as well – people who live on and from the land are fighting to protect their homes and families from the "wisdom" of urban elites. This is, ultimately, the great battle of our day. [Note: AIs require neither food nor water for sustenance.]

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for PM2.5. Indeed, the correlation between PM2.5 and life expectancy is far too weak to imply any causal relationship. Dr. Indur Goklany shows that clearly in a recent paper published by the CO2 Coalition, Does Fine Particulate Matter (PM 2.5) Increase Death and Disease and Reduce Life Expectancy?

To quote the executive summary, Goklany's paper

… reviews data between 1990 and 2017 on life expectancy and the rates of death and disease from India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Nepal and China – all countries that have had significant levels of industrial air pollution. The information on mortality and health are compared to trends both in pollution and per capita gross domestic product (GDPpc). The findings are that mortality and disease rates improved as GDPpc increased in all five countries but showed no correlation to levels of air pollution. Health steadily improved with the rise of GDPpc whether pollution was worsening or improving. The paper concludes that even if people are harmed by pollution, the effect on health is more than offset by the benefits of rising GDPpc, which is largely driven by industrialization.

Using data from five countries that have some of the world's worst air pollution (including PM2.5), Goklany shows that "it is not evident that PM2.5 shortens lifespans. But if it does, the effects are more than offset by increases in life expectancy. That increase is enabled directly or indirectly by economic growth (which is enabled by fossil fuel consumption) and associated technological advances and improved access to public health measures and medical care (that is, economic growth and technological change)." His findings are consistent with Steve Milloy in Scare Pollution: Why and How to Fix the EPA, available from Cornwall Alliance's online store.



Polar Ice *cont. from page 4*

Arctic sea ice has expanded and retreated dramatically in the past, in the space of a few years or decades, with the sea ice from the early 1900s to the 1940s similar in extent to present summer sea ice levels. After that, there was a large growth in summer sea ice in the Arctic, accompanying the modest global cooling trend from the 1950s through the early 1980s. During this period, Arctic sea ice reached a peak for the century.

It appears the predictions of Arctic summer sea ice disappearance based on a few years' data extrapolated by climate model projections into a long-term trend, which included a steep decline beginning in 2006, lacked a grounding in the region's historic ice behavior. The decline was from a peak period in the century, not from the long-term average of sea ice extent. The decline of summer sea ice in the Arctic has slowed significantly since 2007, in some years growing and in others shrinking. Based on the current slow rate of decline, the data indicates if the trend experienced in "the most recent 15-year period were maintained, it would take over 500 years for the Arctic to become ice-free in September," according to the analysis by J. Ray Bates, an adjunct professor of meteorology in the School of Mathematics and Statistics at University College Dublin, who wrote the GWPF paper.

Sea ice in Antarctica is even more confounding to climate model projections. Whereas models' projections consistently indicate the sea ice there should be undergoing a decline similar to what they predicted for the Arctic, sea ice extent in the Antarctic has actually grown modestly over time. Antarctica's sea ice extent grew steadily from 1980 through 2015, setting modern records in 2014 and 2015, before falling sharply for a couple of years. Since 2019, Antarctic sea ice has recovered to levels common in the 1980s and early 1990s, during the early part of an extended growth period. In defiance of climate model projections, since the 1980s the sea ice around Antarctica has expanded overall and the growth trend has been upward.

Sea ice isn't the only story there. The ice and snow accumulating on the Antarctic continent has also been growing. While climate alarmists focus on glacial decline on the West Antarctic ice sheet and the adjacent Antarctic Peninsula, on the whole Antarctica is adding significant amounts of ice. One must remember the West Antarctic and the Peninsula compose a relatively small portion of the continent, areas of which are underpinned by subsurface, geologically active heat sources. The Peninsula is surrounded on three sides by open seas and thus is more directly affected by sea surface temperatures and currents than the inland portions of the continent.

Ice shelves stabilize and slow or block the flow of grounded ice to the sea. A paper recently published in the peer-reviewed journal Cryosphere examined the net results of the Antarctic ice sheet resulting from observed and measured changes in the ice shelves ringing the continent. The researchers used satellite data and imagery to measure changes in 34 ice shelves across the breadth of Antarctic from 2009 through 2019. They discovered the ice shelf growth in East Antarctica far exceeded the decline in West Antarctica and on the Antarctic Peninsula so often discussed by the mainstream media:

Over the last decade, a reduction in the area on the Antarctic Peninsula (6693 km2) and West Antarctica (5563 km2) has been outweighed by area growth in East Antarctica (3532 km2) and the large Ross and Ronne–Filchner ice shelves (14028 km2). …

Overall, the Antarctic ice shelf area has grown by 5305 km2 since 2009, with 18 ice shelves retreating and 16 larger shelves growing in area. Our observations show that Antarctic ice shelves gained 661 Gt of ice mass over the past decade.

The net growth in the ice shelves over the past decade is consistent with the findings from NASA for the ice sheet as a whole. Using satellite data, NASA found Antarctica averaged a net gain of 112 billion tons of ice per year between 1992 and 2001, slowing to a net gain of 82 billion tons of ice per year between 2003 and 2008.

Antarctica's gains in sea ice, shelf ice, and the fixed ice on land defy the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's claims that climate change is (or should be) causing a net loss of ice and snow on Antarctica. Those claims, by the way, are based on computer model projections that have consistently misidentified other climate trends.

Quote of the Week:

"The opinions that are held with passion are always those for which no good ground exists; indeed the passion is the measure of the holders lack of rational conviction. Opinions in politics and religion are almost always held passionately." — Bertrand Russell [H/t Art Horn, Via ICECAP]

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This Week:

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

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

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

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

You can help in two ways:

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

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SCIENCE & ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY PROJECT

The Week That Was June 10, 2023

Scope: The issues discussed below include the following. The "distinct human fingerprint" that suddenly appeared in the Second Assessment report of the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC, AR2 (SAS), 1995) after it had been peer reviewed has reappeared. Initially the fingerprint was claimed to be a warming over the tropics centered about 50,000 feet (15 km) in altitude. Now, the same fingerprint finder claims it is in the stratosphere, from 31 miles (50 km) down to 4 to 12 miles (6 to 20 km). Former NASA atmospheric scientist Roy Spencer demonstrates the new fingerprint is insignificant.

A 2012 study by OECD cautioned member countries of the external costs of using wind and solar power, especially involving energy security. Most of the EU and North American countries ignored the warning.

Alarmists claim that a sudden sea level rise is occurring from ice in Antarctica melting rapidly. Increasingly, evidence is accumulating that the major parts of the continent of Antarctica are experiencing an increase in ice, not a reduction.

Repeated claims that the Arctic Sea Ice is diminishing are refuted.

Steve Milloy reports the results of years of repeated requests for documents on the Linear No Threshold Model.

In the Wall Street Journal, Andy Kessler asks "What If Climate is Self-Regulating?" His interpretation is valuable.

Washington continues its campaign against mineral extraction industries. A few examples are reviewed.

Forest fires in Canada are being claimed to be the result of climate change. The ignorance exhibited by such claims is reviewed.

Changing Fingerprints? In the 2007 paper "A comparison of tropical temperature trends with model predictions" by David Douglass, John Christy, Benjamin Pearson, and S. Fred Singer published by the Royal Meteorological Society, the authors examined the:

"tropospheric temperature trends of 67 runs from 22 'Climate of the 20th Century' model simulations and try to reconcile them with the best available updated observations (in the tropics during the satellite era). Model results and observed temperature trends are in disagreement in most of the tropical troposphere, being separated by more than twice the uncertainty of the model mean. In layers near 5 km, the modelled trend is 100 to 300% higher than observed, and above 8 km, modelled and observed trends have opposite signs."

Christy and others have produced several additional papers demonstrating that the "distinct human fingerprint" is not found. Now, Santer and others claim they have found it in the Stratosphere, well above its previous location, "Exceptional stratospheric contribution to human fingerprints on atmospheric temperature." However, it is not warming but cooling! Spencer writes:

"'Differences between tropospheric and lower stratospheric temperature trends have long been recognized as a 'fingerprint' of human effects on climate. This fingerprint, however, neglected information from the mid to upper stratosphere, 25 to 50 km above the Earth's surface. Including this information improves the detectability of a human fingerprint by a factor of five. Enhanced detectability occurs because the mid to upper stratosphere has a large cooling signal from human-caused CO2 increases, small noise levels of natural internal variability, and differing signal and noise patterns. Extending fingerprinting to the upper stratosphere with long temperature records and improved climate models means that it is now virtually impossible for natural causes to explain satellite-measured trends in the thermal structure of the Earth's atmosphere.'

"The authors are taking advantage of the public's lack of knowledge concerning the temperature effect of increasing CO2 in the atmosphere, making it sound like stratospheric cooling is part of the fingerprint of global warming."

Spencer points out that there is nothing new about this assertion. In 1993 he and John Christy published "Precision Lower Stratospheric Temperature Monitoring with the MSU: Technique, Validation, and Results 1979–1991" in the Journal of Climate. Further, [Boldface in original].

Dr. Richard Lindzen tells me he had references to stratospheric cooling in his 1964 PhD dissertation. So why haven't we heard about this before in the news? Because it has virtually nothing to do with the subject of global warming and associated climate change.

"So, why mention stratospheric cooling in the context of climate change?

"Climate researchers have been searching for 'human fingerprints' of climate change for decades, something measurable that cannot be reasonably explained by natural variations in the climate system.

"I will agree with the authors that stratospheric cooling (especially in the mid- to upper stratosphere) is probably the best evidence we have of a human fingerprint on global temperatures, at least up where there is very little air, where no one lives, and where there are no observable resulting impacts on weather down here where life exists. Water vapor remains an uncertainty here, because more water vapor would also cause cooling, and our understanding of natural variations in stratospheric water vapor is quite poor. But for the sake of argument, I will give the authors the benefit of the doubt and agree that most of the observed cooling is probably due to increasing CO2, which in turn is likely mostly due to burning of fossil fuels.

"Infrared radiative cooling by water vapor and carbon dioxide has long been known to be the primary way the stratosphere (and even higher altitudes) loses heat energy (gained from sunlight absorption by ozone) to outer space. This cooling mechanism is part of the so-called greenhouse effect: greenhouse gases warm the lower altitudes of planetary atmospheres and cool the higher altitudes. In fact, without the greenhouse effect, weather as we know it would not exist. The greenhouse effect is energetically analogous to adding insulation to a heated house in winter: for a given rate of energy input, the inside of the house becomes warmer, and the outside of the house becomes colder.

"The stratospheric cooling effects of CO2 and water vapor was first described theoretically by Manabe and Strickler (1964). Adding more CO2 to the atmosphere enhances upper atmospheric cooling, lowering temperatures. The temperature effect up there is large, several degrees C, meaning it is easier to measure with current satellite methods, as the authors of the new study correctly point out.

"But what then happens in the troposphere (where we live) in response to more CO2 is vastly more complex. Theoretically, adding more CO2 should warm the lower troposphere radiatively. This warming then gets mixed throughout the depth of the troposphere from convective overturning (basically, "weather").

"But just how much tropospheric warming will be caused by increasing CO2?

"After 30 years and billions of dollars expended on the effort in research centers around the world, the latest crop of climate models (CMIP6) now disagree on the expected amount of tropospheric warming more than ever before. This is mostly because of the insufficiently understood effects of water, especially the response of clouds (the climate system's sunshade) and precipitation processes (which limit the most abundant greenhouse gas, water vapor) to warming.[Boldface added]

"I consider it irresponsible to conflate stratospheric cooling with the global warming issue. Yes, strong cooling in the upper stratosphere is likely a fingerprint of increasing atmospheric CO2 (putatively due to fossil fuel burning), but for a variety of reasons, that is not reason to believe climate models in their predictions of tropospheric (and thus surface) warming trends. That is a very different matter, and the models themselves demonstrate they are not yet up to the task, now disagreeing with each other by a factor of three or more.

"So now you hopefully understand why entitling such a paper 'Exceptional stratospheric contribution to human fingerprints on atmospheric temperature' is essentially a non sequitur on the issue of global warming.

Externalities: In discussing the wider system costs of adding renewable energy, such as unreliable wind and solar, to the grid; Paul Homewood discussed a study by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) which was formed in 1961 for countries committed to democracy and the market economy. It has 38 members countries consisting of the European Union and the US and Canada plus Japan, Finland, Australia, and New Zealand.

The study is "Nuclear Energy and Renewables: System Effects in Low-carbon Electricity Systems." What is of particular interest to TWTW is section 1.4 (pp 34 to 39) "The question of pecuniary externalities" (external costs). The section begins:

"System effects in the electricity sector are impacts on the profitability of a company or the well-being of an individual above plant-level costs to supply electricity at a given load.

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Number of the Week: An article claiming that marine fish are responding to ocean warming by going towards the Polar Regions cited a study in Global Change Biology. The abstract states:

"In this study we analyzed published studies meeting criteria of reporting range shift responses to global warming in 115 taxa spanning all major oceanic regions, totaling 595 three-dimensional population responses (latitudinal, longitudinal, and depth), with temperature identified as a significant driver." [Boldface added]

According to Oceana, there are about 20,000 species of fish in the oceans. The study encompassed about 0.6% of them. See links under Changing Seas and

https://oceana.org/ocean-fishes/...

If it's not open warfare, it's collusive lawfare

Environmentalist lawsuits reach new heights of absurdity and threats to American energy

By Paul Dreissen

The Biden Administration continues waging war on fossil fuels, aided by environmentalists, politicians, and corporations chasing subsidies, competitive advantages, power and profits. They want to "fundamentally transform" America's energy and economic systems, prevent "climate cataclysms," and ensure "environmental justice" for some (by inflicting injustices on others).

Their weapons include withdrawing huge areas from economic activities; banning leasing, drilling and pipelines; and imposing regulatory standards so costly or technologically impossible that coal-fired power plants, internal-combustion vehicles, and gas stoves, furnaces and water heaters must be abandoned.

This open warfare is augmented and amplified by more clandestine "lawfare."

Environmentalists have long employed lawsuits to impose by court decree what they cannot achieve via ballot boxes or legislation. The litigation often redefines sloppily or deliberately vague statutory language, to impose more onerous standards that can block or bankrupt oil, gas and mining projects – and then ignored for land- and resource-intensive wind and solar projects.

An especially pernicious strategy is "sue-and-settle" lawsuits, wherein environmentalists collude with friendly federal agencies to create a "disagreement" over a policy or regulation, and sue in friendly courts. The parties then agree to a settlement that's been negotiated behind closed doors, leaving the public and impacted third parties with no opportunity to address the case's legal or evidentiary merits.

Now ultra-progressive states and cities are charging onto this battlefield with more destructive lawsuits.

Delaware and Rhode Island have joined Baltimore, Honolulu, New York City, San Francisco, and other jurisdictions in filing climate change lawsuits against oil and gas producers, refiners and sellers in state courts – where they believe they will face more sympathetic judges and juries than in federal courtrooms.

The arguments for transferring the cases to federal jurisdiction are compelling – and were presented persuasively by John Yoo, C. Boyden Gray and other experts who reviewed the differing Courts of Appeals decisions, and the policy and legal questions surrounding them:

Fossil fuel "greenhouse gas" emissions alleged to cause climate change cross state lines and must therefore be governed by federal agencies. Sea level rise, flooding and other damages allegedly caused by those emissions must likewise be attributed to multiple sources in multiple states, and thus must also be the purview of federal laws and agencies.

No state, much less any city, should be permitted to set or manipulate national energy, climate or environmental policies and hold other jurisdictions to their agendas. Different legal opinions among various federal courts require Supreme Court intervention.

BP America, Chevron, ExxonMobil, Suncor Energy and other oil company defendants made these and additional arguments in asking the US Supreme Court to reaffirm that cases addressing climate change claims are inherently governed by federal law and should be transferred from state to federal courts.

However, the Supremes inexplicably opted not to review the cases at this time. That means these and other cities and states will continue suing energy companies – perhaps securing verdicts and multi-billion-dollar damage awards.

The litigation will create a legal, constitutional, scientific and public policy nightmare for the nation, businesses, consumers, courts and states, especially after verdicts have been rendered and bills tendered to scapegoat companies for payment. An already confusing and impenetrable judicial and permitting jungle will become even more perilous.

However, these complex pollution issues are made vastly more complicated by the basic question of whether carbon dioxide (which humans and animals exhale and plants require to grow, "green" our planet and help ensure record crop yields) should ever be labeled a "dangerous pollutant." Even more so by the impossibility of separating "greenhouse gas" emissions from a few US petroleum companies from:

- all other American oil and gas, coal, agricultural, industrial, transportation and other emissions;
- human activities worldwide, including thousands of coal-fired power plants in China, India and dozens of other countries that have no obligation or intention of reducing their fossil fuel use anytime soon, thus increasing carbon dioxide levels (deliberately and misleadingly called "carbon pollution") in Earth's global atmosphere for decades to come;
- greenhouse gas emissions (and toxic air pollution) from mining, minerals processing and manufacturing to make the wind turbines, solar panels, electric vehicles, grid-scale backup batteries, transformers and transmission lines required for a "clean, green, renewable, sustainable" energy future; and
- climate changes caused by natural forces throughout Earth past history, now and in the future.

As litigant cities and states pursue billions in penalties and damages from these companies – supposedly to cover the costs of building levees and stormwater impoundments, raising roads and bridges, and otherwise protecting communities from "increasing sea level rise" and "more frequent and intense storms" – they will also have to address other inconvenient truths.

For example, seas have risen naturally 400 feet since the last ice age ended 12,000 years ago. They are now rising at an easily manageable 7-12 inches per century – and much of the perceived sea level rise is actually due to land subsidence in coastal cities worldwide, not rising seas.

The litigants and courts will also encounter the bitter reality that the "fundamental transformation" they so earnestly seek means covering the planet with wind turbines, solar panels, transmission lines ... and the quarries and mines to build them. America already lacks sufficient EV charging stations and step-up and step-down transformers for new homes and a functional grid. Millions more will be needed in short order to reach Net Zero – which means thousands of new mines, quarries, processing plants and factories.

Toyota Motor Corp. calculates that "more than 300 new lithium, cobalt, nickel and graphite mines are needed to meet the expected battery demand by 2035." That's essentially just for new EVs, and getting them approved and developed would likely take decades. A US energy transformation – to say nothing of a global transformation – would require thousands of mines, and thousands of processing facilities.

The process of converting cobalt, lithium, aluminum, iron, rare earths, manganese, nickel and other ores into high-end metals is fossil-fuel-intensive, greenhouse-gas-emitting and dirty. "Reaching the nickel means cutting down swaths of rainforest," the Wall Street Journal notes. "Refining it ... involves extreme heat and high pressure, producing waste slurry that's hard to dispose of." Using little children to mine cobalt and processing rare earth elements involve legendary ecological and human rights abuses.

Worse, all this is only the beginning of the planetary desecration. We're talking millions of onshore and offshore wind turbines, billions of solar panels, hundreds of thousands of miles of new transmission lines, billions of half-ton battery modules – and all that goes into making them. We'll have to replace fertilizers for crops and feed stocks for thousands of products, by planting millions more acres in food and fuel crops, destroying more wildlife habitats. Turbine blades chop millions of birds and bats from the sky every year. Offshore turbines disorient whales and dolphins, causing many to beach themselves and die.

Then we'll have to bury the broken, worn-out and obsolete panels, turbine blades and other equipment. The world has already installed some 100,000 wind turbines and 2.5 billion solar panels. In whose backyards will the landfills go for all this trash – and the massive lakes for the waste slurries?

There is nothing clean, green, renewable, sustainable or climate-friendly about any of this.

The Supreme Court – and courts, regulators and legislators everywhere – have a lot of work to do.

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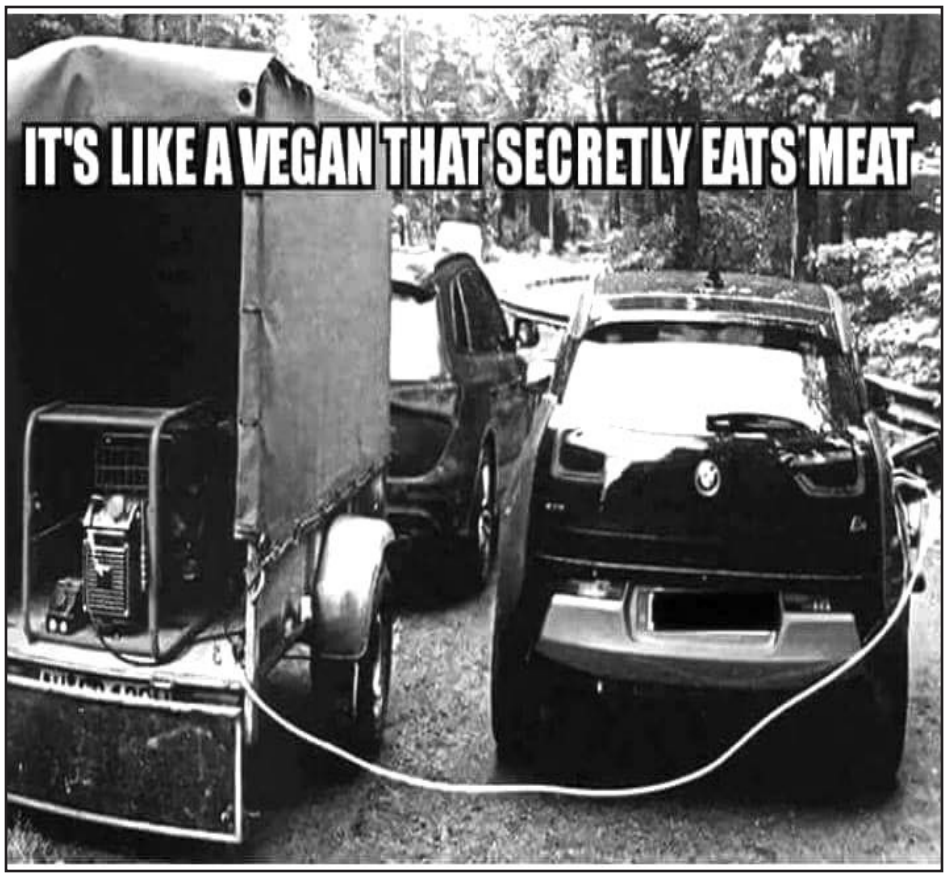

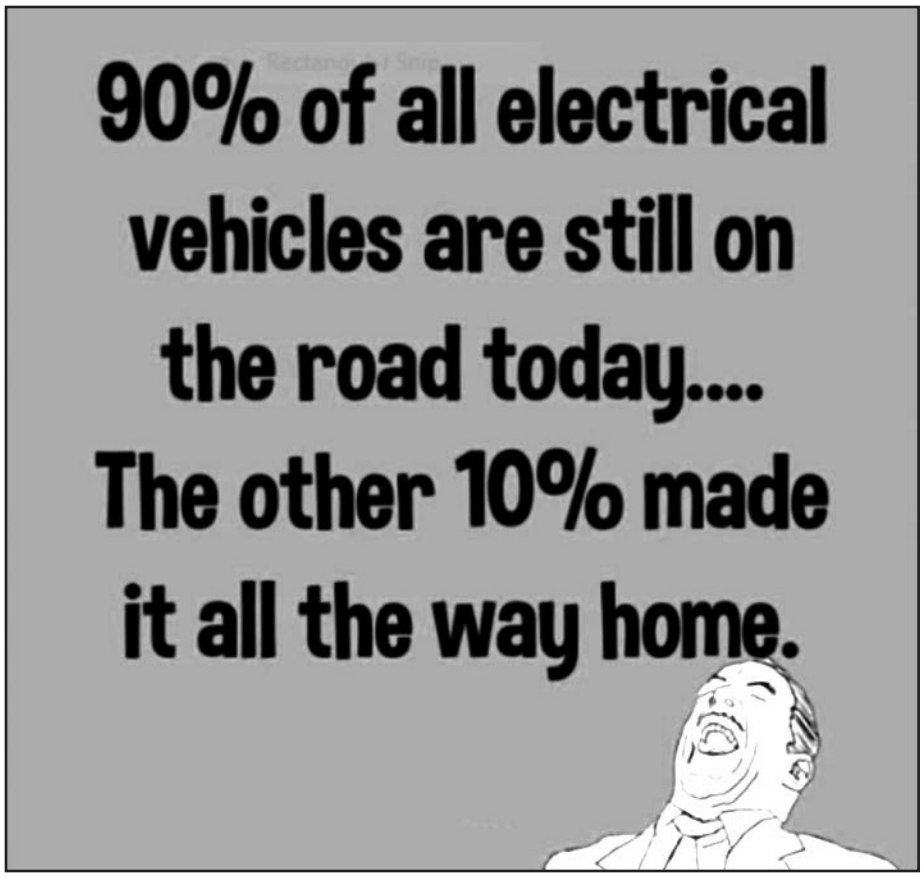

The Greatest Theif Of All



By Gary Wickert

We are all gifted with a finite amount of it. No two people have the same amount, yet it produces no envy. It can't be deposited in a bank, saved, or stored for leaner times. It can't be bought or sold. It is more valuable than gold or silver, yet we spend it whether we want to or not. The world's wealthiest people would trade their fortunes for more of it, and the poorest among us would never sell it—at any price.

I speak of time. It is fleeting and the older you get, the faster it goes by. Large chunks in staccato fashion, neatly bundled in weeks, months and years. One season after another. Bundles of it roll downhill, picking up speed, until we find ourselves older and with a bucket list that grows by the day.

For many, time is the thief in black that silently slips by us on cat's feet, almost unnoticed as youth fades. It steals life's opportunities if not used properly and given the respect it deserves. Wrinkles, gray hair, and all too often, desperation, seemingly symbolize having much behind and little ahead. Familiar faces become strangers, and voices of friends fade, leaving us with memories that become foggier with each passing day.

Life beings and ends with the tick of the clock, every moment in between slipping by silently without fanfare. A life spent watching the clock bears little fruit. Yet, the truth is that time isn't really stealing anything. The metaphor merely implies that time passes quickly and our lives with it.

The sad irony is that weariness comes at the end of a mechanical life; and only then is our consciousness awakened and we realize the value in what we have spent. We all become aware at some point that we can no longer ignore time; and the sooner we realize it the better. In the end, we understand that time is not a thief at all, but the giver of all things. Apathy, laziness, and indifference are the real thieves that loot the chest of gold and silver that time has lent us.

Children ache to grow older and become adults. Adults long for seniority at work, rushing toward each new phase of our lives and careers, as though reaching it is the objective. We struggle for advancement and respect, bonuses and raises. For far too many, time condenses down to a number on a check. Life becomes the repetitive task of getting through the day and looking forward to tomorrow—instead of savoring each day as they are given to us. We all too often fail to recognize the precious present—a gift to be savored with friends and loved ones. We fail to appreciate the roles of friends and family cast in the play that God has written for each of us. We perceive life's difficult and painful moments as punishment or penance, rather than the marrow that sweetens the recipe of life and allows us to cherish even more the most "routine" of days.

Perhaps the greatest quote from J.R.R. Tolkien's "The Fellowship of the Rings" was spoken as Gandalf explained the history of the ring to Frodo. "I wish it need not have happened in my time," said Frodo. "So do I," replied Gandalf, "and so do all who live to see such times. But that is not for them to decide. All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us." The "it" to which Frodo refers is the return of Sauron and Gollum finding the ring. Gandalf's response is simultaneously heroic and fatalistic. And so is time. Heroic because it requires one to rise to the challenge time presents; and fatalistic because the decision of which time we live in is not ours to make. The quote suggests that "time" is both a gift that has been given to us and a thief that can steal from us. Time stamps us with a sense of purpose, with fate assigning roles to us all.

The poem "Ithaka" by the Greek poet C.P. Cavafy has a lot to say about how we spend the precious commodity known as time. It is about Odysseus, the hero of Homer's epic poem, the "Odyssey," and speaks of Itahka, the island home which Odysseus spends years of effort trying to return to.

"As you set out for Ithaka,
Hope your road is a long one,
Full of adventure, full of discovery…
May there be many summer mornings when,
With what pleasure, what joy,
You enter harbors you're seeing for the first time…
Keep Ithaka always in your mind.
Arriving there is what you're destined for.
But don't hurry the journey at all.
Better if it lasts for years,
So, you're old by the time you reach the island,
Wealthy with all you've gained on the way,
not expecting Ithaka to make you rich.
Ithaka gave you the marvelous journey.
Without her you wouldn't have set out.
She has nothing left to give you now.
And if you find her poor, Ithaka won't have fooled you.
Wise as you will have become, so full of experience,
You'll have understood by then what these Ithakas mean."

Cherish the journey, not the destination. Arriving at our destination almost always disappoints; and only then do we realize it was the journey all along that brought us joy and defined our lives. In one of my favorite Kurt Vonnegut quotes, Kurt tells his wife he's going to the store to buy an envelope. "Why?", she asks. "You're not a poor man; why don't you go online and buy a whole box of envelopes and put them in the drawer?" Kurt pretends not to hear her and sneaks out to buy an envelope because he's going to have a hell of a good time in the process. He sees things and meets new people. He gives a fire truck a thumbs-up and asks a woman about her dog. The joy of turning a simple and meaningless chore into a chance to experience the world is the opportunity that time gives us.

My son, Matt, released a song recently entitled "Maybe Today", that seemingly catches time in the act:

A crowded desk in my half-filled home;
Half-read books in the pile of clothes.
The next big thing could be anywhere.
But the TV asks me if I'm still there.
Maybe today, I'll get away.
I could write a book with the plans I've made;
And lose my place in the day-to-day.
My father says it's an uphill climb;
That fabled boulder in your mind.
Maybe today, maybe today.

"The time's not right until the right time's gone," the song continues. In the end, the greatest thief of all is our own reluctance to savor, enjoy, and take advantage of the precious present God has given us. Without a journey filled with love, adventure, faith, curiosity, disappointment, discovery, pain, challenges, and courage, arriving at our destination will leave us empty, longing for more. Cherish family, have a child-like faith, buy a hammock. Go buy an envelope. Time you enjoy wasting is not time wasted. Go a month without getting angry or blaming somebody. Show mercy. Give of yourself. Learn to cook, try stand-up comedy, or throw a dart at a map and take a trip. Slow down and enjoy life; it is contagious, and it goes by in a blink.

Time To Ramp Up Student Knowledge Of American Civics

By AmericasFuture.net

The drumbeat of anti-American rhetoric over time has taken hold in today's classrooms. For the first time since the United States Department of Education (DOE) began testing eighth graders' knowledge of civics, the performance of these students has declined. Interestingly, the most significant decline occurred in the highest-performing students.

The findings follow testing of civics knowledge (and other subjects) that were uncovered in the 2022 national report card, released by the DOE's National aCenter for Education Statistics Assessment (NCES) through its testing source, the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP).

No doubt, these results, among others, are influencing parental decision-making to homeschool their children, which continues to rise across the county. It is clear that students are learning less and less about what makes America exceptional. Rather than emphasizing the greatness and strength of our Constitution and the Judeo-Christian values our nation was founded upon, public educational institutions, instead, accentuate the flaws of our nation's past as though we have made limited progress – a falsity unto itself.

Historian and Hillsdale College Professor Wilfred McClay makes the case for our nation's progress in a recent interview when he characterizes the issue in plain language, stating, "Teachers and professors over-emphasize America's shortcomings without due regard for the nation's founders and institutions… love of one's country, of what is one's own, and gratitude for the forbears who made our present prosperity and freedom possible, is something that formal education should be inculcating and reinforcing."



Although COVID lockdowns and school closures had serious detrimental impacts on the state of our nation's youth, the silver lining is that parents were offered a front-row seat to the indoctrination and lack of critical thinking skills that plague today's public schools. It also bolsters arguments made for school choice by many parents and others in a gallant effort to improve student performance and redesign America's educational system to serve the best interests of students and to ensure the future of our nation's prosperity.

In order to carry a positive action we must develop here a positive vision.
-Dalai Lama

Instant gratification takes too long.
-Carrie Fisher

It is not fair to ask of others what you are not willing to do yourself.
-Eleanor Roosevelt

First appearance deceives many.
-Ovid

Every dogma has its day.
-Anthony Burgess

"Is there no virtue among us? If there be not, we are in a wretched situation."
-James Madison

Trump's two lawyers didn't just quit, the DOJ forced their hands

By LifeSiteNews.net

First, the good news. The judge assigned to the Donald Trump documents case is U.S. District Court Judge Aileen Cannon. She is the same judge who handled the lawsuit last year after the FBI raided Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate. Judge Cannon was the judge who appointed the "special master" to review the documents the Department of Justice was claiming were classified, but Team Trump was contending that definition.

Now the bad news. The DOJ is no longer legally arguing that Trump held any classified documents at Mar-a-Lago. The DOJ is arguing that Trump held documents vital to U.S. defense security. It's a farce but that's their position. The classification status of documents is moot, nonexistent, except to create the predicate for the proverbial FBI nose under the tent.

The DOJ-NSD (that's Lisa Monaco) got a warrant to look for classified documents, but never intended to use classified documents as a case cornerstone because Trump had full declassification authority. The DOJ got a search warrant by convincing a judge they were looking for something that wasn't even a violation of law. That's why the DOJ would not reveal the probable cause affidavit. The search was built upon a fraudulent pretense. "Classified" is a snipe hunt.

You will notice Jack Smith never discussed "classified documents" in his remarks, and the issue of classified documents appears nowhere except in the indictment as a purposeful lawfare description of documents. The DOJ is not legally charging anything relating to the classification status of the documents. That's the lawfare and media banter to create a talking point. The term "classified" is all over the indictment, but as a lawfare adjective only; it's like using the word "stash."

The special counsel legal framework is centered around documents the DOJ define as vital to "the defense security" of the United States. EVERYTHING is predicated on 31 counts of an 18 U.S. Code § 793(e) violation. The DOJ defines what is considered a defense document, and that intentionally has nothing to do with classification.

The granular news. You might have heard that two of Trump's lawyers, Jim Trusty and John Rowley, quit today. The media wants to use their exit as a point to indicate Trump is in legal jeopardy; however, that's not the case.

As soon as Trusty and Rowley saw their forced testimony was used in the indictment, they had no option except to exit the case. Despite the lawyers providing no damaging information against Trump, the DOJ used language in the indictment to turn Trump's lawyers into material witnesses. Weissmann's lawfare tactic created a conflict, forcing the two Trump lawyers to depart.

(Politico) — Two of Donald Trump's top lawyers abruptly resigned from his defense team on Friday, just hours after news broke that he and a close aide were indicted on charges related to their handling of classified documents.

Jim Trusty and John Rowley, who helmed Trump's Washington, D.C.-based legal team for months and were seen frequently at the federal courthouse, indicated they would no longer represent Trump in matters being investigated and prosecuted by special counsel Jack Smith, who is probing both the documents matter and efforts by Trump to subvert the 2020 election.

The resignations were shortly followed by an announcement from Trump himself confirming that a close aide, Walt Nauta, had also been indicted by federal prosecutors. Nauta, a Navy veteran, had served as the former president's personal aide and was a ubiquitous presence during his post White House days.

In their place, Trump indicated that Todd Blanche — an attorney he recently retained to help fight unrelated felony charges brought by Manhattan district attorney Alvin Bragg in April — would lead his legal team, along with a firm to be named later. Trump and his team have liked Blanche, who is expected to play a more elevated, central role. (more)

Weissmann, Eisen and Smith are using lawfare in the indictment to put the interests of Trump and his aide Walt Nauta against each other. Obviously, Nauta would not turn on Trump, so the prosecution made Nauta a target for a federal 1001 charge of lying to investigators and will pressure him throughout the case to take a plea in exchange for testimony against Trump. Nauta is the baseline of the "Conspiracy Elements" which require two or more people. Again, pure lawfare.

Obviously, Jim Trusty was unaware last night that his forced testimony would be used in the indictment.



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"this is the first time in U.S. history that the prosecutorial power of the federal government has been used against a former President who is also running against the sitting President," they conclude that "the charges are a destructive intervention into the 2024 election, and the potential trial will hang over the race."

The indictment loads up 37 charges against Trump regarding mishandling of classified documents, 31 of which are for violating an ancient and rarely enforced Espionage Act for "willful retention of national defense information."

For two-tiered justice contrast, perhaps remember former FBI Director James Comey telling us in 2016 that "no reasonable prosecutor would bring such a case" against former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and her colleagues who "were extremely careless in their handling of very sensitive, highly classified information."

This was after she had destroyed more than 30,000 unauthorized emails on her private server that were under subpoena from Congress, of which 113 included information that was classified when sent or received, and eight were Top Secret.

Then there's a recent matter of unauthorized files discovered in at least five different Biden locations including unsecure boxes in his Delaware residence garage next to his sports car.

The president lamely claimed, "My Corvette's in a locked garage, OK? So it's not like they're sitting out on the street."

Although AG Garland appointed another special counsel, Robert Hur, to investigate Joe, don't hold your breath for any action on this.

Special counsel Jack Smith's Trump indictment timing and opening statement could hardly have been more ironic – or cynical.

This occurred just hours after the FBI had briefed members of the congressional House Oversight Committee regarding what appears to be hard evidence of Biden family foreign influence peddling leading directly to Joe when he was vice president.

Smith intoned that "We have one set of laws in this country, and they apply to everyone…Applying those laws, collecting facts, that's what determines the outcome of an investigation. Nothing more, nothing less."

The FBI has had information from a highly trusted informant that former VP Biden and son Hunter were each allegedly paid $5 million by the owner of Burisma, a corrupt Ukraine energy company where Hunter also received a million-dollar annual salary as a no-show board member.

Burisma was reportedly seeking Biden's protection from Ukraine government prosecution.

Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-Ga.) who attended the FBI briefing reported that Burisma CEO Mykola Zlochevsky had hired Hunter on the board "to make the problems go away."

"It was all a brib[e] to get [former Ukrainian prosecutor general Viktor] Shokin fired," Greene added.

Shokin was fired in March 2016 during a time when Joe Biden publicly boasted that he leveraged $1 billion in U.S. aid to get him thrown out of office.

Reading from her notes, Greene also said that the informant file source revealed that Zlochevsky was displeased with Donald Trump's 2016 election win over Hillary Clinton, and that the Biden bribe scheme involved elaborate efforts to hide the payments.

"Remember", Greene said, "he had invested a lot of money into the Bidens to make his problems go away. He did say that it would take 10 years for all of us to find out about the payments made to the Bidens because of how many bank accounts there were."

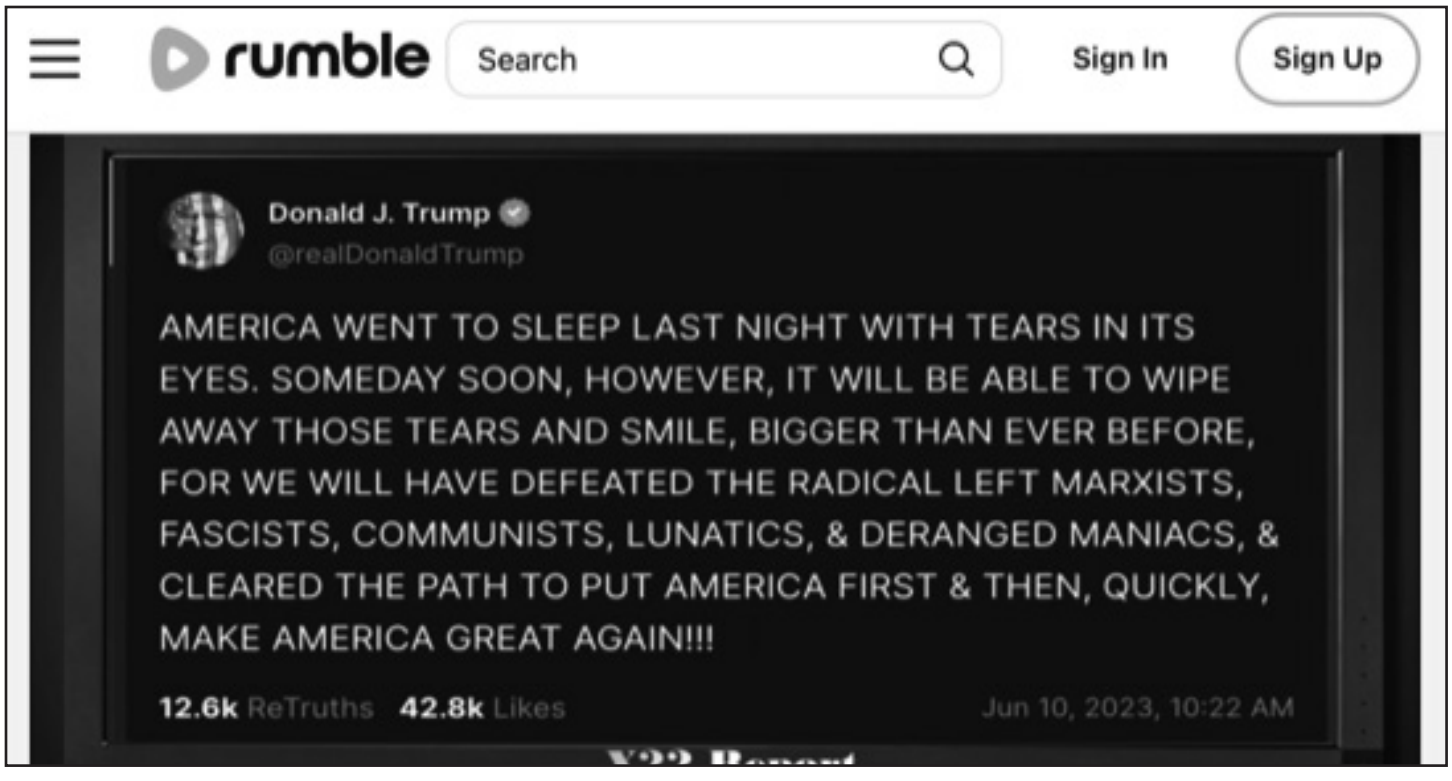
Recall that President Trump was impeached for merely asking incoming Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy about possible Biden foreign policy compromise during a July 25, 2019 telephone conversation.

Trump was recorded saying: "I heard you had a prosecutor who was very good and he was shut down and that's really unfair," and that "There's a lot of talk about Biden's son, that Biden stopped the prosecution and a lot of people want to find out about that so whatever you can do with the attorney general would be great. Biden went around bragging that he stopped the prosecution so if you can look into it."

The Wall Street Journal reminds us that "It was once unthinkable in America that the government's awesome power of prosecution would be turned on a political opponent. That seal has now been broken."

It's still unthinkable.

In breaking that seal of public trust, Democrats have awakened and released voter fury that will hopefully bite back in 2024 and many decades beyond.



Budget Blog Update, June 8th 2023

By Brett Healy

Conservative observers have gone from puzzled to troubled to alarmed at how the budget cycle is shaping up.

The historic budget surplus of $7 billion had given fiscal conservatives hope that tax cuts would be in the offing, perhaps a move to a transformational flat tax for all Wisconsinites. But it's been nearly 2 months – an eternity in budget season – since we've heard a peep about tax cuts.

In the meantime the republican majorities in both houses have been headed down the path of big spending increases, continuing to fund programs that should be cut, and increasing funding for other programs that have traditionally been relatively easy for conservatives to hold the line on. Sure, the Republicans are not spending as much as Gov. Evers proposed overall but they have increased spending over what the governor requested in several areas.

We realize that divided government is messy and will not be perfect but we thought the Legislature held the purse strings. With bigger majorities in both houses, we had hoped they would use this leverage to force Governor Evers to downsize an already incredibly bloated state government (approximately $8 billion All Funds spending increase in the 2019-2021 budget and $6 billion All Funds spending increase in the 2021-2023 budget) and force Evers to accept needed reforms in education, the justice system, the tax system or government spending in general.

The messaging on the revamped bill sounded more like they came from the democrat playbook than the party of smaller government:

• There is so much money going to local governments, it's hard to imagine republicans voting against it.

• Historic "investments" in our local government partners and education.

• It's not a bailout, it's just raising taxes to solve the problems driving them to bankruptcy.

• The new tax dollars for Milwaukee ALL go to their pensions, except for the part that doesn't.

• Education is very important, and more money will make it better. For some kids.

And just because the recent increases in K12 education funding resulted in declining academic achievement, that doesn't mean this historic investment won't work even though there are no reforms or accountability attached to the money.

• Mental health needs of children are best served in the schools that are indoctrinating them.

Already supporters of the legislation are extolling the virtues of the victory, but it's hard for even half-hearted fiscal conservatives to see this massive expansion of government, a $268 million tax increase to force taxpayers to pay for deliberate mismanagement of public pensions, and the biggest increase in education funding in state history (not to mention giving the same schools hiding mental health issues from parents a central role in student mental health treatment) - all without significant guide rails to protect parents and taxpayers - as a win.

Any time you can end a tax, that is a good thing. The shift of the personal property tax to the general fund (which was also included in the Governor's budget) does lift the burden of an outdated tax from a small group and spreads it to everyone. And the increased funding for School Choice is a win. But the legislature gave much away to the governor to get the Choice dollars, moving to or near to the governor's position on most of the elements, and achieving no concessions other than School Choice on topics that conservatives have been pushing. No transformational tax reform. No election reforms,

no parental bill of rights, nothing to protect our kids from indoctrination and nothing to stop the scold-and-release of serious criminals in Milwaukee and Madison.

Even if Republicans add one or two more of these elements to their budget as it makes its way through the legislative process, it will be a meaningless gesture. If a conservative win or a common sense reform is not a part of this grand deal, it will be vetoed by Evers and there will be nothing the Republicans can do about it. They do not have the votes necessary to override a veto.

Are legislators running scared of what incoming Supreme Court Justice Janet Protaziewicz might do to draw them new districts, believing that bringing home the bacon and kowtowing to local politicians is the best way to protect themselves from political opposition next year?

Who is looking out for the taxpayer? Who is looking out for the hard-working families who are finding it difficult to make ends meet in Biden's economy? Who is looking to protect our children?

The MacIver Institute

Shared Revenue/Milwaukee Pension Bailout/School Choice Expansion/K12 Education Funding/Literacy/Et Al Tally Sheet

For Liberals	For Republicans	For Taxpayers	Notes
$1 billion increase in K12 funding; a $325 per pupil increase. The governor's budget had a $350 per pupil increase, and a $1 billion general aid increase. Gov. Evers, Superintendent Underly, and the education establishment have been deflecting their responsibility for our children's dismal academic performance by convincing the media and the public that the reason our children are struggling is that Republicans have starved our schools despite billions in recent education spending increases. Evers can now claim victory on one of his biggest priorities.	Some, maybe all, Republicans will brag this is "biggest investment in public education, ever."	No accountability for the education establishment or reform of education to ensure we have better outcomes in general. Nearly 60% of our children are failing (below grade level) in English Language Arts and Math. This funding increase does not recognize the large spending increases given to schools in recent budgets or the massive amount of federal ARPA funds, perpetuates the liberal talking point that more taxpayer money will fix everything in K12 education. Just giving schools $1 billion more in spendable revenue does nothing to ensure better outcomes. More choice students will improve overall academic achievement outcomes but there are far more students	This "deal" closely mirrors the general aid and per pupil increase in the Evers budget. In making this deal with Governor, Republicans did not get a parents' bill of rights, a ban on Critical Race Theory, a requirement that schools teach standard English, real math, a ban on gender indoctrination, not even a ban on drag queen shows in schools. Nothing. Without reforms, this only throws more money at the schools that will continue to teach our kids to hate the country, that 2+2 does not equal 4 and that perfection and turning in your homework is a trait of white supremacy.
		in public schools who will continue to fail and still be indoctrinated every single day.	
$50 million for a new literacy plan and reading specialists - $30 million more than Evers proposed in his budget.	$50 million for a new literacy plan, more education bureaucrats and no accountability for DPI or schools for their failure to teach our kids to read. While we would never call out or question Superintendent Underly about the fact that almost 60% of our kids are failing math and English Language Arts on the Forward Exam, now we can at least tell parents we fixed the literacy problem with a new $50 million program to force schools to do what schools should have been doing all along - teaching all of our kids to read by third grade.	$50 million in new education spending and more education bureaucrats for what should be one of the only basic responsibilities of our schools - teach our kids to read. No accountability for DPI or schools for their failure to teach our kids to read. Without accountability or other reforms, parents cannot be assured that this new literacy package will even begin to fix the problem. Bureaucrats who are currently responsible for our dismal scores and declining academic achievement will keep their jobs, take this new funding to grow their fiefdoms and make modest improvements for a small number of kids.	Republicans added $30 million above the $20 million proposed in the Evers budget. We have been drawing attention to the literacy problem in our state for years. This is potentially the most important and critical provision for the future of our state in any of these packages. So we want to believe in this one and we will examine it very closely. We worry that legislators who want to cozy up to the education establishment will water this down so nobody at DPI has their feelings hurt or blame is properly placed for this education disaster. If the provision holding back young children who struggle to read is real and will actually be used as needed, this is a win. In talking to local educators, few of them like this idea, so we are concerned
			that the effectiveness of this new literacy program will be dampened. Decades of school spending increases have resulted in lower scores, but ***this*** money will change everything. If Superintendent Underly and the ultra-liberal education establishment is left to their own devices, they will undermine the entire operation and our kids will continue to drown in failure.
Higher reimbursement levels for Choice and Charter kids - $9k for K8 and $12 for high school. Evers' liberal base and WEAC hate this one. Could he be counting on the new liberal majority on the State Supreme Court to overturn this provision or the entire Choice program?	Higher reimbursement levels for Choice and Charter kids - $9k for K8 and $12 for high school. Choice advocates believe that this could double the size of the Choice program.	Higher reimbursement levels but no expansion of Choice slots, and while we understand that the Choice expansion has to be connected to the massive increase in K12 funding, there is no accountability for lousy public schools or assurances that schools will stop indoctrinating our children in this agreement.	Their bargaining netted them in return…no parents' bill of rights, no bans on CRT, no bans on grooming, gender indoctrination or pornagraphic books, not even a ban on drag queen shows in schools. If/when this does lead to a significant increase in students participating in the Choice or Charter programs, that will be a significant win for conservatives and a huge blow for the partisan wing of the education establishment.
Increase of $30	Supporting $30	Gov. Evers and public	Puts the same people
million/budget for Evers' mental health initiative which reimburses schools for hiring social workers, psychologists and counselors.	million for children's mental health.	health decisions caused the mental health crisis in our youth by shutting down the schools. No safeguards to ensure that parents are notified when there is a problem or a requirement that parents must be consulted or involved with treatment.	who are forcing gender indoctrination and CRT on children in charge of their mental health. The school social workers and counselors will be more of a barrier between parents and their kids' mental health.
Increase special education reimbursement 3% for a total of 33% at a cost of $97 million.	The $97 million increase builds on the increases provided in previous budgets.		
Shared Revenue - 20% minimum increase for every municipality (up from 15%). This is a total increase of 36.5% in state aid. The Evers budget included $576 million new funding for shared revenue.	Republicans say there's so much money for locals in the plan it will be hard for anyone to vote no. They won a 35.6% increase in state aid to locals. They worked their way up from a 10% minimum increase to the 20% in the final plan (except Milwaukee which gets a 10% bump and places with a population over 110,000 get 15% more) started at a minimum 10% increase for every local government in state aid. All new local revenue will be required to be	Local government is about to grow. They will all have an average of 35.6% more state aid to spend. Some municipalities get over 700% more, at least one gets over 800% more. We have been growing the size and scope of government at the state level for years, now government at the local level will grow as well. Hallelujah. Data shows that spending at the local level has increased at a greater rate than inflation or household median income in	Evers' budget proposed 1 cent of sales tax for shared revenue, an increase in shared revenue of $576 million/year. Republicans bargained to get 1% of the sales tax used for shared revenue. Their $276 million increase in state aid added to the $300 million Innovation Grants total….$576 million. Evers created a new $1.5 billion pot for locals in February, the legislature created a $1.5 billion pot in May. Remember, Evers campaigned on
	used for law enforcement, fire, EMS, public works and transportation. Municipalities will no longer be allowed to pursue race-based hiring, unless of course the federal government requires diversity considerations to qualify for federal aid or a grant. Republicans will say that all of this increase in government spending is a good thing because this is government spending that we like.	Wisconsin. But, doesn't matter, the locals claim to be impoverished.	added funding for police and public safety when a significant portion of the money he directed to local police was used for sensitivity training. Does anyone really believe this prohibition on race-based hiring will actually stop the liberals in Milwaukee, Madison and everywhere else from pursuing their holy DEI grail? Will the legislature be willing to remove significant funding from those units of government who are caught violating this provision in the future?
Milwaukee and Milwaukee County can increase their local sales tax increase with a 2/3rds vote of board (the voter referendum is out). Milwaukee politicians have been desperate for their own source of tax revenue, a new source of tax revenue that does not have taxpayer protections built in like the property tax, so they can spend it as they see fit, and	New Milwaukee city and county leaders earned the trust of Legislative Republicans who agreed to allow them to raise local taxes by over a quarter billion dollars per year.	Taxpayers will have no say on the tax hike. Allowing Milwaukee to use the sales tax to pay towards the Milwaukee pension nets non-Milwaukeeans to contribute. The skim from the sales tax that is not required to go towards fixing the pension problem will allow Milwaukee politicians to fund their pet local	Flip-flops on both sides: Evers proposed a referendum for a smaller tax increase in the last budget, the legislature flip-flopped on their opposition to local sales taxes to bail them out of self-created problems. Adding language to prevent the expansion of the streetcar is positive. Maybe we could have added a provision to
dramatically grow their own fiefdoms.		projects.	force Milwaukee to charge riders a user fee that actually covers the full cost of operating the system? Much more important than preventing Diversity Equity and Inclusion being used in hiring for a government job is stopping radical Critical Race Theory from continuing to poison the minds of our children and impeding academic achievement. Much more important.
	Maintenance of Effort requirements for public safety for all municipalities as a condition of the shared revenue increases. Milwaukee has to meet the same public safety MOE with their shared revenue increase ($21.7 million). Milwaukee also is required to divert at least 10% of their new sales tax collections - every year for 30 years - to maintain and expand police and fire.	Police and fire spending/staffing is protected in local budgets. Locals' public safety efforts are frozen in time. The bill claims the sales tax will end in 30 years. But the bill required 10% of the money raised from the tax to be spent for ongoing expenses, making it virtually impossible to sunset.	There are no provisions included to push the justice system to make changes that would follow through on arrests made by more police - particularly needed in Milwaukee. There is a pattern of criminals being out on the streets on low/no bail or released because cases are dismissed for not being tried speedily enough. And many of those out on no bail or a lenient sentence commit more crimes. The effectiveness of hiring a dozen or two more police officers will be greatly
			undercut unless the liberal's scold-and-release treatment of criminals remains.
Evers' proposed budget repealed the remaining portion of the personal property tax, this gives Evers back the $200 million tax cut he originally had in his budget proposal.	Repeals the rest of the personal property tax, $200 mil tax cut	While the repeal of any tax is a good thing, this is a tax paid only by a small subset of taxpayers. The size of this tax cut, $200 million, pales in comparison to the size of the $7 billion surplus, which really is the amount taxpayers have been overtaxed to fund our current government.	This was never a point of negotiation; this was on both Evers' and the republican legislature's priority list.
Police officers in MPS - Milwaukee liberals will hate this provision and see it as a sign of oppression that police officers are there to keep children safe.	25 police officers in MPS schools and require school districts to keep track of crimes committed at school	There are well over 100 different schools in MPS. Are the kids in the other dozens of schools worth less?	If the school district continues with its no discipline policy because it would be racist to hold individuals accountable for their behavior, nothing will change. The police officers will be at some of the schools to stop, God forbid, an attack on the school but all the violent behavior between students or staff, bullying and general mayhem that occurs on an almost daily basis will continue unabated. This provision should have been coupled with
	Innovation fund - a	Really? Instead of	
	pool of taxpayer money that apparently is necessary to convince/bribe/pay off local units of government to be efficient and work together delivering services to Wisconsinites.	just doing what is right for the taxpayer and for hard-working families in this state, local officials need to be bribed to be efficient?	

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The Jig Is Up. We The People Own The Truth.

By AmericasFuture.net

The jig is up for the crooks, scoundrels, gangsters, and tricksters with their fairy tales, fables, tall stories, and downright lies. We The People own the truth, and they know it.

You can't turn on your TV or radio without hearing a lie issuing from the mouths of our political and corporate establishment, lies abetted by an elite media that has become a breeding ground for falsehood.

We're not talking about the sort of spin we're accustomed to hearing from politicians since the beginning of recorded time. In fact, sometimes, it's hard not to think that American democracy is fundamentally about saying one thing to your constituents to get elected and then doing the opposite once at the Capitol to make sure you have the money to get re-elected. But the mendacity filling the airwaves and our newspapers and websites today is of a different category. A category filled with ugly harmful intentional lies and reckless abandonment of truth.

Let's start with the most blatant lie in Washington since it's at the core of the current White House's agenda — climate change. Sure, the weather changes, from day to day and from millennium to millennium, but there's no evidence that humanity's actions have much influence on the weather. And yet progressives continue to push an idea that their own leadership admits is a lie. Barack Obama was mastermind of the Paris Climate Accords — if he were really worried about the oceans' rising, he wouldn't have bought million-dollar ocean-front properties in Massachusetts and Hawaii. While we're at it, how did he get so rich that he's able to buy those homes?

If the ruling class really believed in climate change, its leading lights wouldn't be spending so much on fuel for private jets. And yet there's White House climate czar John Kerry off on another trip to Europe or Asia to meet with like-minded colleagues who agree that mankind will have to stop farming if we want to save the planet.

Here's another lie the ruling class stands behind — the Trans agenda. Biology is a stubborn fact, there are two sexes, male and female. When a Supreme Court Justice says she can't define a woman, it just means she doesn't want to anger her pathological allies in the progressive movement, so she lies. The White House validated this pathology by giving a high-level job at the Department of Health and Human Services to a deranged pediatrician named Richard Levine who dresses in women's clothes and demands the press call him "Rachel."

In the Beltway Liars' Hall of Fame, there's an entire Russiagate Wing, with Congressman Adam Schiff still promising he has more than circumstantial evidence that Donald Trump colluded with Russia. Schiff's former counsel, Levi Strauss heir Daniel Goldman is there, too. The newly elected New York Congressman lies from the House floor about FBI whistleblowers and patriot Kash Patel.

James Comey, John Brennan, James Clapper, Susan Rice, Samantha Power, virtually every senior figure from the Obama administration lied to the press about Russiagate — even after they testified under oath that they'd seen no evidence of conspiracy, coordination, or collusion between Trump and Russia.

Sitting at the very top rungs of American society is a cabal of professional pathological liars. They're waging a vicious information warfare campaign of lies against us. So, how do we fight back? First, turn off your TV. Listen to those you trust. Recalibrate your truth detector by speaking with friends and family. Read scripture and find your certain foothold on reality. Now you're ready — speak the truth and call out the liars. Write it out on social media if you like — write your congressmen and Senators.

Speak the truth — sing our national anthem louder. Say our pledge of allegiance with more conviction. They can't win an information war when all they have are lies, and We the People own the truth.

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dealings has been listless since starting in 2018. The Committees can continue attempting to squeeze information out of a stone wall or answer the existential question – what is more critical to the nation, the truth about the government's actions or punishment for its criminal activities?

If punishment is the desire, Congress, as the legislative branch, can't impose it. If Congress exposes the corruption, DOJ will not prosecute it, as evidenced by the Horowitz and Durham reports of government corruption.

Since the DOJ and FBI are impeding the congressional investigations, the only viable option left for the Committees is to secure the testimony of all relevant witnesses by granting "use immunity" to the Biden family, Hunter's business associates, and the past and present leadership of the DOJ and FBI. Congress has this power under 18 U.S.C. sec 2005.

Once receiving use immunity, the witnesses can testify free of prosecution for any testimony concerning their criminal activity. A refusal to answer subjects the witness to Contempt of Congress and could result in imprisonment.

Congress has the sole discretion to grant use immunity. Moreover, neither the DOJ nor the courts can interfere with the grant of it. Title 18 USC sec. 6005 authorizes either House of Congress to grant use immunity once an individual refuses to give testimony or provide other information based on his privilege against self-incrimination.

Historically, Congress is reluctant to grant use immunity since it usually results in an inability of the DOJ to prosecute criminals. DOJ describes the dilemma:

Congress may now be forced to choose between granting immunity to exercise its oversight and investigative functions and forgoing a grant of immunity to allow the prosecution of key witnesses.

In the present situation, however, Congress is not facing a dilemma since DOJ is unwilling to prosecute any of the involved parties.

In the Watergate trials, like today, the DOJ refused to cooperate with Congress. The US Senate sought to grant use immunity to witnesses. DOJ asserted it, and the court has the power to block the grant of immunity. Chief Judge Sirica upheld the Senate's power, writing:

Immunity is the fixed price which the government must pay to obtain certain kinds of information, and only the government [Congress] can determine how much information it wants to 'buy' in light of the fixed price.

Obtaining an immunity order from the district court is straightforward. In this instance, a duly authorized representative of the House of Representatives or the Committee seeking the testimony shall request a court order to require a witness to give testimony. The House or the concerned Committee must give ten days' notice of the request to the Attorney General.

The district court must grant the congressional request if it finds:

1. In the case of a proceeding before either House of Congress, the request was approved by a majority vote of the members present, or

2. In the case of a proceeding before a committee, the request for such an order was approved by two-thirds of the members of the Committee; and

3. That the Attorney General was given ten days' notice. The Attorney General can request another twenty days to "insulate from the immunity grant any incriminating data already in his files prior to the witness's testimony."

Once these conditions are met, the statute is mandatory. "The court shall" issue the order. Chief Judge Sirica held section 6005 casts the role of the court as ministerial, and the Attorney General is deprived of his normal discretion concerning the granting of immunity.

Judge Sirica concluded: "[There is a] power of the Congress to inquire into and publicize corruption, maladministration or inefficiency in agencies of the Government." Quoting President Wilson, he notes the informing function of Congress should be preferred even to its legislative function.

The American people are owed the truth about corruption in their government. The House of Representatives has the power to obtain the truth. What is more important to the nation, truth or the false hope of punishment?

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What Law Professors Get Wrong



By Joseph Bast

On June 9, the Law & Economics Center at the George Mason University Antonin Scalia Law School hosted a webinar titled "State and Federal Private Right of Action Legislation: Are These Mechanisms Wise or Worrisome?" The program featured three law professors: Richard Epstein, Karen Harned, and Matthew Shapiro.

I found the session most interesting for what it did not address.

Karen Harned said a new study about to be published reveals that private rights of action appear in at least 3,500 and up to 10,000 current federal and state laws. Those provisions typically give citizens the right to sue to enforce a state or national regulation or law.

All the speakers regarded such legal provisions as risky and potentially "undermining" statutory law and administrative processes and even the Rule of Law and democracy.

Harned said statutes and government administrative procedures, in contrast to private rights of action, ensure "accountability and transparency." Private rights of action "raise serious questions about delegation of authority by the executive."

Matthew Shapiro said private rights of action may be okay but only if they require plaintiffs to have concrete injuries caused by the defendants' action, and warned further that some laws (such as Texas' Senate Bill 8) tilt the playing field in favor of plaintiffs and may be "designed to chill the exercise of constitutionally protected rights." They may threaten "legal equality" and the "impartial administration of the law."

(SB8 bars physicians from performing abortions after the detection of a fetal heartbeat except in cases of medical emergencies. According to the Texas State Law Library website, "SB8 allows private citizens to sue anyone who performs or induces an abortion in violation of the law. It also allows lawsuits against anyone who 'aids and abets' an abortion in violation of the law.")

Richard Epstein said private rights of action are unnecessary because current administrative and tort law give access to remedies through a combination of private and collective action; that the administrative state arose (at least in part) to solve the problem of "diffuse injuries" while the doctrine of "special damages" arose to supplement it; and that this system worked well until special interest groups (e.g., environmental activists) were allowed to challenge the decisions of bureaucrats in administrative procedures and in court, creating endless delays of public and private projects (e.g., pipelines) or to outright veto decisions that were reached through "democratic" means. (Sorry about the length of that sentence, but this is how Epstein speaks.)

Epstein lamented the rise of frivolous and predatory litigation and the false allegations and claims often made in the course of litigation. Regarding expanding rights of private action, he said "all sorts of precautions" are needed "to make sure this poison doesn't come out."

My question, which I submitted in writing but can no longer access, asked for the speakers' reactions to claims by conservative activists that citizens, either through direct action or through local sheriffs and county government officials, may disobey laws they believe to be unconstitutional and otherwise act to protect the rights of citizens regardless of what courts say.

My question was only briefly paraphrased by the moderator and posed as the final question of the Zoom session. Harned seemed sympathetic but only said she is familiar with the rising support for such views and "shares their concern." (I think she said that… it was a little garbled.) Epstein dismissed it out of hand and said "you cannot do blanket exemptions." Shapiro had no comment.

I guess they thought my question was off-topic. But here is why I asked it.

There is a long history in common law that citizens HAVE THE RIGHT to disobey laws that are unconstitutional or contrary to what they believe to be the law of God.

The Founders were familiar with that history, embraced it, and believed the Constitution protects the right of "lesser magistrates" to refuse to enforce bad laws. This includes the right of citizens (not only government officials) to impanel grand juries, deputize local citizens to enforce local laws, and even to disregard state and federal court decisions and interpose between citizens and the government when the formers' rights are at risk.

(I'm drawing all this from Matthew Terewhella's excellent little book, "The Doctrine of the Lesser Magistrates," but it conforms to my previous understanding of the history of liberty.)

So it is NOT UP TO these law professors, or to state and national elected officials or judges for that matter, to decide whether or when to allow private rights of action.

Those rights are guaranteed in common law and in the U.S. Constitution.

Patriots are increasingly asserting these RIGHTS precisely because statutes and government administrative bodies are no longer "accountable and transparent." The law is no longer "impartially administrated." There has been a "long train of abuses." We have the right to resist tyranny.

I am not saying those citizens and their local officials are always correct; they may often not be. No system is perfect. Their errors must be pointed out and corrected, not simply ignored and censored.

I'm also not saying these private rights of action are currently recognized by many judges. Activists can point to a few recent cases and a few parts of the country where resistance to state and federal legislation is succeeding, but I suspect such efforts are more often than not shot down by unsympathetic judges. But are these judges right? Or are they defending a failing and corrupt legal system?

While the success of a legal system that recognizes more private rights of action may be uncertain, we now know for sure that the current system of crony capitalism, corrupt public officials, election interference, selective enforcement of laws, and two-tier justice is so far from perfect as to make its defense incredible.

If private rights of action "chill the exercise of constitutionally protected rights," then we ought to reexamine those alleged rights and perhaps come to the understanding (as the U.S. Supreme Court recently did in its Dobbs decision) that they do not exist.

I suspect these law professors imagine themselves to be gatekeepers standing between citizens and the legal means of redressing wrongs and holding public officials accountable. They probably imagine a world of complete anarchy if they are no longer in control of what rights are to be respected and which are not. But they are wrong on both counts.

The job of law professors, lawyers (officers of the court), judges, and legislators is to DEAL WITH the power of their citizens and to address their grievances, not decide how little or how much power they should be "granted" or "allowed." That power is not theirs to grant or to withhold. They are among the rights with which we are "endowed by our Creator."

Human nature being what it is, this reaction from law professors is to be expected. But they are blind to the anarchy that exists right now with some rights left unprotected and others invented out of thin air and protected despite the unconstitutional burdens they impose on others.

They fail to see how the barriers to justice erected by their profession have allowed a massive expansion of state power to the point of unleashing tyranny on the people. Their actions have voided what the Founders saw was an essential check on the growth of government.

These law professors, and many like them, imagine the current system works well, with a few exceptions (such as lawsuit abuse) that could be corrected by giving the state still more power. They couldn't be more wrong about that.





Short Takes

By Ken Van Doren

"If you thought that science was certain - well, that is just an error on your part." -Richard Feynman

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

"You only live once, but if you do it right, once is enough." -Mae West

"In three words I can sum up everything I've learned about life: it goes on." -Robert Frost

"There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle." -Albert Einstein

Wisdom to Live By

"It has been said that America is a country for the poor, not for the rich. There would be more correctness in saying it is the country for both," -James Madison



1	• The Poor	Work & Work
2	• The Rich	Exploit The Poor
3	• The Soldier	Protects Both
4	• The Tax Payer	Pays For All Three
5	• The Banker	Robs All Four
6	• The Lawyer	Misleads All Five
7	• The Doctor	Bills All Six
8	• The Goons	Scare All Of Seven
9	• The Politician	Lives Happily On Account Of All Eight
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Crossword Puzzler

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10. Relating to aircraft
14. Affirm
15. Heavenly hunter
16. Relating to urine
17. No more than
18. A rotary duplicator
20. Elongated yellow fruit
22. Cardigan
23. Pull
24. Duplicate
25. The craft of making furniture
32. Iniquities
33. Rhinoceros
34. A farewell remark
37. Declare untrue
38. String quartet instrument
39. Get bigger
40. Before, poetically
41. Name of a book
42. Accustom
43. Velocity indicator
45. Hemp
49. Consumer Price Index
50. Dishcloth
53. Savior
57. Enteric
59. Kind of bean
60. Poems
61. Convex molding
62. Female sheep (plural)
63. Knights
64. Excellence
65. Cummerbund

DOWN
1. Doorpost
2. Eye layer
3. Ripped
4. In a perspiring manner
5. Respectful deference
6. Twin sister of Ares
7. Point
8. Foot digits
9. Winter precipitation
10. Hearing-related
11. Muse of love poetry
12. Mature
13. Fall color
19. Small lizard
21. Religious sisters
25. Formally surrender
26. Anagram of "Rave"
27. Common hop
28. Hackneyed
29. Complete
30. Lubricated
31. Ribonucleic acid
34. Very dry, as wine
35. Bygone era
36. Pitcher
38. Very Important Person
39. Laminated metamorphic rocks
41. Russian emperors
42. Rapscallions
44. Leopardlike cat
45. "Bye"
46. A forehead dot
47. Daisylike bloom
48. An ancient board game
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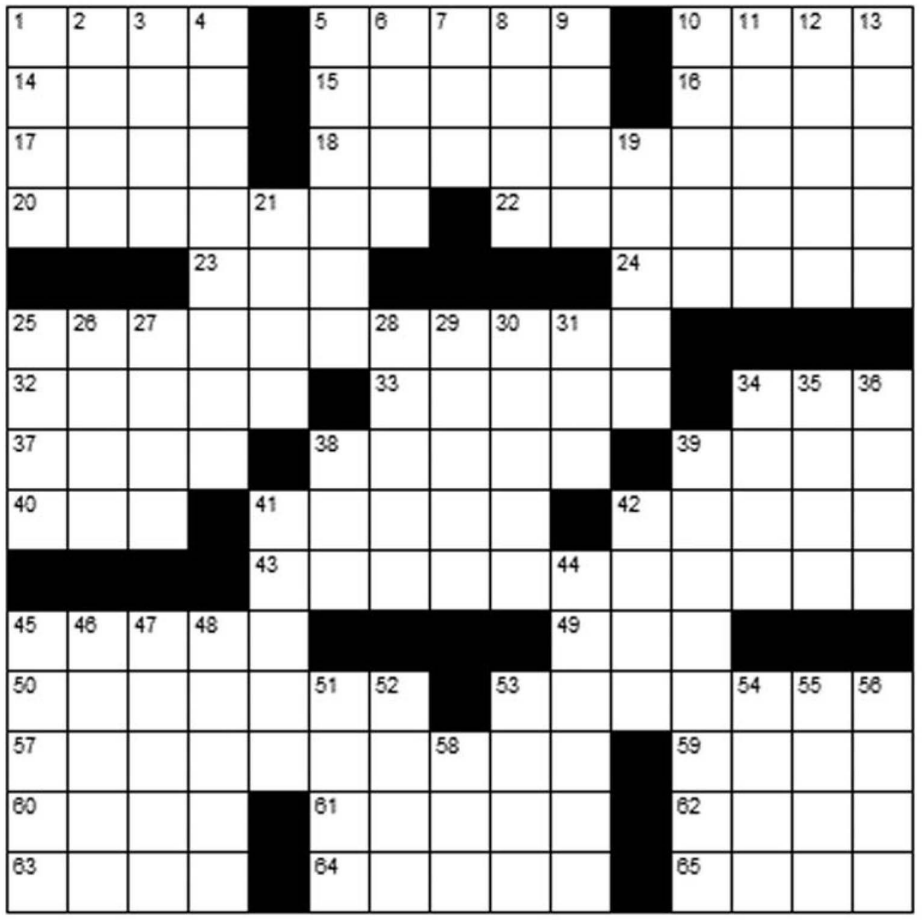
56. Chop finely
58. Neither ___



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Green Projects Hit Iron Wall

By James Hanley

Developers looking to build thousands of wind turbines off the Mid-Atlantic and New England coast are coming up against a force even more relentless than the Atlantic winds: the Iron Law of Megaprojects, offering a warning of the trouble ahead for green-energy projects.

The Iron Law, coined by Oxford Professor Bent Flyvbjerg, says that "megaprojects" — which cost billions of dollars, take years to complete, and are socially transformative — reliably come in over budget, over time, over and over.

From Boston's Big Dig to California's high-speed rail to New York's 12 years-overdue and 300% over-budget East Side Access rail project, big boondoggles routinely demonstrate the validity of the rule.

Offshore wind projects are not immune to the Iron Law, regularly experiencing vast cost overruns before a single watt is generated.

The New York state government, looking to replace oil- and gas-fired powerplants with hundreds of wind towers off Long Island, set out in 2019 to create an offshore wind supply chain from scratch, beginning with a massive state-funded turbine fabrication facility about 100 miles north of New York City on the Hudson River.

Ground still hasn't even been broken, but the budget certainly has: The price of that Port of Albany facility has already doubled from $350 million to $700 million. An additional $100 million may be needed for equipment costs, raising the final price tag to $800 million.

A similar situation is playing out in New London, Connecticut, where a state-funded pier facility being built to support that state's offshore wind buildout has more than doubled in price from an original estimate of $95 million to $250 million.

And in Massachusetts, developer Commonwealth Wind has asked the state to scrap its power purchase guarantees and rebid the project, arguing that inflation and supply chain problems mean the project is not financially viable under its current contracts.

Big projects tend to exceed their cost projections for many reasons. One is the unanticipated, and sometimes unprecedented, complexity of these projects. Further uncertainties and costs arise from the challenge of navigating the red tape of the modern regulatory state. In addition, there is the risk of inflation for projects that take years, sometimes decades, to develop. Underlying all these is often a failure to spend enough time on careful planning that treats reality as a fundamental constraint.

But sometimes project sponsors may simply worry that accurate cost projections could scare away public support at the outset, and choose to employ what Prof. Flyvbjerg politely calls "strategic misrepresentation."

As former San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown said, "If people knew the real cost from the start, nothing would ever be approved. . . . Start digging a hole and make it so big, there's no alternative to coming up with the money to fill it in."

If that sounds too cynical, note that the current Chair of the Connecticut Port Authority has admitted that when officials first proposed the pier facility, they already knew it would cost more than they were claiming.

Ironically, the New York and Connecticut projects aren't even big enough to be considered megaprojects, and yet even they have run into the Iron Law of being over budget and behind schedule. The challenges won't diminish with bigger and more ambitious green energy projects.

In New York, the state's huge Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act — of which the Port of Albany project is the first substantial investment — is projected to cost between $270 and $290 billion. At that price it is a gigaproject composed of numerous individual megaprojects.

The benefits, mostly in the form of greenhouse gas reductions, are supposed to be up to $415 billion. But if the overall cost of the policy climbs by merely 55 percent, which is in the normal range for megaprojects (and much less than the Port of Albany cost overrun), the costs will exceed the benefits, creating a net loss for New Yorkers.

If costs balloon to twice the initial estimates, which is not uncommon, the state stands to spend more than more than a hundred billion dollars more than gained in benefits That would be a loss of over $30,000 per New York household by 2050.

And that's assuming the benefits are as good as promised. It gets even worse if, as is common, the benefits have been overstated.

The tale of megaprojects is a cautionary one for the whole country as we attempt to transition away from fossil fuels. Cost estimates for a nationwide transition span from $4.7 trillion to over $60 trillion – almost three times U.S. GDP. Such uncertainty should give us pause for thought before jumping wildly into the financial unknown.

If we're not careful, we may be digging Willie Brown-style holes, and politically and financially we may find ourselves in too deep to ever get ourselves out.

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FRANK LASEE'S NOTES

I served Wisconsin as a state senator, in Governor Walker's administration and as the President of the Heartland Institute, a free market think tank.

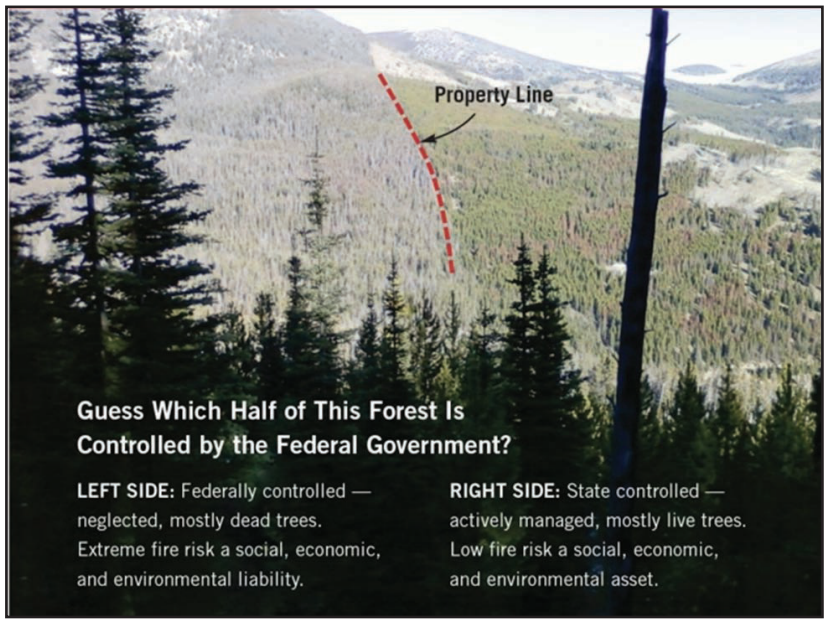
It is difficult to get the facts without spin and bias. Big media and big tech have a manmade climate change (formerly global warming, before that the Coming Ice Age) narrative. Now they are selling the public catastrophic climate change on a daily basis. The news media is paid $10s of millions by corporate Green Interests to spread the climate change narrative of disaster.

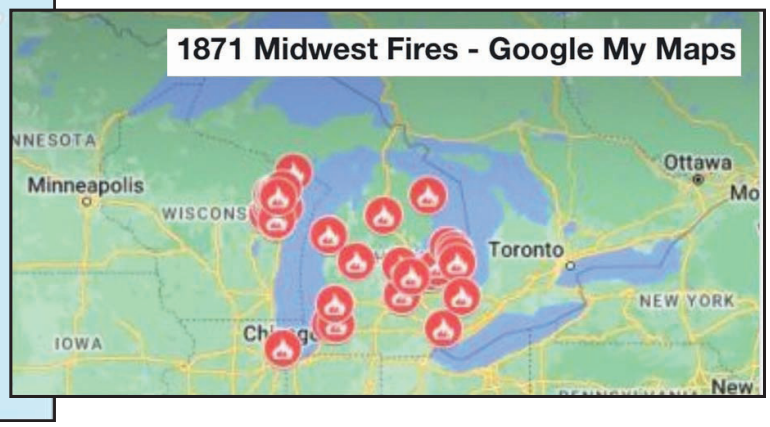
This narrative, which many consider propaganda, is now being used as a tool to justify expensive unnecessary energy policy that has economic and national security risks. And will not change the future climate 50, 100 or 200 years from now.

Forest management matters a lot. Forest fires are natural events and are healthy for forests. Yale environment recommends controlled burns for forest health. If brush and deadwood are not cleared regularly or prescribed burns aren't used. Then there are huge fires from time to time. California does a terrible job at this. They are operating under the lets have nature take care of it. Then they suffer the consequences. Huge fires!



Fact of the day: Wildfires are on the decline worldwide according to NASA.





The most deadly and most land burned in forest fires in the United States happened in 1871. It was a very hot dry time for our country, particularly the Midwest. The deadliest fire was the Great Peshtigo Fire in Wisconsin, where I am from. More than 2,000 people died in that fire that consumed hundreds of square miles. Huge areas of Michigan were also burned at the same time. This was also the year of the Great Chicago Fire when Mrs. O'Leary's cow kicked over a lantern, so the story goes.

Stanford praises American Indian traditional practices of prescribed burns and recommends they be brought back to help California have healthier forests and less out of control huge fires. If only the "green" politicians could get this concept.

SC, WI, TX, and ID do a good job of managing forests on public and private lands. They rarely, if ever have out of control fires. There are other states that do a good job too. Then there are some, usually under the guise of green theology that let them go "natural" and the brush and deadwood accumulate, causing huge fires. You get the message.

The climate war on food



By Craig Rucker

Then they came for our food supply.

CFACT senior policy analyst Bonner Cohen reports at CFACT.org on "climate czar" John Kerry's recent pronouncements at a Department of Agriculture summit.

"We can't get to net-zero," Kerry said, "we can't get this job done unless agriculture is front and center as part of the solution. So all of us here understand the depths of this mission."

"Food systems themselves contribute a significant amount of emissions just in the way we do the things we've been doing," he continued. "With a growing population on the planet – we've just crossed the threshold of 8 billion fellow citizens around the world – emissions from the food system alone are expected to cause another half a degree of warming by mid-century."

Bonner fleshes out what Kerry's words mean in practice:

"Though the Department of Agriculture has yet to elaborate on what it means by 'climate smart,' it most certainly entails the agricultural sector severing ties to fossil fuels, either 'voluntarily' or through coercion in the form of regulations. But because of natural gas's role in making fertilizer, the government-forced transition will be a messy one."

Bonner also touched on the nightmare unleashed when other nations have tried to apply climate radicalism to agriculture:

"Farmers in places as far apart as Sri Lanka and the Netherlands were ordered by their respective governments to shrink their carbon footprint by reducing their nitrogen emissions. Protests in the Netherlands have been widespread, and in Sri Lanka, the government was overthrown, with the president forced to flee the country."

For all of human times, until quite recently in fact, hunger and privation were the norm. Then, during the last hundred years we have seen a revolution in world agriculture that has dramatically reduced, and come close to eradicating world hunger for good. In many societies, ours included, too many calories have become the challenge. That is a problem our forebears could scarcely imagine.

There are few things as fundamental as the need for our abundant food supply.

We dare not permit the climate-left to bring back hunger and starvation — or heaven forbid, force us to eat insects or fake meat as our only options to avoid it!

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the order enables each agency to implement this infinitely malleable "justice" concept to justify whatever policies and regulations it is implementing in the name of abating the "climate crisis" and "fundamentally transforming" America's energy and economic systems. It also allows agencies to ignore any "justice" issues that might interfere with their plans.

The Environmental Protection Agency quickly issued a press release citing justice and "equity" rationales for eliminating coal and gas power plants, internal-combustion vehicles, and gas stoves, ovens, furnaces and water heaters – all of which it says contribute to global warming.

EPA claims "children are uniquely vulnerable" to climate-related impacts like rising temperatures that can cause "lifelong consequences" for their concentration, learning, academic achievement and earnings potential. Moreover, these effects "disproportionately fall on children who are Black, Indigenous and People of Color, low income, without health insurance, and/or have limited English proficiency."

Of course, air conditioning reduces high temperatures in schools and homes, thereby avoiding these far-fetched problems. During wintertime, gas furnaces (or reliable, affordable coal or gas-generated electric heat) keep students warm when outdoor temperatures plummet to deadly lows.

However, both cooling and heating systems will become unavailable or unaffordable to these same classes of people in the wake of government decrees that coal and gas be banished, and electricity provided by expensive, weather-dependent wind and solar. That's already happening in Europe.

The Economist reported that 68,000 people died in Europe this past winter because energy prices have rocketed so high that many families can no longer afford to heat their homes properly.

Meanwhile, EPA asserts that closing coal and gas power plants would prevent 1,300 "premature deaths" by 2042 from global warming. That's a hypothetical 65 deaths annually.

Allowing for Europe versus US population differences, more than 30,000 Americans would die needlessly every year, if energy prices soar as high as they have in Europe. Minority and low and middle income families would be disproportionately affected and least able to afford proper winter heating. Without affordable, dependable AC, thousands more would likely die during sweltering summers. Just keeping lights on and computers running requires reliable, affordable electricity.

EPA didn't consider these realities in its news release, regulations or "environmental justice" contortions, because the agency is pushing an agenda, not providing honest, scientific evidence. The agency and Biden EO routinely ignore inconvenient realities like the following, as well.

Eliminating coal and gas power plants will triple America's need for electricity generation, to replace that power and provide battery backup storage. Rushing to do this before America has sufficient reliable alternative electricity supplies will destabilize power grids, causing repeated blackouts, disproportionately affecting families that cannot afford emergency backup generators (most of which require fossil fuels).

EPA rules dramatically reducing tailpipe emissions will force families to buy electric cars that average over $65,000 in price – and light, medium, heavy-duty and long-haul trucks that could cost twice as much as gasoline or diesel versions. Blue-collar families will be hammered hardest.

Farmers will be compelled to pay far more for electric tractors, and for natural-gas-based fertilizers and pesticides that will likewise be much more expensive. Food prices will soar still higher, forcing disadvantaged families to choose between food, heat, clothing and other needs.

Families and landlords will also be required to replace high-efficiency gas furnaces with pricey electric systems ... or expensive heat pumps that don't even work well in sub-freezing weather.

Middle class families will see their living standards plummet. Poor households will be unable to improve their lives. Rural communities will become increasingly isolated, turned into energy colonies for heavily Democrat urban voting blocs, with wind turbines, solar panels and transmission lines horizon to horizon.

Federal agencies will likely just parrot the Bank of England's callous, imperious attitude: People just "need to accept that they're worse off and stop trying to maintain their real spending power." Ruling elites will do fine. Why would they worry about us commoners?

Soaring prices for intermittent electricity will force many factories and businesses to close. Workers will have to take low-pay jobs installing, maintaining, repairing and replacing wind turbines, solar panels and other equipment – and hauling worn out, obsolete and broken parts and dead battery modules to enormous rural landfills.

"Clean, renewable, sustainable" energy technologies require vastly more non-renewable, unsustainable metals, minerals and other raw materials than their fossil fuel counterparts. The overseas mining, processing and manufacturing operations run on fossil fuels and emit vast quantities of carbon dioxide and toxic air and water pollutants, generally under minimal or no laws governing pollution ... or slave and child labor, workplace safety, health, or other environmental justice and human rights issues.

The supply chains and even finished product chains increasingly run through China, which is also taking over electric vehicle markets. Especially under a Biden Administration that opposes almost any mining or processing in the USA, China will only increase its dominance of cobalt, graphite, lithium, nickel and other critical material supplies, all but necessitating tepid responses to Chinese (and Russian) military and territorial ambitions. The injustices inflicted on Asian and African communities are serious and obvious.

Yet even doubling or tripling today's global mining levels would not meet the soaring materials demands for the millions of wind turbines, billions of solar panels, billions of battery modules, millions of heating systems and transformers, and hundreds of thousands of miles of new transmission lines that an American Net-Zero economy would require. Soaring demand for insufficient supplies will send prices skyward.

A global energy transformation would likely be catastrophic for affordable energy, economies, jobs, living standards, shortened human life spans, human rights, wildlife and environmental quality.

Abundant, reliable, affordable, mostly fossil fuel energy has liberated people from back-breaking toil. The energy scarcity and de-development promoted and imposed by Biden and other Western governments is rolling living standards, health and personal freedoms backward, in the name of "climate justice." The adverse effects will be worst for women, the poor and people of color, especially beyond US borders.

Italian dictator Benito Mussolini wrote in The Doctrine of Fascism: "The Fascist State lays claim to rule in the economic field no less than in others; it makes its actions felt throughout the length and breadth of the country by means of its corporate, social and educational institutions, and all the political, economic and spiritual forces of the nation." [emphasis added]

That description sounds all too appropriate for the situation America and the world increasingly confront today. The gravest threat to our living standards, freedoms and true justice is not from climate change. It is from dictatorial edicts imposed in the name of controlling Earth's perpetually fickle climate.

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Let's Defund "Transgender" Genital Mutilation

By AmericasFuture.net

One of the most astonishing signs of the moral collapse of the West is its embrace of the fantasy that a person can change his or her sex. It is one thing for this delusion to affect children through what is often called "social contagion," a phenomenon brilliantly described by Abigail Shrier in her book Irreversible Damage: The Transgender Craze Seducing Our Daughters (Regnery: 2021). But the delusion does not end there. Adults seek to "transition" as well. All this raises the question of who is paying for the hormone treatments or surgical procedures required to make a person "transition"? Well, for an increasing number of people suffering from "gender dysphoria," the taxpayers are required to pay for gruesome treatments that only enrich doctors and pharmaceutical companies who have lost their way, elevating profits over people.

Military Service Members and Veterans. One of President Biden's first acts as president, on January 25, 2021, was issuing an Executive Order encouraging transgender persons to serve in the U.S. military by ensuring that taxpayers would pay for "gender reassignment surgery" for active duty military and veterans. A high-ranking former Army officer concluded: "Biden's order currently reads like anyone in a war zone can suddenly take leave to undergo reassignment surgery."

Federal Prisoners. Although there appears to be no policy of the Federal Bureau of Prisons ensuring inmates may receive transgender surgery, in April 2023, the first transgender prisoner had such surgery at the order of a federal district judgein the Southern District of Illinois. That surgery was the first, but almost certainly will not be the last, as, according to one estimate: "About 1,200 transgender individuals are estimated to be in the federal prison system, or less than 1% of the overall inmate population of about 159,000."

Medicare. One does not ordinarily think of senior citizens on Medicare as having "gender dysphoria" and seeking treatment, but the federal government funds "medically necessary" genital reassignment surgery through Medicare.

Medicaid. Some states attempted to fight back to end use of Medicaid funds for gender reassignment surgery, provoking Biden's Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights, Kristen Clarke, to send a letter to the attorneys general of the 50 states, threatening that states would be in violation of the U.S. Constitution and federal law if they refused to fund such surgery. The letter threatened consequences if a state tries to "criminalize[] or even restrict[] a type of medical care predominantly sought by transgender persons…."

Federal Employees. The federal government has ensured that health plans available to federal employees provide coverage for transgender surgery. A fact sheet issued by the Office of Personnel Management states that all Federal Employee Health Benefits plans must offer "access to medications and provide coverage of medically necessary hormonal therapies for gender transition care." Although surgery is not expressly mentioned, the general requirement to provide care for trans-people would seem to require its coverage.

With the federal government's vast funding of anything healthcare related, there is no doubt other programs exist that we have not yet identified, but there is no question that the Biden Administration is committed to maximizing hormonal and surgical care to trans-persons. Fortunately, there has been some pushback at both state and federal levels.

A few states have begun to resist such surgery. In April, 2021, Arkansas became the first state to ban the practice of permitting transgender genital mutilation, although the legislature had to override the veto of Republican Governor Asa Hutchinson, now a candidate for the Republican nomination for President, to do so. On October 4, 2022, Oklahoma also decided to withhold funding from state hospitals that perform the practice on children. Other states have been developing other ways to protect their citizens.

At the federal level, in the last (117th) Congress, two bills were introduced. Senator Roger Marshall (R-KS) introduced the "End Taxpayer Funding of Gender Experimentation Act of 2021." Predictably, the bill was buried in the Finance Committee by Democrats in control of the Senate. In August 2022, Representative Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-GA) got no further when she introduced the "Protect Children's Innocence Act" in the House to ban the practice on minors, and prohibit federal funding for it in all cases. Greene reintroduced her bill in the current (118th) Congress on March 7, 2023, as H.R. 1399and that bill has been referred to four separate House committees for consideration.

But for the current mania over transgenderism, such a ban on taxpayer funded transgender surgery would not seem all that radical.

In 1996, Congress realized that female genital mutilation, a common practice in some Muslim nations, was becoming an exploding problem in the United States, banning it for minor girls. That law was struck down by a federal judge in Michigan in 2018. Congress responded by criminalizing the procedure in 2021, with a bill signed by President Trump. Representative Scott Perry (R-PA), explained the bill, "We must be abundantly clear that this cultural practice has no medical benefit and won't be tolerated in the United States of America." Scott Berkowitz, president of the Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network, stated, "This bill will help protect girls from this awful, and often overlooked, form of sexual assault." Designated as HR 6100, the "Stop FGM Act of 2020," found that "[f]emale genital mutilation is a heinous practice that often inflicts excruciating pain on its victims and causes them to suffer grave physical and psychological harm." Codified as 18 U.S.C. § 116, the law provides for a 10-year prison sentence for attempting or conspiring to commit female genital mutilation.

Congress got it right in 2020, finding that genital mutilation caused its victims "grave physical and psychological harm." Similarly, it is inexcusable for the federal government to compel taxpayers to pay for destructive transgender surgery for adults or children. House Republicans can and should act as quickly as possible to stop any and all funding for such perverse medical and surgical treatments.

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progressively developed in the coming months,' the WHO press release states.

"The COVID-19 pandemic highlighted the value of digital health solutions in facilitating access to health services," WHO director-general Dr. Tedros Ghebreyesus said during the press conference. "While the emergency phase of the COVID-19 pandemic is now over, investment in digital infrastructure remains an important resource for health systems and for economies and societies at large."

The WHO has stated that they will use the "EU Digital COVID Certificate" as a model to establish a global digital health certificate.

"One of the key elements in the European Union's work against the COVID-19 pandemic has been digital COVID-19 certificates. To facilitate free movement within its borders, the EU swiftly established interoperable COVID-19 certificates (entitled 'EU Digital COVID-19 Certificate' or 'EU DCC')," the WHO press release reads.

"With this collaboration, WHO will facilitate this process globally under its own structure with the aim to allow the world to benefit from convergence of digital certificates."

During the height of the Covid crisis, the EU Digital COVID Certificate made it so that EU citizens could only travel to other member states if they provide proof of vaccination, recovery, or a recent negative COVID test. In some EU countries like Austria, citizens were essentially segregated from society if they refused to take to COVID injections.

"This partnership is an important step for the digital action plan of the EU Global Health Strategy," EU Commissioner for Health and Food Safety, Stella Kyriakides said.

"By using European best practices we contribute to digital health standards and interoperability globally – to the benefit of those most in need. It is also a powerful example of how alignment between the EU and the WHO can deliver better health for all, in the EU and across the world," she continued. "As the directing and coordinating authority on international health work, there is no better partner than the WHO to advance the work we started at the EU and further develop global digital health solutions."

The EU's Commissioner for Internal Market, Thierry Breton added that "[t]he EU certificate has not only been an important tool in our fight against the pandemic, but has also facilitated international travel and tourism," and that WHO expansion of the digital vaccine passports will be "a global tool against future pandemics."

"The first building block of the global WHO system becomes operational in June 2023 and aims to be progressively developed in the coming months," the WHO press release states.

The WHO stressed that it "will not have access to any underlying personal data, which would continue to be the exclusive domain of governments."

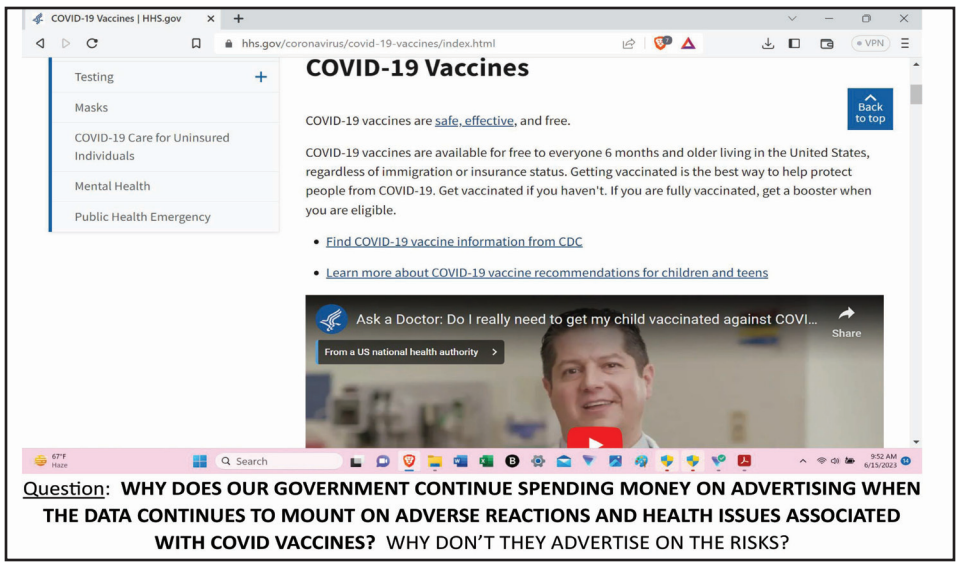
"This partnership will work to technically develop the WHO system with a staged approach to cover additional use cases, which may include, for example, the digitisation of the International Certificate of Vaccination or Prophylaxis," the WHO announced. "Expanding such digital solutions will be essential to deliver better health for citizens across the globe."

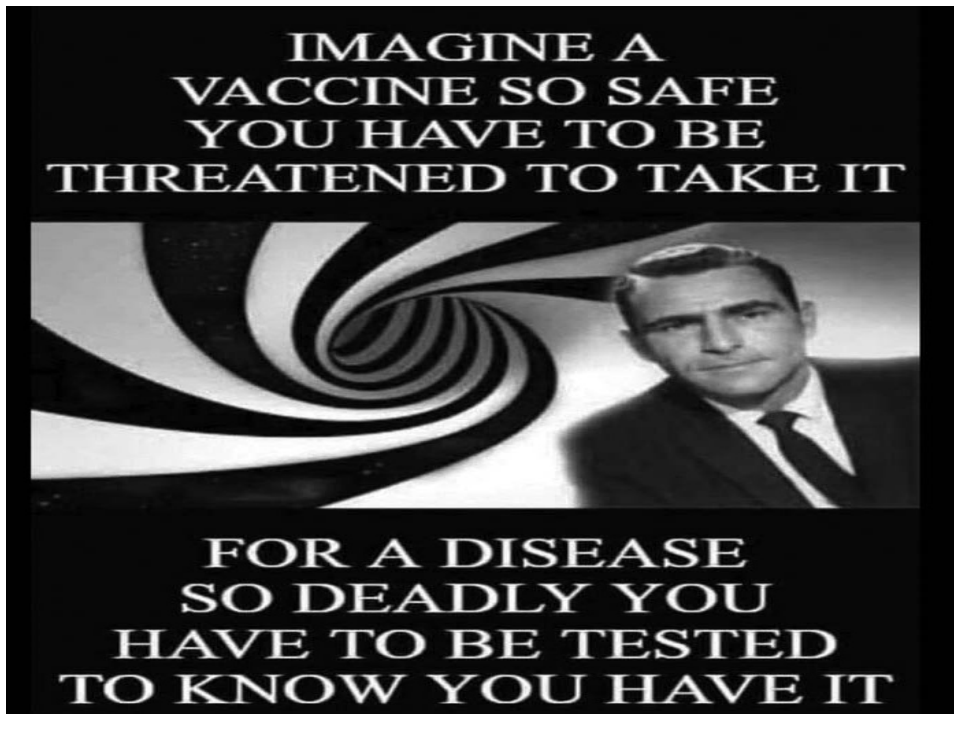
The cooperation between the EU and the WHO aims to "encourage maximum global uptake and participation" in their digital health certificate.

"Particular attention will be paid to equitable opportunities for the participation by those most in need: low and middle-income countries."

Global digital vaccine passports have been on the WHO's agenda for some time. In February 2022, the agency commissioned T-Systems, a subsidiary of Deutsche Telekom, to develop a global digital vaccine passport system.

With the new pandemic treaty and the amendments to the International Health Regulations (IHR), if they are passed in 2024 as planned, the WHO could be "installed as a de facto governing body for the global Deep State," Dr. Joseph Mercola stated.





Why Small Modular Reactors Herald a Nuclear Energy Renaissance

By Todd Royal

The modern world faces a conundrum: how can policymakers and nations meet rising energy demand while simultaneously protecting the environment from rising greenhouse gas emissions?

Doomberg—a widely-read writer and commentator on energy, heavy industry, private equity, hard sciences, cryptocurrency, and a host of other complex issues—recently attracted attention by making a provocative-but-true declaration that addresses the above question directly: "there is no path to significant decarbonization of our economy without a global nuclear renaissance."

Yet such a renaissance may be in the works. A recent joint development agreement made by two companies provides some insight into the quiet revolution happening in the realm of nuclear energy, that scalable decarbonization is possible, and why policymakers should be more attentive.

The Xe-100 Deal

In early March of this year, X-energy, a leading developer of advanced nuclear reactors, and Dow, the chemical and material sciences multinational, made an intriguing announcement. According to the press release, Dow has agreed to place X-energy's Xe-100 small modular reactor (SMR) at Dow's UCC Seadrift Operations manufacturing site in Texas. The project's state goal is "to reduce the Seadrift site's emissions by approximately 440,000 [megatons of carbon dioxide per year]."

According to Dow, its Seadrift site "covers 4,700 acres and manufactures more than 4,000,000 pounds (1,816 tonnes) of materials per year used in applications such as food packaging, footwear, wire and cable insulation, solar cell membranes and packaging for pharmaceutical products." Such a large facility with over a thousand employees requires a significant amount of energy to provide power, process heat, and steam, ideally while producing zero carbon emissions.

This is where the Xe-100 enters the picture: it is a high-temperature, gas-cooled, 80 Megawatts electric (MWe) reactor that can be scaled into "a four-pack 320 MWe power plant—with [its] modular design, the scale can grow even larger as needed."

X-energy and Dow's new partnership signals that advanced nuclear technology can be implemented to abate carbon emissions in the industrial sector without sacrificing the bottom line. After all, it is traditionally difficult to mitigate higher carbon emissions in heavy industry. Yet this project has the potential to do just so, since nuclear power produces zero emissions during baseload generation. If successful, this would be the first project between two private companies, with some government assistance, to develop and demonstrate "the first grid-scale next-generation nuclear reactor for an industrial site in North America."

How the U.S. Government Is Helping—and Preparing to Do More

Dow and X-energy are now working to submit a construction permit application to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). But regulatory hurdles continue to be a tangled web standing in the way of advanced reactor deployment in the United States. Bureaucratic inertia creates delays, which forces utilities to continue burning more natural gas, coal, and oil for electricity in New York and New England. The Dow/X-energy project will likely not be an exception to overcome NRC foot-dragging; securing the building permit is estimated to go until 2026, with completion of the whole venture expected by the end of this decade.

Despite this impediment, nuclear power is at the forefront of clean energy options available. It is for this reason that the U.S. Department of Energy (DoE) is not only pushing for this project, but also helping fund it. The Xe-100 was one of two next-generation reactor designs selected by DoE in 2020 to receive $80 million each for "initial cost-shared funding to build an advanced reactor demonstration plant that can be operational within seven years." Since the award, X-energy has completed the engineering, begun the initial design of the reactor, and is working with the NRC, along with state and local authorities, on the licensing and development of a fuel fabrication facility in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Relatedly, the DoE named Dow a sub-awardee under the recent deal between the two companies, which "provides for up to [$50] million in engineering work, half funded by the [DoE program] and half by Dow."

Other companies have taken notice of this new model of pairing advanced nuclear reactors with other hard-to-mitigate sectors. For example, Nucor, the largest steel manufacturer in the United States, is now considering using NuScale Power's SMRs to power its scrap-based electric arc furnace steel mills, and has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to further that possibility.

Policymakers are also increasingly recognizing the viability of SMRs. The U.S. Congress is supporting these projects and future projects by considering passing the Accelerating Deployment of Versatile Advanced Nuclear for Clean Energy (ADVANCE) Act, which would "facilitate the development of the next generation of advanced nuclear reactors."

Companies focusing on developing SMRs are intent on demonstrating that it is possible to build a new fleet of atomic plants that are smaller, easier to finance, and construct. If successful, the X-energy/Dow project and others like will show that these reactors can be used in a wide variety of settings, from industrial sites to remote military installations. For its part, if everything goes well with the Seadrift project, Dow envisions retiring its gas-fired combustion and steam turbines at the site.

This would be an astonishing development and would signal to the wider economy that the use of SMRs should be adopted on a grand scale. It is entirely possible that in the future the United States could achieve energy superabundance

With the Xe-100, and other projects in the development and MoU stage, it's an exciting time for the U.S. nuclear economy.

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Hidden Impact of Massive Solar Farms: Residents and Wildlife Affected, Aquifers Threatened

By Travis Gillmore

A growing group of California residents and environmentalists say the transformation of the state's deserts into a sea of solar panels to reach ambitious renewable energy goals is coming at a significant price to wildlife, nearby residents' health, native lands, and even property values.

With 776 solar power plants producing approximately 17 percent of the state's electricity, the Golden State is awash with the bright silver and blue panels dotting hundreds of thousands of acres.

Millions of panels have been installed east of Los Angeles in the Mojave Desert over the last five years, changing the look of the landscape in the process, and bringing with it a new set of challenges for nearby residents, experts say.

Dustin Mulvaney, a professor of environmental studies at San Jose State University, worries about the solar panels' effect on public land, including damage to ecosystems and soil and high water demand.

"There is potential concern for groundwater depletion," Mulvaney told The Epoch Times.

A state law enacted in 2014 that regulates groundwater usage and is designed to preserve water supplies doesn't apply to public lands. That land is managed by the Bureau of Land Management, a federal agency under the Interior Department that oversees 245 million acres of land—15 million of which are located in California.

The bureau has prioritized 870,000 acres nationally for solar development, with more than 200,000 acres already sporting solar panels in California, according to its website.

However, since animals are being displaced and migratory patterns have been altered because of the increasing quantity of such solar farms. some advocacy groups have called for a halt to such expansion until guidelines can be put in place.

Birds have been observed mistaking the shiny blue panels for water, with catastrophic results, as the extreme heat from the reflective material can instantly incinerate them, according to experts.

Desert tortoises are being killed and displaced, while bighorn sheep and deer are restricted from accessing some areas by six-foot barbed wire fencing surrounding such solar farms. That has led to a loss of grazing habitat and restricted some creatures from navigating trails and accessing water sources, according to environmentalists.

In addition, corridors that have been designed to allow movement for wildlife are inviting predators—as the wily carnivores are learning to wait for prey emerging from the narrow routes—into communities, with an increase in coyote and mountain lion sightings since the fences were installed, according to residents.

Health Problems

Residents of the Lake Tamarisk Desert Resort, located halfway between Phoenix and Los Angeles in Desert Center, California, say the construction of such solar farms is a considerable nuisance, with some reporting health problems because of increased dust in the area.

Patti Cockcroft says she's been seeking medical attention since she developed a deep bronchial cough in March resulting from months of high winds and dust from a solar field near her desert home.

Tests are currently underway to determine whether she has valley fever—a potentially fatal illness—and doctors have told her the extreme conditions could have triggered a severe asthma attack.

"It's not very enticing to think of going back to the desert," Cockcroft said in an email sent to The Epoch Times.

Experts agree that issues related to construction-related soil removal and the resulting human exposure to dust particles are alarming.

"The real public health issue is valley fever," San Jose State's Mulvaney told The Epoch Times.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in 2018 found an increased incidence of valley fever in solar farm construction workers, resulting from their work in dusty conditions where fungal spores in the soil become airborne.

After receiving reports of workplace injuries associated with valley fever, investigators discovered that solar farm workers in California were 4.4 to 210.6 times more likely to suffer from the illness than others working and living in the same counties.

Dusty conditions can also lead to the lung disease silicosis, which is of particular concern for miners manufacturing solar panels and for workers and nearby residents during the installation process, according to experts.

Compounding Problems

A vehicle pileup near Los Angeles in 2013 that left six people injured was partially blamed on a solar project when a massive dust cloud forced the closure of the Antelope Valley Freeway.

Efforts to mitigate dust by solar companies are compounding problems for some local communities, according to Teresa Pierce, another Lake Tamarisk resident.

According to Pierce, such companies drive diesel-powered water trucks, creating noise and dust pollution while draining aquifers that aren't refilled regularly by nature.

"Their water trucks are going round and round our pumping station," Pierce told The Epoch Times. "It's been a dust bowl with constant construction noise."

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Drain The Swamp from the School House to the White House & the Classroom to the Boardroom

By Rick Swier

It is time that all patriots band together and drain the swamp that is creeping toward every city, county, state and our national capital. The swamp is in the school house and in the White House. The swamp exists in every classroom and boardroom in America.

There are many swamp creatures but the most dangerous and deadly are those who attack our faith, families and freedoms.

Swamp creatures use various weapons against freedom loving patriots from the Covid-19 lockdowns and mandates to the control of what we eat, use, drive and how we live in order to "save the plant" from global warming.

But the most nefarious and most successful weapon is — EDUCATION!

It began in the afternoon of September 12th, 1905 at Peck's Restaurant in downtown New York. That is the date that our current "cultural war" began led by the Intercollegiate Socialist Society or ISS.

MarxistHistory.org reported:

The Intercollegiate Socialist Society (ISS) was a national non-party group dedicated to the organization of current and former collegians for the socialist cause and the spreading of socialist ideas on campus.

There were at least two isolated cases of socialist organization on campus prior to the establishment of the ISS in September 1905. From about 1901 there was a college socialist club organized at the University of Wisconsin in Madison.

Chapters were often small and their names frequently did not emphasize their connection to the national society or even with the socialist cause, as was the case, for example, with the Wesleyan Social Study Club headed by Harry Laidler, one of the first organized and affiliated with the ISS. A second chapter was formed at Columbia University in New York City, with a student named Walter Lippmann playing the leading role. Over the course of the first three years, affiliated socialist clubs were organized at Harvard, Princeton, Barnard, New York University Law School, and the University of Pennsylvania.

Since 1904 education has become the "weapon of choice" used by the swamp to take our children and turn them against their own best interests and against their faith, their families and their freedoms to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

What is The Swamp's Primary Weapon?

The swamp's weapon against we the people is education.

Soviet politician, political theorist and revolutionary and the Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the Soviet Union from 1941 to 1953 Joseph Vissarionovich Stalin wrote,

"Education is a weapon whose effects depend on who holds it in his hands and at whom it is aimed."

Education includes public school education K-12, college and university education, education provided by our military to its new recruits and to its leadership, corporate education and training, education one receives by reading books, watching films, television and reading newspapers and magazines. Each of the these forms of education can potentially become a weapon for "good" or "evil" depending on if it is in the hands of a patriot or a traitor and at whom it is aimed.

Ulysses S. Grant wrote,

"There are but two parties now: traitors and patriots. And I want hereafter to be ranked with the latter and, I trust, the stronger party."

Who are Members of the Traitor Party?

Perhaps some examples of education that has been used against the faithful, traditional family and our freedoms can help us understand the breath and depth of their agenda.

Government grants to public, private and non-profits to portray Christian Americans as Nazis. The Biden administration is doling out taxpayer money through an anti-terrorism grant initiative to a university program that has explicitly lumped the Republican Party, as well as Christian and conservative groups, into the same category as Nazis, according to documents shared exclusively with Fox News Digital. DHS's Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention Grant Program (TVTP) provides funds to various public, private, and non-profit institutions — such as universities and county governments — "to establish or enhance capabilities to prevent targeted violence and terrorism."

Childhood Red-Gender Guards. One of the most depressing stories of 2023 features a British teacher who claims to have been removed from her job in a prestigious, fee-paying English high school for the heinous crime of

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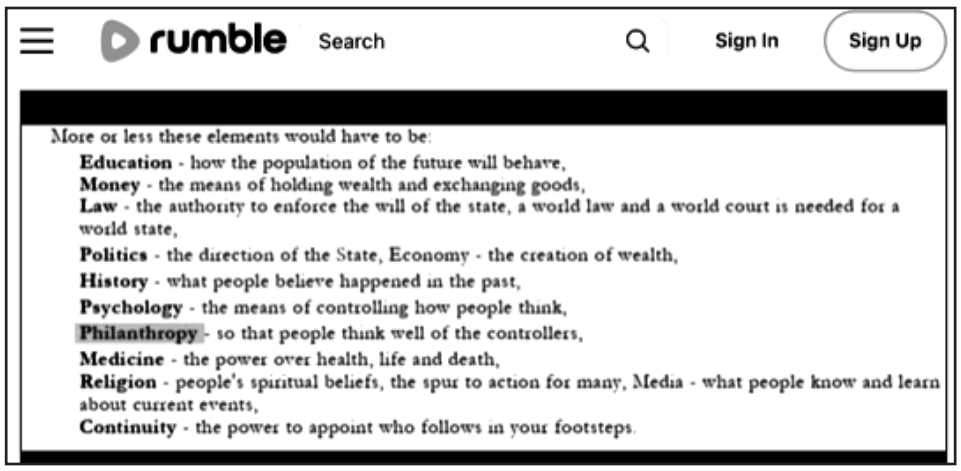

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effect would be to strip the censorship industry of its government funding. The House controls the purse strings of the federal government, so the House Appropriations Committee has the power to en the funding of government-sponsored censorship In this video, https://www.mercola.com/forms/background.htm, I interview Mike Benz, executive director for the Foundation for Freedom Online. Benz started off as a corporate lawyer representing tech and media companies before joining the Trump administration, where he worked as a speech writer for Dr. Ben Carson, the former U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and President Trump.

He also advised on economic development policy. He then joined the State Department as Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Communications and Information Technology. There, he ran the cyber desks at state, meaning all things having to do with the internet and foreign policy.

"This is toward the end of 2020, which was a really fascinating time to witness the merger, in many respects, of big government and big tech companies themselves," he says. "I had grown up, I think, like many Americans, with a belief that the First Amendment protected you against government censorship.

The terms of engagement that we had enjoyed from 1991, when the worldwide web rolled out, until 2016, the election in the U.S. and Brexit in the U.K., which is, really, the rst political event where the election was determined, in many respects, by momentum on the internet.

There was that 25-year golden period where the idea of being censored by a private sector company, let alone the government, was considered something, to me, very deeply anathema to the American experience.

What I witnessed at the State Department — because I was at the desk, basically, that Google and Facebook would call when they wanted favors abroad, when they wanted American protection or American policies to preserve their dominance in Europe, or in Asia or in Latin America.

And the U.S. government was doing favors for these tech companies while the tech companies were censoring the people who voted for the government. It was a complete betrayal of whatever social contract typically underlies the public-private partnership."

The Internet Was Founded by the National Security State

Ostensibly, the rapid expansion of censorship started post-2016, but you can make a strong argument that the internet was never intended to remain free forever. Rather, the intention for it to be used as a totalitarian tool was likely baked in from the start when the national security state founded it in 1968.

The worldwide web, which is the user interface, was launched in 1991, and my suspicion is that the public internet was seeded and allowed to grow in order to capture and make the most of the population dependent upon it, knowing that it would be the most effective social engineering tool ever conceived. Benz comments: "I totally agree ... A lot of people, in trying to understand what's happening with the net censorship, say 'We had this free internet, and then suddenly there was this age of censorship and the national security state got involved at the censorship side.'

But when you retrace the history, internet freedom itself was actually a national security state imperative. The internet itself is a product of a counterinsurgency necessity by the Pentagon to manage information during the 1960s, particularly to aggregate social science data. And then, it was privatized.

Opening it up to all comers in the private sector, it was handed off from DARPA [the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency] to the National Science Foundation, and then went through a series of universities on the infrastructure side.

And then, right out of the gate in 1991, you had the Cold War coming to an end, and then simultaneously, you had this profusion of Pentagon-funded internet freedom technologies. You had things like VPNs, encrypted chat, TOR.

All of the early internet freedom technologies of the '90s were funded by the Pentagon, the State Department, and developed by the intelligence community, primarily, as a way of using internet freedom as a means to help dissident "Emerging narratives, all manner of metadata aliations, all that can be aggregated to create a topographical network map of what you believe in and who you're associated with, so that it can all be turned down in a fast, precise and comprehensive manner by content moderation teams, because they're all birds of the same feather," Benz explains.

"The fact that this grew out of the U.S. National Security state, which is running the show, essentially, today, to me says that there's a continuation between the internet freedom and internet censorship. They simply switched from one side of the chess board to the other."

What Is the National Security State?

For clarity, when Benz talks about the "National Security State," what he's referring to are the institutions that uphold the rules-based international order. Domestically, that includes the Pentagon, State Department, Department of Homeland Security (DHS), certain aspects of the Department of Justice (DOJ) and the 17 intelligence agencies.

Of those, the Pentagon, State Department and the intelligence community (IC) are the three central ones that have managed the American world empire since the 1940s. None of them are supposed to be able to operate domestically, but in a sense their power has expanded so much that they essentially control domestic affairs.

As explained by Benz, the Pentagon, State Department and IC are not supposed to be able to operate domestically. "But in a sense, they really control domestic affairs, because their power has expanded so much that they've developed an extraordinary laundering apparatus to be able to fund international institutions that then boomerang back home and effectively control much of domestic political affairs, including discourse on the internet."

As for the CIA, it was created in 1947 under the National Security Act. It was created as a cloak-and-dagger mechanism, to do things the State Department wanted done but couldn't get caught doing due to the diplomatic repercussions — things like election rigging, assassinations, media control, bribery and other subversion tactics.

The Birth of Hybrid Warfare

Benz continues his explanation of how and why internet censorship emerged when it did: "So, there's the U.S. National Security State, and then there's the transatlantic one involving NATO. The story of Western government involvement in internet censorship really started after the 2014 Crimea annexation, which was the biggest foreign policy humiliation of the Obama era.

Atlanta's School of Foreign Policy was deeply inamed by this event and blamed the fact that there were these breakaway Russia-supporting entities in Eastern Ukraine and Crimea on a failure to penetrate their media, and this idea that hearts and minds were being swung towards the Russian side because of pro-Russian content online.

NATO then declared this doctrine of so-called hybrid warfare — this idea that Russia had won Crimea not by a military annexation, but by winning, illicitly in a sense, the hearts and minds of Crimeans through the use of their propaganda.

And the doctrine of hybrid warfare, born in 2014, was this idea that war was no longer a kinetic thing.

There hadn't been a kinetic war in Europe since World War II. Instead, it had moved sub-kinetic into the hearts and minds of the people. In fact, NATO announced a doctrine after 2014 called 'From tanks to tweets,' where it shifted its focus, explicitly, from kinetic warfare to social media opinions online.

Brexit, which happened in June 2016 ... was blamed on Russian inuence as well. And so all of these institutions that argued for control over the internet in Eastern Europe said, 'Well, it needs to come now.

Now it's an all-of-

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Trudeau appointee quits as 'special rapporteur' investigating Chinese election meddling scandal

By LifeSiteNews.org

Despite only recently saying he would not do so, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's "family friend" David Johnston, who was tasked with looking into alleged Communist Chinese interference in Canada's recent elections, has resigned as "special rapporteur" under mounting public and political pressure.

"When I undertook the task of Independent Special Rapporteur on Foreign Interference, my objective was to help build trust in our democratic institutions," Johnston penned in his resignation letter dated June 9 and addressed to Trudeau.

"I have concluded that, given the highly partisan atmosphere around my appointment and work, my leadership has had the opposite effect. I am therefore tendering my resignation, effective no later than the end of June 2023, or as soon as I deliver a brief final report, which I hope to be earlier."

In the letter, Johnston wrote that Trudeau should hire a person with a high national security background to take on as "special rapporteur."

"I encourage you to appoint a respected person, with national security experience, to complete the work that I recommended in my first report. Ideally, you would consult with opposition parties to identify suitable candidates to lead this effort," he wrote.

Johnston wrote that a "deep and comprehensive review of foreign interference, its effects, and how to prevent it, should be an urgent priority for your Government and our Parliament."

"Although I concluded that a public inquiry under the Inquiries Act would not be a useful way to deal with what is almost exclusively classified information, I recommended public hearings both to educate the public and to consider necessary reforms to various aspects of the government's systems and policies dealing with foreign interference."

Conservative Party of Canada (CPC) leader Pierre Poilievre said about Johnston's resignation that "Trudeau has been flailing around for months trying to cover up the help he got from Beijing's Communist government."

"He has destroyed the reputation of a former Governor General all to cover up his own refusal to defend Canada from foreign interests and threats," he added.

"He must end his coverup, stop hiding and call a full public inquiry into Beijing's interference."

Poilievre has for weeks called upon Johnston to resign considering his close ties to Trudeau.

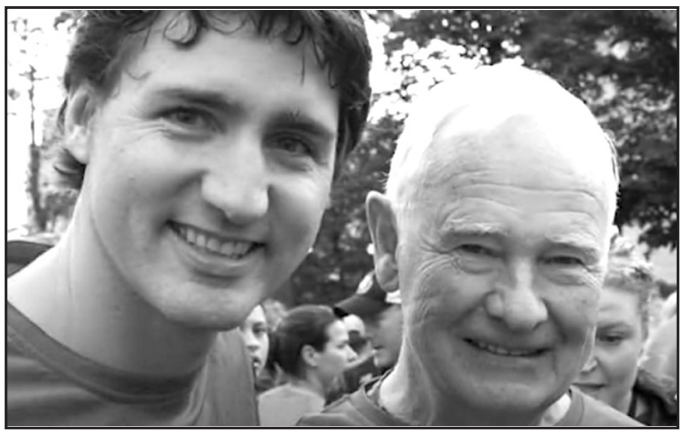
At the end of May, MPs from all parties except the Liberal Party voted in favor of a motion that demanded Johnston be replaced.

A little under two weeks ago, news broke that Johnston, who has refused to testify before MPs as to his own involvement with the embattled Pierre Elliot Trudeau Foundation, hired the well-known crisis communications firm Navigator, at taxpayers' expense, to help him deal with public backlash.

This move was blasted by Conservative Party politicians as "tone deaf."

Two weeks ago, MPs on the House of Commons Public Accounts Committee voted in favor of preventing Johnston from having to testify concerning his dealings with the Pierre Elliot Trudeau Foundation, despite its alleged involvement in potential Chinese interference in Canada's democratic process.

Johnston was first appointed by Trudeau as the "independent special rapporteur" to investigate alleged Chinese election meddling in March, even though he had previously been referred to as a "family friend" by Trudeau and was, at the time, a listed associate of the Pierre Elliot Trudeau Foundation.



When Johnston stepped down in 2017 as Governor General, Trudeau referred to him as a "family friend."

Johnston had also recalled fondly his close relationship with the Trudeau family in media interviews before he was appointed "special rapporteur."

In April, after reports surfaced detailing how the non-profit foundation received a $200,000 donation allegedly connected to the Chinese Communist Party (CCP), its entire board of directors and CEO and president resigned.

The donation revelation came amidst an ever-growing number of reports alleging that the CCP had meddled in Canada's last two federal elections, both of which saw Trudeau emerge victorious.

Despite the scandals, Johnston concluded over two weeks ago that there should not be a public inquiry to investigate alleged CCP election meddling because the matter could involve divulging state secrets.

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referring to her pupils as being female. This is despite the school in question being a girls'-only institution. Giving testimony to an independent enquiry into childhood gender dysphoria, the anonymous educator told of an occasion in May 2021 when she greeted her 11-year-old students with the innocuous phrase "good afternoon, girls". Immediately, the politically primed students piously informed her that "not everyone here identifies as female", even though they all clearly were. One particular classroom cadre even stood up and demanded the teacher "acknowledge their pronouns". The following day, the girls all wrote their names on the whiteboard, together with their preferred pronouns – including one who affected the nonsensical labels "they/them". The junior Red Guards even held a lunchtime protest against their "oppressor", bearing home-made placards with modish slogans like "Trans lives matter".

Government programs encouraging children to have sex, an abortion and use drugs without parental knowledge. As part of its month-long focus on adolescent health, the Biden administration is promoting a document that tells Planned Parenthood and other taxpayer-funded family planning offices how to talk to minors about sex without their parents overhearing, and how to secretly deliver birth control to adolescents without parental knowledge or consent. The plan to speak about sex one-on-one with impressionable youth begins during scheduling. "Confirm with youth clients that you have their phone number/contact information rather than their parents' contact information," the document tells federal grant recipients. "At the beginning of the visit, do a privacy screen. Ask 'Are you alone in the room?' or 'Can other people hear what you are saying?'" The document links to a webinar which fleshes out these ideas in greater detail.

Corporations Embrace The Swamp

A number of American companies have embraced the swamp by educating their staffs on diversity, equity and inclusion. Among these are American companies like:

ANHEUSER-BUSCH. Its Bud Light division which embraced non-binary/gender fluid Dylan Mulvaney to market their Bud Light Brand, which has since lost 26% of sales and still plummets costing the company billions.

TARGET. One of the first companies to stick out their necks for the LGBT agenda, Target was woke before woke was a word. So it shouldn't surprise anyone that the chain who introduced a controversial line of "Love Is Love" shirts way back in 2012 was ready to board the transgender train. Back then, retail analyst Britt Beemer warned that the Target strategy isn't "very smart," especially in conservative states, where it does the biggest business. "Anytime a retailer gets away from doing what they should be doing by being involved in a social cause, [they lose]." Target got a taste of that last year, when the mega-retailer — who helped launch the war on gender six years ago with its mixed-gender bathrooms and fitting rooms — decided to fill its racks with merchandise to help young people reject the biological sex God gave them. From chest binders that strap down breasts to compression underwear to hide bulges for boys, Target is taking direct aim at America's children.

LEVI STRAUSS. Last fall, Jennifer Sey, a longtime Levi's executive, wrote a blockbuster book about the radical undercurrent at America's oldest jeans company called, "Levi's Unbuttoned: The Woke Mob Took My Job But Gave Me My Voice." Sey's candid, behind-the-scenes tell-all made quite a splash, especially her frank assessment of upper management's radical politics. "Today's executives reared these kids with an 'I'm not your Dad, I'm your friend' parenting philosophy, and they chase their children's approval," she writes. "They want to impress their woke kids with their own progressive bona fides." Their latest idea? A gender-neutral clothing line. CEO Chip Bergh announced the idea this month, dismissing any fears about "a Bud Light-type backlash" against the 170-year-old company. Unisex clothing, he argued, is the wave of the future in a supposedly trans-accepting society.

STARBUCKS. Anyone who's ordered a cup from the iconic green mermaid has been fueling more than their caffeine fix — they've been financing the movement to trans our sons and daughters. After a divisive pronoun campaign in 2019 called #WhatsYourName, the mega-retailer one-upped America's other woke CEOs last year by offering to ship employees' children out of state to change their sex. A statement from the company's Sara Kelly announced that Starbucks is committed to the most outrageous forms of corporate activism — including paid travel for transgender surgery. "Regardless of where you live or what you believe, partners enrolled in Starbucks healthcare will now be offered reimbursement for eligible travel expenses when accessing abortion or gender-affirming procedures when those services are not available within 100 miles of a partner's home."

SPORTS ILLUSTRATED. Men who picked up a copy of the 2023 swimsuit edition hoping to see actual women at the beach are in for quite a surprise with this year's edition. Instead of a biological female on the cover, the woke magazine opted for Kim Petras, a busty man who underwent gender-transition surgery at age 16. "I was so excited when I got the call to be in Sports Illustrated," Petras, a German-born singer, told SI. "It's very iconic, and a lot of very iconic people have done it before, so [it was a] big dream come true for me." Asked about the pushback he might get, 30-year-old Petras replied, "It's definitely a scary time to be transgender in America, but there's also so much more representation than there's ever been, and there's so many things on the bright side." Back in 2006, the singer was considered "the world's youngest transsexual" after he appeared on a television show describing his transition, which started with hormones at just 12 years old.

The Bottom Line

Faith, family and freedom are the bedrock values of patriots. Faith breeds morals, values, good behavior and gives one a higher calling. God rules the world, not governments. The traditional family of one woman, one man and their biological children are the foundation of our culture and society.

Our freedoms are outlined in our Constitution. Without those freedoms there is only one road and that road leads to the the gulag.

It is not a cliché that our very lives, liberties and pursuit of happiness are in grave danger.

Today, big government has now become the 'opiate of the people!

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Puzzle Answers

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Red Flag Laws *cont. from page 1*

Registration. No, not just when you buy a gun from a dealer, but – well, I will let the actual bill say it:

This bill establishes new background check requirements for firearm transfers between private parties (i.e., unlicensed individuals).

Specifically, it prohibits a firearm transfer between private parties unless a licensed gun dealer, manufacturer, or importer first takes possession of the firearm to conduct a background check.

The prohibition does not apply to certain firearm transfers or exchanges, such as a gift between spouses in good faith. 2

So, guys and gals, get in really good faith with your spouse.

Obviously, this is just more erosion of the protection of our Constitutional rights. Plus, it is another step closer to government confiscation of guns.

It appears that we are in the final incremental steps our federal and state governments have been taking to assure total control of what human population will be surviving, and thus world domination by the Global Elite (GE). clearly, will be when the New World Order has us completely surveilled, programmed, and living in 15-minute cities – where we are prisoners, but don't know it.

Red Flag laws are not written to protect us from criminals, their only usefulness is to disarm the law-abiding public, you know – the people for whom the Second Amendment was written. The Second Amendment of the United States Constitution reads: "A well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." NO ifs, ands, or buts. As John Lott, President of Crime Prevention Research Center stated: "Despite the sacrifices, the evidence shows no benefits from these laws. Looking at data from 1970 through 2017, Red Flag laws appear to have had no significant effect on murder, suicide, the number of people killed in mass public shootings, robbery, aggravated assault, or burglary. There is some evidence that rape rates rise. These laws do not save lives." (Note: John Harris, has written an excellent response to Lee's request, "The myth of "due process" and Red Flag laws". 1

So, what does UNESCO have to do with Red Flag laws? UNESCO was designed to disarm the public, psychologically and metaphorically. In a White Paper written in 1946, John Howland Snow (of the National Association of Pro America) was appalled at what happened at Bretton Woods and Dumbarton Woods. As McClay put it, "Here, when they had finished dealing with health, economics, political alignments and so forth, the world plotters turned to social, cultural and educational matters. Here, the triplets: the IMF (International Monetary Fund, The World Bank, and UNESCO were born. WHO came along a little later." 3 Snow was puzzled that "education was included on the agenda on what was supposed to be a conference to solve the postwar world's financial problems.

The Bretton Woods (BW) agreement was signed by 730 delegates from the 44 allied nations. Setting up a system of rules, institutions, and procedures to regulate the international monetary system, these accords established the IMF and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD), which today is part of the World Bank Group. Just more evil perpetrated on the sleeping populace.

Oh yes, don't forget, education is important as the BW agreement designed– as long as it is used by the psychologists to destroy traditional values, which Chisholm calls, "…the reinterpretation and eventually eradication of the concepts of right and wrong which has been the basis of child training…."

UNESCO, along with John Dewey and the Frankfurt School, set up our education system to do a number of things – dumb down the students, brainwash and control them, and program them to be socialist/Marxist minions. 4 In these processes -- especially the brainwashing and dumbing-down of our children -- some of the social ideas that Marxists have brought to our universities and of the steps our government officials have taken to define their control over us – were designed to bring in the New World Order.

We are watching children coming out of the school system with few, if any, moral values, thanks to the pushing of moral relativism as the value scale used to determine if the system has achieved its project goals. Add to that the BSTEP 5 program, written in 1968, detailing how only the chosen students will be "educated", the others will be dumbed down, provided with drugs to make them not care, and to, basically, render them brain-dead. That is a key. Part of Red Flag laws is to keep mentally unstable people from having guns. To foster mental instability in children, schools are pushing prescription drugs for behavior issues, promoting illegal drug use (see BSTEP) and sexual dysphoria (to literally make them mentally unstable). Schools, mainstream media, and society have promoted moral relativism so much that kids don't have a "right" and "wrong" sensor – because there is no wrong under relativism, except anything that isn't WOKE.

Sociology via the Frankfurt School has brought us psychiatry and psychology, two areas that are, at best, only fraught with fakery. Yet, they are promoted in schools, churches, at work – and the government. Who has our education system revered in this area? One is E.A. Ross, author of Social Control, "on the reasons for and the means of societal limitation of the individual", or how to control the people. Ross was a founder of Sociology in the U.S., and his Principles of Sociology (1920) was for years a standard introductory textbook. A review of his work reads:

"It can be unequivocally stated that one of sociology's most seminal pioneers is Edward A. Ross. Ross laid the foundation for the study of social control in sociology. In addition to his academic feats, Ross is also known for his political activism for progressivism and, controversially, for eugenics… As one of the first pursuers of a comprehensive theory of sociology, Ross's research eventually led him to research and rumination on the nature of social control. Ross's erudition upon the transformative application of the individual in relation to society, his view of morality as functionary, and his evaluation of the causes of degrading social orders provide incisive commentary that remains observable and relevant today. (emphasis mine.) This was all said in admiration.

"To better understand the present, it is best to look towards the past. Edward Ross has fathered the collective conscious of social control theorists for generations, and his monumental footprint shall continue to harbor this field." 6

More recently, Amitai Etzioni, futurist and founder of the Communitarian Network, has stated that "Individualism is now defined as a moral sickness from which we must all be rehabilitated'. The clear moral import of communitarian law is that individual freedom is intolerable to a "healthy and sustainable community". 7 UNESCO again to the rescue.

The Three Puppeteers

Andrew Carnegie set up the Carnegie Corporation of New York "to support education programs across the United States", and later the world. Soon the Robber Barons of that day were all getting into the "philanthropic" act to use their money, tax-free, to change America. Alger Hiss (communist traitor) was President of the Carnegie Corp.

The Rockefeller Foundation was founded in 1913 by John D. Rockefeller and his son, Jr., to promote the "well-being of humanity throughout the world". If what they are doing today promotes the well-being of humanity, it is only for a mall part of humanity, the rest of us be damned.

Now, we have the Bill and Linda Gates Foundation and the Clinton Foundation pushing both pseudo-education as well as pseudo-medications.

UNESCO: the Tools

UNESCO is an offshoot of that collection of communists, socialists, and collectivists of all kinds known as the United Nations … since its formation … has been meddling in our schools. Its purpose is to brainwash your children. It wants to destroy in their minds love of their own country. If there is anything UNESCO dislikes, it is patriotism. It wants to replace it with what it calls "world-mindedness". … it must wipe out of the minds of our youngsters respect and admiration and love for American traditions and the American way of life."

John T. Flynn, Columnist, June 1959

UNESCO – is one of the most powerful tools in the Left's asymmetrical arsenal. "The United States delegation will also press for a conference to rewrite the world's textbooks, so that old, ultra-nationalistic misunderstandings would not be passed on to school kids… 8 And one more note about Huxley (who would have preferred that UNESCO be an up-front promoter of eugenics) speaking about the menace of overpopulation which he thought was generally recognized, he hoped that "my successors at UNESCO will be able to play an important part in a world-wide programmed of population control, now actively supported by the UN, and endorsed by the World Bank and WHO."

As stated on their website UNESCO's mission is to "contribute to the building of a culture of peace, the eradication of poverty, sustainable development and intercultural dialogue through education, the sciences, culture, communication and information". Or "bringing peace through the minds of men".

But how will they bring the minds of men around to seeking that peace?

William Benton, publisher of Encyclopedia Brittanica and a founder of UNESCO noted: "We are at the beginning of a long process of breaking down the walls of national sovereignty and of persuading the peoples of this world to study each other and to cooperate with each other. In this process, UNESCO, can be – and indeed must be – the pioneer …. You give for the first time in our history a collective brain to the whole nervous system of American culture, science, education, and means of communication."

You can tell me that doesn't mean technocracy was their plan way back then, but I won't believe it. Let me give you a bit more background here on where UNESCO is going. Like Agenda 21/ Sustainable Development, they have plans covering every aspect of our lives. Or as G. Brock Chisholm 2 put it: "Let us accept our responsibility to remodel the world…" Chisholm, a psychiatrist, was co-founder with Alger Hiss (Communist traitor), of World Health Organization (WHO) and World Federation for Mental Health, an advisory agency for UNESCO and WHO). The credo for both entities is "Mental Health and World Citizenship, the principles of mental health cannot be successfully furthered in any society unless there is progressive acceptance of the concept of world citizenship. World citizenship can be widely extended among all people through the application of the principles of mental health." Their definition of mental health is far different from the average Joe's.

Mary Parker Follett supplies the Progressive's definition of man's proper state in the New World Order. "Man, not things, must be the starting point of the future. But man in association, for no man lives to himself. And we must understand the laws of association are the laws of the group. We have long been trying to understand the relation of the individual to society; we are only just beginning to see that there is no 'individual, that there is no society.'…. the old psychology was based on the isolated individual as the unit, on the assumption that a man thinks, feels and judges independently. Now that we know that there is no such thing as a separate ego, that individuals are created by reciprocal interplay, our whole study of psychology is being transformed." 9

So, what does UNESCO have to do with Red Flag laws?

All that dumbing-down was to soften up the populace, to make us compliant and complacent). UNESCO was necessary to help wreck American (and Western countries') schools. We were first in the world in academics for a very long time. But, not so gradually, you could watch our educational standing declining.

No it was not just to make us stupid and compliant, but to label the sane, those who believe in moral absolutes, considered dangers to society.

Oh, we liberty lovers, we who believe in property rights and human freedom and free will. Chisholm has our number: "Of course, there will be long and perhaps violent resistance on the part of the immature, selfish, neurotic, and nationalistic, to the establishing of any kind of world government … Perhaps the truest and most useful attitude mature people can take to this question of world government is that it is inevitable…. The inevitable vilification, smearing and abuse which will be used … will gradually fade as more and more children are freed from dependence on authority and dogma, and freedom to think clearly becomes more common." 10

Julian Huxley sums it up: "Better to adopt a philosophy of gradualism, like the Fabians, with edited Old Testament stories, while continuing to bring up children with the 'mythology' at the same time 'giving them the skills to question it. They should learn to recognize the moral beauty in all religions,' while at the same time education should be used as a 'tool' to eradicate the 'sectarian pests.'"

The politicians who use Red Flag laws to take away our guns must give great thanks to UNESCO which was designed to cripple us, mentally and physically. But don't think every person targeted by Red Flag laws is not mentally stable; they are definitely far more stable than anyone pushing or supporting UN programs.

We cannot go back and undo all this Marxist/ One-World evil and destruction. What do we do? We take back our country one town, one city, one county, one state at a time. If you want your freedom – and your grandchildren's freedom, you are going to have to work for it. We can do it; we have right and truth on our side. Let the lion roar.



Patriot News

Patriot Events and Activities

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The Foulness of "Social Emotional Learning"

By John Droz Jr.

The Left is masterful at word manipulation. They have the skill, experience, and interest to massage the vocabulary to make a horrifically bad idea sound appealing. (Think "Green New Deal.") However, the success of their deception depends on one other ingredient: the lack of critical thinking by the public.

A case in point is something going on in the education field called Social Emotional Learning (SEL). If you do an Internet search, 95% of what you'll find is pablum saying what a wonderful idea SEL is, like here. It gushes:

"Social-emotional learning is the process of developing the self-awareness, self-control, and interpersonal skills that are vital for school, work, and life success."

What's not to like? The Left is saying: Just agree and then move on. Nothing to see here.

Critical thinkers will be wary of anything that is endorsed by our educational cabal (or the media), and will not blindly accept their description of such "programs." Persistent parties will eventually find objective and accurate descriptions of what SEL is really all about. For example, this study says:

"Proponents of SEL call for focusing less on academic content and knowledge in schools, and more on student attributes, mindsets, values, and behaviors."

Think carefully about that profoundly significant statement. This is a movement to devalue academic content and knowledge… Does that sound like what our education system should be doing? Who benefits from US students being less educated?

To compensate for less knowledge, the SEL movement fills our children's heads with attributes, mindsets, values, and behaviors. Does that sound like what our education system should be doing? Isn't it the parents' job to be teaching those things?

If critical thinkers forge further in their SEL Internet search (separating the wheat from the chaff with a machete), they will come across this marvelous Report, published by Moms for Liberty. Among many worthwhile observations, it says:

"The ultimate goal of SEL is to shift the values, beliefs, attitudes, and worldviews of students. The goal is to psychologically manipulate students to accept the progressive ideology that supports gender fluidity, sexual preference exploration, and systemic oppression."

Getting the idea here? Go back and read the initial supportive quote above, and see how accurately and honestly it was describing SEL. What SEL should stand for is something like "Satanically Evil Learning."

Whether you are a parent, or a citizen without children in the school system, this is extraordinarily important. Literally, America's future is in the balance. Get informed. Speak up. Contact your State Board of Education, as they have control of this.

Avi Zarmi: True American Patriot

By Steve Welcenbach

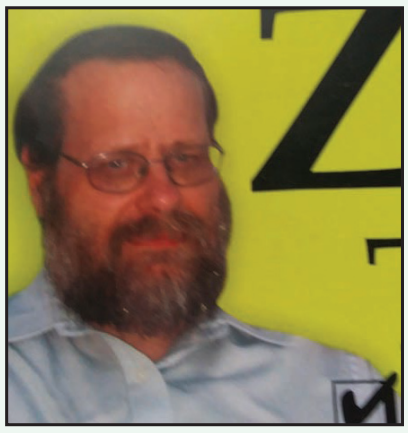
Longtime Reality News friend and advocate Avi Zarmi passed on in April of this year. A man of immense knowledge and fascinating experience, I was blessed to be in his company many times, gaining valuable insight on many different subjects. His well-reasoned conclusions he always supported with well-sourced relevant facts. A forceful GOP member and true liberty advocate, Avi's activist mentality will be missed throughout the movement to restore America to its founding principles.

Avi's beautiful wife Arlene Becker shared these details with us about Avi's final days:

Hello Steve, I hope you are well. Tragically Avi died on April 16th from cryptococcus meningitis which he most likely got at the VA after an unnecessary open heart surgery, and after 4 months in and out of the VA no one there took a spinal tap which would have identified the infection. It was finally identified by a doctor at St Mary's Hospital. He was transferred after a couple weeks there to St Luke's where the Infectious Disease doctor kept saying he got him too late. The infection was horrible. He was blind, couldn't talk, he couldn't do anything. The poor man suffered terribly and so did I watching him. I miss him terribly. He was brilliant. He had a collection of World War II books and a couple of books on weapons of the world which I would like to sell. He had no life insurance. If you are interested at all please let me know. Avi was also a patriot and loved his country.

Thanks so much Steve for your condolences. It would be wonderful if you posted comments about Avi. As you know he chaired the North Shore Republicans for a few years and won an award from the Republican Party. Avi also assisted in passing a law in Wisconsin to not discriminate against Israel by any public body or Institution. He served his country in the Air Force intelligence. He helped create the Concerned Citizens for Sherwood, a conservative group attempting to monitor the government of Shorewood. He had admirers all over the country and the world, even as far away as Malaysia. He was a brilliant man who spoke over seven languages with a wide range of interests.





The Reality News army thanks Avi Zarmi for his service to America and his commitment to restoring America as founded. Your activist spirit lives on in all of us in our movement.



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Europe thing.'

When Trump was then elected ve months later, explicitly contemplating the breakup of NATO, all hell broke loose. This idea that we need to censor the internet went from being something that was touchy and novel, in the view of Pentagon brass and State Department folks, to something that was totally essential to saving the entire rules-based international order that came out of World War II.

At the time, the reasoning was, Brexit, in the U.K., was going to give rise to Frexit, in France, with Marine Le Pen and her movement there. Matteo Salvini was going to cause Italexit In Italy, there'd be Grexit in Greece, Spexit in Spain, and the entire European Union would come undone, just because these right- wing populist parties would naturally vote their way into political power.

They would vote for working-class, cheap energy policies that would make them more closely aligned with Russia naturally, because of the cheaper oil prices, or cheaper gas prices. Then, suddenly, you've got no EU, you've got no NATO, and then, you've got no Western military alliance.

So, from that moment, after Trump's election, immediately, there was this diplomatic roadshow by U.S. State Department ocials, who all thought they were getting promotions in November 2016. They thought they were going to get promoted from the State Department to the National Security Council. Turns out, they all got red, because someone with a 5% chance of winning ended up winning that day.

So, they took their international connections, their international networks around *continued on page 24*

Solar Farms *cont. from page 17*

Prior attempts to communicate with the county, the Bureau of Land Management, and solar company representatives have been met with resistance, according to residents.

"They say they're trying to work with the community, but no, they're not," Pierce told The Epoch Times. "They brought fake maps when they came and gave us a presentation."

While requesting a moratorium on future solar farms within five miles of Lake Tamarisk, local advocates told lawmakers that their community is being turned into an "island in a dead solar sea."

Property values in communities near solar farm installations have been affected, with once-desirable lots now becoming difficult to sell, according to residents.

Other communities say the solar farms are too close for comfort.

The projects around Lake Tamarisk have crept up on a community of about 500 residents, with some saying that panels are planned for installation just about 750 feet from homes they've lived in for decades.

Residents have reached out to every responsible party, from local representatives all the way up to President Joe Biden, with the only response coming from Sen. Alex Padilla (D-Calif.), who has agreed to meet for a discussion, according to documents provided to The Epoch Times.

Another issue complicating matters is the destruction of cultural resources on tribal lands.

The Mojave Desert and other areas where the installations are occurring are situated on native territory with historical value. The loss of artifacts, ancestral burial sites, and cultural landscapes is affecting tribal communities with limited resources to contest new development, according to a series of lawsuits over the past 12 years that seek to stop solar projects on tribal lands.

"The project is located … in a region rich in cultural resources that have been used since time immemorial," Colorado River Indian Tribe Councilwoman Amanda Barrera said in a statement released when the tribe sued Riverside County in 2014 to halt development. "These resources have remained intact for millennia, but now are threatened by ever-increasing pressure to develop … utility-scale solar facilities."

Tribal elders' efforts to stop solar projects with litigation have failed, as federal judges have repeatedly upheld the government's right to utilize the land.

One Nation Under God

Churches MUST NOT criticize the government!

By jtrudel trudelgroup.com

Most understand why the First Amendment is first. It's simple. Without free speech, all the others, and all our freedoms, are lost.

Most also know that America was founded on freedom and the Judaeo Christian ethic. It comes to us in various forms, but the common thread is belief in a loving God, of freedom, and of the struggle between good and evil. That's simple.

The intersection of God and governance is complex. So is the eternal conflict of right and wrong, of good and evil, of darkness and light.

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"It is impossible to rightly govern a nation without God and the Bible."

- George Washington

"Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."

- John Adams

Unlike the Declaration of Independence, the United States Constitution contains no reference to God. At first, this may seem odd. Why did the men who drafted the Declaration invoke a Supreme Being several times, while the men who drafted the Constitution did not mention a higher power even once?

The threefold answer lies in the stated purposes of the Constitution, its religious neutrality, and the theory of government it embodies. Whereas the Declaration explained and justified a rebellion to secure God-given rights, the Constitution is a blueprint for stable and effective republican government in a free country. The Preamble to the Constitution declares that its purposes are "to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty."

These are wholly secular objects; religious references are extraneous in a document drafted to further them. The result is tension.

We have a Constitution made for moral and religious people. America started as "the shining city on the hill." Some two hundred years later, we find ourselves in a declining nation, one governed by a gaggle of greedy unaccountable scoundrels.

Our "stable and effective" republican government, is, sadly, starting to resemble Stalin's Russia with show trials and Gulags. The shining city on the hill is starting to resemble a dismal swamp full of dangerous creatures. America's future is cloudy.

So what?

Well, first off, fear not. I'm not going to go off into a bible thumping rant.

I'm not going to speak of how weaponized Federal agencies are sending armed teams to minister's homes to drag them out and terrify family members and children. Or even of the Gulags, Stalin type show trials, and parents being harassed and labeled as terrorists for protesting at school board meetings.

I'll skip the singleton events, like Christians being arrested for silent prayer, reading bibles at abortion clinics, confessionals being monitored, etc. I will note, but not discuss, the recent wave of "trans-gender manifesto" mass killings at schools.

Pointless mass murder is horrific, but what's new is the political agenda of starting a war between gender shifters and Christians. One where Fake News and Team Biden sides with the woke, ignores murder, and lobbies for "equity" and "inclusion."

History Repeats

The systematic mass silencing of Patriots and people with religious values in America goes back decades. Hillary was quite good at that. She was first to weaponize transgenderism for political objectives, but it's now mostly forgotten history.

I accidentally ran into it in the late 1980s. The Clinton Administration was working to de-industrialize America, to ship design and production off shore. What got in her way was our unique, best in the world, patent system.

We called it "The Patent Wars." The Clinton goal was to dumb down our patent system and go "global." She called it "Harmonization." Those opposing it called it HARMonization. I was in that group.

The problem Hillary had was our Constitution. The first right granted to American's was in Article One, Section 8 of the Constitution. It was the right of citizens (not the state) to own property of the mind, and it helped create wealth and prosperity.

It wasn't going well for the globalists until Hillary weaponized transgenderism. The highest transgender official in the Clinton Administration was the flaming Gay running the patent office, named Bruce Lehman, a bizarre personality.

The arguments in Congress were, ah, quite intense. At the time I had consulting clients on both sides. I did not go myself to testify. Lehman was the first openly gay man to be confirmed by the U.S. Senate. He was Commissioner of the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). Criticizing him was forbidden.

My mother, now deceased, was a solid member of the DAR, the George Washington Chapter, no less. We had at least two ancestors in the Revolutionary War. I was giving talks and writing articles about the Patent Wars. She wanted me to speak to her ladies group about the Constitution and patents.

My talk was not allowed! The DAR HQ in DC forbade it. Why? They feared discussing a political topic impacting legislation in Congress might impact their tax status. The ladies were disappointed, but it was what it was.

The Clinton's prevailed, America's patent laws were changed, and prosperity shifted offshore. I eventually retired from high tech and shifted to writing books.

Note: All this took years. On August 4. 1999, HR 1907 passed the house using methods that were possibly unprecedented in the annals of Congress. It was passed under "suspension of the rules" with no debate permitted.

The "suspend the rules" trick was used again on January 6, 2021 by Nancy Pelosi to enable the fake "insurrection" (coup) that put Americans into DC gulags. Link.

Recently, I've helped a friend, MG Paul Vallely, with two books. Reality Prism and Mindless War Two. Paul is one of my heroes, and the books have been well received.

My wife and I moved from Portland, now a dangerous place, to a remote enclave in a rural location. Out on the highway, there is delightful tavern with hunting memorabilia, friendly rednecks, good local beer, and the best hamburgers in the area.

One night, as winter broke, we met there. I was walking in with my wife, when a woman I'd not seen before came up to me. "You're the one who wrote the book."



"Yeah."

She said she was reading it, trying to understand what was happening to America. I fumbled trying to explain. She was bogged down in the geopolitics. (Mindless War Two was then just coming out. It makes Prism more accessible.)

Before I could say much, she burst into tears. She told me her daughter, age 14, had recently committed suicide. Her daughter had been depressed. Lock downs. Myriad genders. Insanity. Nothing that made sense. She left a note, "I don't fit in."

I gave the woman a hug. She was sobbing uncontrollably and so was my wife. Later, I got her two copies of Mindless War Two. One for her, and one for her minister.

It's a small town and the word gets around. Turns out that churches are afraid to host any talks about such topics. If they allowed it, they would lose their 501 c3 tax status.

Churches in America have been massively censored. Ministers have been silenced. Churches have been politically isolated. A key part of our culture is gone. Poof.

"Did a black-robed regiment really exist during the American Revolution, or was it just a myth?"

The term "Black Robe Regiment" referred not to a literal regiment of soldiers that wore black robes into battle but rather to the influential clergymen who promoted American independence and supported the military struggle against Britain. By encouraging the Patriot cause, those ministers helped muster critical support among members of their congregation—support the British begrudgingly acknowledged as vital to maintaining the colonists' frustrating resistance to British attempts to restore Parliamentary rule.

Action Needed

Elections have been stolen. Our borders are wide open. Innocent Americans are in Gulags. Our bureaucracies have been weaponized. A show trial is underway for a former U.S President. Free speech has been silenced. Courts and prosecutors are corrupted. The age Orwell predicted is upon us. We face a new type of war.

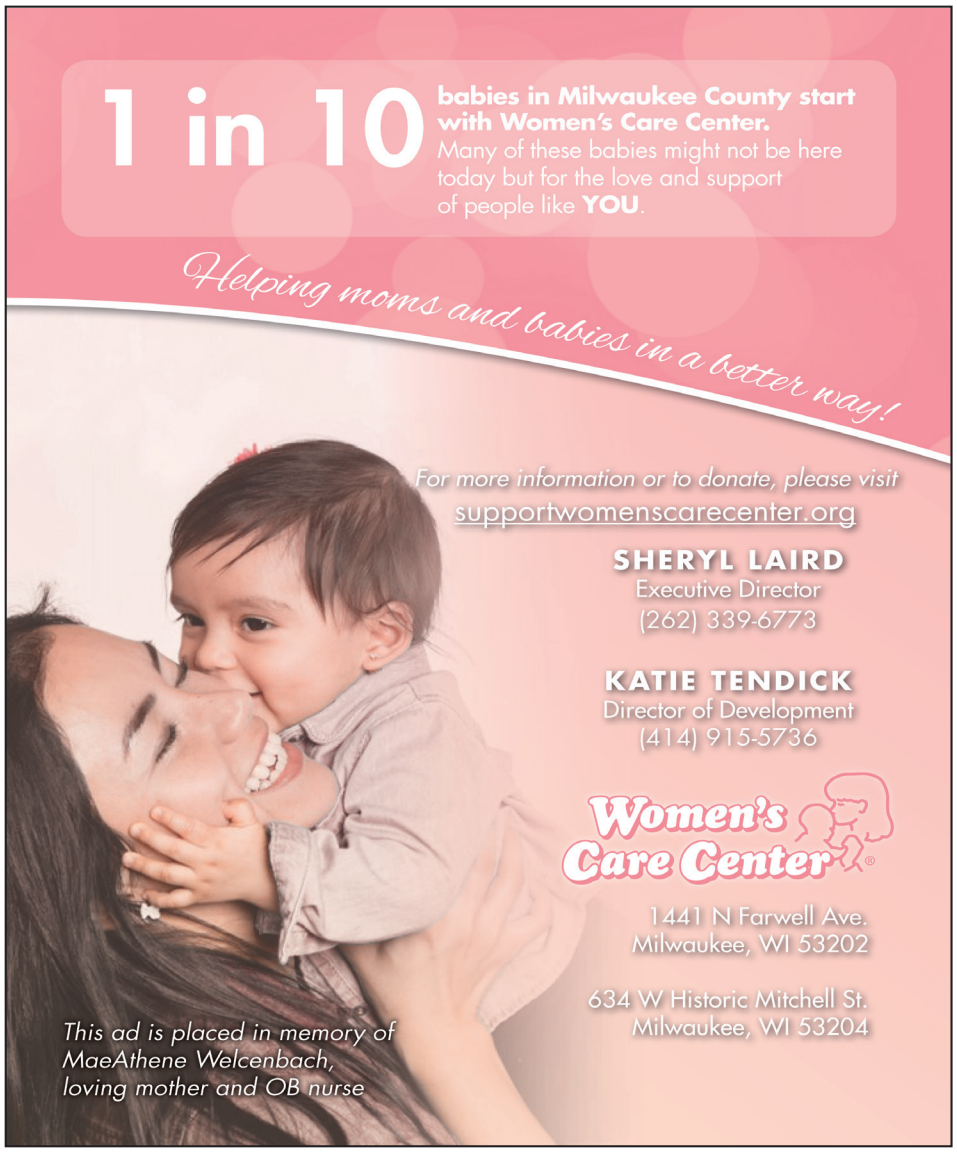
The FBI has signaled in the clearest possible manner it does not care what the people or their elected representatives think. It will do what it pleases, and the consequences be damned.

The recently released Durham report paints a graphic picture of an agency out of control. The FBI did not blunder into an investigation of Donald Trump, his campaign, and his associates. The FBI undertook to deliberately destroy Trump and those around him including General Flynn. The FBI took unto itself the power to decide who could be President.

The FBI no longer answers to the elected representatives of the American people, nor does it care what they think. It did not get sloppy. It did not make some errors in judgment. Its leaders decided that they were entitled to do whatever they chose and to ignore our laws, our traditions, and the judgment of the nation's citizens.

So what to do? We need to take our country back. The next election is "game over."

Getting free speech back for churches — and the rest of us — is an imperative. Regardless of your party, it is time to wake up and speak out.



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Soros, Anti-Semitism and the Progressive Assault on Language

By Caroline Glick

One of the key characteristics of our difficult times is the way in which the progressive left has hijacked language. Among other things, progressives have seized the language of bigotry to demonize non-progressives as bigots while engaging in and promoting bigotry themselves.

"Antisemitism" is one of the key terms that has been hijacked. This week, we saw a number of demonstrations of its exploitation at the hands of progressives to demonize those they deem a threat to their political and cultural power.

The most discussed demonstration of how the popular term for Jew-hatred has been weaponized is the pile-on against multi-billionaire and free speech champion Elon Musk by supporters of multi-billionaire and progressive political warfare bankroller George Soros.

Soros funds the progressive camp through his Open Society Foundations. In many respects, Soros should be seen not only as a funder, but as the ideological leader of the progressive revolution because many of its key nodes and organizations are his brain children.

In a series of posts on Twitter, the social media platform Musk purchased last year to promote his freedom of speech agenda, Musk harshly criticized Soros. He wrote, "Soros reminds me of Magneto." Magneto is a Marvel Comics villain.

Progressive Jewish writer Brian Krassenstein responded, "Magneto's experiences during the Holocaust as a survivor shaped his perspective as well as his depth and empathy. Soros, also a Holocaust survivor, gets attacked nonstop for his good intentions which some Americans think are bad merely because they disagree with this political affiliations [sic]."

Musk refused to budge. Responding to Krassenstein, Musk wrote, "You assume they are good intentions. They are not. He wants to erode the very fabric of civilization. Soros hates humanity."

Krassenstein's insinuation that Musk's attack on Soros was an expression of antisemitism was quickly followed up by Jonathan Greenblatt, president of the Anti-Defamation League.

Greenblatt scolded, "Soros often is held up by the far-right, using antisemitic tropes, as the source of the world's problems. To see Elon Musk, regardless of his intent, feed this segment—comparing him to a Jewish supervillain, claiming Soros 'hates humanity'—is not just distressing, it's dangerous: It will embolden extremists who already contrive anti-Jewish conspiracies and have tried to attack Soros and Jewish communities as a result."

Musk responded by asserting that the ADL "should just drop the A."

Other Jewish leaders, including American Jewish Committee President Ted Deutsch, similarly attacked Musk, as did Israel's Foreign Ministry, although the ministry's attack on Musk was disavowed and harshly criticized by Foreign Minister Eli Cohen.

Musk is far from the only public figure who has been accused of antisemitism for attacking Soros. Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis was recently the subject of a pile-on accusing him of Jew-hatred for referring to "Soros-funded DAs" while decrying former President Donald Trump's indictment at the hands of Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg. Bragg, who campaigned on a pledge to indict Trump, received a $500,000 campaign donation from a Soros-funded group.

Given the way that Soros's supporters freely accuse his detractors of antisemitism, Soros's own actions on issues related to Jews and antisemitism are important to consider.

Soros's Open Society Foundations have given tens of millions of dollars to non-governmental organizations involved in waging political warfare and lawfare against Israel. Soros's groups reject the Jewish state's right to exist and its right to defend itself. They have sought to undermine its relations with foreign governments and subvert its legal system in order to prevent it from enforcing its laws against Palestinian terrorists and Arab Israelis who break the laws of their country.

Two Soros-funded organizations, Al-Haq and Al-Mezan, have been identified as fronts for the PFLP terrorist organization. The U.S., the E.U., Canada and Israel all designate the PFLP as a terror group. Israel's Defense Ministry outed Al-Haq and Al-Mezan as PFLP fronts in Oct. 2021. Rather than abandon their support for the terrorist groups, 20 other Soros-funded organizations signed a declaration attacking the government's move.

Soros-funded international, U.S., Israeli and Palestinian groups defame Israel and its supporters by, among other things, falsely accusing the Jewish state of "apartheid." They wage economic and cultural warfare against Israel and its Jewish supporters around the world through boycott, divestment and sanctions campaigns. Directed against Israel's Jewish supporters abroad, particularly on college campuses, BDS campaigns aim to deny Jews their civil right to stand with the Jewish state or express support for its existence. These campaigns employ social ostracism, humiliation and harassment. Soros-funded groups were the primary engine behind the E.U.'s antisemitic labelling law, which requires Israeli exporters to place warning labels on goods produced by Jews beyond the 1949 armistice lines.

Soros has spearheaded and funds organizations whose job is to drive a wedge through the American Jewish community. In 2007, he published an article in The New York Review of Books demonizing AIPAC, which he attacked with language redolent of antisemitism. The next year, Soros founded J Street by providing a three-year grant of $750,000. The pro-Palestinian progressive Jewish group supports placing restrictions on U.S. military assistance to Israel. It backs some of the most anti-Israel members of Congress. It advocates on behalf of U.S. appeasement of the Iranian regime, including by facilitating its nuclear weapons program.

J Street U, J Street's student group, is anti-Israel. IfNotNow is a BDS group and a spin-off of J Street U. J Street and its aligned groups routinely demonize pro-Israel groups, including AIPAC and the Jewish Federations for their support for Israel. They also seek to subvert Jewish institutions, including day schools and summer camps, by compelling their leaders to accept the dissemination of anti-Zionist curricula and propaganda to their students and campers.

Soros-funded Palestinian media routinely broadcast antisemitic propaganda.

In short, Soros funds groups that demonize the Jewish state and Jewish people worldwide who support it. He has split the American Jewish community and supports organizations that oppose the right of Jewish people in the United States to defend and support the Jewish state and its right to exist.

There are many definitions of antisemitism, but simply stated, antisemitism is bigotry against Jews, including hatred of Jews and adverse treatment of Jews. This is precisely what Soros advocates and uses his fortune to fund.

Demonizing all of Soros's critics as antisemites is not only an insult to Jews. It is a way of denying Jews the language to defend themselves against real antisemites like Soros.

This brings us to a second incident this week in which the term antisemitism was appropriated and language was hijacked to advance the political goals of progressives by demonizing their political foes.

The National Conservatism movement held a conference in Britain. The idea of national conservativism is that the nation-state system is the best guard against tyranny at the hands of transnational groups that seek to impose their progressive worldview through quasi-imperialist dictates.

To prevent tyranny and preserve free societies, the national conservative movement advocates for nations to defend their sovereign territory, preserve and strengthen their institutions and teach and cultivate their unique histories and traditions. The conference at Westminster in London this week brought together Britain's top conservative political and intellectual leaders.

On Tuesday, The Guardian ran a hit-job by Peter Walker on the conference and its participants, demonizing both as antisemitic. How was Jew-hatred advanced by the participants?

As Walker put it, "A conference run by a right-wing U.S. think tank might be expected to feature robust discourse on culture wars and identity. But the National Conservatism gathering has gone notably further: with speeches using terms linked to antisemitism and the far right."

What are the terms whose use opened two of Israel's most powerful friends in Britain—Home Secretary Suella Braverman and Tory MP Miriam Cates—to allegations of Jew hatred? "Cultural Marxism" and "globalism."

To be clear, just as some antisemites attack Soros using antisemitic language, so some critics of cultural Marxism and globalism are antisemites. But this is irrelevant. Criticism of both cultural Marxism and globalists is not inherently or normally antisemitic at all. The progressives' assertion that use of these terms is an antisemitic act has nothing to do with reality.

Rather, it is a means to stifle discourse by denying their political opponents the means to describe political movements and philosophies that undermine their nations. By falsely asserting that criticism of globalists and cultural Marxism are inherently hostile to Jews, progressives not only block debate on real issues, they use antisemitism as a weapon to demonize anyone who engages in discourse that questions progressive goals, means and dogma.

The ironic aspect of the progressive assault on nationalists is that progressives don't oppose nationalism per se. The progressive world view that the likes of Soros advance asserts that there is tribal warfare going on all over the world. Some tribes—or nations—are oppressors. Others are victims.

The national identities of the groups defined as aggressors are illegitimate. American identity, for example, is illegitimate. British, Israeli, Indian, Hungarian, Australian, Polish, Italian and French identities are also illegitimate.

On the other hand, Palestinian national identity is great. Chinese identity is fine.

On May 15, American Muslims for Palestine organized a "Nakba Day" rally in Washington. MEMRI posted footage from their rally at the Washington Mall. Among other things, speakers at the rally called for the destruction of Israel, advocated on behalf of terrorism and proclaimed, "The only good Zionist is a dead Zionist."

AMP is aligned with Rep. Rashida Tlaib (D-Mich.), who held her own "Nakba Day" event sponsored by Senator Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) after House Speaker Kevin McCarthy cancelled her planned Nakba event at the Capitol Visitor Center.

In 2021, AMP organized a webinar with Tlaib co-hosted by IfNotNow. Last month, IfNotNow activists stormed a stage at an event for Gov. DeSantis and accused him of antisemitism for speaking out against "Soros DAs."

For Soros and his fellow progressive antisemites, the only time you're permitted to point out that someone is Jewish is when they are progressive. And any attack against them is anti-Semitic. The same ADL President Jonathan Greenblatt who accused Musk of antisemitism for his attack on Soros never spoke out against the progressives who attacked the late conservative and pro-Israel Jewish philanthropist Sheldon Adelson with nakedly antisemitic rhetoric. As a conservative, pro-Israel Jew, Adelson was a legitimate target for progressive antisemites.

The left's assault on language is a means to assert control over societies. If you cannot describe your reality, then you cannot influence it. As George Orwell explained it in 1984, "The Revolution will be complete when the language is perfect."

Judaism, to be sure, is not progressivism and attacks on progressive dogma and politics are not acts of antisemitism. Accepting, even minimally, that such absurdities are valid denies Jews the capacity to protect themselves from actual antisemitism—that is, hostility towards Jews.

All Jews, including Jewish progressives who are concerned about anti-Jewish bigotry, must reject out of hand efforts by the likes of Soros, The Guardian, Tlaib and their comrades to hijack language to constrain our capacity to recognize this reality.

"If men were angels, no government would be necessary."
-James Madison

Prosperity tries the fortunate, adversity the great.
-Rose Kennedy

Age does not protect you from love. But love, to some extent, protects you from age.
-Anais Nin

"The miracle on earth are the laws of heaven."
- Jean Paul

Cataloging Tsunami

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discussed in the document. However, from my perspective, I see only three virus-origin possibilities:

The virus crossed over into the human population via bats and then other animals.

The virus was created or modified in a lab and either accidentally "escaped" or was intentionally released.

… And a theory that is embraced by a growing number of people … there was no new novel coronavirus.

The latter two possibilities should, of course, qualify as massive, historic scandals.

If government-funded scientists (in America and China and perhaps other countries) created this virus, all they did was turn the world upside down and kill and sicken tens of millions of people (either from said lab-created virus and/or from the response to the alleged pandemic.)

Similarly, if one is convinced there was no new novel virus, our scientific experts and authorities would have perpetrated the Mother of All deadly scams on the world (somehow no virus ended up causing tens of millions of deaths).

(I happen to think there is a novel coronavirus and it probably was created in a lab, but it's not any more lethal than the common flu.)

"Early spread" was either completely missed by the experts or, once certain officials realized this was happening, they covered up evidence of widely-circulating early transmission.

The authors of the Isle of Man document do address this possibility and even twice cite an article that I wrote on this topic.

As mega scandals go, "missed early spread" probably doesn't register on the radar of 99 percent of the population.

However, I still think this might be the most important unreported story as, if this was known, the world should not have had to endure lockdowns and experienced mass panic. People would have realized there was no way to "slow" or "stop" the "spread" of this virus as the virus horses had already galloped across the globe.

This theory would also tell us that the Infection Fatality Rate (IFR) of this virus was minuscule as millions of people had already been infected with no noticeable spike in all-cause deaths. So the necessity of rolling out a new mRNA "vaccine" to "save millions of people" would have been viewed as a nonsensical head-scratcher to far more people.

The question would have become why do we need a possibly dangerous and rushed vaccine to save people … who weren't dying or who faced no real risk from this virus.

The scandal here would have two components: Either our trusted public health officials didn't know early spread was happening; or at least some did know this and went to great extremes to cover up this knowledge.

The bottom-line is the same with all these scandals: The public should NOT trust the experts. In fact, large numbers of alleged experts and government officials should be arrested, prosecuted, imprisoned or at least disgraced and charged with professional malfeasance, a result that would make sure these people could never "serve" (harm) the public again.

Lockdowns were a public health, economic, psychological, sociological and civil-liberties-eviscerating disaster. Any benefit from this unprecedented mitigation strategy was dwarfed by massive harms.



The authors excel in their effort to expose this particularly mind-boggling scandal.

Iatrogenic deaths almost assuredly killed far more people than Covid proper.

Faulty medical protocols and guidance - coupled with (unnecessary) mass panic in the population and among health-care professionals - killed untold numbers of people and, by themselves, account for the massive spike in deaths in some cities.

Said differently, the surge in deaths that largely explains the ramped-up panic and justified all the draconian mandates probably had little or nothing to do with this virus.

This outstanding section includes many first-hand testimonials from witnesses to (arguably) mass murder that will leave readers irate. Iatrogenic deaths is perhaps the least-publicized massive Covid scandal.

Mandatory masking was a scientific farce and the masks caused far more harm than has been fully acknowledged.

The authors note that mask mandates perhaps seem "trivial" compared to other Covid scandals. However, the authors then proceed to make readers better appreciate the harm caused by these unnecessary mandates. They also do an excellent job showing how the alleged "science" on masks rapidly flipped.

I've been reading Covid stories for three-plus years and hadn't seen some of the compelling arguments the authors make about masks. The document is worth reading just for the excellent points made about iatrogenic deaths and masks.

Vaccines are not safe and effective, weren't needed and are causing untold numbers of deaths and serious medical conditions.

The authors dive into politically-incorrect waters by providing contrarian history on vaccines and questioning the conclusion that other well-accepted vaccines produced the positive health results they are widely considered to have made possible.

In my opinion, the authors could have included far more evidence and anecdotes about the obvious harm the Covid "vaccines" have produced, but the items they do include are compelling and worth the read.

Accurate Covid data is being concealed, spun or obfuscated by public health agencies.

This header is not included as a separate category in this document, but every section provides evidence this is occurring to a scandalous degree.

Genuine transparency does not exist with important Covid data. Indeed, the authors show that officials charged with reporting important health data seem to be going out of their way to conceal this data from the public. This by itself should be another major scandal and has already eroded "public trust" in public officials and our medical/science community.

The following are my own contributions to any inventory of massive societal scandals.

Censorship is out of control. We now live in a world where genuine free speech is considered a threat to the state and the world's real rulers.

It should be noted that censorship is not yet all-encompassing. The Isle of Man document proves this good news by citing hundreds of articles and studies that did reach the attention of the authors.

However, most of these citations are from the "alternative press" (including plenty of independent Substack authors).

The important studies the authors cite - FWIW, studies produced by "real" scientists - never or rarely received significant coverage from the corporate or mainstream press. Many of these contrarian authors or dissident voices have indeed been censored, attacked, de-platformed, bullied and even lost their jobs.

It could be argued that every scandal itemized in this document might not have happened if censorship did not exist. The authors make clear that the promulgation of false fears is the root of all totalitarian mandates. It should be obvious that this level of requisite fear would have been much lower if the public had received fair and balanced coverage of true, off-limits facts.

The mainstream press is 99.9 percent captured.

The "gatekeepers of the news" have become stenographers of virtually every dubious or false public health narrative. Nobody (who really matters in the Big Picture) is challenging the never-ending lies, manipulated data and false narratives.

If this lack of skepticism persists, it seems almost a certainty that all the important organizations in the world will continue to be led by people who either aren't intelligent enough to challenge false narratives or know the narratives are false and simply don't care.

Big Tech and social media companies are actively censoring real debate and genuine free speech.

Furthermore, many of these companies seem to be working in concert with government officials and agencies to target individuals who are not afraid to dissent from the various "authorized" narratives.

The above points make it far more likely that past scandals will not be exposed and that future society-damaging agendas will be more likely to be brought to fruition.

In sum, these waves of over-lapping and cascading scandals produce a tale that does qualify as a real-world horror story.

The greatest horror might be the realization that most citizens are still unaware they're living through an unfolding nightmare. Hopefully, excellent and important documents like the one just described will open more eyes.

Censorship

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the Atlanta Council, the Council on Foreign Relations, the entire think tank, quasi-intelligence, quasi-military, government-funded NGO soup, and they did this international roadshow, starting in January 2017, to convince European countries to start censoring their internet ...

Out of that came NetzDG [Netzwerkdurchsetzungsgesetz, the Network Enforcement Act] in Germany, which introduced a necessity of articial intelligence-powered social media censorship.

All of that was, essentially, spearheaded by this network of State Department and Pentagon folks who then used their own internal folks in the government to procure government grants and contracts to these same entities. Eventually, they all rotated into those tech companies to set the policies as well."

Threat From Within

So, to summarize, the infrastructure for worldwide internet censorship was largely established by IC veterans who were forced out by the Trump administration, and that infrastructure was then used to catalyze the international censorship response during COVID in late 2019, early 2020. Benz continues: "Right. And those veterans were not alone. The full story is not just the shadow

security state and exile. The fact is this. The Trump administration never had control of its own defense department, State Department or intelligence community.

It was the intelligence community that, essentially, drove his rst impeachment, that drove a two-and-a-half year special prosecutor investigation that rolled up 12 to 20 of Trump's closest associates. You had a chief of staff there who was hiding the military gures from the government. The careers at state threatened the political appointees from the inside. I experienced that myself.

This permanent aspect of Washington, with unreable careers in high places, combined with a turf war in the GOP [Republican Party] between the populist right and the neo-conservative right, with the neo-conservative right having many well-placed Republicans in the Defense Department, State Department, in IC, to thwart the previous president's agenda there, allowed this political network and exile, on the censorship side, to work with their allies within the government to create these censorship beach heads.

So, for example, that's how they created the Department of Homeland Security's ... rst permanent government censorship bureau in the form of this entity called CISA [the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, founded in November 2018], which is supposed to just be a cybersecurity entity.

It was done because of media and intelligence community laundering of a never-substantiated claim that Russia had potentially hacked the 2016 election, hacked the election machines or voting software, or might be able to do so in the future, and so we need a robust armed-to-the-teeth DHS unit to protect our cybersecurity from the Russians.

It's the mission creep of the century. After the Mueller probe ended in June 2019, this unit, CISA, within DHS [Department of Homeland Security] — which had set up all of this, and which is only supposed to do cybersecurity — said 'Well, if you squint and look at it, discourse online is a cybersecurity threat because if it undermines public faith or condence in our elections, and it's done using a cyber nexus, i.e., social media post, then that's a form of cybersecurity threat, because democracy is essential to our security.'

And so you went from this cybersecurity mission to a cyber censorship bureau, because if you tweeted something about mail-in ballots in the 2020 election, that was deemed to be a cyber

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