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## We Must Rely on Strength of Arms, Sovereignty of God

*By Tony Perkins*

Why Military Might Alone Is Never Enough

Happy Birthday to the United States Army, which this weekend celebrated 250 years of service to our nation.

Earlier this week, as preparations were underway for a military parade through our nation's capital, I went for an early morning run on the National Mall. I had to navigate around tanks, personnel carriers, and helicopters staged for the celebration.

It brought back some memories, but this writer must admit — it was jarring to see tanks with the Washington Monument in the background.

It reminded me of similar scenes after 9/11, when military vehicles were stationed around the Pentagon and throughout parts of the city — not exactly a comforting sight.

I don't wish to be misunderstood in any way.

As a Marine veteran and as an American, I fully support celebrating our military's history and honoring the men and women who serve.

But in doing so, we must never forget where our true strength and protection come from.

The warrior-king David wrote in Psalm *continued on page 20*

## Spain's impossible dream of 'green' electricity

***Thousands of wind turbines and millions of solar panels generated a massive blackout***



*By Paul Dreissen*

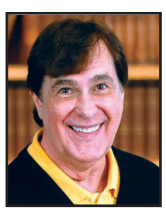
Updated Man of La Mancha lyrics could read: "To dream the impossible dream of clean, green, net-zero electricity, to fight the unbeatable foe of manmade climate cataclysms, we must run where the brave dare not go."

Don Quixote saw windmills *continued on page 14*

## Are You Prepared to Fight for Your Own Freedom?

*By Tom DeWeese*

I live in Virginia – but OHIO is my home! I was born and raised in the small city of Newark. My first political action began in 1968 when I founded Youth For Fair Government. I gave my first speech to a committee of the Ohio Senate for a bill I had helped to create.

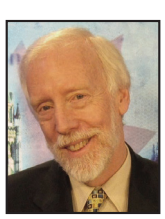


In 1969, I Founded Licking County Youth for Decency In America. We actually organized one of the nation's first volunteer walkathon *continued on page 5*

## Ontario Farmers Give a Master Class in Opposing Battery Systems

*By Tom Harris*

200 rural residents who assembled in Alexandria, Ontario on April 30th gave a master class in rallying public support against Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) projects. For many of the points they made apply perfectly to BESS installations everywhere.



To help people in other jurisdictions assemble their own anti-BESS *continued on page 8*

## Anti-Trump 'Refuse Fascism' march fizzles as 250k patriots rally behind US military in DC

*By Doug Mainwaring*

Two events occurred on Saturday in the nation's capital: the "Refuse Fascism" march to the White House in the early afternoon and the U.S. Army's 250th anniversary celebratory parade on Constitution Avenue in the evening.

I attended both.

While there were perhaps just 500 people, most of them older and white, at the Refuse Fascism rally and march, with some presumably bussed in from New York City, a diverse crowd of 250,000 gathered for the Army parade – 500 times as many people.

A better name for the "Refuse Fascism" march would've been the "Anti-Trump, anti-MAGA, anti-American values" march.

One speaker shouted, "We can't wait until 2026 or 2028 to take back the House, the Senate and the White House!"

It was an unmistakable *continued on page 10*



## Ron Johnson Versus the Devil

***The 70 year old Wisconsinite is the Conscience of the Senate***

*By John Leake*

In the world of dramatic entertainment, we are gripped by spectacular bad guys who go out of their way to do terrible things in the service of their unholy ambitions. Therein lies the eternal fascination of Shakespeare's Iago and Richard III, or modern offshoots of these characters such as Frank Underwood in House of Cards. These guys revel in doing dreadful things.

In the real world, the bad guys rarely if ever set out to be bad, and most don't think of themselves as such.

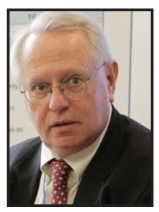
They aren't malevolent; they are merely weak, vain, venal, lustful, and shallow, and therefore easy to seduce and corrupt.

One of my favorite comic novels is Carl Hiaasen's Skinny Dip. Though the tone is humorous, the bad guys—Charles "Chaz" *continued on page 16*

## Can Trump's Climate Policies Be Preserved After January 2029?

*By William L. Kovacs*

This is my 100th article to appear in Reality News, and I want to thank Steve Welcenbach for letting me participate in his effort to bring some sanity into the world of climate hysteria. We are very fortunate to have Steve's leadership in the fight against the lies, propaganda, and misinformation of the Radical Left. And, by the grace of God, we have a president determined to repeal the many repressive laws, regulations, and *continued on page 7*



## New Research Reveals How Vaccines May Cause SIDS in Some Infants

***Researchers who found that underdeveloped liver enzyme pathways in some infants may make it harder for them to process toxic ingredients in vaccines — a condition that could lead to SIDS — said their study, published in the International Journal of Medical Sciences, could lead to therapeutic interventions that could save lives.***

*By The Defender, Brenda Baletti, Ph.D. JUNE 3, 2025*

Underdeveloped liver enzyme pathways in some infants may make it harder for them to process toxic ingredients in vaccines, a condition that could lead to sudden infant death syndrome *continued on page 21*

## We Still Need Both Trump and Musk

*By Lary Bell*

It's mystifying to identify two more constructively transformational patriotic leaders in modern American history than Donald Trump and Elon Musk.



Each, independently and collaboratively, also has and continues to, impact global developments in numerous remarkable ways.

And yes, each additionally has individual visions and leverage to advance occasionally separate and divergent priorities.

Trumping All *continued on page 18*

# Steve's Say . . .

# Your Works, Oh Lord, are Justice and Truth



Many of you Reality News (RN) readers may know from my past columns that I attend Mass on almost every Thursday morning. And every 4th or 5th Thursday I write my Steve's Say column for The Reality News. So on these Thursdays I ask very directly for the Holy Spirit to provide me with words that will bring forth His truth and glory to all who read the piece that materializes.

Before RN Thursday comes, I meditate on all kinds of ideas for the upcoming column which seem so relevant and appropriate for the time. However, the piece that results on RN Thursday rarely reflects any of these specific pre-meditated ideas. Most times I begin writing and the direction happens all on its own.

Today the Lord provided a very direct and highly appropriate theme for our situation at this point in human history. In fact, it essentially summarizes the entirely of our struggle in our lives here on Earth. The title of this piece is the responsorial psalm for today's Mass liturgy. And we are witnessing His Works, His Justice and Truth, all around us in the world today.

Lots of things continue to come at us with breakneck speed. Just a couple of weeks ago, the Trump - Musk fallout became the BIG NEWS touted by both the Fake News media and some claiming to be Trump accolades. Today, a mere 2 weeks later, poof! That story vanished as quickly as it materialized. And no one really knows what that thing really was. I believe we witnessed another example of Trump genius, demonstrating how far in front of everyone he always has been and continues to be.

So all of a sudden Israel strikes Iran. All of a sudden. Really? This now kinetic conflict, the proclaimed eventuality of a narrative sown and cultivated since the overthrow of the Shah of Iran, and one could actually say since the inception of the modern day state of Israel, apparently was never supposed to happen. And when you dig into the true origins of this tale and uncover the players and their motivations driving it, the picture clarifies dramatically.

The contention that Iran intends to develop a nuclear weapon, is on the verge of doing so, and must be stopped at all costs we've heard ad nauseam for more than 2 decades. Yet no real evidence ever gets presented demonstrating this claim. Enriching uranium, at any level, proves nothing. In fact, if I wanted to hold the world hostage by claiming to be a nuclear rouge state, by enriching uranium and never building a bomb I attained my goal quite inexpensively.

Here's what I've concluded to be the real truth: the globalist Deep State manufactured the Iranian nuclear threat, like the Ukraine war and hundreds of other false flag constructs, to achieve several purposes. Since the Middle East contains so much readily accessible petroleum, which underpins the fiat US Federal Reserve note, the region must be considered suitably unstable to justify a sizable and continuous military presence and military action, when necessary, to protect these fiscal assets.

Because of the outcast status Iran enjoys as a rouge nation, the globalist Deep State operatives utilize it not only as bludgeon to justify the ever-increasing funding of the Military - Industrial complex, but also as a money-laundering portal which has no oversight from the outside. All of Obama's actions regarding Iran prove this truth as do the past and continuing actions of European leaders of the EU and NATO bloc. The Iran deal publicly pursued by all these players could not be more transparent as to the real agenda behind their actions.

Trump is about to end it all. End the Endless, as I discussed in last month's piece. Trump will not tolerate these globalist Deep State games anymore. Nor will we. At some point in any poker game, someone must quit raising the stakes and make the call. Only then can you see what cards everyone holds. We trust Trump's renowned card playing prowess to deliver a winning hand once again. And he will.

So after the 60 days Trump gave the Iranian Deep State puppets to come clean and make a deal, which could've ensured their physical continuation and a peaceful transition into a new way forward chosen by the Iranian population, it all ended. Justice came upon them swiftly and completely. Trump uncaged the Israeli tiger which quickly inflicted fatal wounds upon those Iranian "leaders" too enthralled by Deep State extortion to make a peace deal happen. Now they're gone.

So as Trump said many times before, "We'll just have to see what happens."

Optics are important. Having Israel as the proxy to wipe out the Iranian Deep State actors keeps America at arms length and uninvolved in this foreign conflict in a direct way. Yet we all know Trump retains full control over the situation, and if the Deep State utilizes Iran to strike at our military or citizens in the area, he can invoke whatever means he chooses to end this thing immediately. We have weapons way better than nukes for this contingency if it comes to that, as Trump let the world know many times. Trump will not let the Deep State players morph this action into a world war as they so desperately want to do. How Trump re-cages the Israeli tiger will be quite interesting to observe. Watch carefully.

I believe this Iranian action portends the end of Deep State control of the agenda driving the actions of our world. A sincere peace accepted in the Middle East will not only demonstrate the validity of Trump's approach and vision, but lead to peaceful and lasting resolutions to all of the conflicts and human suffering rampant throughout the world, from Ukraine to the Congo to China and the Korean peninsula. Peace through strength. It works. And real world commerce will replace the totalitarian socialistic corporatist plantation system the globalists tried to force onto the entire world.

So God's works, His Justice and Truth, continue onward. All must face the justice of The Lord sooner or later. For our own good God does not divulge the hour or method of its coming, but always provides ample warning through His prophets and signs so we may repent and save ourselves before He takes action. But His justice always comes. We just witnessed it in Iran.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# The staggering money wasted on Net Zero

*By Ronald Stein and John McBratney*

"Green" and "Net Zero" policymakers mistakenly believe that wind and solar renewable energy will replace fossil fuel energy.

REALITY CHECK: Renewables and Fossil Fuels do different things.

From the 16th to the 19th centuries whale oil was inedible and was used principally for lighting, lubrication and the manufacture of soap, textiles, jute, varnish, explosives and paint. Whales were hunted almost to extinction in the mid 1800's.

Today, "Green" and "Net Zero" policymakers setting policies are oblivious to the reality that so-called "renewables" only generate electricity but cannot make anything like the more than 6,000 products in our material economy derived from fossil fuels, nor the transportation fuels that supports cars, trucks, ships, construction equipment, and airplanes.

In addition, everything that needs electricity, like iPhones, computers, X-ray machines, defibrillators, and datacenters, is made with petrochemicals manufactured from crude oil, coal, or natural gas.

Interestingly, going "Green" with wind and solar generates occasional electricity under favorable weather conditions is only affordable only to the few wealthy countries that can mandate the huge subsidies.

All "Green" and "Net Zero" policymakers remain unavailable to participate in educational conversations about energy literacy, as these sources do different things!

Renewables only provide for the generation of electricity, totally dependent on favorable weather conditions.

Crude oil once refined provides more than 6,000 products, plus transportation fuels, to economies around the world.

Infrastructures that did not exist 200 years ago demand continuously increasing supplies of the more than 6,000 products that are made from fossil fuels for widespread use by in many of our societies' functions, including:

Hospitals, Airports, Military, Medical equipment, Telecommunications, Communications systems, Space programs, Appliances, Electronics, Sanitation, Heating and ventilating, Transportation – road, rail, ocean, and air, Construction – roads and buildings.

The world's population is not addicted to fossil fuels, but it is dependent on all the products and transportation fuels. Today, "Green" and "Net Zero" policymakers that wish to "transition away from fossil fuels" need to offer a backup plan to maintain the supply chain of the products and fuels to support all the above-mentioned infrastructures, and to date there has been no such plan offered or suggested There is no "Green" or "Net Zero" product or technology available anywhere in the world today that offers any form of reliable backup for wind and solar power generation—none!

Most people in the wealthier developed nations are unaware that 80% of the 8 billion people on planet Earth, in poorer developing nations, are living on under $10/day and cannot subsidize themselves out of a paper bag, thus any suggestion that heavily subsidized solar and wind systems are viable is simply stargazing.

Today, the homeless actually "represent" how 80% of humanity live around the world as those homeless in the wealthier developed nations are a visual reality to a world without fossil fuels.

If those more than 6 billion people on this planet living on less than $10/day are ever going to join the Industrial Revolution, they will need a supply chain of the 6,000 products supporting the material demands of the infrastructures that did not exist 200 years ago, before we harnessed fossil fuels, as well as an increasing demand for continuous and uninterruptible electricity, i.e., the case for nuclear power.

A basic need for our "Green" and "Net Zero" policymakers is to understand that electricity did not exist before we learned how to refine raw crude oil.

Electricity came after oil, as all electrical generation methods from hydro, coal, natural gas, nuclear, wind, and solar are built with products, components, and equipment made from oil derivatives.

All EV's, solar panels, and wind turbines are also built with products, components, and equipment made from the oil derivatives.

Most so-called renewable energy products are manufactured in countries that primarily use coal-fired power generation, so they are not "Green" at all. A good example is electric vehicles that utilize huge Lithium ion based batteries.

All the transportation fuels for cars, trucks, merchant ships, aircraft, and military are made from raw crude oil.

Getting rid of crude oil would eliminate all six ways of generating electricity, and the more than 6,000 products in demand by hospitals, airports, communications, and would paralyze virtually all transportation.

Another basic need for our "Green" and "Net Zero" policymakers is that they understand that raw crude oil is just black tar that is virtually useless, unless it can be refined into derivatives that are the basis of more than 6,000 products in society that did not exist before the 1800's, and the various transportation fuels like gasoline, diesel, and aviation fuels that are also made from that raw crude oil. They also need to understand that this process requires the availability of economically priced and reliable electric power.

Policymakers need to stop using the word energy and start referring to the demands of the economy for reliable supply chains of:

Products, more than 6,000 made from oil derivatives of oil.

Transportation fuels, for cars, trucks, ships, and airplanes.

Electricity, economically priced, continuous and uninterruptable.

It is worrisome that the "Green" and "Net Zero" policy makers in all Western countries presently spending billions on solar and wind generated electricity completely ignore proven scientific and engineering research by widely qualified academics and engineers that shows conclusively that carbon dioxide has only a minuscule effect upon global temperatures, thus the whole world-wide Net Zero push is all for nothing. The amount of money wasted upon Net Zero world-wide is staggering.

It's scary that our "Green" and "Net Zero" policymakers are setting "energy" policies that are mandating subsidies, directions, and tax breaks, when they have no comprehension of the subject of energy.

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# University Abuse of Taxpayers Must End

*By Larry Sand*

Private colleges should become part of the marketplace.

When perusing the news these days, you can't escape the onslaught of stories about Harvard. The once venerable institution, with its current involvement with Jew-hatred—which the school fosters or disregards—has become emblematic of the degradation of our nation's higher education system.

Alan Garber, Harvard's president, has repeatedly acknowledged an epidemic of antisemitism at the university. "It is present on our campus. I have experienced antisemitism directly, even while serving as president, and I know how damaging it can be to a student who has come to learn and make friends at a college or university."

Harvard, however, is hardly a one-off.

The nation's colleges are hotbeds of Jew-hatred. StopAnti-Semitism, an advocacy group, issued a report card in late 2024 that details how 25 colleges across the country treat Jewish students.

In the introduction, the group states, "Since last year's staggering 1,500% increase in antisemitic submissions, StopAntisemitism has been forced to triple the size of our team just to manage the deluge of reports. This year alone, we've seen a jaw-dropping 3,000% rise in antisemitic tips and submissions, as universities across the country fail to protect their Jewish students in the wake of violent antisemitic uprisings."

The findings are quite disturbing:

55% of Jewish students have personally been victims of antisemitism at their schools.

43% did not feel safe enough to report the incidents.

Of those who did report, 87% believe their school failed to investigate properly.

43% hide their Jewish identity from their classmates out of fear.

72% feel unwelcome in certain spaces on campus simply for being Jewish.

67% say Jews are entirely excluded from their school's DEI initiatives.

69% are blamed for the actions of Israel—actions they have no control over.

67% feel their university did not take sufficient action to protect Jewish students in the wake of the 10/7 massacre.

43% would not recommend their school to fellow Jewish students.

While students at Harvard and other American universities must retain their full First Amendment rights to express their views, regardless of how vile they may be, the schools should not be complicit. Furthermore, taxpayers should not be compelled to foot the bill. There is no constitutional principle that requires the government to provide funding to any private schools. However, Harvard receives over $3 billion in federal contracts and grants, despite its private endowment exceeding $53 billion, which serves as a substantial source of revenue for the university.

In fact, American institutions of higher education nationwide greatly benefit from taxpayer support. Federal, state, and local governments collectively spent $237 billion on higher education in 2022, according to Just Facts. This amount translates to $1,807 for every household in the U.S., excluding additional government funding for university research, hospitals, and student loans.

Grants and other forms of direct taxpayer subsidies to universities are legion. For example, capital gains of major university endowments are taxed at a minuscule rate of 1.4%, a fraction of the taxation rate to which the endowments would be subject if they were operating as any other type of business or investment fund.

The best way forward is for Harvard and other colleges to go the Hillsdale College route. This venerable Michigan institution accepts zero federal funding. But there are only 22 colleges in the country that refuse any public monies.

Reason Magazine's J.D. Tuccille explains, "In 1984, rather than sort its student body by race as demanded by the federal government, Michigan-based Hillsdale College culminated years of resistance by severing connections with the feds. Since then, the school has refused all federal funds…Students who need financial aid are provided with funds from private donations. Hillsdale's fundraising has grown its endowment to over $900 million, enabling the college to finance its activities according to its own principles and philosophical outlook."

Students who share the school's perspective can apply, knowing their money won't be used to support ideas they oppose. Those who don't can go elsewhere.

Tucille further states that "a truly independent Harvard could be a model of open inquiry and debate. Or it could be the woke seminary many of its inmates crave. The choice would be its own, funded with its own money. That's a path that all colleges and universities seeking to decide their fates should consider."

The Trump administration, acting on claims that Harvard has failed to stamp out antisemitism on campus and act in the public interest, froze more than $2 billion in research grants and contracts in April.

Not surprisingly, Harvard poohbahs are protesting the action and suing the federal government, arguing that the government's actions violate the First Amendment, don't follow legal procedures, and very strangely, that the government's actions "threaten Harvard's academic independence."

Academic independence?

If the school were really independent, it wouldn't need any government largesse whatsoever.

While President Trump's ambitious agenda to rein in the fiscal and cultural excesses of elite American higher education, and not coddle extremists, is admirable, it doesn't go nearly far enough.

We must mandate that colleges become part of the marketplace, with individual students and their families footing the bill. As a taxpayer and a Jew, I shouldn't be forced to fund Harvard or any private university, and neither should you. Enough already.

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# Electrical production needs to be market-driven, not government-directed

*By Ronald Stein, P.E.*

United States citizens count on affordable and available electricity production and delivery to their homes and businesses more than any other factor to maintain their quality of life.

It would seem prudent that these electricity customers demand that the market for this most valuable commodity be optimized in their best interests. After all, the customer is king in a free enterprise economy, right?

The trouble is that all electricity markets in this country are monopolies. The most beneficial market for consumers is free enterprise, one in which the government enforces a fair and level playing field for all entrepreneurs. Consumers have allowed their government to transform this market into one that resembles a Soviet Union five-year plan, rather than a customer-demand-driven competition among different suppliers.

Predictably, the results of this government-supported monopoly seem to resemble the shortages, escalating costs, and brittle prospects of a slave state. Government is in business with the big companies (subsidies), regulations favor monopolistic dictatorship instead of competitive prices, and the consumer is forced to "take what they can get" and "pay whatever is asked" to stay connected to the life-giving river of electricity.

We are on the cusp of blackouts, price hikes, rising demand with no rising production, and the fate of the entire business is entirely in the hands of government agencies (both Federal and State) collaborating with businesses. We do not think this is conducive to the American dream.

In such a society, innovation is almost non-existent because there is no incentive to improve. After all, you are forced to buy the service offered or stop using electricity. To these authors, this sounds precariously close to extortion, and we do not like it.

The good news is that many different small and large companies are trying to compete for the electricity production business.

The bad news is that they are bowing down to the government in a vain begging posture to be allowed to place their products on the market.

Our analysis has determined that nuclear power offers the best advantage to the buying public. It has proven to be the safest, most compact, most resilient, most flexible, cheapest, and safest form of electricity production.

The direct supply of continuous and uninterrupted electricity to customers is far more efficient and robust, while offering the most competitive rates for all consumers.

The German government forced all its perfectly good reactors to close, resulting in the highest electricity prices and dirtiest air in the European Union. It is considering reversing that mistake with the help of investors who see a vast potential to reactivate nine nuclear power plants for electricity production.

The Spanish government's influence on the market caused the grid to black out due to the volatility of intermittent wind and solar production.

California must count on coal-fired imported electricity from Montana to supply its citizens with the bare minimum of power at greatly increased rates.

Even our own national grid suffers from government regulation that has placed the entire system in a very vulnerable and fragile condition. Maybe it is time to consider ignoring government influence (money) and bringing back states' rights to force free enterprise. Clearly, the government is only making things worse with more subsidies, agencies, regulations, spending, and collusion with businesses.

The ironic reality *continued on page 8*

# Trump vs. the 'Free Lunch' Culture: A Battle to Reclaim America's Schools, Borders, and Backbone

*By Gary L. Wickert*

While America watches nightly news clips of high school students walking out in protest—many of them waving foreign flags and demanding "rights" they haven't earned—few realize the deeper story beneath the surface. These demonstrations aren't spontaneous acts of civil disobedience grounded in injustice. They are orchestrated displays of entitlement, often spurred on by Marxists, radical Leftists, and paid protesters funded by George Soros and the liberal elite. And there's only one national figure standing up to this toxic tide: President Donald J. Trump.

Public Schools: Subsidizing Chaos and Entitlement

Southern California, ground zero for many of these student walkouts, is also home to some of the country's most dysfunctional schools. Institutions like Compton High School, South Gate, Bell Gardens, and Huntington Park are Title-1 schools, which means they receive additional federal funding due to the high percentage of students from low-income families. But that funding hasn't translated into academic excellence or discipline. Instead, it has fueled a culture of excess, waste, and ingratitude.

These schools offer full-service breakfast buffets that rival what you'd find in a resort hotel, free lunches regardless of actual financial need, and even daycare services for teen mothers—some as young as thirteen. These benefits are bankrolled by the American taxpayer. Meanwhile, that same taxpayer struggles to afford groceries, health insurance, or quality childcare.

A Title-1 administrator recently confided that her ESL (English as a Second Language) department was pressured to spend nearly $700,000 in a single year—not because of need, but because failing to "use" the budget meant forfeiting future funds. New computers were bought—only to be destroyed by students who carved graffiti into them. The message was clear: gratitude is dead, and destruction is rewarded.

And what do we get in return for this generosity? Disrespect. Disruption. Decay. Teachers face open harassment. Classrooms are regularly thrown into chaos. Many students are in this country illegally and have been here less than three months, yet they feel empowered to riot, protest the very nation they fled to, and wave the flags of the very countries they claim are too dangerous to return to.

The High Cost of Illegal Immigration

The argument we've been sold for decades is that illegal immigrants provide "cheap labor." But the real cost is hidden in our crumbling infrastructure, overwhelmed hospitals, and failing schools. Every undocumented worker comes with a price tag: public assistance, law enforcement strain, lost educational opportunity for legal residents, and the erosion of community standards.

According to the Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR), illegal immigration costs U.S. taxpayers at least $150 billion annually. Public education alone accounts for over $60 billion of that total. And yet, despite this staggering cost, the Left insists that opposition to illegal immigration is somehow "racist."

Let's be clear: opposing illegal immigration is not racism. It is realism. It is not racist to demand accountability for how our tax dollars are spent. It is not racist to insist that public services, especially education, benefit American citizens first. It is not racist to expect immigrants—legal or otherwise—to assimilate into American culture and values, rather than openly reject them.

What's racist is allowing third-world standards to replace the order and values that built the greatest nation on Earth. What's unjust is asking law-abiding American families to carry the burden of another country's failures. Fighting illegal immigration isn't racism—it's the most basic act of national self-preservation. Every sovereign nation has the inherent right, and obligation, to protect its borders, enforce its laws, and preserve the cultural identity that binds its people together. A country without borders is not a country—it is a territory waiting to be overrun. Enforcing immigration laws has nothing to do with skin color or ethnicity; it has everything to do with maintaining order, ensuring assimilation, and safeguarding the values that made America great in the first place. Patriotism is not bigotry—it is clarity. We do not lock our doors at night because we hate those outside; we do so because we love those inside.

Nations across the globe understand this reality and act accordingly. Japan, for example, has some of the strictest immigration laws in the world and fiercely protects its language, culture, and customs. Israel builds physical barriers and conducts rigorous vetting to preserve its national security and Jewish identity. Hungary and Poland have faced down the European Union to maintain control over who enters their countries, recognizing that mass, unregulated migration dilutes national sovereignty and threatens long-

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charities – we called it Miles for Millions.

In 1974, I ran for a seat in the Ohio Legislature to represent the 30th House District. It was a slim little district covering Ohio State University, basically designed for a radical leftist. And the incumbent fit the bill perfectly. I didn't win in that year of Watergate when Republicans were wiped out across the country. But for ten years after I held the record for doing the best against the incumbent.

For the past 30 years I have been deeply involved in studying and exposing the most diabolical attack on Freedom the world has ever experienced. For my efforts I've been called a conspiracy theorist, hate monger, and a domestic terrorist. The Southern Poverty Law Center has honored me with four separate reports, saying I have created a career out of spreading false accusations about a simply voluntary environmental idea called Agenda 21.

Recently I spoke in Montana. There was a young reporter who was anxious to debunk anything I said. He asked question after question. Finally, I got up to speak. After I left the stage and walked back to my literature table – there he was again. Referencing my speech, he said, "some of what you said sounded a bit like hate speech." I turned, looked at him and I said, "Yep, it was – they hate it when I say it!" I didn't get any more questions from him.

Since the beginning of human society there has always been an individual or a force that was determined to control it all. They organized armies, invaded, broke things, and killed people, subjugating those that were left. Today, we are up against such a force – just as determined to control us – but these guys have found a new weapon to get us to VOLUNTARILY surrender our liberties. Tyranny is so much more peaceful this way!

Now, what could be such a powerful weapon to get us to do that? The tactic is FEAR! — Fear of What? — Environmental Armageddon. The tool of Choice – Climate Change. The Threat – "It doesn't matter how many rights you think you have if you don't have a planet to stand on."

And there it is. Every aspect of our society is targeted – from our money supply, to the energy system, to our food supply, to the education system, to the sanctity of our own home – to the very system of freedom created by our founders. It's all under attack.

Most Americans today tend to think of private property simply as a home – the place where the family resides, store their belongings, and find shelter and safety from the elements. It's where you live. It's yours because you pay the mortgage and the taxes. Most people don't give property ownership much more thought than that.

But there was a time when property ownership was considered to be much more. Property, and the ability to own and control it, was life itself. The great economist John Locke, whose writings and ideas had a major influence on our nation's founders, believed that "life and liberty are secure only so long as the right of property is secure."

John Locke advocated that if property rights did not exist, then the incentive for an industrious person to develop and improve property would be destroyed; that the industrious person would be deprived of the fruits of his labor; that marauding bands would confiscate by force the goods produced by others; and that mankind would be compelled to remain on a bare-subsistence level of hand to mouth survival because the accumulation of anything of value would invite attack.

In short, human civilization would be reduced to the level of a pack of wolves and eventually cease to exist because a lack of control over your own actions would cause fear and insecurity. Private property ownership, Locke argued, brought stability and wealth to individuals, leading to a prosperous society of man.

From the very beginning, the United States was guided by the idea of private property ownership. It was written into our governing documents. Property and freedom – one cannot live without the other. James Madison said, "As a man is said to have a right to his property, he may be equally said to have a property in his rights."

John Adams argued, "The moment the idea is admitted into society that property is not as sacred as the laws of God, and that there is not a force of law and public justice to protect it, anarchy and tyranny commence."

In today's America, private property is quickly being destroyed across the nation, and note the growing lawlessness that is beginning to surround you. The fear of climate change has become the excuse for government to grow and dictate how every strip of land will be used.

Have you ever wondered why these forces of "voluntary tyranny" focus so hard on the environment? They won't even engage in a debate over the so-called science of their claims.

That's because the environment does not recognize political boundaries. The environment crosses rivers, fields, and mountains, all of which cross over national borders, state borders, county borders, city borders, and the boundary lines of your yard!

That fact has given massive new power to those forces that seek to change our way of life and system of government. Who can stand in the way with a climate crisis at hand? So goes the argument.

As a result, the pack of wolves is quickly raiding every foot of this nation. Lawlessness controls our society as incentive, ingenuity, and entrepreneurship give way to fear of a government tyranny that drives for control, regardless of clear constitutional rights and the legal system that was designed to protect them.

"It's an emergency! We can't waste time on petty laws to protect your silly liberties!" Step by step, freedom dies, leaving shattered dreams, as tyranny grows. Private property is the key to a free society – and that's exactly why most of the climate change farce focuses on controlling or eliminating private property.

At the beginning of its hold on America, the Biden cabal issued Executive Order 14008. The order, titled America the Beautiful, established a plan to lock away 30 percent of American land by 2030, under the pretext of protecting the planet. The federal government already has 270 million acres under its control — now, under 30×30 it's driving for another 680 million to be locked away from private use.

The latest threat to property owners is carbon capture pipelines designed to take thousands of acres of farmland to bury co2 underground to "save the environment." Of course, any middle school science teacher can tell you that co2 is not a pollutant and every living thing desperately needs it. But politicians at every level of government are falling for this lie as they pad their pockets while grabbing vital farmland You're starving? Oh well – this is just how it's done!

Eminent domain land grabs are turning millions of acres of vital farmland over to monstrously rich and powerful corporations like Blackrock and Vanguard – to feed their own vision of how human society must function. As more and more farmland disappears under wind turbines and solar panels, which produce next to nothing for our power grid, there's little room to grow the food we need to survive. As a result, thousands of farmers are forced to just give up.

We can't just fight this battle through Congress. We must also fight here on the local level – in the state

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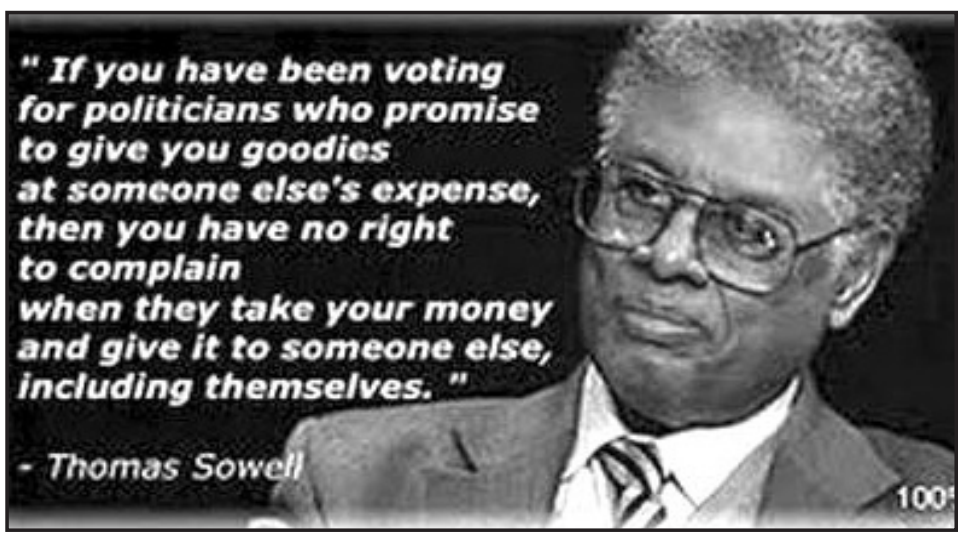

### *Quote of the Week:*

*"Progress often involves the killing of an exquisite theory by an ugly fact." — Leon Lederman, Nobel Laureate in Physics, The God Particle (1993), [H/t Richard Lindzen and William Happer]*

### *Number of the Week:*

*24,742 balancing actions*

### *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.

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

### Send your contributions to:

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*And thank you.*

# *SCIENCE & ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY PROJECT*

## The Week That Was June 14th, 2025

Scope: TWTW begins with a report by Richard Lindzen and William Happer on greenhouse gases. They use the scientific method to substantiate that adding more greenhouse gases will benefit Earth and not cause human harm. TWTW then repeats a 2023 report by Happer, Lindzen, and Gregory Wrightstone demonstrating that the US 5thNational Climate Assessment is scientifically fatally flawed. TWTW concludes with a discussion on inertia on the power grid.

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Applying the Scientific Method: Last week, TWTW focused on a paper by Richard Lindzen and William Happer emphasizing Gold Standard Science. "Scientific Knowledge Is Determined by the Scientific Method, Not by Government Opinion, Consensus, 97% of Scientists' Opinions, Peer Review, Models that Do Not Work, or Cherry-Picked, Fabricated, Falsified or Omitted Contradictory Data." The two authors discussed each of these subtopics.

This week, TWTW will focus on a second paper by Lindzen and Happer titled: "Physics Demonstrates that Increasing Greenhouse Gases Cannot Cause Dangerous Warming, Extreme Weather or Any Harm." The subtitle is: "More Carbon Dioxide Will Create More Food. Driving Greenhouse Gas Emissions to Net Zero and Eliminating Fossil Fuels Will Be Disastrous for People Worldwide."

Using the Scientific Method, the paper addresses each of these subjects emphasizing the science that is ignored by the UN IPCC and its collaborators, including the US government and its warped National Climate Assessment along with the EPA endangerment finding. Each of the subtopics is discussed with physical evidence presented. In short, the policies advocated in the name of climate crisis, global warming, or climate emergency have no basis in the scientific method and are inhumane and economically destructive.

The Lindzen and Happer paper is 45 pages long and cannot be properly summarized in TWTW with all subtopics and examples discussed. Instead, TWTW will present the Summary and Conclusions, in hopes that interested readers will review the entire paper. For too long western governments, including the US, have been in the mad pursuit of a foolish goal: stopping carbon dioxide emissions; although carbon dioxide is a gas of life. It is time that the advocates of this goal are compelled to face the consequences of what they advocate.

The summary of the Lindzen and Happer paper states [citations omitted]:

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I. SUMMARY

At the outset it is important to understand that carbon dioxide has two relevant properties, as a creator of food and oxygen, and as a greenhouse gas (GHG).

As to food and oxygen, carbon dioxide is essential to nearly all life on earth by creating food and oxygen by photosynthesis. Further, it creates more food as its level in the atmosphere increases. For example, doubling carbon dioxide from today's approximately 420 ppm to 840 ppm would increase the amount of food available to people worldwide by roughly 40%, and doing so would have a negligible effect on temperature.

As to carbon dioxide as a GHG, the United States and countries worldwide are vigorously pursuing rules and subsidies under the Net Zero Theory that carbon dioxide and other GHG emissions must be reduced to Net Zero and the use of fossil fuels must be eliminated by 2050 to avoid catastrophic global warming and more extreme weather. A key premise stated by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) is the "evidence is clear that carbon dioxide ($CO_2$) is the main driver of climate change," where "main driver means responsible for more than 50% of the change."

The Biden Administration adopted over 100 rules, and Congress has provided enormous subsidies promoting alternatives to fossil fuel premised on the Net Zero Theory. The EPA Endangerment Finding, for example, asserts "elevated concentrations of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere may reasonably be anticipated to endanger the public health and to endanger the public welfare of current and future generations."

On April 9, 2025, President Trump issued a "Memorandum on Directing Repeal of Unlawful Rules" and Fact Sheet stating "agencies shall immediately take steps to effectuate the repeal of any [unlawful] regulation" under Supreme Court precedents, inter alia, where "the scientific and policy premises undergirding it had been shown to be wrong," or "where the costs imposed are not justified by the public benefits." We understand the Supreme Court has also ruled in the leading case State Farm that an agency regulation is arbitrary, capricious, and thus invalid where, inter alia:

- "the agency has … entirely failed to consider an important aspect of the problem"
- "the agency has relied on factors which Congress has not intended it to consider."

We are career physicists with a special expertise in radiation physics, which describes how $CO_2$ and GHGs affect heat flow in Earth's atmosphere. In our scientific opinion, contrary to most media reporting and many people's understanding, the "scientific premises undergirding" the Net Zero Theory, all the Biden Net Zero Theory rules and congressional subsidies are scientifically false and "wrong," and violate these two State Farm mandates.

First, Scientific Evidence Ignored. All the agency rules, publications, and studies we have seen supporting the Endangerment Finding and other Biden Net Zero Theory rules ignored, as if it does not exist, the robust and reliable scientific evidence that:

(a) carbon dioxide, GHGs and fossil fuels will not cause catastrophic global warming and more extreme weather, detailed in Part III.

(b) there will be disastrous consequences for the poor, people worldwide, future generations, Americans, America, and other countries if $CO_2$, other GHGs are reduced to Net Zero and fossil fuels eliminated that will endanger public health and welfare, detailed in Part IV.

Second, Unscientific Evidence at the Foundation. Unscientific evidence is all we have seen underlying the Endangerment Finding and all the other Biden Net Zero rules, detailed in Part V.

Further, Pres. Trump's Memorandum Fact Sheet stated that agencies "must repeal any regulation where the costs imposed are not justified by the public benefits." This is a separate and an additional reason all the Biden Net Zero Theory rules must be repealed because they have no public benefits but impose enormous costs, detailed in Parts III-V.

Therefore, these Supreme Court decisions and the science demonstrated below support repealing all the Net Zero Theory rules as soon as possible.

Further, for the same reasons, Congress should repeal all Net Zero theory subsidies, all laws that require GHG emissions be reduced and all laws that restrict fossil fuel development and infrastructure.

Finally, Peter Drucker warned, as every Net Zero Theory rule and subsidy demonstrates, that science in government is often based on "value judgments" that are "incompatible with any criteria one could possibly call scientific."

Therefore, we suggest the President issue an Executive Order requiring all government agencies taking action based on scientific knowledge only rely on scientific knowledge derived by the scientific method and never base their action on unscientific evidence and sources.

We also suggest the Executive Order clarify that the scientific method is, simply and profoundly, to validate theoretical predictions with observations, and further, that scientific knowledge is never determined by the opinions of government, consensus, 97% of scientists, peer review, or is based on models that do not work, or cherry-picked, fabricated, falsified or omitted contradictory data, elaborated in Part II of the paper.

In summary, the blunt scientific reality requires urgent action because we are confronted with policies that destroy western economies, impoverish the working middle class, condemn billions of the world's

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**Number of the Week:** 24,742 balancing actions Paul Homewood reviewed part of an article by Kathryn Porter in the June 7 Sunday Times (London) "How a day of havoc unfolded on Britain's electricity grid: Power stations were told to ramp up and ramp down, while energy was exported under the sea, amid inaccurate forecasts for wind power. The system needs renewing."

The National Energy System Operator (NESO) is responsible for balancing the grid. Homewood writes [Boldface added]:

"As a result, NESO had to perform heroics in attempting to balance the grid. Kathryn notes:

'The grid required 24,742 balancing actions across that day, May 29 — thousands more than usual. In essence, these actions are orders from the control room to ramp power stations up or down to keep supply and demand finely balanced.'

The cause she says was primarily high wind-power output and poor forecasting from the system operator. She writes:

'The level of discrepancy between what was forecast and what was generated was extremely difficult for the control room to manage that day and would typically trigger substantial re-dispatching (sending new orders to power stations to change their running plans).

This re-dispatching worked both ways, up and down. For instance, we [UK] were importing from France over the IFA2 undersea cable, while exporting over its sister link, IFA1 at the same time. Similarly, some CCGTs [combined cycle gas turbines] were told to reduce power, while others in other regions were asked to ramp up output.'"

The control room of NESO must have been as stressful as an understaffed control tower of busy airport in a heavy snowstorm. See link under Energy Issues -- Non-US

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Instead, let people and the market decide, not governments.

Scientific details follow.

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In their Conclusions the authors state [citations omitted]:

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As career scientists, we have demonstrated that:

1. The common belief that CO2 is the main driver of climate change and the EPA Endangerment Finding assertion that "elevated concentrations of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere may reasonably be anticipated" to endanger the public health and welfare are scientifically false,

2. Reducing CO2 and other GHG emissions to Net Zero by 2050 and eliminating the use of fossil fuels to do so will have a trivial effect on temperature.

3. Unscientific evidence is the fundamental basis of all the Net Zero Theory we have seen and the EPA Endangerment Finding

4. Scientific evidence contradicting the Net Zero theory is ignored by all the agency rules, rationale for subsidies and publications we have seen supporting the Net Zero Theory and the EPA Endangerment Finding, as if it does not exist.

5. There is extensive reliable scientific evidence that:

a) carbon dioxide, GHGs and fossil fuels will not cause catastrophic global warming and more extreme weather.

b) there will be disastrous consequences for the poor, people worldwide, future generations, Americans, America, and other countries if CO2, other GHGs and fossil fuels are reduced to Net Zero and will endanger public health and welfare.

6. All the Biden Net Zero Theory rules must be repealed also because they have no public benefits but impose enormous costs on people and in dollars.

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The above is the most severe indictment of the non-science used by the US government, the IPCC, and its collaborators TWTW has seen, and it is based on the scientific method, not speculative models that have never been validated and cannot be validated. See link under Challenging the Orthodoxy.

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The US National Climate Assessment: The CO2 Coalition re-posted the "Comment on the 5th National Climate Assessment 3d Order Draft" by Happer, Lindzen, and Gregory Wrightstone, of the CO2 Coalition submitted on January 27, 2023. As with the document above, it is lengthy and based on the scientific method, not speculative models. The Summary and Conclusions are given below:

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I. SUMMARY

We (Happer and Lindzen) are career physicists who have specialized in radiation physics and dynamic heat transfer for decades. These are processes integral to atmospheric climate science.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the 5th National Climate Assessment 3rdOrder Draft (NCA5) by 13 Federal agencies that comprise the U.S. Global Climate Research Program (USGCRP). Respectfully, in our scientific opinion, NCA5 is fatally flawed science for the following scientific reasons, separately and together:

A. It omits data that contradicts its conclusions on extreme weather.

B. It relies on models that do not work, which are never relied on in science.

C. It relies on IPCC findings, which are government opinions, not science and are never relied on in science.

D It omits the extraordinary social benefits of CO2 and fossil fuels.

E It omits the disastrous consequences of reducing fossil fuels and CO2 emissions to "Net Zero."

F There is no risk of catastrophic global warming caused by fossil fuels and CO2.

As to the disastrous consequences of eliminating fossil fuels, it "is estimated that nitrogen fertilizer [derived from fossil fuels] now supports approximately half of the global population." As one of us (Happer) has made clear, without the "use of inorganic fertilizers" derived from fossil fuels, the world "will not achieve the food supply needed to support 8.5 to 10 billion people."

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climate subsidies of the Obama and Biden administrations. While a good deal of hard work by Steve's many writers and readers, and some divine luck, helped reposition the climate debate, it is a good time to ask the existential question: What can we do to ensure the continuance of Trump's climate policies if the Democrats take over the federal government in January 2029?

The climate change debate is not about facts or science. It has little to do with environmental protection or saving people from natural or man-made disasters. It is merely a proxy for authoritarian control of society. A restrictive climate change regime is the perfect mechanism for controlling society since it can be used to regulate the means of production, the energy used by society, the products made, how communities are built and organized, their means of transportation, acceptable and available foods and even the appliances and showers heads that can be used.

The Radical Left is highly skilled at infiltrating schools and universities, shaking money off corporate trees, and milking Uncle Sam's cow. The Radical Left labels the writers appearing in Reality News and others opposing their climate policies as "Climate Deniers," a derogatory term describing those who question the severity of human-caused climate change. These Climate Deniers provide government officials and the American public with good-quality science and data, all hoping that the bureaucracy and corporate/media complex will accept the soundness of their facts and ideas. Unfortunately, "Never the twain shall meet."

The flaw in the Climate Denier's approach is that scientific studies and critical thinking do not reach the average American who works, supports a family, and raises children. These people do not have the time to read well-crafted articles. Without being too cynical, the average person always prioritizes household finances and lifestyle over science and reams of data. A University of Chicago survey found that while a whopping 77% of Americans believe climate change is happening, only 43% are willing to pay $1 more per month on their utility bill to address it. Only 29% of citizens are willing to pay $10 per month. "It's still the economy, stupid."

The history of the climate change debate establishes that only a nationwide, broad-based coalition that advocates pocketbook issues can prevail over the slick propaganda of the Radical Left and its media misinformation complex.

My involvement in the climate change debate began in June 1997, when the U.S. Chamber of Commerce organized its first lobbying effort to support the Byrd-Hagel Resolution, which declared that the U.S. should not sign the Kyoto Protocol on climate change. It passed 97-0. From that point, the Chamber grew several small business coalitions opposed to the series of Democrat climate bills in the Clinton, Bush, and Obama administrations into one of the largest coalitions ever assembled. It was in all fifty states, with state chairs and precinct captains. These coalitions are how Steve and I met. Steve was the Chamber's lead in Wisconsin for years. He was a combination state chair, community organizer, and Wisconsin's voice.

When the Radical Left's legislative efforts failed, it persuaded the Obama administration to reframe the issue by using the Clean Air Act as a regulatory bludgeon. The Clean Air Act is a federal law designed to control ambient air pollution nationally. Obama and Biden attempted to use it to regulate greenhouse gas emissions, a move fiercely opposed by the Chamber's coalition. The coalition again defeated that effort, this time in court, arguing that Congress had never granted the EPA such sweeping authority to regulate the economy. The Chamber's coalitions focused on the cost to the consumer, the impact on jobs, and life in the U.S. with many fewer choices. Those are the timeless issues to political victory in the United States. Trump 47 won re-election based on similar economic policies.

Observation One: The Radical Left cannot win the climate debate in Congress because too many members of Congress represent real folks who survive on common sense. Obama could not even pass his climate legislation through a Democrat-controlled Senate and House.

Observation Two: The Radical Left always turns to the White House for support. It is easier to persuade one elected official, supported by billions of dollars of dark money, than 535 members of Congress who have to host town halls. After the Radical Left failed to enact its proposed climate change laws during the Obama administration, it shifted its strategy in the Biden administration. By abandoning its legislative and regulatory strategy in favor of a plan based on subsidies, grants, and tax expenditures, it pumped well over a trillion dollars into corporations and "non-profit" advocacy groups to buy support for its Green New Deal policies. Using subsidies instead of regulation was a brilliant approach by the Left. In the U.S., money talks, and business takes the money.

Not only did the business community switch allegiances, but it also stopped funding the groups opposing the Radical Left's climate agenda.

Observation Three: It's never too early to organize. Trump leaves office on January 20, 2029. The Climate Deniers have three and a half years to organize a nation to fight a multi-billion-dollar machine, backed by powerful interest groups and corporations, intent on controlling the country through climate policies and regulations.

Observation Four: Trump has extended the use of presidential powers further than any U.S. president. Trump's governing style is not lost on the Democrats. The next time the Democrats control the White House, they will convert Trump's aggressive approach of slashing government into rebuilding a massive government that can exercise significant control over society. They will start by abolishing the Senate filibuster to eliminate the ability of any Republican to stop their efforts. This will pave the way for the Democrats to pass sweeping climate legislation and regulations without significant opposition. Eliminating the filibuster is the key change that will allow Democrats to remake the U.S. into their authoritarian nirvana. Remember that the filibuster is only a Senate rule, and parts have been repealed for judicial nominations, cabinet officers, and budget reconciliation. Next is the repeal of the filibuster for legislation. At that time, Congress can enact laws by a majority vote of both Houses.

Observation Five: After watching Trump transform the federal government, the Democrats will have overwhelming confidence that they can remake the Supreme Court with as many radical Leftists as needed to secure majority rulings for years.

Observation Six: With confidence and likely some Republican votes, Democrats will eliminate the Debt Ceiling. This one act will allow them to spend whatever is needed to remain rulers of the nation. They will radically expand the voting rolls and use the criminal system to warehouse political opponents. All these activities can be engineered under the U.S. Constitution.

Observation Seven: The corporations that now bow to President Trump will, in a Democrat administration, bow to its Leftist president. This reversal will again leave the Climate Deniers and most of the conservative community without substantial funds to organize a resistance.

Observation Eight: Today's Radical Left is a money-making machine. Organizing must start now if there is even a remote chance to stop the Leftist takeover of the country. These "Liberal advocacy nonprofits outraise conservative groups 3 to 1." Of the top fifty, the conservative organizations raise $7.8 billion compared to the top 50 liberal organizations' $20 billion.

Mounting a strong resistance against the Radical Left's 2029 climate mandates.

The hopeful news is that Climate Deniers have tens of millions of potential supporters searching for a path free of unreasonable and costly climate mandates. The bad news is that they have limited funds for organizing and a continued resistance to presenting economic arguments over *continued on page 12*

# CFACT Monitors Dominion Energy Board Meeting

*By Nate Myers*

One of CFACT's largest corporate adversaries, Dominion Energy, convened its annual shareholder meeting on Wednesday. Headquartered in Richmond, Virginia, Dominion is a publicly traded energy company and one of the largest financial players in the renewable energy industry by a large margin. Wanting to show off its return on investment to investors ahead of time, Dominion published its 2025 Proxy Statement in March. Reporting on the company's expected returns and other metrics, it also detailed several eyebrow-raising projects.

For instance, the company has poured over $10.7 billion dollars into its Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind (CVOW) project alone. Once completed, the wind farm will boast 176 towering turbines. Other troublesome highlights include a 2050 net-zero pledge and board compensation linked to ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) score compliance.

Though CFACT's question raised during the meeting wasn't quoted by the board directly, Chair and CEO of Dominion Energy Bob Blue did take time to respond to a question that was of a similar nature.

The question posed was this:

"It appears that Dominion has unwisely spent money on alternative energy sources that produce expensive electricity. Would it not be better for Virginia and other coal producing states like Wyoming and West Virginia to invest in more clean coal generation plants?"

Mr. Blue then gave this response:

*"Well, we do generate electricity today with coal. So I would really disagree respectfully with the premise of the question. First, it suggests that we're only generating and investing in renewables, and second, that investing in renewables is unwise. Every source of generation has its advantages and disadvantages. And that's exactly why we have an "all of the above" approach. You hear a lot of people talk about an "all of the above" approach, but we actually live an "all of the above" approach every day. As we see the demand that I talked about in the presentation coming our way, we need every electron we can generate. Today we do that with natural gas, nuclear, solar, wind, coal, biomass, hydro, pump storage, and battery storage. If you look at our fifteen-year integrated resources plan in Virginia, we don't call for the retirement of any of those resources, none of them. That's because we know we're going to need them to meet the need that's headed our way."*

Though his response did acknowledge the need for coal plants and other forms of traditional energy generation, Mr. Blue sidestepped the shareholder's implied line of questioning regarding renewable energy's reliability and Dominion's questionable motives in investing in the energy sector to begin with.

Additionally, a shareholder proposal put forward by The National Legal Policy Center (NLPC), a CFACT ally, requested Dominion revisit the company's choice to link goals of carbon capture with executive pay incentives. The voting results are pending and will be published in a week or so.

The proposal is just one thrust of a major offensive against corporate sponsorship of green energy, spearheaded by NLPC, The Heartland Institute, and, of course, CFACT.

CFACT will continue to monitor Dominion's activities so that our donors and the public at large remain informed about the company's investments.

## Electrical *cont. from page 4*

is that the needed innovation is resident in many big and small entrepreneurial companies. Yet, no nuclear reactor design is allowed to escape from the inefficient clutches of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. We keep hearing about "reforms" and "efficiencies" being "imminent," yet there are no results, even in an industry that boasts the best industrial safety record in the country (nuclear power).

This regulated stagnation would be worse if all automobile and truck designs were required to be individually approved by the "Automobile Regulatory Commission" after being designed and re-approved before they could be built, just because these machines result in more than 40,000 deaths per year. Of course, this radical step is not being contemplated.

Yet, the NRC is worse because the nuclear power industry has killed nobody in almost 7 decades of regular operation. We can find no logical narrative in any document to explain this.

So, all we ask is equity (everyone should like that) with the automotive industry. We set safety standards that must be met by all companies, large and small. We monitor the industry for violations of these standards and make appropriate corrections.

The "National Reactor Safety Administration" could replace the Nuclear Regulatory Administration. In a competitive world, companies could build and market their wares and try to outdo each other in price, innovation, variety of products, and flexibility, just as it works in the automobile industry.

What is at stake is the quality of life for all US citizens (indeed, the world) as they would be allowed to pick the electricity delivery method that best suits their needs. The airline and telephone industries were forced to "deregulate" in the past decades, much to the consumer's benefit. All citizens can now afford to fly if they desire, and long-distance phone calling is now free for the cost of renting a phone.

Deregulating the electricity market would be far simpler and beneficial to all citizens.

We are facing an escalating demand for electricity, which we have not seen in at least two decades. Data centers are profitable at $3 per kWh of electricity. Once the bidding war starts, where would that leave existing residential and commercial customers? We have shown how recycling the existing stockpiles of slightly used nuclear fuel in fast reactors could produce so much supply that profits could be made at pennies per kWh.

So, the question is:

Will US citizens tolerate a dollar per kWh of electricity under a monopoly system, or will they demand a penny per kWh of power in a free enterprise system?

We know what we would advocate.

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## Ontario *cont. from page 1*

questions and statements for public meetings, here is some of what these citizens said at the meeting.

Richard Hudon, the Public Relations Officer of SaveSDG.com, a group of rural residents opposed to the BESS installation, asked the following of President Jonathan Cheszes, President of Compass Greenfield Development (CGD), the company leading the BESS project:

"If there is a power grid failure beyond 4 hours, the BESS facility must be kept cool by a gasoline or diesel or natural gas or propane powered generator. If the power grid failure goes beyond 10 hours, which has historically happened many times in our area in the past, how is cooling provided to the BESS facility when no more fuel is available which will then cause overheating and the lithium batteries to explode and burn? … A BESS can still go into a catastrophic thermal runaway even after it is discharged if it is not adequately cooled."

Cheszes simply explained that the units are originally shipped from the manufacturer with enough internal power to keep them cool for six months. What happens when that power is depleted was not addressed. Scott Gerylo, Senior Director, Construction & Operations with CGD, then said,

"The batteries only heat up if they are being used."

That is incorrect, as Hudon explained in his question. Gerylo then made a strange analogy between their BESS and a cell phone battery, explaining that the latter will not overheat if not discharging or charging, a situation that is not true for BESS.

Another resident, Heinz Kaswurm, then said

"Lithium-ion-based batteries used in BESS systems rely on a mix of materials that require massive amounts of energy to mine, transport, process, and refine. It takes far greater than the extraction and transport of oil and natural gas. Even the CBC has pointed out that making batteries produces significant amounts of greenhouse gases.

"About 58% of the world's lithium reserves are found in the "lithium triangle" in Chile. In order to get one pound of pure lithium, 1,000 pounds of lithium brines must be processed. So, native peoples in the lithium triangle face contaminated rivers that are essential for human consumption, livestock watering, irrigation systems and mountains of discarded salt from the lithium brining process are left behind as a result.

"A lot of this problem is due to the fact that much of the lithium processing in Chile is controlled by China, which has a very poor environmental and human rights record. Even though China holds less than 7% of the world's lithium reserves, it controls about 80% of global lithium chemical production. This includes refining lithium into battery-grade materials used in BESS.

"Million of litres of water is needed to produce a tonne of lithium. In Chile's Salar de Atacama, lithium and other mining activities consumed 65% of the region's water. That is having a big impact on local farmers in one of the driest desert regions on Earth. So, some of these communities must now get water transferred in from elsewhere as a consequence.

"Where is this lithium than you plan to use in your BESS project mined and processed and what guarantees can you give us that you are not causing massive environmental harm in the production of your batteries?"

Cheszes replied, "That's a valid question and concern. Unfortunately, we don't have an answer. We don't trace the source of the lithium that goes into the batteries that we're using."

Resident Richard Russell, then discussed the serious flaws in BESS Proposals for Rural Ontario:

"Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) … require substantial conventional power to maintain optimal temperatures, yet can only store and discharge up to four hours of electricity—far less than needed during peak demand. For instance, replacing three days of natural gas power (250,000 MW) with BESS would cost $600 billion, doubling electricity costs for ratepayers. Wind and solar are unreliable, producing 29-30% of their capacity on average and less than 15% in the summer when demand peaks. Additionally, manufacturing lithium-ion batteries generates more emissions than they save, especially since most are produced in China using coal power.

"BESS facilities pose health and environmental risks, from lithium mining's water depletion in South America to high emissions from shipping and production. They also fail to meet long-term energy storage needs, as lithium-ion batteries lose up to 50% of stored energy when discharged. … BESS requires costly HVAC systems and remains ineffective in extreme temperatures. Furthermore, subsidies mask their true cost—without government support, the industry would collapse. Alberta's near-blackout in 2024 demonstrated BESS's unreliability, supplying only 10 minutes of backup before requiring coal imports.

"Decommissioning BESS adds another financial burden, with lithium-ion systems costing between $50 to $150 per kWh to dismantle and recycle. Despite claims of reducing emissions, the full lifecycle of BESS—from manufacturing to disposal—increases carbon output. With renewables dependent on unreliable storage, Ontario's electricity costs have already doubled. Until breakthroughs in long-duration storage occur, BESS remains an impractical solution, diverting prime agricultural land for industrial use while failing to deliver affordable, reliable, or truly green energy."

Cheszes replied that they "bid against natural gas generation and natural gas generation was more expensive…we're not getting a subsidy and they're cheaper than the alternative."

Russell said later:

"I was not satisfied at all [with Cheszes' response]… He tried to suggest my report about the Alberta 2024 blackout was misinformation. He also made the unsupported claim that BESS energy is cheaper than Natural Gas."

Congratulations to North Glengarry farmers for demonstrating how to stand up against dangerous BESS installations!



# Transition to Poverty:
# If Wind and Solar Get Any Cheaper, We'll All Go Broke



*From stopthesethings.com*

The grand wind and solar 'transition' guarantees households and businesses get to suffer crushing power bills. Or, in cases where the massive subsidies to wind and solar power outfits are collected from taxpayers, rather than from power consumers through their power bills, those bills may be cheaper as a result. But the buck still stops with Joe Public.

In this short post, John Hinderaker uses a simple graphic built on data from the US Energy Information Administration to make a very obvious point.

If Wind and Solar Get Any Cheaper, We'll All Go Broke

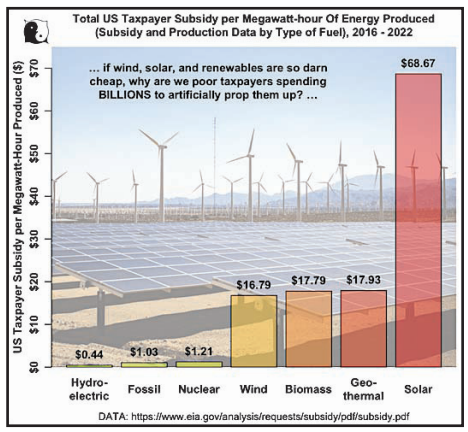
Powerline

John Hinderaker

3 October 2023

One of the most laughable assertions of today's debased era is the claim that wind and solar energy are "cheap." Hey, wind and sunshine are free, right? So, sure, if you don't count any of the costs, wind and solar are really cheap. So why are electricity costs rising rapidly?

Actually, it could be worse. If solar and wind were not heavily subsidized, and the full cost of those mostly-futile energy sources were being charged to the ratepayer, electricity prices would be through the roof. This chart by Willis Eschenbach at Watts Up With That?, from the Energy Information Administration, makes the point graphically:




Eschenbach adds this:

Note that the subsidy for solar is about 50% higher than the electricity purchase price paid by most US utilities … so the solar scammers make money no matter what.

Remember when the federal government used to pay farmers not to farm? It occurs to me that we would be better off if the government paid solar and wind energy companies, as well as utilities, not to build or install wind turbines or solar panels. Just give them the subsidies and let them walk away. It would save us a lot of money in the end.




## Trump Vs. *cont. from page 5*

held traditions. In contrast, look at the chaos unfolding in places like Sweden or Germany, where open-border policies have led to spikes in crime, cultural clashes, and widespread social unrest. London, once the jewel of the British Empire, now struggles with ethnic enclaves, radicalization, and the erosion of British identity. The message is clear: multiculturalism without assimilation breeds division, not unity. A nation that fails to defend its borders invites its own decline.

Teachers' Unions: Protecting Failure and Punishing Excellence

The public education system isn't just underperforming—it's actively collapsing. According to the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), often referred to as the "Nation's Report Card," only 26% of eighth graders are proficient in math, and less than 33% are proficient in reading as of 2022. In some large urban districts, the numbers are even worse. Unions do not allow dedicated teachers to point out the obvious problem in decaying urban cities, for fear of being called racist; or worse. Yet year after year, states increase school budgets. Where is the money going?

Much of it is funneled into bloated administrations and union protections that reward seniority over merit and shield incompetent teachers from accountability. The American Federation of Teachers and the National Education Association—the two largest teachers' unions—spend millions not on improving educational outcomes, but on lobbying for political causes, protecting tenure, and resisting school choice programs that might actually help students escape the cycle of failure.

Worse, these unions actively resist curriculum reforms, performance-based evaluations, and charter school expansion—anything that threatens their monopolistic grip on our children's minds. The result? Our schools have become ideological indoctrination centers rather than places of learning. Instead of civics, we teach victimhood. Instead of discipline, we excuse criminality. And instead of instilling pride in American values, we tell our youth that this country is inherently evil, racist, and beyond redemption.

Trump's Unflinching Stand for America

President Trump was the first leader in generations to call out the rot at the center of America's education and immigration policies. While establishment Republicans pandered to corporate donors and Democrats cloaked dysfunction in the language of compassion, Trump told the truth. He exposed the border crisis for what it is: a slow-motion invasion that threatens our economy, our security, and our culture.

Trump doesn't pretend that compassion means turning a blind eye to criminal entry, disrespect for our laws, or parasitic abuse of public services. Real compassion means fixing the system so that future generations—American and immigrant alike—have a country worth inheriting. He understands that the free lunch culture isn't just unsustainable—it's suicidal. You cannot build a strong nation by rewarding dependency, enabling failure, and punishing hard work. Trump's America is one where the rule of law matters, where gratitude is expected, and where public resources are finite and sacred.

What we are witnessing is not compassion, but national self-destruction masquerading as morality. This is not a political issue—it is a survival issue.

We are on the brink of becoming the very third-world hellscapes so many immigrants claim to be fleeing. But instead of integrating into American society, they bring with them the corruption, lawlessness, and tribalism that ruined their homelands. And our failing schools—run by activist administrators, protected by teachers' unions, and bankrolled by helpless taxpayers—are indoctrinating them into a victim mindset that blames America for everything.

The time for silence is over. Freedom-loving, patriotic Americans must rise and demand change. We must secure our borders, defund the failing schools that produce nothing but resentment and ignorance, break the stranglehold of the teachers' unions, and insist that immigration is a privilege—not a right.

Our future depends on restoring pride, order, and discipline to the next generation. That starts by ending the free lunch culture and reclaiming our schools, our streets, our borders, and our sovereignty.

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experience in Sri Lanka provides a red alert. "The world has just witnessed the collapse of the once bountiful agricultural sector of Sri Lanka as a result of government restrictions on mineral fertilizer." The government of Sri Lanka banned the use of fossil fuel derived nitrogen fertilizers and pesticides, with disastrous consequences on food supply there. If similarly misguided decisions are made eliminating fossil fuels and thus nitrogen fertilizer, there will be a starvation crisis worldwide.

It is critical to repeat. Eliminating fossil fuel-derived nitrogen fertilizer will create a worldwide starvation crisis. And scientifically there is no risk of catastrophic global warming caused by fossil fuels and CO2. (See parts III.E&F for details).

Scientific details follow.

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V. CONCLUSION

Thus, in our scientific opinion, the 5th National Climate Assessment 3rd Order Draft is fatally flawed science for the each of the following scientific reasons separately:

A. It omits unfavorable data that contradicts its conclusions on extreme weather.

B. It relies on models that do not work and thus would never be used in science.

C. It relies on IPCC findings, which are government opinions, not science.

D. It omits the extraordinary social benefits of CO2 and fossil fuels.

E. It omits the disastrous consequences of reducing fossil fuels and CO2 to "Net Zero."

F. There Is No Risk of Catastrophic Global Warming Caused by Fossil Fuels and CO2

We urge USGCRP in the next draft of NCA5 to apply scientific method and

1. Include and analyze the omitted facts and analysis by Prof. Koonin and others that contradict NCA5 conclusions on extreme weather

2. Delete any reliance on and citation to IPCC government-controlled findings

3. Delete any reliance on and citation to CMIP models and any other models unless they have been proven to work

4. Delete any reliance on methods other than the scientific method, such as peer review and consensus

5. Include and analyze the enormous social benefits of CO2.

6. Include and analyze the enormous social benefits of fossil fuels.

END QUOTE

The Fifth National Climate Assessment (NCA5) was released on November 14, 2023. One of the organizations that signed off on NCA5 was the National Science Foundation. The Director of NSF has resigned. See link under Challenging the Orthodoxy.

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Has Inertia, But Not Synchronized: Paul Homewood posted a video by UK energy consultant Kathryn Porter explaining inertia on the electrical grid. To summarize: the nine-minute video explained why large wind turbines are not synchronized with the grid. Despite their mass inertia, the frequent variation in wind speed does not allow them to synchronize with the grid, the power output varies too much. To compensate for this variation, the generated current is in direct current (DC), which is then converted to alternating current (AC) using inverters. The inverters do not have the heavy mass inertia of the wind turbines. The inverters are passive and only transmit power to the grid when the power matches grid requirements.

Porter states that the question is not "can you operate your grid with low inertia", but "can you operate your grid with low inertia" when a fault occurs? Grid faults occur frequently and for a number of reasons a source becomes disconnected. Can you ride through the fault? Or will the fault cascade into other sources disconnecting?

Thanks to nuclear and hydropower providing almost all of France's electricity, it was able to ride through the cascading faults, Iberia could not.

The video prompted a note to power engineer Jim O'Brien of the Irish Climate Science Forum (ICSF): is it correct in saying that the inertia of wind turbines cannot be made synchronous with the grid because wind power varies too much? O'Brien promptly responded [Boldface added]:

"Yes, wind turbines are necessarily asynchronous and generate at a variable AC frequency and power, depending on

*continue reading at www.sepp.org*

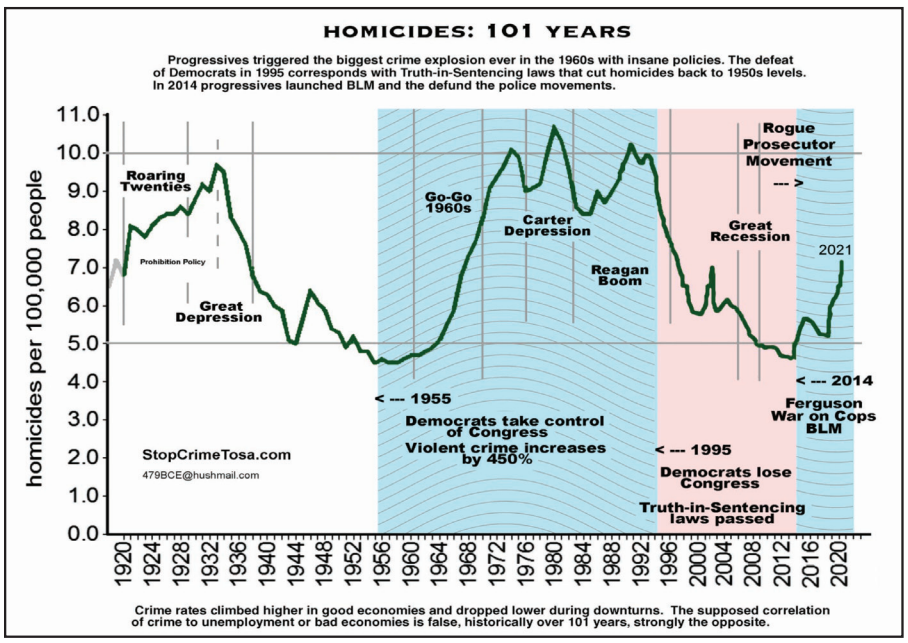
# The D.O.G.E. Crime Scene

*By Chris Kemble*

The DOGE revelations of scam, theft, and abuse are the tip of the iceberg. Crime has been the engine of leftist power for decades: to grow the government, to build their political base, for largess, and to attack the Second Amendment. Now we see these abuses go even deeper. These frauds are built on high crime.

In the 1960s, insane progressive ideology created the Revolving Door Crime Wave. Leftists controlled the government, the media, the criminologists, and the courts. Deluded utopian progressives declared that psychiatrists were 'behavioral scientists', as if they could magically rehabilitate anyone. They said prisons were medieval and planned to abolish them all. Crime skyrocketed, as incarcerations were deliberately cut for 12 straight years.

The universal saying became, "The criminals were back on the streets before the police could fill out the paperwork.". Every category of crime soared upward by triple digits. Progressives denied it, but then it was said that "So many liberal writers had their typewriters stolen, it was difficult to deny the high crime.".




But the pendulum did not swing back. Progressives refused to reverse course. Instead, they revised their mantra to "Criminals are the victims of the unjust society". In the 1960s there was not even conservative talk radio to push back. Leftists were in full control and saw that the public was terrified, so they voted for themselves and massive government. With their checklist demands, they voted for anything and everything except protecting the public from criminals.

America is the only western country with third-world crime rates. The Democrats controlled Congress from 1955 to 1995 and set the country on fire with the biggest crime wave ever. Over the last 65 years, there have been over a million homicides, over 1.4 million criminal opioid deaths, and 660 million reported crimes. It took the nationwide Truth-in-Sentencing revolution and hundreds of laws to undo it. With so many new laws protecting sentencing, Obama then attacked the other two pillars of criminal justice, with his War on Cops followed by the Rogue Prosecutor movement. Crime soared again.

The scams DOGE is uncovering have been happening for decades. Progressive ideology has not changed. Take for example, the Sentencing Project organization, headquartered in the DC swamp. Their mission statement defies reality. "Increasingly, punitive changes..." comes three decades after the Truth-in-Sentencing Revolution. "Increasing evidence that large-scale incarceration is not an effective means of achieving public safety" follows the triple-digit decrease in every category of crime. "Dangerous prison overcrowding... weighty fiscal burdens... to accommodate a rapidly expanding penal system" does not square up with 12 straight years of falling incarceration and a 20% decline. Their stated goals are to undercut traditional criminal justice, close prisons, and they even claim that probation is overly punitive.

The Sentencing Project documents their links to 296 other groups. These many groups push the myth of mass incarceration when, in fact, the skyrocketing of violent crime happened twenty years before and was higher than incarceration. They push the myth that crime is about hard times, bad economies, and high unemployment when in fact that did not happen once in a century. Their utopian fantasies are proven failures. The progressive Left has cruelly refused to prioritize protecting the public for decades. Follow the money.

Crime history is a powerful tool that conservatives can use to defeat radical leftist ideology. But not knowing it has let leftists fictionalize it and use their misinformation against conservatives. The high crime that progressives caused is used by them for political and economic extortion. Elon Musk could wrap the government in crime tape because it is one big crime scene. More graphs can be found at StopCrimeTosa.com.

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*NOTE: Go to WCDigest.com to view the above article with links to source materials and additional information!*

## Anti-Trump *cont. from page 1*

call for revolution, insurrection.

Masked attendee brought a crude homemade sign which read, "8647 Tough on ORANGE STAINS."

It was not as innocuous a message as it might at first seem. "86" is well known within law enforcement circles as code for "kill" or "murder," and "47" is a reference to President Trump, the nation's 47th president.

It was a clear call to assassinate President Trump.

The event was run exclusively by female activists, with one exception: trans rights activist Sophia Zoe Kilmer, a man who presents himself as a female.

A gender-confused male spoke at length at the "Refuse Fascism" march in D.C.

A gender-confused male spoke at length at the "Refuse Fascism" march in D.C. [LifeSiteNews]

The only float in the march was an effigy of President Trump sitting on a golden toilet, the "only throne he deserves" according to one of the organizers.

The marchers eventually made it to what was previously "Black Lives Matter Plaza," and then Lafayette Square in front of the White House for more chanting and speechifying.

One of the speakers lamented, "There should've been a million of us in the streets of D.C. today."

Meanwhile, several blocks south, there were a quarter of a million patriots from all over the country, including veterans, active-duty troops, wounded warriors, Gold Star Families who amassed along a mile-long stretch of Constitution Avenue for the U.S. Army's 250th birthday Parade.

A portion of the 250,000 patriots who traveled to D.C. for the Army parade. [LifeSiteNews]

Some of the more than 6,00 troops who marched in the parade. [LifeSiteNews]

Some legacy media outlets described the event as "subdued." I wouldn't mistake profound awe as being "subdued."

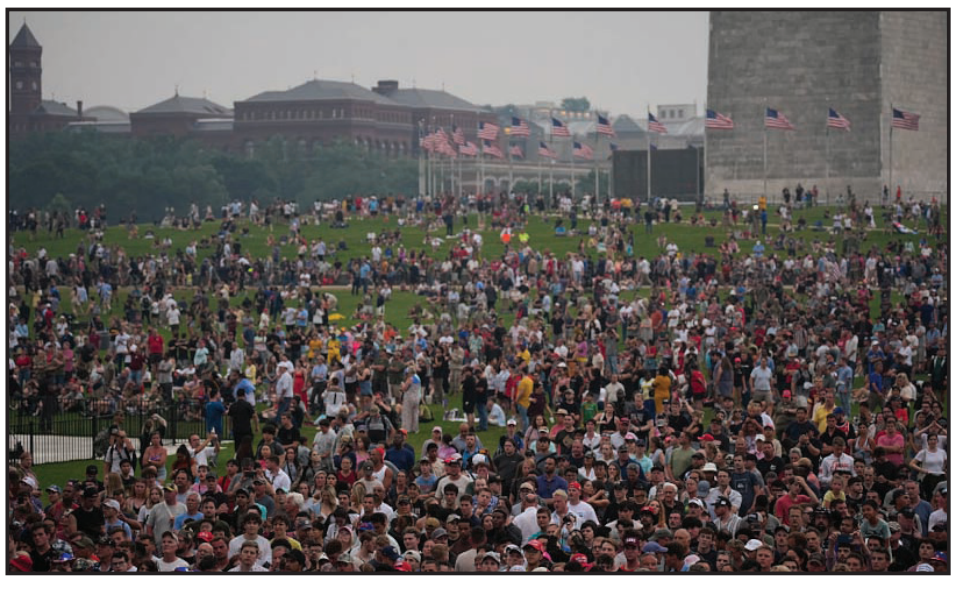
Virtually everyone in the crowd – no matter how young or old – cheered every tank and armored fighting machine as they rumbled by.

The crowds waved to the men in those vehicles as they passed by, and the men and women in uniform waved back, beaming away with ear-to-ear smiles.

One of the over 120 Army tanks and armored vehicles that rolled down Constitution Avenue. [LifeSiteNews]

Scores of Army helicopters and vintage aircraft flew low overhead during the parade, and the Army's parachuting team, the Golden Knights, dropped down through the overcast sky, landing on the ellipse.

Speaking from a viewing stand, President Trump said, "Tonight, we affirm with unwavering certainty that in the years ahead, and in every generation hence, whenever duty calls and whatever danger comes, the American Soldier will be there. No matter the risks, no matter the obstacles, our warriors will charge into battle, they will plunge into the crucible of fire, and they will seize the crown of victory because the United States of America will always have the grace of Almighty God and the iron will of the United States Army."



The DOGE Crime Scene
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# GOVERNMENT CIRCUS

## Beglinger Past . . . . They Work for Us. Until We Decide They Don't.

*By Joan Beglinger*

ke when actor Charles Durning, playing the Governor in the 1982 movie "The Best Little Whore House in Texas", sang how he "loved to dance the little sidestep" and "lead the people on". Audiences recognized and were amused by the character's stereotype of their own elected officials. They laughed when one citizen responded to the Governor's meaningless drivel by asking another, "Was that a yes or a no?" and got "a possible maybe" in response. There's always some truth in a good joke.

A lot has changed since 1982. Our complacency over recent decades allowed those who want to fundamentally change our country to make serious inroads. During the last 5 years our freedom has been threatened in ways we would never have imagined. Political parties and the media have been corrupted by money and power. Career politicians have replaced elected officials who are responsive to the will of the people who elected them. Our legislators have become a joke that isn't funny anymore. The success of the movement to take back our country and our state will depend on each of us stepping up to do our part. Small individual actions will be as significant as sweeping group initiatives.

Both houses of the Wisconsin legislature have been majority Republican for most of the past 20 years and there has been a Republican governor during most of that time. They do not deliver what the people need and want. Assembly Speaker Robin Vos and Senate Leader Devin LeMahieu have a stranglehold on the political process and legislators who do not fall in line pay a price. The large sums of lobbyist money that flow to both sides of the aisle have been well documented. Many of those who have tried to get meaningful engagement from their elected representatives on issues that are important to them have learned what being ignored entirely or being the recipient of a masterful "sidestep" feel like.

A Personal Story

A year ago, my husband and I moved into our new home which is located in the 97th Assembly District of Wisconsin. Cindi Duchow is our Representative as of January 2025. She previously represented the 99th District but that changed as part of the court-mandated redistricting of the electoral map. Several red flags made me wonder from the start whether Duchow would be the kind of Representative who works for the people. I was aware that last August Robin Vos was implicated in a dark money scheme that used dirty tactics to pit Republican against Republican as the redistricting primaries played out. Despite the Republican Party of Wisconsin's official position that they do not get involved in primaries, there was ample evidence to conclude that Vos was using the resources of the Party to assure the defeat of candidates who would not march in lock-step with his directives. The tactics used against those who were defeated were ugly and slanderous. Cindi Duchow was a beneficiary of this campaign. My common sense told me that if she enjoys the support of Robin Vos and also holds the leadership position of Majority Caucus Vice Chair (which she does), she is more likely someone who goes along to get along than someone who independently represents the interests of her constituents. My skepticism was further heightened by knowing Duchow has been asked on numerous occasions to attend a meeting of the Waukesha County Conservative Business Coalition, of which I am a member, and never shown.

Over the past few months, I have had 2 exchanges with Cindi Duchow on issues that matter to me. The verbatim emails follow:

I wrote to Duchow:

"I am hearing conflicting information about a legislative bill being contemplated that deals with utility companies being allowed to bypass the requirement for competitive bidding on power line projects. Assembly Bill 25. I am writing to ask your assistance by answering two questions:

1.In simple terms, what will this bill do and what are its intended benefits?

2.What is your position on the bill?"

Duchow responded:

"The bill is intended to implement a right-of-first-refusal, which would give utility companies the first opportunity to build and operate new electricity transmission lines before any outside companies have the chance to bid on the project.

Proponents of the bill argue that ROFR ensures a stable expansion of the state's power grid since local companies should be more familiar with the state's energy needs and regulations. Opponents of the bill argue that ROFR stifles competition by effectively barring external companies from bidding on transmission ownership until Wisconsin utility companies decide not to bid.

The authors of the bill are currently working on amendments, and I am looking forward to reviewing the final bill".

I followed up:

"Thank you for your response. Are you inclined to support or not support this idea in concept? Also, please let me know when you have a final bill and what your position is on it".

Pressed to divulge her position on the concept of awarding contracts without a bid, Duchow did not answer my second email.

Weeks later, in response to Governor Evers flying the "Progress Pride Flag" over state-owned properties, I wrote to Duchow to urge her to initiate the process for a Constitutional Amendment to restrict flag flying over state owned buildings to the official flags of the United States and the state of Wisconsin.

Duchow responded:

"Earlier this year, Rep. Steffen introduced a bill that would prohibit any flags other than the state, U.S., or recognized military flags flown at state and local government buildings. This bill was referred to the Committee on Local Government, where it will receive a public hearing.

Although I do not sit on this committee, I will certainly consider voting for this bill if it reaches the Assembly Floor. Thank you again for contacting me, and please do not hesitate to reach out with any future questions or concerns."

I followed up again:

"I appreciate your quick response to my request that you take the lead on restricting flag flying or display at state owned buildings to the flags of the United States or the state of Wisconsin. Given you described a process that may ultimately move a bill through committee, I interpreted your response as declining my request to lead a more direct route

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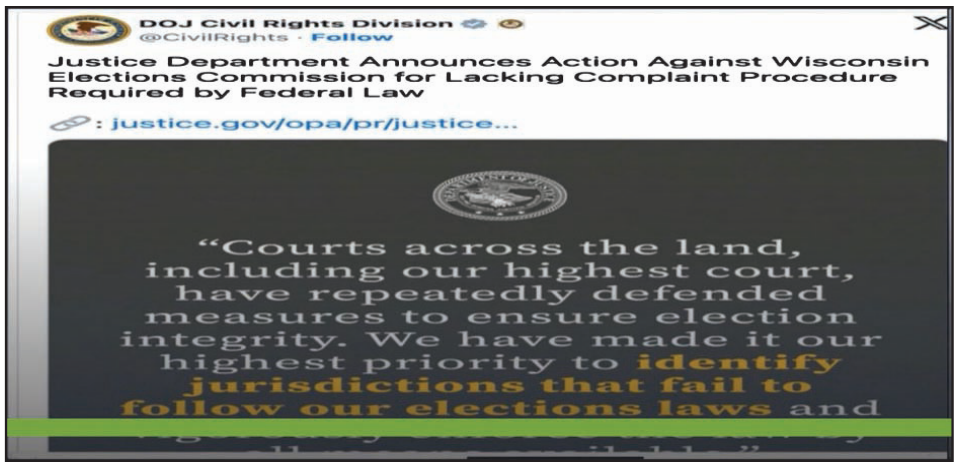


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### Unity

"Unity." That was the theme of the recent Republican Party of Wisconsin convention. And what was the theme of last year's convention? Oh, yeah. "Unity." And how did that work out for them? Did every Republican put aside their differences and quash their opinions and chant together in one voice, "Imhotep, Imhotep" like something out of a "Mummy" movie? I don't think so. If I recall correctly, every other story in the news (a slight exaggeration) was about the internal war going on within the Republican Party. And the dirty tricks that the RPW leaders were playing on their own members to get them to shut up and toe the line.

Last year the RPW was successful in suppressing "Truth, Justice and the American Way." They destroyed (or at least they think that they did) non-conforming leadership at the County and State levels. They did the same to members of the Legislature that opposed the will of the brown-shirted leadership. But it seems to me that in the late 18th Century the British tried doing the same type of thing with those pesky Patriots in New England. And like today's RPW, they thought that they were winning too. But time is a fickle thing. As I have said before, Man's yearn to be free is genetic. It is always there and always forcing its way to the surface. Despite the despicable efforts of the RPW and their media co-conspirators, no one is going away, and no one is shutting up.

The other day, I caught a few words from a Tucker Carlson podcast. They were discussing the divisions within the National Republican Party. And the term that I heard from Tucker were, "**Reform vs Corrupt**." Bingo! There is it. Hitting the nail on the head. This is exactly what we have here in Wisconsin. We have the REFORM minded (you know who they are) versus the CORRUPT establishment and their bought-and-paid-for lackeys.

I could rant about the corrupt portion of this fight, but I've said it all before. You are probably more interested in who is going to win. But it's not a matter of WHO. It is a matter of WHEN. Like I said above, "Time is a fickle thing." The whole thing is an on-going process in the evolution of man. The only remaining question is, "How much collateral damage will be inflicted on the People?"

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### The Trump Method

You might think that being a "powerful and influential member of the media" (LOL) AND being associated with **HOT Government**, that I might have an interesting perspective on what is going on all around us. Well, at least I find it interesting.

Ask yourself this question: How did Donald J. Trump get elected? The answer is that he built a coalition. He built that coalition on certain issues, issues that were of concern to 80% of Americans. That wasn't easy. The coalition was/is composed of a thousand different groups (and millions of individuals) each with their own little idiosyncrasies, ideas, and beliefs. And the ideologies of these people don't always align with each other. And that was the mountain which Trump had to climb.

As you can imagine, if left to their own devices these groups would knit pick and whine about the little things that divided them. The main issues on which they ALL AGREE would be left on the sidelines. Trump was able to climb that mountain. He was able to get these groups and individuals to put aside their petty differences and act as a collective for the good of the Nation. His ability to do so has us on the path to reclaiming America.

So why am I talking about this? Because we have the same type of thing going on here, in Wisconsin, among the groups and individuals who consider themselves to be America First or Patriots or **HOT Government** or Libertarians or whatever other label you want to use. We have those among **US** who seem only to be happy, when they are whining and complaining and knit picking about another co-member. About those who should be their ally, their friend, their compatriot. They fail to see the big picture: that they/WE all agree on 80% of the issues, maybe more than 80%.

Here's some advice from HOT Jack: See the Big Picture. Realize that it just may be time to shut the hell up about some of the petty differences that divide us and just get the job done. We are running out of time. We don't have the time to dick around with stuff that can be addressed at a later date. So, get your panties out of the bunch that they are in and get to work for the good of us all.

It's a winning strategy. If it was good enough for Donald J. Trump, don't you think that it should be good enough for you?

Don't blow it. You will never see another chance.

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# Argentina President Javier Milei gives Pope Leo a copy of "The Fatal Conceit" by Friedrich Hayek

*By Joe Bast*

The most libertarian president of a nation in the world today just gave a copy of one of the best books making the case for limited government and individual liberty to the Catholic Church's new pope! Hallelujah!

"The Fatal Conceit" is an excellent book, brief (just 140 pages before appendices), with no footnotes (which is an inside joke, because Hayek was famous for his long and fascinating endnotes, and in this book he just embeds in the main text that he would otherwise have put in a footnote or endnote, only in a slightly smaller font size!) and no mathematics.

I won't say it is an easy read, because Hayek is often profound and writes very long sentences. The final chapter is about the role of religion in preserving the moral code and institutions (especially private property) necessary for a free society to emerge and successfully compete with other kinds of social order. He tells us he's an agnostic, but he much prefers that people seek the foundation of morals and values in religion than in any rationalist substitute.

Hayek won the Nobel Prize in Economics in 1974. This book (his last of many) was published in 1988 (paperback in 1991). He passed away in 1992. Let's hope Pope Leo finds time to read it.

Here's a link to Amazon, in case you misplaced or gave away your copy and want to buy a dozen copies to share with friends and family:

https://www.amazon.com/Fatal-Conceit-Errors-Socialism-Collected/dp/0226320669

It would make a terrific birthday, wedding, anniversary, or Christmas present!




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legislature, in your community, and in your yard. We've seen what can be accomplished when angry moms get involved in the local schools to protect their children. Those moms are fighting with passion. We need the same passion to protect our property.

We must keep this fact in mind; we are not outnumbered – we are out-organized! The property rights of individual owners must be protected. That's the key to individual and community prosperity. You are all experiencing the effects of government's blind control of your property. They don't care.

If you are determined to protect private property rights, then you need to start with a good definition of what private property is. Too many people think it just means a place where you pay to store your stuff.

Here is a definition that was written a few years ago by a Washington State Supreme Court Justice – Richard B. Sanders:

"Property in a thing consists not merely of its ownership and possession, but in the unrestricted right of use, enjoyment, and disposal. Anything which destroys any of the elements of property to that extent, destroys the property itself. The substantial value of property lies in its use. If the right of use be denied, the value of the property is annihilated, and ownership is rendered a barren right."

We are very polite people. We keep trying to defend liberty. Today, we need to get off the defense and take the offense. I think we can do that by taking that definition of private property as our banner and start demanding our rights.

If you are serious about winning to preserve your freedom, don't wait for President Trump to do it for you. He has enough to do. Get off the couch, stop making excuses, and take your own action. That's what our founders did! The American Policy Center (APC) has created many tools and strategies to help local activists to fight back effectively. Many are provided in our Activist Handbook which teaches you how to build a "Freedom Pod" in your community. We've done the hard work. Follow those teachings and you can start to make a difference. Bottom line — it's time for you to be responsible for protecting your own freedom!

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*"One of the sad signs of our times is that we have demonized those who produce, subsidized those who refuse to produce, and canonized those who complain."*

## Climate Policies *cont. from page 7*

complex scientific ones, which limits their pool of recruits.

How to start?

Margaret Mead suggests: "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." From this belief, climate deniers need to create the largest grassroots organization in history—one that utilizes funds for community organizing, litigation, political contributions, and a creative outreach effort, including effective satire. The Climate Deniers need to get their hands dirty working where democracy grows: the grassroots. Remember the early Tea Party Patriots, whose energy helped the Republicans take over Congress.

The organization needed:

1. Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery. Study and adopt the Radical Left's organizational and coordination techniques that generate citizen involvement. President Trump has been in office for less than 200 days, and the Radical Left is protesting in hundreds of cities and has filed over 150 lawsuits. Such expensive activities indicate the Left started fundraising years ago. While it may be unpleasant for Climate Deniers to work the streets, communities, churches, advocacy groups, local radio and TV, friends, and neighbors, that is where they will find the massive support needed to win.

2. The Climate Deniers will find political organizing to be a risky fight since a Democrat administration will tag them as "January 6ers 2.0" and "insurrectionists." Democrats and Progressives will again use the criminal system against them. The most costly but essential effort is to start a litigation and criminal defense center. The center would challenge the abhorrent policies set out in the Left's new Executive Orders, Emergency Proclamations, regulations, and laws that attempt to impose authoritarian climate policies. Within this center, science and data can be most effectively utilized by Climate Deniers in regulatory comments and by court and congressional experts. Additionally, the center would provide nationwide defense and bail for the "insurrectionists." Lawyers can be challenging to find when the government targets citizens, so it's best to find them before the government acts.

3. Persuade as many small groups with similar beliefs, especially outside DC, to join. Share power with them. Give each a significant role in governing the new organization. The more power the organizers can share, the more powerful the organization will become. Cooperation is the key to success, not command and control of the organization. These groups also have a better understanding of local communities. It's about the political defeat of the Radical Left, not control of local groups or proving the correctness of scientific thinking.

4. Clearly articulate the organization's goals and maintain transparency with the public. Participate in community activities so you can get to know the community, and it can get to know you. Reach out to the public and make organizational involvement easy and rewarding. In a national organizing effort, identify and recruit state and local chairs to lead activities in their respective communities.

5. Help your state and local organizations raise funds.

6. Stick to issues that relate to the lives of your community supporters. Again, victory is achieved by explaining the impact of the Radical Left's lies, propaganda, and misinformation, not by dazzling them with brilliance.

7. Since the national media and the political elite will be of little help, focus on local media, bloggers, talk radio, citizen journalists, and the thousands of websites run by individuals who likely support your efforts. Create a coordinated distribution network with thousands of volunteers reaching out to millions of concerned citizens who will share emails and cell phone numbers with the organization. Even if independent websites have only a few dozen readers, educating every person is essential in building a nationwide organization. A majority of citizens do not trust network news, while 70% of citizens trust local news, as it is more closely tied to their community. Five thousand six hundred newspapers remain, of which 80% are local weeklies (4562) and 1033 dailies. These local papers are starved for content, so make them regular contacts.

8. Always keep your lawyer's cell phone number in your pocket, since you may be undertaking these activities during a declared Presidential Emergency that gives the president the power to suspend laws.

In the final analysis, Climate Deniers need to begin preparations today. After January 20, 2029, Trump won't be president to defeat the crazy ideas of the Radical Left. If the Climate Deniers fail to develop a strong, well-funded nationwide organization, it could be the Climate Deniers' last stand.

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# Short Takes

By Ken Van Doren

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

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

*"The art of healing comes from nature, not from the physician. Therefore the physician must start from nature, with an open mind." - Paracelsus*

*Prayer is not asking. It is a longing of the soul. It is daily admission of one's weakness. It is better in prayer to have a heart without words than words without a heart. -Mahatma Gandhi*

*One of the joys of working with boys is that you get your pay as you go along. You can observe the results of your leadership daily... Such satisfaction cannot be purchased at any price; it must be earned. -Ezra Taft Benson*

*The purpose of art is washing the dust of daily life off our souls. -Pablo Picasso*

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

*Freedom is not given to us by anyone; we have to cultivate it ourselves. It is a daily practice... No one can prevent you from being aware of each step you take or each breath in and breath out.*
*-Thich Nhat Hanh*

*Being a Christian is more than just an instantaneous conversion - it is a daily process whereby you grow to be more and more like Christ. -Billy Graham*

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## Wisdom to Live By

"Gratitude destroys envy and fuels graciousness."

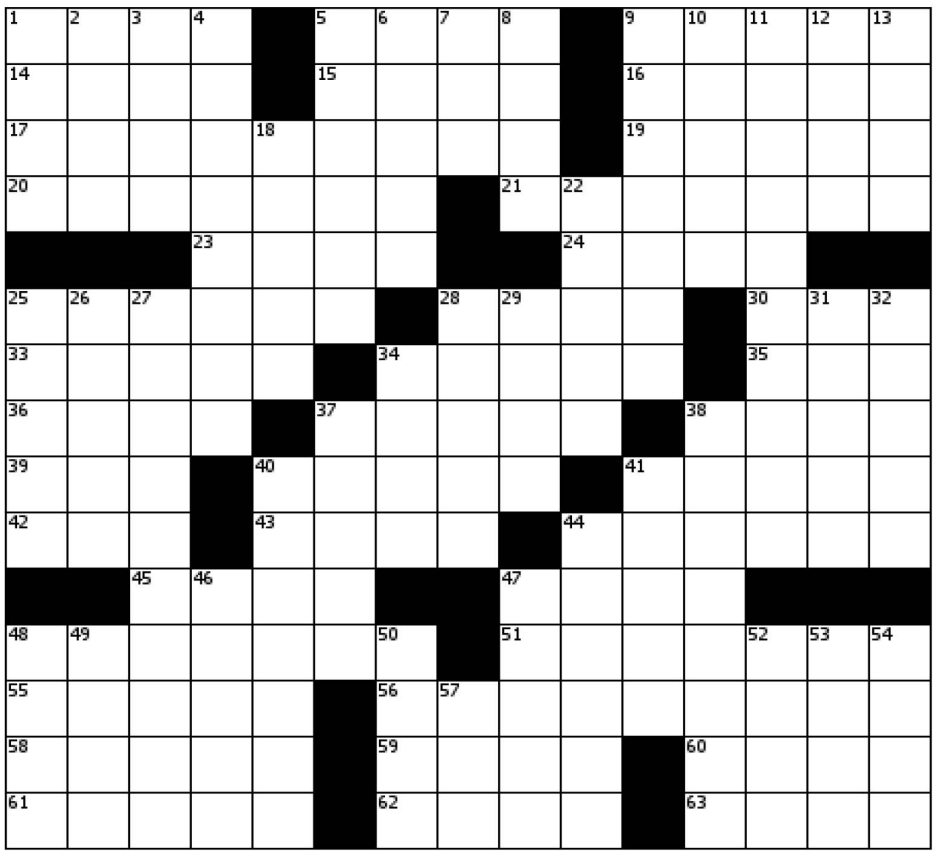
-Steve Welcenbach, Reality News




# THE GAME PAGE
# Crossword Puzzler

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

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



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# CFACT urges Bank of America to stop promoting "climate activism" at shareholder meeting

*By Nate Myers*

The issues of climate, renewable energy, and modern farming were hot topics at Bank of America's 2025 annual shareholder meeting on Tuesday. Three proposals were offered by activist investors to move the corporate giant politically leftward — and all three crashed and burned in spectacular fashion.

The first resolution stated the company "should disclose its lobbying actions regarding climate provisions of key international, federal, and state legislation and regulation, where relevant, and not merely rely on organizational statements supporting climate progress." The resolution failed with only 16.2% of shareholders in favor.

The second proposal requested Bank of America "disclose annually its Energy Supply Ratio ("ESR"), defined as its total financing through equity and debt underwriting, and project finance, in low-carbon energy supply relative to that in fossil-fuel energy supply. The disclosure, prepared at reasonable expense and excluding confidential information, shall describe Company's methodology, including what it classifies as "low carbon" or "fossil fuel." Similar to the first resolution, only 16.4% of shareholders voted in favor.

The third and last shareholder proposal sought more information regarding the company's investment into American farmers, asking, "why is BAC among the top financiers of factory farms, responsible for 20% of all loans and underwriting services to companies tied to factory farms?!" This resolution was soundly rejected by shareholders, receiving only 6.4% of their votes.

To its credit, Bank of America's board opposed all the measures, typically offering lengthy explanations as to "why" they opposed them for each. Disappointingly, however, the explanations were not so much that they opposed the activist proposals in principle, but rather that they were already undertaking similar actions aligning with these far-left proposals anyway. CFACT was less than impressed with this clear cow-towing to fringe and unscientific belief systems.

After the voting was completed, the board took to answering general questions from its shareholders. It was at this point that CFACT's Collegian's director Nate Myers directly asked BOA's Chairman, Bryan Moynihan, this pointed question: "Many Americans — including customers and investors — don't want their money politicized. What assurances can you give us that this board will stop using its capital and reputation to promote ideological campaigns such as left-wing climate activism or otherwise?"

Mr. Moynihan responded by stating, "I think on Mr. Myers' question, we do business with all sorts of organizations. We bank energy companies despite receiving on a day to day basis statements from people who are against it. We have $40B in outstanding loans to underwriting and working with all sorts of energy companies, helping them supply clean, affordable, and abundant energy to the world and America. We also bank nuclear companies and companies that are in the "new energy" segment. So, our job is to help our clients achieve their goals, and all clients are different elements of the same equation."

As always, CFACT will continue to monitor and participate in corporate shareholder meetings to counter the left-wing activism that is so rampant and apparent among them in today's age. As always, thank you to our donors, your continued support enables CFACT to be the voice of reason in American board rooms.




## Spain *cont. from page 1*

as malevolent and dangerous dragons. Spain's governing classes view them from the Chinese perspective: benevolent and magical dragons.

They've erected over 22,000 gigantic windmills, to harness the wind and generate electricity. Portugal has nearly 3,000. Together, when conditions are perfect, they can generate almost 38 gigawatts.

Like Cervantes' hero, the elites also want "to reach the unreachable star" – or at least capture the energy from one star: the sun. Spain and Portugal together also have 38 GW of photovoltaic solar panels.

However, the Iberian Peninsula neighbors have long ignored the dark sides of the forces they seek to commandeer.

Those wind turbines, solar panels and transmission lines sprawl across some 2,000,000 acres of Spanish and Portuguese vistas, habitats and croplands. That's equal to Delaware and Rhode Island combined.

They kill eagles, bustards, vultures, and other raptors and birds. Building them requires mining, pollution and child labor on historically unprecedented scales. Solar panels are easily destroyed by storms.

Worst, they provide intermittent, weather-dependent electricity – necessitating expensive backup power and making the electrical grid unstable. Just how unstable was demonstrated recently, and dramatically.

On April 16, for the first time, for a few minutes, Spain generated 100% of its electricity with wind, solar and hydro power.

A fortnight later, on April 28, a prolonged blackout sent Iberia into chaos. Lights, televisions, refrigerators, cell phones and traffic lights went dark. Trains, subways and elevators trapped passengers. Airports canceled flights. Hospital backup power provided only basic and emergency services.

The outage even struck parts of France and Belgium. It was Europe's biggest blackout ever. If France hadn't shut off its connection to Spain's cascading problems, all of Europe could have shut down.

Just a week later, another blackout hit Spain's Canary Islands.

Power outages are nothing new. But the Spain-Portugal blackouts underscore fundamental problems with the supposedly "inevitable transition" from coal, oil, natural gas and nuclear electricity to wind, solar and battery power.

They show that the only inevitability will be more frequent and severe blackouts – because of our soaring reliance on electricity … political decisions to mothball or destroy reliable generating systems … and ideological commitments to "green" energy.

We're effectively being told: You'll have electricity when it's available – not necessarily when you need it. In this modern technological era, that is absurd, outrageous, intolerable and dangerous.

One fundamental reality must override all other considerations: Modern industrialized societies require enormous quantities of steady, synchronous alternating current, 24/7 – at the precise frequency of 50 Hertz in Europe and 60 Hz in the United States. Without it, life shuts down, societies descend into chaos, and people die.

Frequencies outside 0.2 Hz above or below that frequency can trigger major emergencies. A mere ±0.5 Hz deviation can cause system-wide cascading blackouts.

In Spain's case, with 80% of its power now coming from renewable sources, the country simply did not have enough reliable, dispatchable, instantly accessible power on hand to keep its grid from collapsing when a power generation glitch happened.

Rice University's Baker Institute explained how a malfunction at two Spanish solar power plants triggered the widespread chaos.

"At approximately 12:30 pm local time in Spain – just minutes before the grid collapsed – renewable sources accounted for 78% of electricity generation in the Iberian system, with solar alone contributing nearly 60%. By contrast, conventional technologies, such as gas-fired and nuclear power plants, comprised only around 15% of the total generation mix….

"[Then] two consecutive generation loss events occurred in southwestern Spain, likely involving large solar installations…. Given the limited availability of conventional generation, these unexpected losses, combined with reduced support from neighboring systems – the instability triggered a disconnection from the French system – created a "perfect storm" for a massive power outage.

"In just five seconds, Spain lost approximately 15 GW of capacity, equivalent to 60% of its national electricity demand. The remaining generation was insufficient to meet demand, thus triggering a cascading failure across the entire grid. Various generating units were automatically disconnected to protect infrastructure, and nuclear plants were shut down in accordance with safety protocols."

That's all it took. In the blink of an eye, the Iberian Peninsula and beyond had a massive blackout.

Unless America's Net Zero politicians and utility companies wake up to reality, multiple US states – and entire regions – face similar preventable (indeed virtually inevitable) disasters. The same nightmarish realities confront other countries worldwide.

First, because federal, state and local governments have pressured or ordered utility companies to shut down coal, gas, nuclear and even hydro power plants that still have years or decades of operational life. Other utilities have done so voluntarily, to showcase their climate and green energy bona fides.

Second, because the same governments also provide subsidies, loan guarantees, tax breaks, rapid permitting, and exemptions from endangered species and other environmental rules – to incentivize utilities to build more and more wind, solar and battery installations, instead of traditional power plants.

Third, because those same entities demand and often subsidize a steady conversion to electricity from gasoline and natural gas. Vehicles, home and apartment building heating systems, stoves and ovens, water heaters, lawn mowers, leaf blowers and more

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# Holding woke CEO feet to the firecommittee

*By Craig Rucker*

"The business of America is business," President Calvin Coolidge famously said.

Today, however, corporate ESG and DEI policies are hamstringing productivity, throttling competitiveness, and enabling left-wing campaigners to censor speech.

CFACT is pushing back.

Nate Myers is spearheading CFACT's efforts to call out CEOs at corporate shareholder meetings, expose woke policies, and use sunlight to disinfect the American economy.

Here are a few of the hard-hitting questions Nate posed to CEOs.

To State Street Bank:

"Why has State Street simply rebranded its ESG Committee instead of eliminating it? Isn't this just a cosmetic retreat—keeping the same activist policies under a more politically palatable name?"

To Dominion Energy:

"It appears that Dominion has unwisely spent money on alternative energy sources that produce expensive electricity. Would it not be better for Virginia and other coal producing states like Wyoming and West Virginia to invest in more clean coal generation plants?"

To Bank of America:

"Many Americans — including customers and investors — don't want their money politicized. What assurances can you give us that this board will stop using its capital and reputation to promote ideological campaigns such as left-wing climate activism or otherwise?"

In many instances, the big CEOs choose to ignore such questions. Nate has been particularly successful in prodding them to respond.

Over the past month, he's interacted with such corporate leaders as State Street's President Ronald O'Hanley, PSE&G's CEO Ralph A. LaRossa, Bank of America's Chairman Bryan Moynihan, BlackRock's Head of Investment Stewardship John Roe, and ConocoPhillips' CEO Ryan Lance.

In some cases, their responses to Nate's questions have been encouraging. In others, they either tried to spin or evade giving direct answers.

You can read them all at CFACT.org.

From government, to media, to education, institutional leftism is all around us.

Woke activists have infiltrated American corporations as well.

CFACT will go on pressuring these companies by showing up at shareholder meetings, voting, crafting resolutions, and asking CEOs the tough questions they need to hear to get America back to business.

# State Street retreats from woke, denies existence of ESG committee

*By CFACT*

This Wednesday morning, State Street convened its annual shareholder meeting. They streamed it live online for investors to view and participate. State Street, a global financial services and bank holding company, has been a major player in American and international markets for decades. Until recently, however, the firm—like many of its contemporaries—shifted its executive focus toward political posturing at the expense of delivering strong returns for shareholders.

Prior to 2025, the company's investment management arm, State Street Global Advisors (SSGA), enforced proxy voting policies that penalized companies lacking at least 30% gender diversity and at least one racial or ethnic minority on their boards. In addition, the company regularly supported shareholder proposals advocating for climate-related corporate disclosures and heavily promoted internal DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion) hiring initiatives.

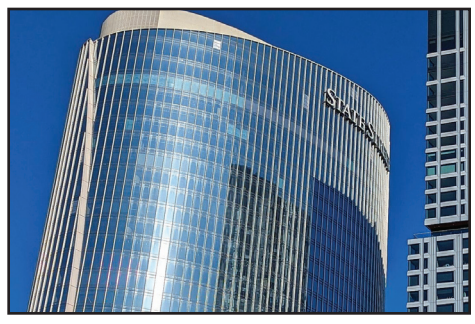
However, in response to shifting political headwinds, State Street appears to be retreating from its "woke" governance model. According to the company's 2025 Proxy Statement, it has eliminated its 30% gender diversity quota, removed explicit references to ESG criteria in proxy voting decisions, and—most pertinent to this article—SSGA has restructured its internal governance, renaming the "ESG Committee" as the "Global Fiduciary and Conduct Committee."

CFACT's Nate Myers sought to zero in on this internal reorganization, asking State Street's CEO and Chairman Ronald O'Hanley, "Why has State Street simply rebranded its ESG Committee instead of eliminating it? Isn't this just a cosmetic retreat—keeping the same activist policies under a more politically palatable name?"

Unsurprisingly, Mr. O'Hanley denied the committee's existence altogether, seemingly suggesting that the rebranding erased the committee's original purpose. He responded: "We actually don't have an ESG committee, at either the board or management level. Management does a very keen focus on its talent. We're in the services business of attracting, motivating, and containing the very best talent is quite important to us. So, we have series of different management committees that focus on that."

Though his answer was vague and arguably evasive, CFACT is nonetheless encouraged by State Street's—and other major companies'—recent retreats from policies broadly viewed as ideologically driven.

CFACT will continue to monitor State Street's corporate activities at the national and international level, making sure to keep our donors and the public at large informed of any major updates.



# CFACT tells the Feds to reform the Endangered Species Act

*By Craig Rucker*

The Endangered Species Act (ESA) today serves the anti-capitalist gadflies of the Left far better than it protects wildlife.

Reform is far overdue.

CFACT submitted two official submissions in response to requests by NOAA and the Fish and Wildlife Service, focusing on the words "take" and "harm."

"Take" means pretty much what you think it does: killing, harassing, hunting, or capturing wildlife.

"Harm" is where the abuse is. Regulators have stretched the meaning of "harm" to mean anything that modifies wild habitats. Radicals use the harm loophole to oppose building housing, retail, factories, energy generations, public buildings, essentially everything.

The proposal would eliminate the word "harm" and focus on real-world regulation of when people can "take" wildlife and when they cannot.

CFACT senior fellow Bonner Cohen told the Feds that:

Cooperation, not confrontation, is the way to bring about species recovery. Eliminating "harm" from the definition of "take" will remove one of the perverse incentives that has made implementation of the ESA so problematic and contributed to the statute's poor record of recovering species. In 2023 – 50 years after enactment of the ESA – wildlife researcher Rob Gordon pointed out that "of 1,667 threatened or endangered species, there are only 62 officially 'recovered' species. Of these, 36 – nearing 60% – are not real conservation 'success stories.' These 'recoveries' are hollow, as they are inaccurate proclamations attributable to an erroneous original determination that the species was endangered or threatened."

This poor record of performance shows why the ESA and its supporting regulations need to be updated. Eliminating the counterproductive definition of "harm" altogether is one way the statute can be made to better serve both species and humans.

CFACT advisor Robert Gordon told the Feds that:

With nearly 1,700 domestic endangered and threatened species, the majority of the nation is 'suitable' habitat for the breeding, migrating, feeding, or sheltering for one species or another. Essentially, with the existing harm definitions, the agencies have fabricated a habitat regulatory mechanism that is only tethered to harm's plain meaning and its companion take words by the thinnest thread and often not tethered at all. In practice, the current definitions of harm enable, if not foster, regulation on the basis of speculation and conjecture. As a result, USFWS and NMFS operate as if they have carte blanche to regulate any and all habitat modification, extracting concessions from vulnerable landowners as they do. The agencies' interpretation and application have nearly deformed the term "harm" into an arbitrarily wielded national land use veto. The proposal to rescind the USFWS's and NMFS's harm definitions and instead rest on the statutory definition of "take" reflects the single, best meaning of the statutory text and is unquestionably a vast improvement over the current definitions.

For far too long, Green campaigners have shamelessly used the ESA to deprive property owners of the freedom to responsibly use their land.

CFACT is proud to provide first-class, scholarly analysis to assist government officials ready for reform.



# Animals for Medical Research

*By Dr. Ivan Lang*

An NIH project which funds the experimentation on dogs has been cancelled by the Health and Human Services, because it has declared this research had the following problems:

1. The dogs were subjected to pain.

2. The dogs were unnecessarily given dangerous parasites.

3. The studies were not necessary as there are non-animal techniques in laboratories that could have addressed the same issues.

4. None of the studies over the years resulted in curing any disease, therefore, they were useless and had no value.

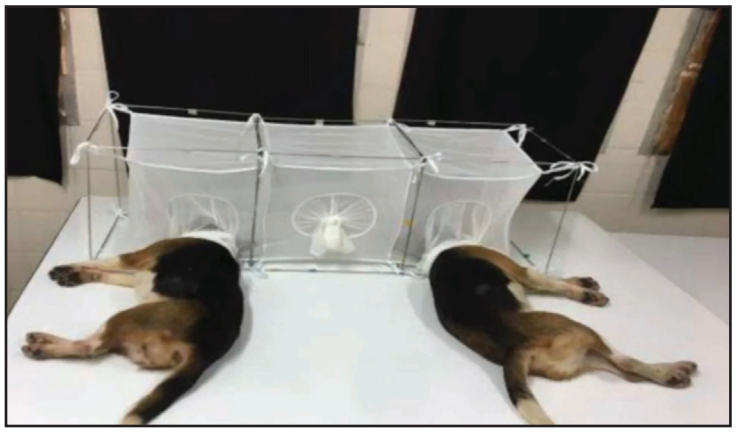
I will address one point at a time.

Number 1. The dogs used in the research funded by NIH were supposedly subjected to painful studies. The accusers give no proof of this they just assume it by looking at pictures supplied by one of the grants. The dogs were supposedly painfully forced to have their heads placed in a plastic bag that forced them to be painfully bitten by flies. The truth is quite different and the picture that they supplied is proof. In the picture two young dogs are lying on their sides facing away from each other with their heads in a large plastic bag. Anyone who knows dogs, especially young dogs, knows that there is no way any two young dogs would quietly lie on their sides, especially if they are being bitten by flies. This picture is absolute proof that the dogs were anesthetized, therefore, they were not tortured or subjected to pain. There is actually a more important fact that proves the dogs were anesthetized and prevented from being subjected to pain, because it is required of all NIH funded animal research studies. The only studies in which it is allowed to not prevent pain in the research animals is for research on pain prevention and reduction, and even in those studies it is required that the pain be minimally applied. Finally, every NIH grant is investigated and examined by veterinarians to ensure that the types of experiments used are not painful, and if they are that the animals be given appropriate analgesics or anesthetics. Also, the veterinarians examine the experimental process on a regular basis to ensure the animals are not being mistreated. The truth is that none of the dogs used in the NIH funded experiments were mistreated or experienced pain.

Number 2. The accusers make the point that the dogs were subjected to attacks by dangerous parasites, as if that was a problem. That not only was not a problem, it was the very important purpose of the studies. How is it possible to ever know how to prevent or treat the effects of a parasitic infection without determining those effects and determining what agent can be applied to reverse the parasitic effects? Exactly what are the choices here? One could put a human into the plastic bag, get them infected, and take tissue samples to investigate the effects. Then one could inject the humans with experimental drugs to see if they are effective or not against the parasitic effects. There really is no other way except to replace the humans with research animals. Afterall, we kill animals all the time for food to make us survive hunger and some of us even shoot animals to death just for the fun of it, so how can it be wrong to experiment on animals to prevent humans from suffering from parasitic infections?

Another important fact of NIH funded animal research is that not only is pain in animals prevented by analgesics or anesthetics, it is also a very strongly applied rule that all efforts must be used to not only minimize pain, btu also any discomfort the animals must face. Clearly some animal experiments include some discomfort. but all efforts and methods are used to minimize this discomfort. One of the reasons the dogs had their heads in a plastic bag was to minimize the the infection discomfort after they were bitten. The anesthetic eliminated the pain during the infection but by only having one part of their body bitten limited the discomfort after they got infected. The head was chosen as it was easy to limit it to the head and parasitic bites of the head are common. However, their heads were only subjected to the biting for a limited time period which resulted in minimized infection.

Number 3. Another lie told by the accusers is that these studies were not necessary as one could have gotten the same results from non-animal techniques in the laboratory. Of course. none of the accusers ever told the public what technique they referred to as there is no such technique. There are in vitro techniques to test the effects of agents on single chemical processes, but there is no way any lab method can duplicate the complex physiology of an animal and replace the need for animals in physiological or clinical medical studies. Also many of the effects of parasites are not direct effects on anything, they are secondary effects which can never be duplicated in the laboratory.



The other issue is, why dogs and not other animals? Animals have very similar physiology and pathophysiology to humans, but some animals are more similar regarding some organ systems. For example, rats poorly mimic human digestive tract as they do not belch, vomit, or have gastro-esophageal reflux. Also, the size and temperament of the animals used for for chronic studies is important. Afterall, dogs are easier yo handle than wolves. Most people love dogs, of course, but dogs are animals just like rats. All animals are wonderful and lovable once you get to know them. Cows are my favorites, but pigs, snakes, birds, etc. are wonderful as well. The primary issue in choosing animals for research is whether the physiology of the system being investigated best matches that of humans.

Number 4. The accusers also claim that in all the years of research studies none of the data resulted in the cure of any disease. Clearly the accusers know nothing about research or they openly lied. There are very few medical research studies of any sort whose results have cured any disease. Diseases have many effects on many systems and the effects are very complex. There is no possible way for any one study to produce the data needed to cure any one disease. There are tens of thousands of medical research studies done every year and none of them cure any disease. A common ethic of medical research is that it usually takes at least 10 years before one's study ever gets used to help diagnose or treat any disease.

There is also the difference between basic research and clinical research. Before any clinical research can be done we have to know how the body works normally, otherwise there is no way to know what went wrong and how to fix it. Therefore, the great majority of studies involve basic research into normal physiology requiring animal studies. Many of the studies done in the criticized dog research studies were basic science research not clinical research.

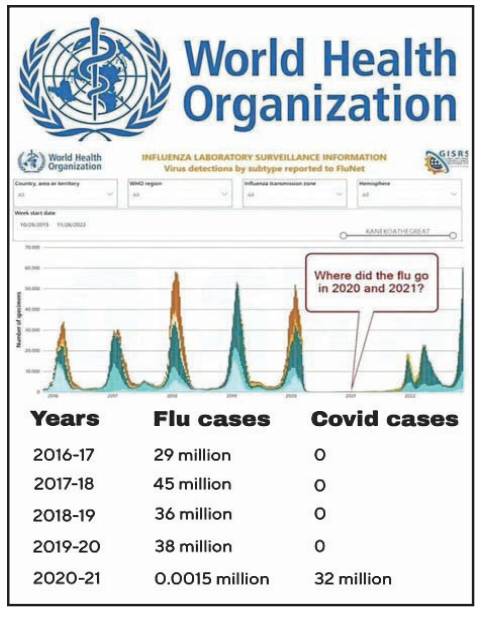
Another very important issue regarding medical research on dogs or any animal is the value. That is, is the medical information gained from conducting research and killing animals for diagnosis and treatment of humans worth the moral cost, and how does this compare with the moral cost of killing animals for other reasons?

While there is no one research study known to provide the cure for any one disease, there are thousands of diagnoses and treatments that have been developed over many years based on medical research. In addition, there is and has been no other way to obtain this information other than doing the same studies on humans which would clearly be inhumane. Also, while thousands of animals have died in medical research, the death of these animals have saved the lives and suffering of millions of people. In addition, once the scientific information is obtained it lasts forever, and is and will be used forever to continue the diagnosis and treatment of humans as well as form the basis for new and better diagnoses and treatments in the future.

On the other hand, the use of animals for food is very short lasting. Once the animal is dead and the animal eaten, its food value goes to zero and more animals are needed for the exact same purpose. One dog used for research can save more lives than thousands of pigs used for food. Also, there is no comparison between the pain subjected to animals during food processing vs research testing. Food animals are subjected to castration, cutting off of tails and horns, and physical assassination without any analgesic or anesthetic. The moral value of using animals for medical research far exceeds that for their use as food, and the pain subjected to animals used for food far exceeds that used for medical research.

A major issue regarding this issue has been the false reporting. We have had ten years of false reporting by the main stream media and this story is one more example. The primary source of all of this negative information was from PETA and its subgroup the White Coat Waste Project (WCW). PETA has a very long proven history fabricating stories about medical research. Proof that this current is false is the picture supplied. This picture was from an NIH grant submitted for studies conducted in Africa and was not part of the studies banned by the HHS.

We have today a federal government which has a good moral goal, but its actions by banning medical research based on false premises do not support its goals. If it were discovered that the research studies were indeed useless then the money would be better spent elsewhere, but no such evidence has been provided to the public to support their actions.




## Ron Johnson *cont. from page 1*

Perrone and his boss. Samuel Johnson "Red" Hammernut—strike me as the perfect 21st Century American villains in their combination of greed, shallowness, and childishness. They don't set out to hurt anyone, but it's clear that if guys like them are left to run the show, the world will soon go straight to hell.

Washington D.C. has long struck me as analogous to the South Florida depicted in Hiassen's novels—that is, infested with venal, narcissistic dopes.

The devil presides over the town because many people who are interested in power are motivated by the desire for status, enrichment, and gratification, and not in the truth.

In the Gospel of Matthew and Luke, the devil is described as "the tempter" — (Greek: ὁ πειράζων, ho peirazōn) which is almost synonymous with "the tester"—that is, someone who tests your strength of character.

The moral of this story applies to Washington. Most of the guys and girls who go to the nation's capital flatter themselves that they are going to do good. However, upon their arrival, they are quickly tested and most of them fail the test.

In the novel, No Country for Old Men, Sheriff Bell muses:

I think if you were Satan and you were settin around tryin to think up somethin that would just bring the human race to its knees what you would probably come up with is narcotics.

Though I appreciate Sheriff Bell's sentiment, I believe it's not narcotics, but the creation of money out of thin air—that is, debt financing—that is the true instrument of the devil's work.

Washington's insane runaway train of creating money and disbursing it to immoral interest groups and industries is how the devil will bring America—and therefore the entire human race—to its knees.

As far as I can tell, Ron Johnson from Wisconsin is the one man in the Senate who has the conscience and the courage to take on the devil that presides over Washington.

I believe that Mr. Johnson is the Conscience of the Senate, just as Thomas Massie may be characterized as the Conscience of the House.

I was already musing about this yesterday when someone sent me the link to Tucker Carlson's interview with Senator Johnson, which was published yesterday. In what I believe is the most important interview of any political figure in the last twenty-five years, Senator Johnson speaks with astonishing candor about:

The runaway, chronic debt crisis that could become acute at any time.

The corrupting influence debt on every aspect of American life.

The Vaccine Cartel.

The callous treatment of parents whose children have been harmed by vaccines.

The suppression of safe, effective, and inexpensive treatments for illnesses to promote patented pharmaceutical products.

The Military-Industrial Complex

The bloody-minded stupidity of America's wars abroad.

9-11 and the mysterious collapse of WTC Building 7.

Please watch the interview and share it with your family and friends.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hMk0orYKXQk

# A Conservative Approach to Financial Self-Reliance

*By James Bohn & Greg Grambow*

Self-reliance and independence are core American and conservative values. One way to be more financially self-reliant is to maintain an emergency fund. An emergency or "rainy day" fund is a cash reserve set aside to meet unplanned expenses. That is, expenses that are outside your normal monthly spending.

Think of your emergency fund as partial or full insurance coverage against financial shocks. It could be a broken appliance, car repair, lost or damaged cell phone, leaky roof, medical expenses or, loss of a job. In modern life, a financial setback can come from many directions.

With an emergency fund in place, a serious financial setback can become a mere inconvenience. Without an emergency fund, interest payments on money borrowed to pay for an unanticipated expense could put you or your family in a debt hole that is hard to recover from.

For example; say you need a car repair of $650 and you have been saving $10 a week for 30 weeks. Your $300 emergency fund doesn't cover the whole bill, but it does save you $75 in credit card interest in one year (25% interest on the $300 you would have had to put on your card if you didn't have the fund in place). This is not chump change for saving $10 a week for less than seven months.

If you don't have an emergency fund right now, you are hardly alone. Personal Economics analyzed results from a Federal Reserve survey to see how prepared Wisconsinites are for dealing with unanticipated expenses.

We found one in four Wisconsinites could not pay an unanticipated $400 expense out of savings, a checking account, or by putting it on a credit card for which they'd pay off the balance at the end of the month. Instead, they'd have to take on longer-term credit card debt, go to a payday lender, or not pay the obligation at all.

And how well prepared are Wisconsinites for the loss of a job? Only 53 percent said that they would be able to meet their expenses for three months if someone in their household lost a job.

Financial planning professionals suggest that household emergency funds should be able to meet expenses for three to six months in the event of a lost job. Even in today's relatively strong job market, the average length between jobs is 22 weeks.

There are several easy steps to start and build an emergency fund.

First, set a dollar savings goal. The size of your fund should correspond to the size of your possible financial risks. For example, an older car is more likely to need repairs than a newer one. The more risks you have, the larger your savings goal should be. Then estimate how much money you have to put away each pay period to reach your goal.

Second, create an ongoing system for making regular contributions to your fund. Many banks allow you to schedule automatic transfers from a checking to a savings account. If not, mark your calendar as a reminder. Even a Piggy Bank works! And, if you have extra cash, put it in your fund so your savings can grow faster.

Third, monitor your progress. Check your fund regularly. It will be gratifying to watch your money grow.

Finally, recognize your progress. Your discipline will pay off by providing you greater financial and emotional security.

It is important that once you've hit your savings goal, to avoid the temptation to use the money to reward yourself. Taking a vacation or buying boat is not an emergency! Do so and you'll find your savings plan is back at square one.

Remember your emergency fund is insurance, not an investment. You will need to access the money quickly when unanticipated expenses arise. Bank savings or checking accounts are ideal for an emergency fund, as are money market mutual funds at an investment company.

Finally, use your emergency fund if you really need it. Not every expense is a dire emergency. And when you do draw on your fund, systematically rebuild the fund balance up afterwards.

Self-reliance and independence are conservative and Americans values. By creating an emergency fund, you are upholding those values and avoiding a lot of possible anxiety.

*By: James Bohn and Greg Grambow. Personal Economics, Inc. is a 501 (c)3 non-profit dedicated to financial and economic education.*

# Smuggled Chinese Crop Pathogen Raises Agriterrorism Concerns

*By Larry Bell*

Two reported attempts by a Chinese couple to smuggle a potentially toxic plant fungus called Fusarium graminearum through the Detroit Metropolitan Airport to a University of Michigan research laboratory offer cause for serious public safety concern.

The noxious fungus causes "head blight," a disease of wheat, barley, maize and rice, which when consumed causes vomiting, liver damage, and reproductive defects in humans and livestock resulting in billions of dollars in economic losses worldwide each year.

According to an FBI court filing, Zunyong Liu was turned around at the Detroit airport and sent back to China last year, while in the other event, his girlfriend Yunqing Jian, was recently arrested there and remains in custody.

The report alleges that Jian, who was arrested on June 8 after arriving on a flight from China where she is pursuing an advanced degree at Huazhong University of Science and Technology in Wuhan, had planned to spend a year completing Chinese government-funded research on the pathogen as a U. of Michigan postdoctoral fellow.

Jian's shipments intercepted by airport customs officials reportedly included an envelope stuffed inside a book along with electronic messaging information describing her membership in and loyalty to the Chinese Communist Party.

An examination of Liu's and Jian's electronic devices uncovered WeChat messages from 2022 in which they discussed smuggling seeds into the United States.

"I put them in my Martin boots," Liu wrote, according to an FBI complaint. "In a small bag. The ziplock bag. Very small."

"That's good," Jian replied, the complaint says. "Just put it in your shoes."

It is further alleged that Jian's boyfriend, Liu who conducts research at Wuhan on the same pathogen, first lied to customs officials stating that he didn't know what the materials were and that someone must have put them into his bag.

When asked why someone would put those materials into his bag, Liu laimed he didn't know, later admitting that maybe he had accidentally put them there.

After further questioning, Liu acknowledged that the materials contained on the filter paper were different strains of the pathogen intended to make more samples if the experiments on the reddish plant material failed.

He also admitted intentionally hiding the samples in his backpack because he knew there were restrictions on the importation of the materials.

Liu remains at large with a warrant out for his arrest.

Whereas U.S. Attorney Jerome Gorgon Jr. hasn't charged the couple with attempted agriterrorism, he nevertheless believes that such smuggling "threatens our security" and has agreed to preside over criminal complaints for conspiracy in smuggling goods into the United States and making false statements.

Gorgon stated: "The alleged actions of these Chinese nationals — including a loyal member of the Chinese Communist Party — are of the gravest national security concerns."

"These two aliens," he said, "have been charged with smuggling a fungus that has been described as a 'potential agroterrorism weapon' into the heartland of America, where they apparently intended to use a University of Michigan laboratory to further their scheme."

U.S. Customs and Border Control Director of Field Operations Marty C. Raybon added: "Today's criminal charges levied upon Yunqing Jian and Zunyong Liu are indicative of CBP's critical role in protecting the American people from biological threats that could devastate our agricultural economy and cause harm to humans; especially when it involves a researcher from a major university attempting to clandestinely bring potentially harmful biological materials into the United States."

Cheyvoryea Gibson, Special Agent in Charge of the FBI Detroit Field Office, stated that: "The federal charges announced today against Yunqing Jian and Zunyong Liu, both residents of the People's Republic of China, signify a crucial advancement in our efforts to safeguard our communities and uphold national security."

To be fair, Jian and Liu cannot be tried in court until such time fuller evidentiary investigation determines that felony indictments are warranted.

As University of Wisconsin, Madison plant pathologist Caitilyn Allen points out, "It appears they were planning to do experiments with it in a university lab that studies how plants resist diseases with the goal of breeding disease-resistant crops that don't require fungicides … It seems that this was bad judgment fueled by scientific excitement, not agriterrorism."

On the other hand, as argued in the New York Post, since the fungus is already present in the U.S., if it was manipulated to become resistant to treatment or to spread more easily, it could have the potential to devastate American farms.

The Post notes that similar allegations that the virus that causes COVID-19 was enhanced by China's Wuhan Institute of Virology as part of U.S.-funded "gain-of-function" research of the naturally occurring SARS pathogen, and whereas China denies that COVID leaked from the lab, U.S. intel agencies now say that this appears to be the most likely cause of the pandemic.

House Intelligence Committee Chairman Rick Crawford, R-Ark., told the Post: "The [Chinese Communist Party] CCP will use every tool in its warfare toolbox to cripple the United States and bring us to our knees. A pathogen like this, if successfully introduced into a crop, could inflict significant economic loss for U.S. agriculture producers."

FBI Director Kash Patel agrees, posting on X: "This case is a sobering reminder that the CCP is working around the clock to deploy operatives and researchers to infiltrate American institutions and target our food supply, which would have grave consequences … putting American lives and our economy at serious risk."

That's a vital lesson to always remember.

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must be powered by electricity – to save the planet from manmade climate change – even as electricity generation and reliability dwindle.

This shortsighted, ideological, virtue-signaling government intrusion into what should be market-driven, reality-based, reliable-electricity-focused decisions puts our grid, our society and our lives at risk.

Abundant, reliable, affordable electricity is the lifeblood of twenty-first century civilization. Modern industrialized societies simply cannot function, or even survive, if they are forced to rely on land-hungry, expensive, insufficient, intermittent electricity.

And yet, largely because of misplaced climate fears (about human-induced droughts and a "thirstier atmosphere," for example), $9 trillion has been spent globally over the past decade on wind and solar power, electric vehicles, energy storage, electrified heating and power grid adjustments.

Congress, state governors and legislatures, the Trump Administration, our courts and utility companies need to act quickly and decisively to end this wasteful spending and fix our fragile electricity generating system and grid. The news media and academia must stop parroting "climate crisis" and "renewable energy" talking points, and start presenting the complexities and realities of these issues.

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# Elon Musk

***"A double-minded man is unstable in all his ways." James 1:8***

*By Riley J. Hood*

According to Wikipedia, Elon Reeve Musk was born in 1971, in South Africa. Maye, his mother was from Canada. Errol, his father is South African. He is an electromechanical engineer, emerald dealer, and property developer. His parents divorced in 1980, and Elon lived with his father. At age 10, he got interested in computers and video games. At age 12, he invented a BASIC-based game called "Blastar." Musk graduated from Pretoria Boys High School in South Africa. He attended the University of Pretoria for five months. He moved to Canada in 1989, and in 1990 entered Queen's University, in Kingston Ontario. In 1992 he moved to America and studied at the University of Pennsylvania. He received a Bachelor of Arts in physics, a Bachelor of Science in economics at the Wharton School. In 1995 he switched from a student visa to and H1B visa to work for Netscape.

In 1995, Musk co-founded the software company Zip2, which was sold in 1999. The same year he co-founded X.com, that online payment company was merged with PayPal. In 2002, he founded SpaceX. His SpaceX rockets, like Falcon-9, replaced the Space Shuttle, for use by NASA. In 2004 he invested in Tesla Motors, and by 2008 become Tesla's CEO. In addition to the Roadster, in 2023 they introduced "Cybertruck." In 2006 he helped found SolarCity, which became, Tesla Energy in 2016. In 2013 he started a transportation project called Hyperloop. In 2015, he co-founded OpenAI, but left that group, and founded xAI. In 2015, SpaceX started Starlink, a network of satellites, for internet access. 50 satellites were in low-earth orbit by 2019. In 2016 he started Neuralink, and in 2017 he founded the Boring Company. In 2022 he acquired Twitter, and rebranded it as X, in 2023.

His companies have used his concept of production called giga-factories. Gigafactory 1 is in Storey County, Nevada: operated by Tesla, Inc. Gigafactory 2 is in Buffalo, New York, and produces solar products. Gigafactory 3 is in Shanghai, China. According to Google AI, "It's notable for being Tesla's first factory outside the United States and is a major production site for the Model 3 and Model Y vehicles for the Chinese market." I my mind, its notable as an act of stupidity and treason. China is the enemy, and Elon's loyalty to his adopted country doesn't preclude profiting from building up America's enemies. Musk is a pro-Chinese profiteer. By 2021 he was considered the world's wealthiest person.

Most businessmen are silent about politics, and support both Democrats and Republicans at the same time. Musk has been more vocal. He supported that antichrist Obama in 2008 and 2012. He supported the American Jezebel Hillary Clinton in 2016. In the 2020 Democrat Presidential Primary he supported Andrew Yang. Also in 2020, Elon endorsed Kanye West.

In 2021, Musk publicly opposed China Joe Biden's Build Back Better Act. In 2022, he started supporting Republican candidates. In 2023, he supported Ron DeSantis during the GOP Presidential primaries. From June 2023 to January 2024, Musk hosted a bipartisan set of X Spaces with Republican and Democratic candidates, including Robert F. Kennedy Jr., Vivek Ramaswamy, and Dean Phillips. He was the largest donor to the 2024 Trump campaign. In January 2025, he was appointed head of Trump's newly created DOGE. In 2025, Musk contributed $19 million to Brad Schimel's failed Wisconsin Supreme Court race, in a last ditch effort to stave off this State's takeover by feminazis.

In August 2024, Trump committed to giving Musk an advisory role in DOGE. In November and December 2024, Musk suggested that the organization could help to cut and consolidate the number of federal agencies. In January 2025, DOGE was created by executive order. Musk led the organization. There was some controversy over Musk's status. A federal judge has ruled that Musk acted as the de facto leader of DOGE. Musk led the push to lay off deep state profiteers aka federal employees, on mass. He led the most effective push to downsize our ever bloated and corrupt federal government in my lifetime. On May 30th, he announced his departure from DOGE.

Elon was baptized and raised in the Anglican Church. According to India Today, "Elon Musk describes himself as a 'cultural Christian,' suggesting he values Christian principles and traditions rather than adhering to strict religious doctrine. He has expressed openness to the

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**Economics for Dummies (Static vs Dynamic)**

Most people have heard the term "Reaganomics" or "Supply-Side Economics." Both are different names for the same thing. Supply-Side Economics came on the scene in the 1960's, when President John F. Kennedy, a Democrat (gasp), cut tax rates and significantly boosted tax revenue.

In 1974 a guy by the name of Art Laffer introduced the world to The Laffer Curve, which explained that people (economies) react to changing tax rates. And those reactions affect the amount of tax revenue generated. In a nutshell, there is a tax rate that will generate the maximum amount of tax revenue. ANY increase of tax rates beyond that maximum-generating rate will DECREASE total revenue. This economic "theory" has been proven time and time again in real life. It is NOT a theory. It is an economic LAW. It works every time it is tried. Now we come to the "Dummies" part.

"If you can't get a real job, go to work for the Government." Some wise man must have said that at some point in time. And it seems most likely that this statement explains the employment situation at the CBO, OMG, Media and Congress. We are constantly bombarded with opinion and analysis of any proposed tax changes by all of the above, as they attempt to blow smoke up our collective butts. But here's the one CRITICAL thing that they all either fail to understand or completely ignore: Economies are DYNAMIC, not STATIC.

Assuming a static economy is the easy way to do an analysis. It's like hitting a baseball off of a tee. But reality is like trying to hit a Nolan Ryan curveball. If you're under 60, google him. A static economic analysis assumes that you have a fixed amount of economic activity. Example: If you tax $100 at 5%, you get $5 and if you tax $100 at 30% you get $30.

A real economy is dynamic. This means that people will alter their economic behavior depending on Risk and Reward, also known as Tax Rates. If Joe's Bakery sells $100K worth of doughnuts at a 30% tax rate, Joe might very well put in an extra line and sell $300K if the tax rate is reduced to 15%. Now take your calculators and figure out which scenario generates more tax revenue. Every business (if they are not run by idiots and those that don't will go out of business) will think this way, although not every one of them will increase their risk for any given rate reduction. With respect to taxes and tax rates this is REALITY. This is how economics actually works.

Doesn't it make you chuckle that A-Zero-C graduated "with honors" from Boston University with an Economics Degree (what does that tell you about BU?) AND works for the Government? Can't you just wait for her to be President?

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Odds:

Consider what former and current President Trump has accomplished having overcome unrelenting lawfare efforts to malign, bankrupt, incarcerate, and even by some, assassinate him, once again becoming the world's most powerful leader.

Restoration of Border Sovereignty: Honoring his popular election pledge, the Trump administration ended Biden open southern border policies that have literally invited a flood of unvetted illegal migrants including trafficked female and child sex slaves, violent gang members, criminal offenders and individuals on terrorist watch lists — along with tons of deadly fentanyl into our communities.

Winning War on Woke: Trump policies recognize and honor a constitutional guarantee of merit-based equality of opportunities for all rather than neo-Marxist equity of outcomes that exploit contrived racial and gender divide-and-conquer stereotypes institutionalized by DEI hiring and promotion policies and quotas to the detriment of organization performance and employee morale.

Freeing Enterprise Prosperity: Industry and individual business deregulation coupled with corporate investment and individual income tax relief feeds rather than starves the golden goose of government revenues essential to growing America's economy and protecting the solvency of entitlements, including earned Social Security and medical health insurance benefits.

Releasing Energy Bondage: Recognizing that abundant, affordable energy is the lifeblood of all healthy societies and that fossil sources provide more than 80% of the U.S. and world supply with electricity demand projected to grow dramatically to power massive AI data centers, the Trump administration has pledged to develop vast deposits of oil, natural gas, and cleanly processed coal with no replacement sources currently capable of fulfilling a huge and dangerous supply gap.

Defending Fair Trade: President Trump is taking strong positions in leveraging U.S. trading partners to be fair in not placing higher tariff costs on products they supply to us than we do on exports to them while, in the case of China in particular (a $-19.7 billion trade deficit), subsidizing their companies to enable them to undercut prices of ours at home while stealing technology and design innovations to avoid costly development expenses.

Global Peace Through Strength: Following four years of public uncertainty regarding who was making White House decisions for a conspicuously cognitively challenged president, the American electorate once again voted to return a bold leader of the nation and world at a time of pervasive economic and military threats posed by China, Russian assaults on Ukraine, and Iran-sponsored Middle East turmoil on the cusp of going thermonuclear against Israel and America.

Musk's Rich Contributions:

Elon Musk has become the world's wealthiest individual by striving to make it better for countless others … and he hasn't quit doing so.

Breaking Social Stranglehold on Free Speech: Musk's purchase of Twitter (now "X") for $44 billion with the expressed aim of turning it into a "town square where matters vital to the future of humanity are debated" offers an open social media platform for exchanges of opinions and information that have been suppressed by ideologically biased Big Tech companies including evidence of criminal behavior revealed on Hunter Biden's laptop and banning of communications from a nationally elected President Trump.

Global Starlink Impacts: Elon Musk's Starlink satellite system provides internet access to remote and underserved areas which has included services to rural communities lacking fiber optic cable networks, populations hit by natural disasters, Ukrainian forces as new areas were liberated, and outside life-saving communication consultations for a war-torn Gaza hospital.

SpaceX Innovation and Advancement: Musk's space innovations have rapidly achieved a series of remarkable milestones, including becoming the first private company to successfully launch a rocket into orbit and recover a spacecraft, to develop reusable rockets to conduct crew and cargo missions to the International Space Station, and to construct an enormous Starship spacecraft designed to carry humans to Mars as multi-planetary residents.

Tesla EV and Energy Initiatives: Back on Earth, Elon has revolutionized the electric vehicle industry, transforming his company over two decades from a fledgling start-up to a dominant auto producer that captured about 20% of the global EV market share in 2023.

Musk co-founded SolarCity with two cousins in 2006 which became the largest provider of solar energy services in the U.S. including solar panels and energy storage systems such as a Powerwall home battery, a Powerpack commercial-scale battery, and a Megapack designed for utility-scale installations.

Artificial Intelligence Safety: In 2015, Musk cofounded OpenAI, a research organization dedicated to prioritizing ethical safeguards by emphasizing a need for transparency, collaboration and proactive regulation to ensure that science doesn't create superintelligent capabilities that could pose a threat to human existence.

Exposure of Government Waste: One of Elon Musk's most immediate and perhaps most lasting accomplishments is to apply Silicon Valley-style technology, including AI and data science, to detect and publicly expose unproductive and fraudulent spending across all federal agencies offering unprecedented real-time transparency on a public website

As might be noted, while public frictions have erupted, there is little apparent daylight between the priorities of these two leaders — one the world's most governmentally powerful, the other the most entrepreneurially successful and wealthy.

All that really matters is that they each continue with exactly what they're doing to benefit all of us.

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# Media Fearmongering at It Again — Over Trump's Tariffs

*By Larry Bell*

Just four days after April 2 which President Trump declared "Liberation Day" and followed through on his campaign promise to impose sweeping tariffs to correct unfair foreign practices, the S&P 500 dropped 12%.

Wall Street threw a freak-out, and as prominent economists immediately warned of a recession investors fled the market in droves.

A week later, on April 9 after Trump announced on social media a "90-day PAUSE" (except for China), the S&P soared by 9.5%, one of its best days ever with employers adding 177,000 jobs for the month.

And whereas just a few weeks ago that index at the heart of many 401(k) accounts was down about 15% for the year, by mid-May it had rallied 5.3% and went positive with a historic $8 trillion market comeback.

The S&P 500 has now fully erased the year's losses.

Following what Kevin Gordon, a senior investment strategist at Charles Schwab described as a "free-fall moment" when "investor sentiment got to the panic levels," the recovery has been just as swift … the fastest since 1982.

According to Yahoo Finance.com three out of every four S&P 500 companies have beaten recent profit expectations, with Microsoft and Meta Platforms up nearly 13.6% year-over-year.

Apple (AAPL) and Amazon (AMZN) stocks have surged more than 20% apiece since the April 8 low, and Nvidia (NVDA) has spiked more than 40%.

As for a looming Trump recession, JPMorgan Chase economists have dialed back their 60% prediction in early April before Trump's 90-day country-specific tariff pause to less than 50%, while Goldman Sachs now sees a 35% recession chance down from 45% and Polymarket pessimism plunging from 66% to 39%.

Inflation worries are down too, with the Bureau of Labor Statistics reporting some major consumer category price declines.

According to AAA, unleaded fuel costs about $3.16 per gallon, down from $3.62 a year ago, with grocery price growth recording its sharpest slowdown since 2023 largely driven by falling egg costs.

Meanwhile, according to Trump trade advisor Kevin Hassett, at least 75 countries are reportedly lined up seeking to do trade deals with the U.S. during a 90-day Trump tariff pause, with 15 currently in active negotiations.

Included are Japan, the United Kingdom, South Korea, and India.

Whereas Japanese Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba has said he does not plan to offer "big concessions for the sake of wrapping up negotiations quickly," he has previously indicated that Japan would offer a package that could include trade agreements on U.S. liquefied natural gas, cars, agriculture and defense in a deal aimed at the U.S. lifting tariffs entirely.

The U.K. has announced it would suspend tariffs on 89 U.S. goods ranging from items including pasta, fruit juices, electric car batteries and spices to plastics and gardening supplies over the next two years and is reportedly interested in negotiating an economic agreement to reduce not only the 10% across-the-board tariffs but 25% levies on metals and cars as well.

Trade deals with South Korea where the U.S. has several military bases and strategic THAAD missile systems are certain to emphasize mutual defense priorities, but also include shipbuilding, large-scale purchase of U.S. LNG, and a joint venture in an Alaska pipeline.

India, which subjects all U.S. imports to between 5% and 30% tariffs is reportedly open to reducing these amounts on half of them, with a goal of pursuing a bilateral $500 billion U.S. trade agreement by 2030.

Regarding China, President Trump's tough tariff policy is about more than standard trade beefs.

Beijing has been ripping us off with intellectual property theft, controlling our supply line for pharmaceuticals, sending deadly fentanyl across our border with Mexico, subsidizing electric vehicles and other products that compete with our markets, purchasing U.S. farmland for spying on security-sensitive facilities, and reverse-engineering some of our most advanced military equipment.

We should be mindful that this unbalanced trade dispute is also a U.S. and allied nation global security matter.

Amid looming prospects of a Chinese invasion of Taiwan we are witnessing Beijing scaling up its naval and nuclear capabilities, a near-nuclearized Iran along with Russia selling them oil, and Iran and North Korea, in turn, providing Russia with drones used against our ally Ukraine paid for in part by tariffs on merchandise we purchase from them.

America urgently needs and fortunately has a bold leader who thrives on addressing enormously complex and consequential challenges at a time of combined economic and military threats.

He was elected to take on these challenges and deserves boldness on our part to give him every chance and confidence to do so.

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# Manufacturing A Great Nation

***"In all labor there is profit: but the talk of lips tendeth only to penury." Proverbs 14:23***

*By Riley J. Hood*

America became great as an industrial nation. Made so by men, working long hours, doing physically and mentally demanding work. Those men today are generally despised by their lazier countrymen. 15 years ago, even "conservatives" like Jay Webber and Mark Belling would say that factory workers only know how to drive 3 screws into the same 3 holes. Factory workers are rather more that, and machine operators work far harder that.

The despicable treatment is also dished out from the left. Many a school teacher has referred to factory workers as "uneducated," "overpaid," "wage slaves," and deserving to make minimum wage. So much for Liberals being in sympathy with the actual working man.

Unfortunately, many Christians have been as uncharitable in their thinking. Comments such as, "You know so much Bible, what are you doing in a factory?" Emphasizing formal education, their only acceptable occupations are "white collar," ministry, government, teaching and medical fields. All else has no respectability. Christians should know better. Perhaps they need a work ethics refresher course, so here goes:

God the Son, Jesus, was a carpenter. (Mark 6:3) David was a shepherd. Peter, Andrew, James and John were fishermen. Paul, Priscilla and Aquilla were tent makers. Noah was the world's first ship builder. The idea that manufacturing is beneath gifted people is a Pagan idea from Aristotle and Plato. The Bible says otherwise about work. The reformer Martin Luther preached "the priesthood of all believers" and that all lawful work had dignity. It was this doctrine that began to make the slavery and feudalism of the pagan world view untenable for Christian society.

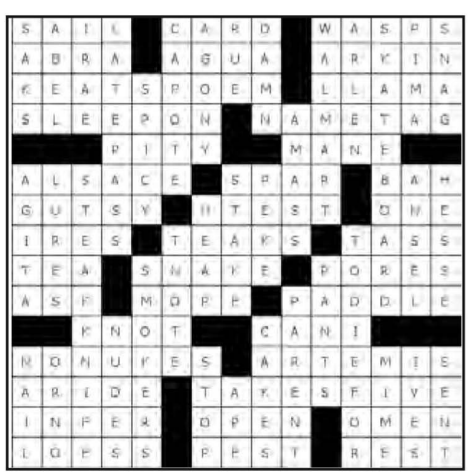
The workman is worthy of his hire. God made men and commanded them to work six days a week. Hard work, and working with your hands was considered a good thing. "Let him who stole steal no more: but rather let him labor, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give him who needeth." Ephesians 4:28 The word manufacture means "to make with one's hands" in Latin. "And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men:" Colossians 3:23

The Protestant work ethic was the work ethic of America's founding fathers. They believed in "Industry and Frugality." I say the American workman is the best worker in the world. Without manufacturing, our economy was reduced to the poverty level of a "postindustrial nation" like those in the EU. Without manufacturing America is no longer a military power: dependent on foreign producers for our defensive armaments. Honoring God with productive work makes America a stronger nation.

Manufacturing allows men to multiply their God-given resources by their God-given creativity. An example would be copper. A miner digs it up as a resource, but manufacturers make it into copper pennies, copper wire, copper pans and copper ware. The same thing can be said for most substances. Meat packers not only dressed beef, but used the hide for leather, the blood for buttons, the hair for pillow stuffing and a dozen other things.

God determines America's economic prosperity according to His economic principles as revealed in the Bible. Things like the Protective Tariff and the abolition of "affirmative action," will make America a better place. It is high time we exact a penalty for job theft by imposing tariffs on Chinese junk. Is a tariff a tax? In a sense, it is an indirect tax on foreign goods. If libertarians were serious about tax reduction, they would work to lower taxes, cut government spending and get the government out of the workman's way. They would be as shrill against property taxes, income taxes, and fees on your utility bills; as they are against tariffs. But libertarians are effeminate, and most of those people have never worked for living.

## Puzzle Answers

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'idea of God' but also stated that his views are shaped by a physics-based perspective of reality. Musk has also highlighted the wisdom of Jesus' teachings, particularly the principle of 'turning the other cheek.'"

As I was writing this article, I was overtaken by events. I noted by looking at Elon's biography, is that he is a multi-tasker, and long-term stability is not one of his strengths. Faithfulness and fidelity in his family life: not one of his strengths either. I was going to encourage him to stay the course. Government employees know what side their bread is buttered on, and they won't go without a fight. Consider this budget round one, and came back stronger for round two. Then Musk threw a childish fit and accused Trump of being on some Epstein's list of child sex abusers. So, not only isn't Musk a long-term player, I now think he isn't emotionally stable.

Regarding DOGE, Trump should appoint another short-term leader. DOGE should never become permanent, because it would be another expansion of the federal government, and permanent insider, "federal employee" status would only corrupt DOGE and turn it into another Federal Agency.

***"What is ominous is the ease with which some people go from saying that they don't like something to saying that the government should forbid it. When you go down that road, don't expect freedom to survive very long."***

***By Thomas Sowell***

# The Augsburg Interim and the American Church

***"For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?" I Peter 4:17***

*By Riley J. Hood*

Karl R. Hess wrote in an article called The American Interim. After Martin Luther died, Holy Roman Emperor Charles V attacked the German states that had accepted the Reformation. Hess wrote, "He imposed the Augsburg Interim," which allowed "Lutheran pastors to continue to be married and to distribute both the body and blood at the Lord's Supper." Those concessions were temporary, until a Papal council decided the matter. The Interim forced Lutheran Churches to accept the restoration of the seven Sacraments of the Roman Church and even defined the article of justification in a way contrary to Article IV of the Augsburg Confession, saying that a person was not justified solely by grace, through faith, for Christ's sake, but also by love."

Hess adds, "Many pastors refused to go along with the Interim and as a result were either killed or driven from their cities. Many of those who survived fled to a city in northern Germany called Magdeburg, where the city council had refused to accept the Interim. As a result, they were attacked theologically by compromising church leaders in Wittenberg, and the town itself was ultimately besieged by the emperor." Magdeburg withstood the siege, and the Elector of Saxony defeated Charles V. Hess then adds, "The much greater theological spoils have been handed down to us in Article X of the Formula of Concord, in which the Lutheran Church confesses that although we are free in matters of ceremony and other things not commanded or forbidden by God, during a time of persecution the Church must not adopt ceremonies that make it appear as though we have communion with those who deny the Gospel in its purity."

Hess asserts, "many Lutherans tried to moderate the Interim, arguing that it was permissible for Christians to give way on matters of "adiaphora," since they are ceremonies neither commanded nor forbidden by God. To make an obvious comparison to our own time, many pastors argued that it was permissible, or even required, for churches to comply with various government edicts regarding the suspension of the Divine Service or the wearing of masks, since masks are neither commanded nor forbidden by God, and one may hear the Word of God online." "We should have already been clear in our minds what obedience to the government is demanded of the Church by Christ and what is not. But if we are caught flat-footed again, we are without excuse. And sadly, there has been no real reflection on our conduct during that last crisis." Hess sums up, "The American Interim is only a little different. Its unwritten stipulations require subservience on the part of the Lutheran Church (and any church that wants to adhere to the Scripture as the Word of God) to the ceremonies and doctrines of the American state religion until such time as the Church is swallowed up by apostasy and its children have all been converted."

Our enemy these days is a power-hungry Atheistic Secular State. On October 11, 2020, the Missionaries to the Preborn wrote concerning the City of Wauwatosa, "We view our having planned to be there as providential considering all that has gone on in that city. We do not know of one good pulpit in that city that is faithful to Christ. And the consequences are evident." I do not know of any faithful pulpit in the City of Milwaukee. Church after Church stopped being Pro-life, just ask the organizers of the Life Chain. One Church after another has embraced social justice, or "unconditional love" or both. This started happening to the "mainstream protestant" churches like United Methodist, Congregationalist and Episcopalians 100 years ago. Evangelical and Pentecostal churches apostatized into social justice under the auspices "The purpose driven" "seeker sensitive" and other neo-evangelical movements, starting in the 1990's. They are as humanist as the once Christian YMCA. In the name of loving some of their "politically correct" neighbors, they have abandoned their love for God.

In Milwaukee, during the lockdown, and the BLM riots, the Lutherans caved over Black Lives Matter. At first, they were faithful and cited Genesis 1:26-28 and said all men were created in God's image. After the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel called Milwaukee Lutheran High School racist, they started supporting Black Lives Matter. The junior Pastor at St. John's WELS Lutheran started bad-mouthing America as founded from the pulpit, and promoting social justice. As their school takes choice vouchers, he started hiring teachers based on their race, and not on their faith. It is no coincidence that the 2020 BLM riots were nation-wide as opposed to local, and all summer long, as opposed to days, because the Church was closed down and silent. The Church, Inc. has voluntarily silenced itself since 1954, and the results to this once great nation are self-evident.

Last year on the Capitol steps there was a Nativity scene, and Christians were there singing Christmas carols. Four years ago, they would have been arrested, under socialist government mandates that closed churches to due to COVID while abortion mills, casinos, strip clubs, and marijuana dispensaries remained open. Even now, Far-Left legal activists target Christian business owners, Christian teachers, Christian coaches, and Christian parents.

According to the Bible, the civil government is responsible before God to uphold His Law. It is not free to promote homosexual marriage, transgenderism, abortion, or demand that the United States be just as open to Islam, Judaism, Hinduism, Paganism, or Satanism as it once was to Christianity. An official cannot have a clean conscience before God if he makes no effort to uphold God's Law and says, "Although I am a Christian and think homosexual marriage is forbidden by God, nevertheless as a servant of the United States government I am required to let each man do what is an abomination in the sight of God."

America's worst abomination is the legalization of abortion. The churches should have been teaching their members in government that it was their duty to refuse to allow abortion clinics to operate under their jurisdiction. But Churches gave to Caesar what is God's when they made excuses, saying "we will just preach the Gospel" and "we will only disobey the government if the forbid us to worship Christ." The federal beast did precisely that, along with most State and County governments, and almost every Church, of every denomination complied. When they were allowed to "re-open" during Carl Hess's "American Interim," they submitted to socialist distancing, mask wearing, and those stupid "hygienic communion cups." Masking, was promoted in the name of loving your neighbor. Loving God was never mentioned. The worst thing of all was that the "American Churches" proved that they do not affirm that the Church is the Saints of God ASSEMBLED: not the saints of God online, scattered, and isolated. Listening to a sermon online or on the radio is fine, but it is no substitute for Church attendance. As a result, 27% of the Churches that closed their doors never reopened.

# How to end "forever wars"

## *President Trump may soon get his wish, not from negotiations, but from a short, brutal war*

***"For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?" I Peter 4:17***

*By Paul Dreissen*

President Trump detests "forever wars," such as Israel's 77-years-and-counting war with the PLO, Hamas, Hezbollah and Houthis – prodded, armed and funded primarily by Iran. On June 10 he again told Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu to "end the war" and avoid more death and destruction.

Two days later, Hamas terrorists murdered eight Palestinian aid workers from the Gaza Humanitarian Foundation, the US-Israel organization that has distributed over 30,000,000 meals since it launched May 26. The GHF replaced corrupt UN aid groups that let Hamas steal food and sell it at ridiculous prices, to feed and fund its terror operations.

Hamas is still launching rockets, ambushing Israeli troops and civilians, planting IEDs, booby-trapping buildings, and refusing to return hostages or bodies. That's after two decades and tens of thousands of rockets and missiles, plus suicide bombings, shootings, stabbings, and maiming of thousands of Israelis. Families often had just seconds to reach bomb shelters before rockets and missiles struck.

The fundamental problem is that Hamas, Hezbollah, Houthis, Iran and Qatar want a one-state solution – with Israel gone. "From the River to the Sea, Palestine will be free" actually means: "From the Jordan River to the Mediterranean Sea, Palestine will be Muslim" – Free of Jews, Christians, Bahais and Druze.

Hamas's Charter is blunt. "Palestine … was seized by a racist, anti-human and colonial Zionist project…. The Palestinian cause [is the] cause of an occupied land and a displaced people…. There shall be no recognition of the legitimacy of the Zionist entity….

"Hamas rejects any alternative to the full and complete liberation of Palestine, from the river to the sea…. Resisting the occupation with all means and methods is a legitimate right guaranteed by divine laws and by international norms and laws. At the heart of these lies armed resistance…."

That theological, revisionist history is how Hamas justified its barbaric October 7, 2023 slaughter of 1,200 Israelis and foreign guest workers and kidnapping of 250 others. Hamas and Israel's other enemies have no intention of ending the war, death and destruction, except by eradicating Israel.

Hamas official Ghazi Hamad made that absolutely clear during an interview shortly after the massacre.

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## Rely on Strength *cont. from page 1*

20, "Some trust in chariots, and some in horses; but we trust in the name of the Lord our God."

Yes, a strong military is vital for peace in today's turbulent world. But history teaches us that military might alone is not enough.

We need the protective hand of God.

Sen. John Kennedy, R-La., said earlier this week, "Confidence is silent. Insecurities are loud. When you're the most powerful nation in all of human history, you don't have to show it off — like Russia, North Korea, or China." Perhaps a history lesson is in order to remind us where we've looked in the past for help in uncertain times.

In February of 1954, during the height of the Cold War, Rev. George Docherty of New York Avenue Presbyterian Church delivered a sermon. President Dwight D. Eisenhower — former Supreme Allied Commander — was sitting in the front pew.

Rev. Docherty lamented the absence of the words "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance and argued that the ultimate defense against atheistic communism was not superior firepower but spiritual conviction.

Three days later, a bill was introduced in Congress to add the words "under God" to the pledge. On Flag Day — June 14, 1954 — President Eisenhower signed it into law, declaring, "From this day forward, millions of school children will daily proclaim the dedication of our nation and our people to the Almighty."

As we celebrate 250 years of military service, let us also renew our commitment to being one nation under God — relying not merely on the strength of our arms, but on the sovereignty of the One who truly guards a nation.

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(constitutional amendment) to this end.

I realize I did not phrase my question in a way that would give me the information I need to understand what your position is on the issue of using our state buildings for advocacy of what are often controversial positions. I would appreciate your letting me know what your personal position is on whether flag flying should be restricted. It is important to me to know where my elected representatives stand on all issues to determine my future support for them."

Once again, pushed to divulge her view, Duchow did not respond. I am singling Representative Duchow out for criticism ecause her response is typical of what we've come to expect from elected officials. They feed us pablum when we're looking for substance and too often it works for them. Holding their positions on the issues that come before the Legislature close to the vest is a strategy to preserve the option to drift whichever direction the political winds are blowing. We should demand better.

A Call to Action

Every Wisconsin voter who is determined to take back our state has the power to make communications with state legislators an effective weapon in this fight. When voters are passive, legislators are unchecked. No one expects to agree with their elected officials on all matters but a serious response to the issues constituents raise; a direct and honest answer to every question asked; and a willingness to truthfully reveal their views on all matters should qualify as the minimum requirements for continued constituent support. Somewhere along the way too many have lost sight of the fundamentals of representative government and they need to be reminded. They work for us. Until we decide they don't.

# Patriot News

## Patriot Events and Activities

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

## Forever Wars *cont. from page 20*

place on our land. We must remove that country," Hamad said. "We will repeat the October 7 attack time and again until Israel is annihilated…. The existence of Israel is what causes all that pain, blood and tears. It's Israel, not us…. We are the victims of the occupation. Nobody should blame us [for] October 7, October 10, October one million. Everything we do is justified."

**But then came June 13. Maybe it won't be a "forever war," after all.**

It was round five of negotiations, Day 61 of the 60 days President Trump had given the Iranian regime to agree to end its nuclear weapons program. For PM Netanyahu it was a powerful reaffirmation of the post-Holocaust promise: Never Again!

Days after the ayatullahs again promised to terminate the Jewish state, Israeli jets, missiles and drones systematically eliminated Iran's missiles, launchers, storehouses, factories, air bases, command centers and nuclear sites; its military commanders, leading nuclear scientists and the mullahs' key advisors … and their successors; its ability to send overwhelming waves of missiles into Israeli population centers.

Israel Defense Forces (IDF) jets disrupted a live anti-Israel rant from Iran's propaganda ministry.

The IDF carried out Operation Rising Lion without American help, except assistance in shooting down Iranian missiles aimed not at military targets but at homes, hospitals and cancer research labs. Will Israel have enough high-altitude interceptors to continue hitting most incoming ballistic missiles?

Israel's unprecedented demolition of the Iranian war machine began with brilliant deceptions and amazing intelligence capabilities. Israel knew precisely where Iran's generals and scientists were sleeping and meeting. It tricked the top military brass into attending a meeting, where they got blown up together.

Iran's special anti-Mossad unit was led by – a Mossad agent! Mossad units built drone and missile systems in Iran's deserts, to destroy radar units, missiles and launchers on command.

The IDF's incredible exploding pagers caper turns out to have been just a small-scale prelude to what's been done to the head of the snake of international terrorism.

Iran's ayatollahs and various "international leaders" now reportedly want a ceasefire. Vladimir Putin doesn't want to get involved. Trump and Netanyahu want to end the war and nuclear threats, permanently. Unconditional surrender, as in 1945 Germany and Japan. President Trump has frequently emphasized he doesn't want a ceasefire; he wants a "real end" to both the war and Iran's nuclear program.

What might come after that may be hard to predict. But the theocratic, tyrannical, genocidal regime must be replaced – without Iran descending into Libyan/Syrian/Iraqi chaos.

Israel and others were certain that Iran was very close to enriching enough uranium for several bombs and actually assembling weapons. Its attacks were thus legitimate preemptive strikes against a regional and global power that has repeatedly vowed to eradicate Israel – and was getting ready to do so.

Failing to finish the job now – permitting these enemies of humanity to live, rearm and fight another day – would guarantee that this forever war may pause but will soon erupt again, next time with nuclear weapons in the hands of a regime bent on revenge.

The United Nations might condemn Israel yet again, more often than all other nations combined. European politicians might tell Israel to stop battling the Hamas-Hezbollah-Houthi-Iran axis of evil – and let it continue its Holocaust ambitions. Campus and street mobs might rage and riot for Hamas's river-to-sea genocide. But Israel is resolute: Never Again means Never Again!

Ponder what this war on Iran has already accomplished, and could still accomplish:

- The military and political leadership of the top Islamist terror state decapitated;
- Uranium enrichment terminated, with centrifuges, uranium stockpiles and bomb parts destroyed;
- No more rockets, missiles, drones, guns, money or explosives for Hamas, Hezbollah or the Houthis;
- No more Iranian/proxy attacks on US Marines, embassies, air bases and other interests;
- Perhaps fewer Iranian drones for Russia to send into Ukrainian homes, schools and hospitals;
- Averted risks of small nukes going to Iranian proxies, to detonate in Israel or America;
- Fewer Christians slaughtered by Iran-backed Islamists in Nigeria and Sudan;
- Hopefully fewer river-to-sea antisemitic mobs.

Hamas is down to its last money, food, weapons and diehard terrorists. Hezbollah told Iran's mullahs it would not engage Israel in an additional warfront, because both Israel and Lebanon would take out what's left of the terror group. The Houthis could soon lack the wherewithal to attack shipping.

The Abraham Accords may soon have new signatories. Peace, cooperation and prosperity could come to a region that has fought and stagnated for over a century. Arab tribes and political-ideological factions will likely battle on, but assaults on Israel could end, at least for many years.

It may be too much to hope for. But even a portion of these good tidings would be an unexpected gift.

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## Vaccines *cont. from page 1*

(SIDS), according to a new study published in the International Journal of Medical Sciences. The study reviewed existing scientific literature, pharmacogenetic data, and epidemiological studies to investigate how infants' immature or variable cytochrome P450 (CYP450) enzymes affect how they metabolize vaccine excipients, or inactive ingredients, and the implications for immune response and safety outcomes. CYP450 enzymes, largely found in the liver, are crucial for metabolizing drugs. The authors note that it is generally believed that excipients — inactive ingredients used as preservatives or to enhance a vaccine's efficacy — are present in such trace amounts that they don't affect how the body metabolizes a vaccine. However, they argue that the increasing complexity of vaccine formulations and the large number of shots given to infants raise concerns about how excipients may affect vulnerable people. Studies of infants who die from SIDS have noted brainstem and medulla abnormalities in most cases. Either of these may be caused by infection or inflammation. In the study, the authors hypothesize that reduced CYP450 function may make it hard for some children to eliminate toxic vaccine ingredients. This may lead to prolonged exposure to inflammation, making the children more vulnerable to such abnormalities. Those children are unable to safely tolerate the currently recommended vaccines. "The result is a biologically plausible mechanism linking early-life vaccination to sudden infant death, particularly in those with genetic or developmental vulnerabilities," according to epidemiologist Nicolas Hulscher, who first reported the study. Ability of infants to metabolize toxins not fully developed, highly variable Infants are born with an immature CYP450 enzyme system that matures over the first few years of life. Preterm and other infants can have particularly limited CYP450 capacity.

Karl Jablonowski, Ph.D., senior research scientist at Children's Health Defense, said the CYP450 detoxification pathway is incomplete at birth because, until recently, babies' bodies did not need to contend with multiple toxins. "In the absence of modern medicine, the newborn baby consumes only mother's milk," he said, so a baby wouldn't need to metabolize toxic excipients. The authors noted that in addition to the pathways being only partially developed in all babies, some infants also inherit different genes that can affect their CYP450 systems. The genetic differences can lead to CYP450 polymorphisms, or different expressions of the enzyme system, which can make some infants particularly limited in their capacity to eliminate toxins. Excipients are generally present in trace levels in any given vaccine, but cumulative exposure from multiple vaccines in early infancy can easily exceed safe thresholds, particularly in infants with CYP450 polymorphisms, the authors said. Preterm infants, who are more likely to have underdeveloped CYP450 pathways, are often given more vaccines than other infants, because they have altered immune responses and can't achieve desired immunity markers without additional vaccine doses, the authors wrote. "The human gestation time has grown shorter in modern medicine, with cesarean sections scheduled to preempt the onset of labor," Jablonowski said. "It is common medical practice to give vaccines more aggressively to premature infants while their constitution is less capable of dealing with

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## The Survivors

***"In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not." Matthew 2:18***

*By Riley J. Hood*

I was sent an email from Marjorie Dannenfelser, saying, "New York Times article published over the holiday weekend proves the adage that if it weren't for double standards, corporate media would have no standards at all. It opens with a horrifying, but all-too-familiar anecdote: Nakara Alston was leaving her boyfriend when she learned she was eight weeks pregnant. In desperation, she got an abortion at a Planned Parenthood in Albany, NY, and moved with her two daughters into a homeless shelter. But something was clearly wrong. Several weeks after the procedure, she was still bleeding heavily and suffering from painful cramps. She took another home pregnancy test, and when it came back positive, the staff assured her that they had seen the aborted fetus and there was nothing to worry about. It was only after she went to an emergency room that she discovered the problem: The baby was still in her womb. Twelve weeks after the failed abortion, Ms. Alston went into labor and delivered a baby who quickly died. Could this be another one of the many abortion survivors the Democrats claim don't exist? This is just the tip of a massive iceberg: The case of the botched abortion in New York is one of scores of allegations reviewed by The Times that accuse Planned Parenthood of poor care."

Now I will tell you that Nakara Alston is murderer, she wasn't all that misguided seeing that she already gave birth to two daughters, but the email continues, "More alleged horrors included: Nerve damage from an incorrectly inserted birth control implant. A child stillborn after inserting an IUD in a pregnant woman. Sewage leaking into a recovery room for days, causing people to vomit. But like ProPublica, which tried to spin women's deaths from complications of taking abortion drugs as somehow the fault of pro-life laws, outlets like the Times always have a ready explanation for why the abortion industry is not responsible for its own negligence and incompetence. Their explanation this time: Planned Parenthood is poor." Yet, "Planned Parenthood is a multi-billion-dollar organization, with a significant assist from taxpayers. Its taxpayer funding has increased 43% since 2010, hitting a record of nearly $700 million in its most recent annual report. Their political arm spends more lobbying the federal government than any other group on either side of the abortion issue." Defunding PP sounds like a job for DOGE, as well as for pro-lifers. Even the IRS could revoke their 501(c)3 status.

The email continues, "Yet to sympathetic Times reporters, abortion centers are 'short of cash' and 'understaffed.' Salaries are 'rock-bottom.' 'The lack of resources is startling.' Jobs are like 'emotional roller coasters, with constant attacks from anti-abortion activists.' Those dastardly pro-lifers have ostensibly forced their hand, leaving no choice but to engage in costly lawfare across the country. This appears to be the latest installment in a recent media push by Planned Parenthood complaining about the state of its finances. Since the US Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade in 2022, Planned Parenthood has enjoyed a fundraising boom, with $498 million in donations that year. But little of it goes to the state affiliates to provide health care at [abortion centers]. Instead, under the national bylaws, the majority of the money is spent on the legal and political fight to maintain abortion rights. Given the Supreme Court's holding in Dobbs that 'the Constitution does not confer a right to abortion,' it is unclear what 'rights' there are to maintain." I assert that the concept of "rights" meant that which was right in the sight of God, there is no such thing as "abortion rights" or "murder rights" or "gay rights" or "fornication rights" or "adultery rights" that can be found in God's Word, the Holy Bible.

The email continues, "As for Planned Parenthood of Southern New England, Live Action News reported in 2022 that the affiliate was facing at least three lawsuits for medical negligence, allegedly including giving abortion drugs to a woman who was actually 22 weeks pregnant and permanently injuring another women who 'suffered a perforated uterus and a perforated bowel which required an emergency hysterectomy, an emergency bowel resection, and the emergency removal of an ovary and fallopian tube.' These cases were filed before Dobbs, in a state that has enshrined abortion on demand in law since 1990. What's the excuse there? At other Planned Parenthood locations in blue states, young women like Cree Erwin, Tonya Reaves and Alyona Dixon have also died following legal abortions. The chair of Planned Parenthood's political arm brushes off complaints as coming from 'disgruntled staff people,' saying, 'You will see that the health care outcomes are fine.' Media outlets like the New York Times should be calling for accountability, not running cover."

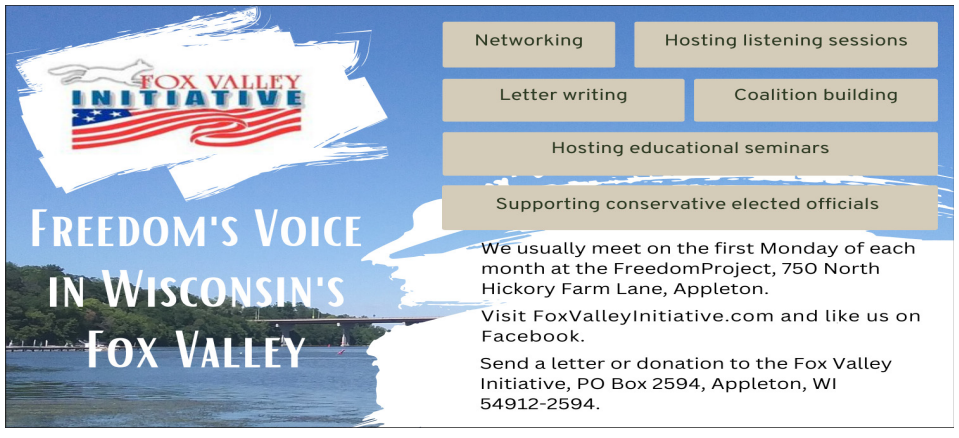
Now, these ladies mentioned in the last half of this email were in the process of murdering their own children. They are not innocent victims, but they fell prey to Planned Parenthood butchery, because, PP doesn't care about women. PP, does not care about parenthood. PP cares about murdering children in the womb, and afterward. PP is a feminazi killing machine. They care about doing it under color of law if they can, but they are committed to child killing first and foremost. A baby surviving their sadistic




attentions is a witness against them, even more so than the discarded baby body parts they sell, whose personhood they refuse to recognize, and must keep out of the press.

In 1992, I rescued at several Milwaukee Abortion Mills. During the course of those events, I met two teenage girls who were abortion survivors. One was Heidi Huffman, and the other was Gianna Jessen. Their mothers went to have them aborted, yet they lived. Rare miracles indeed, reminiscent of Jesus surviving Herod's massacre. For a time, mid-gen Xers, and Millennial teenagers wore shirts and buttons that said they were "abortion survivors" because they were born after January 22nd, 1973, when SCOTUS unleashed the flood gates of lawlessness and bloodshed in our land. Over 99% of babies do not survive the "abortion process," which is murder by medical means. America is not going to survive abortion. God has chastised us, we are a third-rate country, with a second-rate military, and an economy that has reduced our people to dependence on foreign oil, foreign electricity, and foreign food. We are the tail, and not the head, because we have insisted on murdering our children. Our women are addicted to the goddess-like power of "autonomy" and "choice," and playboys passing themselves off as men love to have it so. There has been no national repentance, and attitudes have hardened.






# VOICE OF JERUSALEM

## Israel-Iran War

*By Jonathan S. Tobin*

Like many, if not most, wars, the conflict between Israel and Iran didn't have to happen, and certainly, not in this way. But the blame for the hostilities now underway doesn't belong to the Israeli government led by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who ordered the Israeli Air Force to undertake a pre-emptive strike on Iranian nuclear targets in the early morning hours of June 13.

That won't be the way the international media, as well as liberal legacy news outlets in the United States, report it. The same sources that have been demonizing Jerusalem's efforts to eradicate the Hamas terrorists who launched the Gaza war with unspeakable atrocities on Oct. 7, 2023, will put all the blame on Netanyahu and the Israelis. They will blast him for not waiting to see if President Donald Trump's efforts at diplomacy could succeed in ensuring that Iran could not obtain a nuclear weapon.

Voices on the "woke right," such as Tucker Carlson, will undoubtedly repeat their appalling apologias for the Islamist regime in which they falsely claimed that Tehran wasn't working for a bomb. They'll likely refloat familiar antisemitic tropes about Jerusalem trying to drag the United States into an unnecessary war against its interests.

And left-wing Israeli and Diaspora Jewish outlets will likely echo some of those accusations. Netanyahu will be accused of acting for political reasons or of being a reckless war-monger determined to start another conflagration before his coalition finally splinters.

While those who claim that it didn't have to go down like this will be right, they'll be wrong about who bears the primary responsibility for the destruction and casualties in Iran, as well as any harm that comes to Israel by way of the regime's retaliatory efforts,—whether by missile strikes on the Jewish homeland or terrorist attacks by its proxies around the region.

Though Netanyahu is the one who gave the order for the blow to fall on Iran, the real blame for the war happening at this time belongs to the party that is currently standing on the sidelines: the United States.

All four of the last U.S. presidents have played a decisive role in leading to the point where Israel was left with no choice but to roll the dice on a military effort to ensure that Tehran's nuclear ambitions could not be realized. Had Washington taken decisive action at any point in the last 20 years to deal with the Iranian threat, it wouldn't have been left to Netanyahu and Israel to do the dirty work that the leaders of the Western world weren't prepared to do. Indeed, Israel's actions are defending not just itself but the entire world, which stands to benefit from its efforts to prevent a terrorist regime from getting a nuclear weapon.

The problem first became apparent during the second term of President George W. Bush.

Bush had been advised by then-Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon not to invade Iraq in 2003, but rather to focus on Iran. He rightly understood that the Islamist government in Tehran was a far greater long-term threat to both the West and Israel than the admittedly awful Saddam Hussein regime in Baghdad. Getting rid of Saddam was a good thing, but the unintended consequence of the collapse of Iraq was to strengthen Iran immeasurably.

By his second term, when Sharon had already passed from the scene after being felled by a stroke, Bush was too distracted by the disaster in Iraq to spare the attention and political capital needed to address an Iranian threat that he preferred to punt on.

Bush was succeeded by President Barack Obama, who came into office with a big idea that was a lot worse than Bush's obsession with toppling Saddam.

Far from understanding the necessity of halting the Iranian push for nuclear weapons, in addition to hegemony over a Middle East in which its allies in Syria, Lebanon and a fractured Iraq gave it a dominant position, Obama wanted a rapprochement with the Islamists. He was convinced that America and the West had wronged the Muslim world and that if it only apologized and then appeased it, all of America's problems in the region would be solved.

This meant more "daylight" between the United States and Israel, about which Obama was, at best, ambivalent. So, when Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu began to campaign for an international effort to stop the Iranian nuclear program, it fell on deaf ears in Obama's Washington circles.

Israel might have done well to attack Iran during Obama's first term, before it got even close to a nuclear weapon. Washington not only said "no," but it also helped influence the Israeli defense and intelligence establishment to effectively veto Netanyahu's idea of a pre-emptive strike.

What followed then was one of the worst blunders in American foreign-policy history. Having reluctantly agreed to sanctions on Iran and with the support of most of the international community, Obama and John Kerry, his second secretary of state, opted to throw away their leverage and give in to virtually every Iranian demand in the negotiations they initiated behind the back of the Jewish state.

The result was what became the 2015 Iran nuclear deal—Obama's signature foreign-policy "achievement." It not only legitimized Iran's nuclear program but also put limits on its enrichment of uranium that were easily evaded. Even worse, its sunset provisions guaranteed that Iran would eventually get a nuclear weapon by the end of the 2020s. On top of that, the relaxed sanctions and billions handed over to Tehran in heretofore frozen funds enriched and empowered the regime to escalate its activities as the world's leading state sponsor of terrorism. That made it able to strengthen Hezbollah in Lebanon, the Houthis in Yemen, and, crucially, Hamas in Gaza, making Obama indirectly responsible (among many others who also bear the blame) for setting in motion the chain of events that led to the horrors of Oct. 7.

To his credit, Obama's successor, President Donald Trump, rightly understood that the Iran deal was a fiasco. But as was true of many of his correct foreign-policy decisions, it took him a while to do something about it. New to government and hindered by establishment-oriented cabinet appointees as well as distracted by the Russia collusion hoax that hamstrung his efforts, it took Trump more than a year after taking office to get around to withdrawing from the nuclear deal.

That was something an American president was going to have to do sooner or later if the deal's reckless provisions were to be prevented from ensuring an Iranian weapon. And Trump followed it up with a "maximum pressure" campaign that—had it been started earlier, or more importantly, had been continued after his first term—might have forced the Iranians to their knees and possibly led to a real nuclear agreement that might have prevented an Iranian nuke.

After Trump was defeated in 2020, President Joe Biden was eager to restore Obama's deal. Despite his earnest wooing, the Iranians had by then gotten to the point where they knew that, via their cheating on Obama's accord and a feckless international monitoring effort, they could get to a nuclear weapon without the benefit of renewed Western diplomacy.

Throughout this era, Israel was essentially prevented from acting on its own to stop Iran by American diktats and pressure, despite clear evidence that it was moving closer and closer to nuclear capability. It's also true that the Israelis were aware that the best plan for dealing with the threat from Tehran would involve American forces participating in an offensive aimed at destroying its nuclear facilities. But the wait for America to wake up to the fact that an Iranian weapon was a certainty if the world's inaction and/or indifference to the threat continued to the point where Jerusalem rightly understood that if they weren't going to do something about this problem, no one would.

That became even more obvious after Trump's return to office after his victory in the 2024 presidential election.

The Trump 2.0 administration has been more focused and purposeful than his first try at the presidency. However, along with the experience he gained from the triumphs and the failures of his first term was an even deeper conviction that his primary foreign-policy mission was to avoid starting wars and to end any conflicts in which the United States was entangled, either directly or indirectly. That included the Ukraine-Russia conflict, as well as Israel's fight with Iran's terror proxies in Gaza and elsewhere.

## Tucker accuses Hannity, other 'warmongers' of trying to pressure Trump to strike Iran

*By Robert Jones*

In a bracing message on X, former Fox News host Tucker Carlson warned that powerful voices are already pressuring Donald Trump to launch military strikes on Iran – escalating a conflict that erupted days ago after Israel's massive air assault on Iranian nuclear and military sites.

"The real divide," Carlson wrote, "is between warmongers and peacemakers." He named five pro-Israel individuals he said are "calling Donald Trump today to demand air strikes and other direct U.S. military involvement in a war with Iran": Sean Hannity, Mark Levin, Rupert Murdoch, Ike Perlmutter, and Miriam Adelson.

Carlson urged Americans to "know their names," warning that "at some point they will all have to answer for this."

The statement comes amid heightened fears of regional escalation after Israel's "Rising Lion" operation, which reportedly killed top Iranian commanders and nuclear scientists.

Iran has already responded with drones and ballistic threats, and analysts warn the U.S. could be dragged into a wider war.

Though the U.S. has avoided direct military engagement so far, some in Congress and conservative media are defending Israel's actions and calling for a stronger response, citing Iran's ongoing support for Hamas and Hezbollah.

"Israel has been targeted by tens and tens of thousands of rockets and missiles and drones from Iran and Iranian proxies," Hannity said on Fox News. "Iran is the one providing the weaponry, they're the number one state sponsor of terror."

He also called Iran a "cancer" and said that it has "pledged to wipe the U.S. and Israel off the map repeatedly."

Carlson's intervention signals a growing rift within the American right over foreign policy. By naming high-profile conservative figures such as Hannity and Levin – longtime Trump allies – Carlson underscores the internal pressure Trump faces from figures still aligned with the neoconservative legacy of past Republican administrations.

The inclusion of Adelson underscores the influence of pro-Israel money in shaping Republican foreign policy. Adelson and her late husband, Sheldon, donated over $25 million to the Trump campaign in 2016, $90 million in 2020 and over $106 million in 2024.

Adelson's spokesman denied the claim, but some outlets reported that the donation was tied to "an Israeli annexation of the West Bank and a U.S. recognition of Israeli sovereignty in all the regions of the land."



But Carlson's warning highlights growing fractures on the American right – not just over Iran, but over the broader question of whether Republican leaders will defend the American national interest or continue serving those who profit from perpetual war.

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*By Brookfield Health and Wellness*

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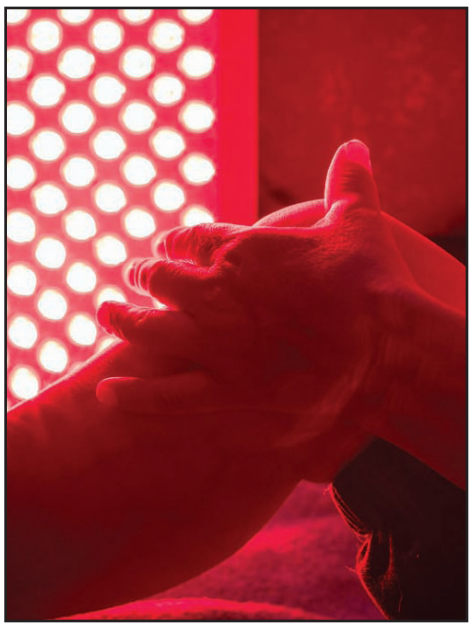

# Sunscreen: Staff Favorites from Brookfield Health and Wellness

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There is no doubt that exposure to sunlight is crucial for maintaining good health. However, summer has arrived, and it is time to be extra mindful and not overdo it. In addition to receiving plenty of hydration and consuming antioxidants within your diet, try better sunscreens that will protect your skin in a non-toxic way.

Skin care products, like supplements, should be purchased directly from a reputable source. By purchasing directly from the company or an authorized provider, you will have a product that has been manufactured, tested, stored, and shipped with safety in mind. Avoid purchasing from large websites that may have counterfeit products or uncontrolled storage and shipping temperature conditions.

Top Non-Toxic Sunscreen picks

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them." He added: "A baby born in the U.S. today is expected to deal with the toxins contained in the hepatitis B vaccine at birth. And two months later — what can be described as a toxic onslaught — the vaccines for RSV, hepatitis B, rotavirus, diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, Hib, pneumococcal, and poliovirus." CYP450 isn't responsible for metabolizing all excipients. It also plays a role in metabolizing formaldehyde and polysorbate 80. The authors of the new study also noted that immune activation from vaccination itself can suppress CYP450 enzyme activity. "This sets off a dangerous feedback loop: the very immune activation triggered by vaccination further impairs the infant's ability to detoxify toxic excipients — amplifying systemic toxicity," Hulscher wrote. Jablonowski noted that "Tylenol, still infuriatingly actively given to infants like the Shaw twins, also interacts with the CYP450 pathway. The last thing you want to do is clog up the mechanisms for removing toxins when you are inundating infants with toxins." CYP450 may be linked to SIDS and other neurodevelopmental disorders Each year, the U.S. records more than five infant deaths per 1,000 live births, far exceeding the rates in other high-income countries. VAERS data reveal that more than 75% of reported SIDS cases occur within a week of vaccination, peaking on day two, according to Hulscher, with the remaining cases occurring within two months of vaccination. This strongly suggests a biological link to vaccines, he wrote. Evidence also shows that because there are no consistent postmortem protocols, SIDs investigations often fail to capture all cases and possible neuropathological causes, which may obscure the link to vaccines, the report authors noted. The authors found that evidence in the peer-reviewed research supports their hypothesis that inflammation-induced suppression of the CYP450 enzymes raises questions about metabolic vulnerability among infants and suggests that it may be linked to SIDS, and also to other neurodevelopmental disorders and infant health issues. They argue that limited metabolic capacity in early life increases the effects of toxic exposures and could be linked to conditions including autism spectrum disorder (ASD), attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), epilepsy and learning disabilities.

The authors urge further research into these issues and argue that such research could have major implications for therapeutic interventions. Current vaccination schedules don't account for variation in infants' ability to metabolize vaccines, or for the impact of polymorphisms in key enzymes, which may have serious consequences for infants who are poor metabolizers, they wrote. Their results raise the possibility that infants could be screened for genetic polymorphisms related to CYP450. This could make it possible for clinicians to change drug dosing to minimize adverse effects and save lives. It would help to support precision medicine, they said, adding: "Understanding the metabolic impact of vaccine excipients and cumulative exposures could inform safer immunization practices. Integrating these insights into clinical practice may ultimately improve patient outcomes by aligning therapeutic interventions with individual metabolic profiles." Integrating "pharmacogenomics," the study of how genes affect the way a person responds to medication, into vaccine risk assessment could significantly impact vaccine safety and efficacy for all infants. "Together, these findings support the urgent removal of toxic excipients from vaccines — and a complete restructuring of the childhood hyper-vaccination schedule — as necessary steps toward Making America Healthy Again," Hulscher said. Jablonowski agreed. " Incorporating pharmacogenomics and metabolomics into an assessment of vaccine risk is a sane idea that stands out in the otherwise reckless immunization practices."