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"The essential quality of a market system, contrary to popular thinking, is not that it promotes greed; But rather, that it renders greed harmless." Israel Kirzner

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Trump's Presidency Has Familiar Big Stick Ring

By Larry Bell

OK, so Donald Trump isn't generally known as a paragon of subtlety.

But isn't that perhaps preferable to not knowing who has run the country and free world over the past four years … Barack, Jill, or the White House South Lawn Easter bunny?

Iran can't have a nuclear bomb:

Whereas the Obama and Biden administrations' feckless Iran Nuclear Deal has enabled Tehran to have enriched enough material to build multiple bombs, President Trump sent a letter to the country's Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei, seeking to replace the failed agreement he withdrew America from during his first term in office with a new understanding too bad to refuse.

Although the full letter wasn't publicly released, the message content Trump shared with the press was resoundingly unambiguous, stating: "I'm not speaking out of strength or weakness. I'm just saying I'd rather see a peace deal than the other. But the other will solve the problem."

NATO must pony up Ukraine support: *continued on page 20*

National suicide – a rejection or just a reprieve for the USA?

Will the Left succeed in convincing Europe to commit suicide? Will America follow?

By Paul Dreissen

"Poor Jud is dead. A candle lights his head! He's looking oh so pretty and so nice. He looks like he's asleep. It's a shame that he won't keep. But it's summer and we're running out of ice."

In Oklahoma! Curly McClain almost succeeds in convincing Jud Fry to take himself (permanently) out of the competition for Laurey Williams' hand. But Jud finally catches on to Curly's clever scheme and angrily confronts the musical's leading man.



Offstage, in the real world, historian Arnold Toynbee cautioned, "Civilizations die from suicide, not by murder." Their citizens forget, or reject, the reasons for their accomplishments, health and living standards; replace hard work with self-absorption and a sense of entitlement; and succumb to the *continued on page 14*

Thousands of Scientists Contest the Climate Scare

By Tom Harris

Climate change science is "settled," we are told by activists, politicians, media and official science bodies. It is our emissions of carbon dioxide (CO_2) that is supposedly causing a climate crisis and we must take action to prevent dangerous global warming. Allegedly, only a handful of unqualified naysayers contest this conclusion.

Besides the absurdity of the notion that humanity, at this stage in our development, could hope to "control climate change" of planet Earth, observant readers will ask: how does anyone know that there is a consensus among climate scientists that our CO_2 emissions are driving global climate, let alone that they are causing a crisis? After all, the climate had been changing for billions of years before we arrived on the scene. Are all the ancient natural climate drivers suddenly being eclipsed by human CO_2 *continued on page 8*





The newly elected Pontiff, Pope Leo XIV is seen for the first time from the Vatican balcony on May 8, 2025 in Vatican City, Vatican.

An honest assessment of Pope Leo XIV, his background, and his beliefs

From lifesitenews.com

Robert Francis Prevost has become Pope Leo XIV. Before May 8, 2025, most people did not know the name Prevost, but now he is the chief shepherd of over a billion Catholics. Both orthodox Catholics and modernists have been celebrating, while there have been naysayers on both sides, too. This reflects the fact Prevost was touted as a "compromise candidate" and pushed by strong prelates on both sides. Both the orthodox and the modernists seem to think, or hope, that the new Pope actually leans more in their direction, with orthodox faithful especially being optimistic after his more traditional choice of papal attire and his orthodox first papal Mass. So, to put it crudely, the real question is: who got played?

To fully understand our new Pope it could help to look into his past statements, actions, and general career, starting with his recent rise in Rome.

The meteoric rise

A handful of excellent analysts did know to keep track of Prevost and to count him amongst the papabile since he was made a cardinal less than two years ago, shortly after he was made the new prefect of the Dicastery of Bishops. Before 2023 almost nobody had heard of him.

Then Francis suddenly appointed *continued on page 18*

Nationwide Injunctions Place US Waist Deep in the Big Muddy

By William L. Kovacs

While one can define a nationwide injunctions (a court order compelling the federal government to take a specific action or refrain from a specific action that binds parties and non-parties), it is almost impossible to characterize its impact since it defies all legal logic. It is a ruling by one federal district court judge that orders the federal government to take or refrain from taking actions and binds all persons related to the issue, including parties not before *continued on page 10*



1 in 3 Children Now Faces Chronic Health Conditions

By Dr. Joseph Mercola

While the U Researchers have documented a dramatic rise in pediatric-onset chronic conditions over the last two decades. The most common examples include asthma, attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), and prediabetes (which develop into full diabetes over time), leading to an increased risk of heart disease, nerve damage, and kidney failure. In the United States, nearly one in three children is living with these chronic conditions.

If you think this issue only impacts their childhood, think again — children do not outgrow these health *continued on page 24*

Bringing Supply Chains Home About Economy, National Security

By Lary Bell

America Urgently Needs to Bring Vital Supply Chains Home



The Trump administration's emphasis on making America self-sufficient in terms of critical products and industries is essential to prevent economic and military adversaries — China foremost — from weaponizing those dependencies against us.

Key among these current U.S. *continued on page 5*

Steve's Say . . .

End the Endless

The community of Patriots conversing through the alternative (truth) media repeatedly reference several concise statements. These statements summarize the purpose of our movement and what we expect to see happen as this ongoing battle rages for the restoration of America as founded and the future of humanity on Earth. These four I will discuss today:

1) Future proves Past
2) End the Endless
3) Nothing Can Stop What's Coming (NCSWC)
4) Where We Go One, We Go All (WWG1WGA)

The first axiom refers to what Trump's team occasionally states through social media, "Promises made, Promises kept." But this simple, inarguable statement encompasses way more than that wonderful truth. Future proves Past more importantly, in my humble opinion, demonstrates the validity and correctness of President Trump's beliefs, knowledge, thinking and strategy that gets dismissed as bloviating nonsense, ill-informed opinions, salesman's hyperbole or outright lies by the Fake News Media and sometimes, sadly, the population at large.

For example, every treatment option Trump put forth during the 2020 covid nonsense proved to be not only viable but extremely effective, both from a healing and cost perspective. Trump's tariff philosophy and strategy, proven effective in his first term implementation, continues to be held forth by the Deep State cabal as the bomb that will ignite uncontrollable inflation and destroy the economic system. The reality unfolding before our eyes confirms the soundness of Trump's plan. For once the Deep State and their media puppets got something right. While Trump's policies continue to bring down inflation, they will ultimately destroy the Federal Reserve and their economic slavery system we've been living in our entire lives. Trump is in the process of replacing their slavery system with one conceived in liberty and justice for all.

Destroying the Deep State's slavery system will require destroying the federal income tax and elimination of other taxes which infringe on the personal property rights of all individuals. Here's where Future proves Past merges with End the Endless. And this axiom, End the Endless, is the biggie. I'm sure you've heard someone vomit, "The only sure things in life are death and taxes!" In a world governed by Satan, absolutely true. But now that Jesus the Savior has come and opened the gateway to eternal salvation, death no longer has hold at all. So forget death. And taxes? Who needs them? Who wants them? Only those interested in stealing from their neighbors. Tariff revenue, the only source of revenue proscribed in the constitution for the Federal government, can more than cover the operational costs of a correctly sized Federal government performing only its constitutionally designated duties. It's amazing how little money an incorrupt government needs to performs its true functions really well.

While majorly important, End the Endless doesn't only refer to the heretofore endless system of economic slavery. War, strife and division has filled our world since Cain and Abel. In fact, the economic slave-masters continually play the war card when their fiat money and debt system blows up, requiring an economic reset. In the last century and a half they've managed to keep the wars raging continually, whether WWI, WWII, the Cold War, Korea, Vietnam, the Middle East, Bosnia, Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, Ukraine, etc. It never stops. And that's because they don't want it to. Too many people profit from death and destruction. And sadly a huge number of people buy into the depopulation agenda, justifying the killing of innocents as "a few cracked eggs necessary to make an omelet." And worst of all, the most innocent of innocents, the babies aborted in the War of the Womb, rampages on all across the Earth.

For the human race to survive, we must End the Endless. The wars have to stop. The abortions have to stop. The Fentanyl and drug trafficking must stop. And so does the trafficking of human beings as slaves, whether for sex, labor, biological testing, manipulation or augmentation, the harvesting body parts or even as victims for satanic sacrifices. All these horrific acts, well documented throughout the annals of human history, still occur right now in all countries around the world. Yes, in the good ol' USA too. And no person in our lifetime, and maybe ever, other than Jesus Christ himself, has done and sacrificed more than President Donald J. Trump to actually End the Endless. His FBI and DOJ just held a press conference stating that protecting our children is their number one priority. Have you ever heard that before from our government masters? Biden's illegal immigrant invasion fueled the human trafficking and slavery networks while generating fake votes and ballots for the Democrat party. Trump and Tom Homan sure put an end to that party!

In Trump's first term he ended every war that raged at the time, including Obama's Syrian/Al Qaeda nightmare, which he wrapped up in a few months. The world knows the Ukraine-Russia debacle would've never happened under his watch. And this week his Middle Eastern trip will move things farther along than ever before to a comprehensive peace in the Middle East. Trump believes peace can be obtained for everyone's benefit. And he's right. And I think he will get this done, with the Lord's help of course. Ukraine and Russia will be meeting in Turkey to put the final deal together. Let's pray that milestone gets accomplished.

And China? You know, the communist country that would own the USA by 2025? That's not happening. In fact, the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) is finished. Despite the CCP proclamation that China would never bow to American demands, Trump's tariff implementation created a monstrous firestorm in China. Massive protests erupted in cities across the country, largely caused by the collapsing real estate market as reported by one Chinese citizen reporter. No wonder covert Chinese delegations sneaked around Washington DC last week, meeting with Trump team members. They're in trouble and they know it.

What does all this tariff stuff mean? It means Trump understands that we don't need to fight kinetic wars to defeat an enemy. Instead of sending our brave children and young people to foreign lands to be sacrificed on Satan's Altar of War, we use our most powerful weapon, our consumer market, to inflict damage on our enemies more powerful and sustaining than any bomb or missile could ever do. Trump understands you only use military force when you have no other choice, and when you do, you go full out, so to end the military action as quickly as possible. The action in the Rea Sea against the Houthis perfectly demonstrates this concept.



The Deep State enemies tried to put Trump in prison with the intention that he would die there. They've repeatedly tried to murder him and I'm certain they've threatened members of his family. But Trump forges forward, confident in his philosophy, his plan of action, and most importantly, in his protection by Almighty God, until he completely restores America as One Nation Under God.

If we truly believe in God's Sovereign Power and Eternal Goodness, and we follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit, then we can confidently say Nothing Can Stop What's Coming.

If we stick together as Americans who believe in the sanctity of all life and the unique God-given sovereignty of each individual, then we will truly be united as a people with one cause. Where We Go One, We Go All.

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America Returns to Active Forest Management

By Duggan Flanakin

Back on March 1, President Trump fired a double-barrel shotgun at the long-held preservationist U.S. mantra that for nearly a century has dealt heavy blows to American forests, forest animals, and the humans whose homes abut government forest lands.

The first addressed what the White House calls "the threat to national security from imports of timber and lumber." Even though the U.S. has ample timber resources, the nation has been a net importer of lumber since 2016. Wood products, said the President, play "a vital role in key downstream civilian industries, including construction."

Reliance on imported lumber became critical during the COVID pandemic, when the producer price of softwood veneer and plywood manufacturing over tripled from $205 in January 2020 to $702 in June 2021; the December 2024 price was still higher than the pre-COVID peak.

That upward jerk devastated the home building industry. Contractors who had hoped construction prices would return to pre-pandemic levels are still waiting, and the short-term effects of the Trump tariffs could keep prices high for months to come.



On the other hand, Trump's second order, a call for the immediate expansion of U.S. timber production, provides hope to the logging and construction industries and homebuyers. The order also returns to the wisdom of indigenous communities, who managed American forests with fire for millennia.

Logging and controlled burns have been under attack since the Wilsonian "progressive" era. Progressive federal and state government policies restricting common-sense logging and fuel breaks led to overgrown forests that quickly burn out of control. The result is ever-increasing threats to property, human and animal lives, and environmental damage, including air pollution, water pollution, and loss of habitat and species.

The market-focused environmental nonprofit PERC urges the nation to Fix America's Forests, which are "in trouble" thanks to a century of fire suppression that has disrupted natural fire cycles and impaired forest health. Trees die in national forests from insect infestations, drought, and disease caused by overly dense forests.

To "fix" our forests, PERC called for active forest management, including prescribed fires and mechanical thinning. Overlapping regulations, litigation, and inadequate funds for proper management have left our forests vulnerable. PERC's solution is to reduce existing regulatory hurdles and find more creative funding approaches.

Keith Schneider of the water newsroom Circle of Blue says Trump's forest management plan boosts logging on federal lands, increases tariffs on Canadian lumber, and expedites timber approvals to reduce wildfire risks and support the U.S. timber industry.

The White House, says Schneider, contends, "Our inability to fully exploit our domestic timber supply has impeded the creation of jobs and prosperity, contributed to wildfire disasters, degraded fish and wildlife habitats, increased the cost of construction and energy, and threatened our economic security."

To oversee this dramatic change in federal forest policy, Trump appointed widely respected forestry expert Tom Schultz to head the Forest Service. One of his tasks will be to enable shorter timeframes for evaluating logging plans for their impact on endangered species.

Well-funded environmental groups immediately claimed that the Trump policy increases the human imprint on "sacred" forest lands. Inside Climate News called the order "an assault on the nation's public forests" that "removes protections" and will surely destroy massive swaths of older, fire-resilient trees.

Danna Smith, executive director at North Carolina's Dogwood Alliance, called the Trump order "absolutely the wrong direction and a devastating blow." Even as wildfires raged in the Carolinas, killing trees and wildlife, Smith claimed that

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The Growing Menace of Trees

By Viv Forbes

Australia is threatened by dangerous trees. They have infested our cities, menace our power lines, invade our grasslands and fuel our worst bushfires.

The meander by Cyclone Alfred through south east Queensland illustrated how bad this danger has become.

Big tall trees smashed power lines and over 450,000 people lost power, some for days; big tall trees crushed cars and closed roads; and in every cyclone big tall trees fall on houses, shops and fences.

Far too many of these trees damaged other people's property; and far too often the owners of the trees will not foot the repair bills. People who harbour big tall trees should be held responsible for damage they do to neighbours or to public property. It needs a couple of claims for damages to focus minds.

And if some greenie with government power prevents a landowner from pruning an unsafe tree, that green bureaucrat should pay for all damages done by that feral tree.



To avoid damages claims big tall trees should be lopped to a height that does not endanger other people's property.

Trees are also causing rural damage.

Our grasslands and open forests were once kept open and grassy by regular burning, first by aboriginals and later by graziers. Early explorers and colonists marvelled at those lovely weed-free grasslands.

Aboriginal burning was not a planned procedure – it was a result of their lifestyle. Fire was one of their greatest tools, used for warmth and cooking, for creating fresh new grass for marsupials which they hunted for food, for discouraging mosquitos and sand-flies and for inter-tribal wars.

But starting a fire from scratch was tiresome and time consuming. They did not have a box of wax vestas in their dilly bag. So when the tribe travelled in search of food, one of the lubras was charged with the duty of keeping a flame alive. She carried a burning stick. When her fire-stick threatened to go out, she shoved it into a tussock of dry grass to rejuvenate its flames. Then she moved on,



leaving the tussock burning. So lots of patches of grass were burnt, encouraging new growth, and attracting grazing marsupials whose protein was a valued aboriginal food.

Abel Tasman mentioned the columns of smoke he saw in his voyages around Australia in the 1640's.

Captain Cook noticed the smoke from many fires as he sailed up the East Coast of aboriginal Australia in 1770 – he even named "Smokey Cape" in NSW. He noted that the whole place seemed to be burning.

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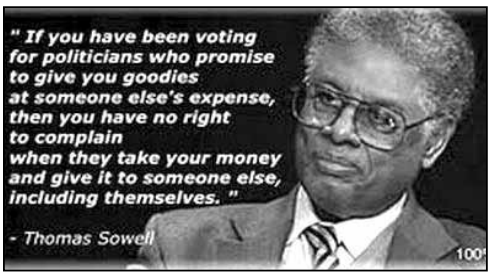

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Wrong, AfricaNews, Poor Resource Management, Not Climate, is Causing Water Shortages in Nigeria

By Linnea Lueken

AfricaNews (AN), in collaboration with the Associated Press, recently posted an article claiming that recent drought in Nigeria is due to climate change. This is unlikely to be the full story. Although data is sparse for the region, human activities are just as likely to be contributing to desertification as cycles of drought are.

The article, "Nigerian farmers struggle as climate change dries up water sources," claims that climate change is the cause of recent drought in Nigeria, leading to crop declines. Surface water is becoming scarce during the dry seasons, so some farmers are forced to dig wells to irrigate their crops. AN writes that "[r]iverbeds have started to run dry," and so the blame "is pointed firmly at climate change, with conservationists warning that food could become scarce if measures are not urgently put in place to help the farmers irrigate their land."

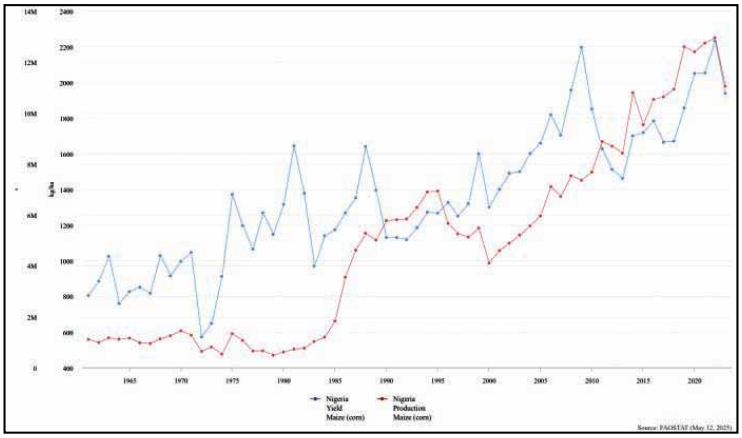
While it is true that Nigeria has been suffering from extended drought, particularly in the northern part of the country, it is not clear that this is all or even mostly because of any human-caused climate change due to changing temperatures. Natural drought, combined with human error in land and water management, seems to be the more likely culprit.

According to the article, over 80 percent of Nigeria's farmers are smallholder farmers, and they make up 90 percent of the nation's crop production. The article points at maize (corn) as a sample crop that is suffering due to the water shortage, it "saw a decline in cultivated land from 6.2 million hectares in 2021 to 5.8 million hectares in 2022."

Crop production data from the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) show that Nigeria's corn production has been increasing over time. It actually shot upwards the most in recent decades, after remaining relatively flat through the 1980s. Between just 1990 and 2023, Nigerian corn production increased 91 percent, while yields increased 71 percent. (See figure below)

The dip in 2023 is attributed to recent drought related losses, but all crops everywhere in the world has good and bad seasons—sometimes multiple very bad seasons.

Nigeria is already a largely arid or semiarid country, and corn is a water hungry crop. More corn production necessarily means more water use. The population of Nigeria is also rocketing upwards, including and especially the number of not just humans but thirsty cattle, especially around the Lake Chad region, which AN notes has seen "dramatic" shrinkage. The lake, according to AN, shrunk 90 percent over the last few decades.



What AN neglects to mention, is that since the 1970s, the rivers that feed Lake Chad have also been dammed and diverted by other countries, causing a decrease in the amount of water that can enter the basin. AN mentions that there has been significant loss of trees in the state of Sokoto, which "contributes to rising temperatures," but neglects to say why those trees were lost. The framing of the story makes it seem like those trees are gone due to climate related desertification, but this is not the case. These trees were cleared for rapidly expanding agriculture. The reason this is significant, is that deforestation is known to reduce precipitation and greatly reduces the ability for soil to hold moisture.

Any drought or decrease in precipitation, under these conditions, would certainly lead to widespread water shortages, especially for an increasing population. Drought has always been an issue for West Africa, and particularly for northern Nigeria, which has seen repeated devastating droughts over the last century, including in the 1910s, 1940s, 1970s, 1990s, and recent years.

Still, Nigeria's GDP has been rising even amid all of these issues, growing at about 3 percent per year. Their economy is heavily reliant on oil exports – which ironically, climate alarmists would see destroyed to purportedly "save" Nigeria from climate change.

Nigeria's weather conditions are unlikely to be unprecedented, but mismanagement of the land amid a booming population can quickly destabilize what resources the nation has. Climate change does not have to play a major role for water shortages to occur. AfricaNews seems to have missed the most likely direct causes of water problems in Nigeria, which are resource management related.

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Heartland/Rasmussen Poll: Democrats Hope China Beats America in Trade War, Voters Overwhelmingly Reject Socialism

By Justin Haskins, Jack McPherrin

A new poll by the Glenn C. Haskins Emerging Issues Center at The Heartland Institute and Rasmussen Reports found likely American voters strongly oppose socialism, communism, and do not wish to see a democratic socialist, such as Bernie Sanders or Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, become president in 2028.

The survey of 1,067 likely voters, completed on May 4, 2025, found 71% of likely voters say they think a free-market economic system is better than socialism. Only 12% of voters say socialism is better.

Similarly, 46% of voters say they do not want to "see a democratic socialist candidate win the next presidential election," compared to just 31% who say they do. Seventy-four percent of likely voters have a "very unfavorable" or "somewhat unfavorable" opinion of communism, while only 18% have a "very favorable" or "somewhat favorable" impression of the radical economic philosophy.

However, despite voters' rejection of socialism and communism, support for socialism and communism remain relatively high among younger voters. Thirty-seven percent of likely voters aged 18-29 have a "very favorable" or "somewhat favorable" impression of communism, and 50% of voters in the same age demographic say they would like to see a democratic socialist candidate win the 2028 presidential election.

Perhaps most shocking, the survey reveals that more self-identified Democrats want China to "win the tariff war" with the Trump administration (32%) than those who say they want Trump to win (30%). Further, a high percentage of Democrats (38%) say they are "not sure" who they want to win.

The survey also shows that a plurality of likely Democratic primary voters currently favor former vice president Kamala Harris as their 2028 presidential nominee (32%). Democratic socialist U.S. senator Bernie Sanders received the second-highest level of support, with 18% of likely Democratic primary voters saying they plan to cast their ballots for him.

The Glenn C. Haskins Emerging Issues Center was founded in 2018 and has since become one of The Heartland Institute's most impactful centers and one of the pro-liberty movement's most effective leaders in identifying and solving emerging public policy issues, including those related to new technological developments. Heartland is a national nonprofit organization founded in 1984 and headquartered in Arlington Heights, Illinois. Its mission is to discover, develop, and promote free-market solutions to social and economic problems.

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An Expensive Future

By Greg Grambow and James Bohn

According to the website usdebtclock.org, America's $37 trillion national debt amounts to $323,050 per US taxpayer. That's the total as of the morning of May 7th when we wrote this column. By the time you read this that figure will be higher. To see how rapidly America's indebtedness is growing, check out usdebtclock.org after finishing this issue of the Reality News. You'll probably find the results as unsettling as we do.

These numbers are so large they fog the mind. So, let's get a little perspective before considering what the US debt means for you and the American economy.

Here's one way to get a feel for the size of the national debt. According to Zillow, the average value of a home in the state of Wisconsin is $312,000. So if you are the average Wisconsin homeowner and an average taxpayer, your share of the national debt is larger than the value of your house! And if you have a mortgage, after figuring in your share of the national debt, your net worth could well be negative.

Or, consider the cost to the federal government of interest payments on the debt. The average rate of interest that the federal government pays on money that it has borrowed is 3.3 percent. This year, the cost to the federal government intrest on the national debt will be about $950 billion. That's almost $10,000 per taxpayer. Next year, interest costs are will top $1 trillion. Interest costs are so large that the federal government now spends more on interest than on defense.

As long as Congress continues to fund much of the federal budget with borrowed funds, America's debts and interest costs will continue to rise. About 27 cents out of every dollar that the federal government spends today is borrowed. Without intervention, the Congressional Budget Office projects that by 2030, just five years from now, the national debt will hit $47 trillion. By 2035 the national debt is projected to grow to $59 trillion.

So what does this mean for you, and for America? While we are loathe quoting politicians, former President Bill Clinton put it well when he pointed out how government borrowing harms economic growth and jeopardize America's future prosperity.

The burden of [the federal] deficit drags us down today and jeopardizes our children's future tomorrow. Lowering it brings interest rates down so more Americans can buy homes and cars, start businesses, go to college, and build a better future for themselves and their families.

President Clinton was describing what economists refer to as "crowding out". That is, government borrowing reduces the amount of money available for businesses and individuals to borrow. Greater competition for funds drives up interest rates. Business investment becomes less profitable as rates go up. Higher rates also make home mortgages and personal loans more expensive. The result is slower economic growth and, for many, dreams of homeownership or a new automobile that won't be realized.

A second consequence of government borrowing is that it increases the burden borne by future taxpayers. Buyers of government debt do so with the expectation that they'll be paid back with interest. To meet its growing obligations to its creditors, the federal government will either have to drastically increase taxes or cut spending, of which the latter usually proves politically unworkable. Higher taxes are a drag on economic activity. This is especially the case when tax revenues are not used to benefit the current population but instead used to repay government liabilities incurred by past generations that refused to live within their means.

Finally, politicians may be tempted to reduce the value of outstanding debt through inflation. Though the term "money printing" is somewhat outdated—money today takes many forms other than paper currency (i.e., checking accounts, credit cards)—it gets to the point.

Money printing allows a government to "reduce" its debts by repaying creditors with devalued currency. But, while inflation improves the government's balance sheet, it's at the expense of private individuals who see the value of their holdings fall and the costs of living go up. The fact is, inflationary finance is particularly hard on lower income households who tend to rely more on cash and are on fixed incomes.

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The Evils of Direct Taxation

"The horseleach hath two daughters, crying, Give, give." Proverbs 30:15

By Riley J. Hood

What are the evils of direct taxation? Direct taxation are not taxes on your consumption, but they are taxes on your work, and on your property. They are tyrannical, socialistic taxes on your very existence. Direct taxes force feed the state; and are not compatible with a free America. They must be eliminated and replaced with nothing. They are the Property tax, and the Income tax. There are many taxes that could, and should be cut, these two are first on the chopping block because they are evil in the extreme.

The Property Tax reduces men to serf status; the difference is that the feudal manor is now called City Hall. It means you don't own your home; you merely rent it from the City, County, State, School District, and the Metro Sewerage District. How come, in 2025, in free country, in a home that I paid off in 1998, am I forced to hand over 6,100 dollars to City Hall for the privilege to live in MY HOME, for one more year?

The Income Tax, passed in 1913 under the banner of, "Soak the Rich," turns people into poor people, and keeps them that way. The rich didn't mind that they were getting "soaked," they already had their trusts in place, and never had to pay in at all. "The people" ended up soaking themselves with their foray into covetousness. This tax destroys upward mobility, and actually forces you to rent your job from the IRS and also whatever state you reside in. Elimination of income taxes, means more of your paycheck stays in your pocket. I would rather have my money left in pocket, even more than a check from DOGE, and I support DOGE.

This cycle of tyranny, which has gone on for over a century, where you have bow to the IRS to work hard at your job, and then from the remains of your paycheck, pay rent to live in the home you "own." God commands a 10% tithe to the Church, but civil government deducts 30% off your paycheck. No man should have to pay civil government more money than he ought to give back to God.

I reject the GOP strategy that says, "I believe everyone should pay some income taxes, that way they have some skin in the game," when America was founded on no one paying Income Taxes, or any Direct Tax. I assert the IRS should be abolished.

American way of funding the legitimate costs of the Federal government by was by tariffs and imposts. If a foreign business wants their cheap, slave wage products on the America market, then that business can fund our federal government. That is how the US Constitution was set up, America needs to get back to that way of doing business. All the money I've earned in my weekly paycheck should be left in my wallet, where it belongs.

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margin of sampling error of +/- 3 percentage points with a 95% level of confidence.

See the full results of the poll below, including some of the key data from the crosstabs.

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"It is beyond disturbing that so many Democrats would rather see China win a trade war than their own country succeed," said Justin Haskins, senior fellow at The Heartland Institute and the poll's primary author. "Apparently, Democrats would rather all Americans suffer than allow for the Trump administration to get credit for a job well done."

"There is good news, however," Haskins said. "Most Americans continue to reject socialism and embrace free-market capitalism—but for how much longer, no one knows. If younger voters' attitudes don't change soon, the future of our economy and national identity could be at serious risk."

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"The fact that 38 percent of young voters have a favorable view of communism is disturbing enough—but what's even more troubling is that only 23 percent view it very unfavorably. That number should be 100 percent. The rest either outright romanticize one of the most evil ideologies ever conceived, are morally ambivalent, or admit they're not sure what to think at all.

"This reflects a profound failure in education and cultural memory. And when you combine this with other results from the survey—like the fact that more Democrats want communist China to win the ongoing trade war than their own country—it's a sign that we're failing to pass down the liberty-centered principles that once unified generations of Americans."

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National Survey of 1,067 Likely Voters on Socialism and a Trade War with China

Conducted April 30-May 4, 2025

By the Glenn C. Haskins Emerging Issues Center at The Heartland Institute and Rasmussen Reports

2024 Vote

45% Harris, 46% Trump, 4% Other, 4% Didn't vote, 1% Not sure,

Trump Approval

26% Strongly support, 21% Somewhat support, 10% Somewhat oppose, 40% Strongly oppose, 2% Not sure

Which of the following do you think is better? A free-market economic system, or socialism?

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vulnerabilities are self-inflicted shortages of rare earth minerals used in advanced commercial and national defense industries, and Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs) used in generic drugs and biological products.

China Maintains a Rare Earth Chokehold

Regardless how current Washington-Beijing trade disputes conclude, their suspension of U.S. rare earth mineral and magnet exports used by auto manufacturers and military contractors should serve as a salient reminder that China similarly halted rare earth exports to Japan amid rising tensions in 2010.

Meanwhile, China's Ministry of Commerce has also issued restrictions prohibiting rare earth exports to other countries including Germany, additionally prohibiting Chinese businesses from any engagement with U.S. firms, especially defense contractors.

As reported in The New York Times, although China has purportedly claimed to be temporarily delaying exports to provide time to create a new regulatory system requiring special export licenses, it could permanently stop exports "to certain companies, including U.S. military contractors."

Although China reportedly has barely begun on its new system, the process if drawn out could cause global supplies to dwindle, given its 90% monopoly on the world's supply of heavy rare earth metals and magnets.

Of special military concern are supply chain impacts on drones and robotics widely regarded as critical to the future of warfare.

Although America has an abundance of untapped rare earths, environmental opposition to mining them has resulted in a regulatory minefield of local, state, and federal rules that has turned permitting into a costly decadeslong process.

Consequentially, whereas China actually possesses only about an estimated one-third of global rare earth reserves, in 2017 it supplied 78% of the 17,000 tons of those materials imported to the U.S.

Until recently, the only remaining active U.S. rare earth mine, Mountain Pass in California, sent its materials to China for processing.

Immediately upon returning to office, President Trump signed an executive order to make the U.S. "the leading producer and processor of non-fuel minerals, including rare earth minerals."

Recognizing continued dependence on hostile foreign powers for critical materials won't end well for America, President Trump is also looking for additional friendly foreign sources, including Ukraine and Greenland, with Time reporting that Big Tech, inclusive of Bill Gates and Jeff Bezos have already invested in Arctic prospecting there.

Eliminating Pharmaceutical Dependence

The Trump administration argues that strong China trade tariffs are necessary to bring pharmaceutical manufacturing back to the U.S., which it classifies as "a matter of national security."

China has become the world's factory for pharmaceutical raw materials, commanding a reported 20% share of global API production by volume, with approximately 40% of APIs exported worldwide

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SCIENCE & ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY PROJECT

The Week That Was May 10th, 2025

Quote of the Week:

"A person who never made a mistake never tried anything new." — Albert Einstein

Number of the Week:

65% of Observed

This Week:

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

Scope: TWTW begins with a sidenote introducing a correction: it did not emphasize that on the grid, all generators must be synchronized, with the phases of the AC cycles all within about a millisecond of each other. TWTW discusses the importance of humidity in global climate models and what appears to be occurring with humidity and clouds in in Earth's atmosphere. Discussed is a paper by Ross McKitrick on the history of daytime high temperatures in Canada since 1888 to 2017 at 30 weather stations and the 46 plus years of temperature trends in the atmosphere. Also discussed is a paper by Spencer, Christy, and Braswell estimating the US summertime heat island effect and a post by Willis Eschenbach on continued efforts by US research organizations to splice together different measurements of sea level rise without using control periods to ensure they measure the same thing the same way. TWTW will conclude with a discussion of a paper by climatologist Judith Curry and economist Harry DeAngelo on energy policies.

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Sidenote: In North America, the power coming into your house is two lines of 120 Volts (V), 60 Hertz (Hz). Connect them together, and you blow breakers. That's because the voltages are out of phase by 180 degrees. Your electric stove uses both lines to get 240 VAC. Now imagine the problem of connecting two generators (perhaps miles apart) and not making sparks. The AC voltages and the phases must be equal --- say, no more than 1 degree out of phase and no more than 2% off in voltage. In any case, tying one generator into the existing grid requires synchronization of voltage and phase, which requires knowledge of the relevant data, and slow adjustment until synchronization is achieved, after which the new generator is switched in.

With steam cycles of gas turbines, stability is partly due to their rotational inertia. (In fact, it's hard to believe that there's anywhere near as much rotational inertia in the rotors as there is in an array of wind turbines.) But the big contrast with wind and solar is that if the frequency drops a little, with gas you can increase things up immediately with more fuel or more steam, but not with more wind or sunlight.

Important Correction – Synchronous generation: Power Engineer Jim O'Brien of the Irish Climate Science Forum corrected last week's TWTW when he noted that in discussing the Iberian power failure, TWTW did not emphasize the importance of having many heavy turning machines generating electricity synchronized. In Europe, all the thermal and hydro turbines are matched to generate electricity at 50 Hertz, in North America at 60 Hertz. Synchronizing the turning machines creates a huge team working in unison to overcome disruptions to smooth flow of current. O'Brien writes:

"I thought your pieces in the TWTW of May 3 missed the key point about the Iberian blackout.

In short it was the lack of the inertia on the grid traditionally given by synchronous thermal generation. The grid was almost entirely being fed by asynchronous renewables – tantamount to skating on ice. Any fault whatsoever in the grid did then inevitably destabilize the grid, causing frequency collapse.

There is a rule of thumb that for every MWh of renewable energy, a MWh of conventional generation must be instantly available to provide grid stability, in other words, a full back-up system available as spinning reserve. This is particularly acute when the renewable capacity exceeds system demand, as it does in Spain by a factor of 2 (in the US overall it is only 0.2, but is much higher in some States, e.g., Texas, which has also had blackouts). Reliance in such emergencies cannot be placed on interconnectors.

It is somewhat scary that system operators do not yet seem to grasp this fundamental truth, the Achilles heel of intermittent renewables.

Although wind power is synchronized with the electrical grid, it is through various methods such as power inverters which do not provide the inertia needed. In 2022 General Electric (GE) and the National Renewable Energy Laboratory announced:

"Wind Turbines Can Stabilize the Grid

First-ever demonstration shows wind can fulfill a wider role in future power systems.

In a milestone for renewable energy integration, General Electric (GE) and the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) operated a common class of wind turbines in grid-forming mode, which is when the generator can set grid voltage and frequency and, if necessary, operate without power from the electric grid."

https://www.energy.gov/eere/wind/articles/wind-turbines-can-stabilize-grid

At least NREL is aware of the problem, but TWTW found no discussion of deployment of such a system or how expensive it is. Power Engineer Dave Edwards has a description in his post with an amusing comment:

"Think of inertia a bit like us seasoned engineers on LinkedIn: 'It's the ability of an object (engineer) to resist change.'"

In a post on Watts Up With That, Andy May wrote:

"It is a bit premature to blame the power failure on solar and wind power generation, but it is not too early to say that Spain's over reliance on solar and wind contributed to the failure. Ali Mehrizi-Sani, Virginia Tech professor and director of the Power and Energy Center, writes:

'Renewables introduce a new paradigm in electric power generation—they generate power without needing large rotating masses. This means that with more renewables, the inertia of the power grid is reduced. Less inertia can make the grid more agile but also more fragile during sudden disturbances.'"

See links under Energy Issues – Non-US and under Energy Issues – Iberian Peninsula.

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Cloudy Issues: The global climate modelers used by the IPCC develop complex models that produce different results, but as Tim Palmer, a pioneer in using the ensemble technique for climate models wrote, they all agree that a one degree C rise in global temperature from carbon dioxide will increase water vapor to the extent that it will increase global temperatures by one degree C, resulting in a two degree C increase. This amplification from increased water vapor is a big issue. Further, it is not known whether an increase in water vapor will cause an increase in clouds causing a cooling from blocking sunlight. (The models exhibited in IPCC's Sixth Assessment Report (2021) show the effect of all GHGs combined, including H2O to be about 40% as large as the effect from CO2.)

John Robson states part of the issue well when he writes (charts omitted here but are in the essay):

"Look it up, way up, because clouds are where the action is. In a climate model, CO2 doesn't do most of the warming. Instead that honor goes to water vapor, which occurs everywhere in the atmosphere at varying concentrations. [Note that most of the historic warming is due to water vapor, in the models most of the increase in warming is triggered by CO2.] When the vapor condenses into large collections of droplets we call it a cloud. And according to the theory, as the air warms a bit due to water vapor, it can hold more water vapor which, being a far more potent greenhouse gas, then dramatically boosts the initial warming. But what of practice? The observed concentration of water in the air is called the "specific humidity" and the concentration relative to the maximum possible at the current temperature is called the "relative humidity." As you rise above the surface (though a weather balloon would not be a very comfortable ride) the models say you should observe increasing specific humidity and constant or increasing relative humidity, yielding a stronger and stronger amplifying effect as you go up through the lower and mid-troposphere that then weakens as you approach the top of the troposphere at about 16 km altitude. The models say. But to see what the data say we can turn to Professor Ole Humlum's Climate4You website. And they tell a very different tale.

The specific humidity since 1948 at three levels (surface, lower troposphere, and mid-troposphere) is shown on this chart:

We see a fairly steady upward trend in specific humidity at the surface and in the lower troposphere (600 millibar layer) after 1970. But in the mid-troposphere (300 mb) there is more variability and, since the late 1970s, a downward trend.

As for relative humidity, the models say it should be steady or increasing at each level. But the data show the following:

Oh dear. It [relative humidity] seems to be steady at the surface but declining above. Admittedly for the past 25 years it's been steady in the mid-troposphere and only declining a bit in the lower troposphere. But what you see is not the overall picture we would expect from the world of settled science. Instead, it's the kind of complications and anomalies we expect in the world of messy data, as long as we know how to #lookitup."

See links under Challenging the Orthodoxy.

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Not in Canada: In 2018 Ross McKitrick, who was a co-recipient of the 2023 SEPP Frederick Seitz award, published a paper "Trends in Historical Daytime Highs in Canada 1888-2017." The summary states:

"1. There is a tradeoff between the number of available stations and the length of record. There are 30 stations with data back to 1888 and 267 stations with data back to 1978.

2. Over the past 130 years the median warming rate in the average daytime high is about 0.1 degrees per decade or 1 degree per century. [Boldface added]

3. Over long samples there is little polar

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Number of the Week: 65% of Observed. As stated above, Spencer, Christy and Braswell found that for suburban and urban stations 65% of the observed summertime, daytime warming was due to the Urban Heat Island Effect. Since many of the surface-air temperature measurements are in urban and suburban areas, if their technique is verified, then any danger of global warming from carbon dioxide emissions becomes insignificant. See link under Challenging the Orthodoxy.

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.

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The Climate Change Debate: Examining the Anthropogenic Narrative with Science and History

By Gary Wickert

Climate change is real. The Earth's climate has always been in flux, oscillating between warm and cold periods long before human civilization began. However, the argument that human activity—specifically the burning of fossil fuels—has been even a "significant" driver of recent climate change is far more controversial than mainstream media and political discourse would suggest. While carbon dioxide (CO2) does contribute to the greenhouse effect, its role is often overstated, and the historical record shows significant climate shifts long before industrialization. Moreover, the narrative surrounding anthropogenic climate change has been leveraged for political and economic purposes, often sidelining legitimate scientific discourse.

CO2 is often framed as the primary driver of climate change, yet it comprises only about 0.04% (400 parts per million) of the Earth's atmosphere. Of this small fraction, human contributions are estimated to be around 3-4% annually, meaning that the vast majority—over 95%—of CO2 emissions are natural, coming from sources such as volcanic activity, oceanic outgassing, and biological decay. To put these numbers in perspective, Imagine a giant stadium with 100,000 seats. If we were to represent the Earth's atmosphere, CO2 would be just 40 of those seats—0.04%. Now, of those 40 seats, human contributions would only one seat—out of the entire stadium. This is how tiny a portion of the atmosphere is affected by human activity when you look at the bigger picture.

Water vapor, not CO2, is the most influential greenhouse gas, accounting for roughly 90-95% of the Earth's greenhouse effect. The relationship between CO2 and temperature is also complex. Ice core data from Antarctica show that historical increases in CO2 have tended to follow temperature rises, not precede them. This suggests that warming may cause higher CO2 levels rather than vice versa.

One of the most glaring inconsistencies in climate alarmism is the disregard for historical climate variations. The Earth has undergone significant warming and cooling cycles throughout its 4.5-billion-year history. During the last Ice Age, which ended approximately 10,000 years ago, vast parts of North America—including present-day Wisconsin—were covered by glaciers over a mile thick. This dramatic warming event melted the glaciers, yet human-induced CO2 emissions were non-existent. Similarly, the Medieval Warm Period (900–1300 AD) saw temperatures that were likely higher than today's, allowing Vikings to farm in Greenland. Following this period, the Little Ice Age (1300–1850 AD) brought significant cooling, with rivers like the Thames in London freezing over. These fluctuations occurred without industrial emissions, strongly suggesting that natural forces—such as solar cycles, ocean currents, and volcanic activity—play dominant roles in climate change.

Climate models have consistently failed to predict future temperature trends accurately. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) relies on computer models that assume CO2 is the primary climate driver. However, these models frequently overestimate warming. A study by Dr. John Christy, a climate scientist at the University of Alabama in Huntsville, compared 102 climate model projections with actual temperature data and found that nearly all of them predicted greater warming than observed.

Additionally, satellite and weather balloon data show that while there has been slight warming since the late 19th century, the rate is far lower than the catastrophic projections suggested by climate activists. The idea that we are experiencing "unprecedented" warming ignores the fact that the Earth has naturally been both warmer and cooler than it is today.

One of the most famous alarmist narratives was popularized by Al Gore's An Inconvenient Truth (2006). The film contained numerous exaggerated and outright incorrect claims, including the assertion that sea levels would rise by up to 20 feet within decades. Actual data from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) show that sea levels have been rising at a rate of about 3mm per year—a far cry from Gore's projections. By 2050 we are talking a matter of inches. But of course, by then, the climate could be once again headed in the opposite direction.

Perhaps even more telling are the actions of climate alarmists like Gore himself. Despite warning about the dangers of carbon emissions, Gore owns multiple large homes, flies on private jets, and has a carbon footprint that dwarfs the average individual. His beachfront property purchases also contradict his own predictions about catastrophic sea-level rise. Such hypocrisies raise legitimate concerns about whether climate change is truly viewed as an existential threat by its most vocal proponents or simply a tool for political and economic gain.

The anthropogenic climate change narrative is not just about science—it is deeply entangled with politics and economics. Governments and international organizations use climate policies to justify increased regulations, higher taxes, and greater centralized control. The push for carbon credits and emissions trading has created lucrative financial markets that benefit a select few while burdening consumers with higher energy costs.

Moreover, green energy initiatives, while noble in theory, have been riddled with inefficiencies and unintended consequences. Wind and solar energy remain intermittent and require fossil fuel backup to maintain grid stability. The rare earth minerals needed for these technologies often come from environmentally destructive mining operations, frequently in countries with poor labor practices. Meanwhile, nuclear energy—one of the most efficient and clean energy sources—faces political opposition, despite its ability to provide reliable power with minimal emissions.

Contrary to the doomsday rhetoric, recent data suggest that global temperatures have not increased at the alarming rates predicted. In fact, some regions have experienced cooling trends. A study published in Nature (2019) found that certain oceanic cycles contribute to regional cooling effects, counteracting the supposed "runaway" warming. Moreover, temperature records from the United States show that the 1930s were actually one of the hottest periods on record, with dust bowl conditions and widespread heatwaves.

The idea that human activity is the dominant force behind climate change assumes that natural factors are negligible. This view is not only scientifically dubious but also inherently arrogant. The Sun, ocean currents, volcanic activity, and cosmic radiation exert far greater influences on climate than human CO2 emissions ever could. While reducing pollution and transitioning to cleaner energy sources are worthy goals, the notion that we can "stop" climate change is fundamentally flawed.

The climate is changing—as it always has. However, the extent of human influence is far from settled science. While CO2 does contribute to the greenhouse effect, it is a minor player compared to natural forces. Historical climate shifts occurred long before industrialization, and many alarmist predictions have failed to materialize. Furthermore, the politicization of climate change raises questions about the motivations behind extreme policies that often benefit elites while imposing economic hardships on average citizens.

Some groups critical of capitalism have seized the climate change debate as a platform to push broader political agendas aimed at dismantling Western culture and undermining the United States' economic system. They often frame climate change as an urgent crisis to justify sweeping regulations, restrictions on industry, and significant government intervention in private enterprise—measures that align with anti-capitalist ideologies. By creating a sense of hysteria around the issue, these groups aim to rally support for policies that could stifle economic growth, limit personal freedoms, and shift power toward centralized government control. In this context, their ultimate goal isn't just addressing environmental concerns, but fundamentally reshaping society in ways that challenge the core principles of capitalism and individual liberty.

Rather than succumbing to fear-driven narratives, we should recognize and resist the political and self-serving nature of climate change rhetoric. Recognizing the limitations of human influence and prioritizing pragmatic environmental solutions will lead to more effective and rational policies in the long run. Human activity has about as much effect on the climate as spilling your martini overboard on a cruise has on the rise of the oceans.

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selective logging and removal of dead trees would harm "standing forests" that are vital to fighting the climate crisis.

The irony appears lost to those clinging to the failed federal policy of yesteryear's progressives.

This is not Trump's first rodeo with forest management. His January 2019 order required the Interior and Agriculture Departments to collaborate with state, tribal, and local partners to create a comprehensive wildfire strategy to prioritize the highest-risk lands. That order sought to reduce hazardous fuel loads, mitigate fire risk, and ensure the safety and stability of local communities.

The mantra – then as now – was "active forest management."

Two years later, Interior Secretary David Bernhardt announced that Interior had reduced wildfire risk across 1.5 million acres in fiscal year 2020. The four-year total of 5.4 million acres was 49% higher than during Obama's second term.

The Department of the Interior's record included offering 763 million board feet of timber for sale, addressing non-native and invasive species across over a million acres, protecting water quality and mitigating flooding and erosion risks from wildfires on 1.7 million acres, and reducing fuel loads on 1.5 million acres. They also maintained public access roads to provide access for emergency services and restoration work across 20,000 miles.

In April 2020, Bernhardt signed a final decision to construct and maintain a system of up to 11,000 miles of strategically placed fuel breaks to control wildfires within 223 million acres of federal lands in Western states. The Bureau of Land Management had assessed more than 1,400 fuel breaks since 2002 and determined that 79% effectively controlled wildfires and 84% helped improve fire behavior.

An early test of the Trump forest policy is playing out in fire-ravaged San Bernardino, thanks to an emergency order issued by Agriculture Secretary Brooke Rollins to increase timber quotas in America's national forests by 25%. Opponents scoffed that "they are after timber." Still, according to the U.S. Forest Service, charred portions of the forest burned in the Eaton Fire remain at "significant" risk of debris flows, flooding, and mudslides.

Rollins says that streamlining permits for increased logging will help "achieve relief from threats to public health and safety, critical infrastructure, and/or mitigation of threats to natural resources." The result will be improved durability, resilience, and resistance to fire, insects, and disease within national forests and grasslands.

And maybe increasing domestic logging will help revive an American industry as old as America itself.

Menace of Trees *cont. from page 3*

burning by aboriginals discouraged trees and created the great treeless grasslands and open forests that existed when Europeans came. The early graziers also soon learned to use cool season burning to remove worthless dry grass and replace it by new green shoots as soon as the summer storms brought rain. They also collected dead branches and fallen trees for firewood, yard rails and posts.

However our grasslands and open forests are now being destroyed by ignorant green busybodies who prevent or delay burning and insist that dead wood is allowed to accumulate on the ground. There are fewer fires, but when they come they are unstoppable.

And there are too many "protected" parks and forests where grazing, hunting and collecting dead firewood is banned. These areas have become havens for weeds like lantana, groundsel, wait-a-while and prickly pear, and pests like wild cats, wild dogs, wild deer and wild pigs.

Many people have admired our beautiful eucalypt trees and too many have planted eucalypts in their own backyards. Seeds were sent to Kew Gardens in UK in 1774 and were soon also being propagated in places like Spain, Portugal, Italy, Morocco, California and South Africa. In Spain they were promoted for pulp production: "a fast- growing tree species producing abundant pulp in comparison with slow-growing oaks".

But eucalypts pose a special fire danger – the beauty of "Blue Hills" arises when eucalyptus oils evaporate from the leaves of gum trees in hot sunshine. This vapour and fine dust in the air above the trees scatter the light producing the blue haze. But eucalyptus oil is highly flammable. Should lightning, arsonists or careless campers start a bushfire near a eucalypt forest on a hot afternoon, this gas will assist the fire to race through the tree tops.

David Bowman, a forest ecologist at the University of Tasmania in Australia, had this to say about eucalypts:

"Looking at the eucalyptus forest outside my window in Tasmania, I see a gigantic fire hazard. On a really hot day, those things are going to burn like torches and shower our suburbs with sparks."

Once upon a time Australian landowners were obliged to keep their land free of eucalypt regrowth (it was a condition of their leases). Inspectors checked on them to ensure they were had cleared the land and were controlling suckers.

Now landowners are the suckers - if woody weeds reach a certain size, they become protected native plants. Bureaucratic spies now use satellite data to catch landowners in illegal clearing. Soon the remaining grass is smothered and the land turns to worthless scrub harbouring weeds and animal pests.

And a haven for fierce bushfires.

Citizens Can Stop the CO2 Pipeline Steamroller

By Tom DeWeese

The fight to stop the carbon capture pipeline across five Midwest states is yielding some positive results. But the forces behind it haven't given up. Now, three more states are targeted. This tyranny over farmers can be stopped — but only if citizens' freedom-fighting determination and dedication stand strong.

The carbon capture pipeline is one of the worst environmental scams ever. In all my years of fighting the lies and insane policies of the radical Left, this is without doubt their DUMBEST plan – but it's also one of the MOST DANGEROUS that we have ever faced – especially for farmers.

Thousands and thousands of acres of privately-owned, food-producing Midwest Corn Belt farmland are being targeted for a 1300-mile-long carbon capture pipeline. The targeted states are South Dakota, Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota, and Nebraska.

The scam is to capture CO2 carbon dioxide and TRANSPORT IT UNDERGROUND!

The CO2 is to be buried in underground tanks – to stop global warming! The worst part of this idiotic scam is that it ignores biological science. CO2 is NOT a pollutant. It is natural food for trees and plants. None can live without CO2.

Here's a scientific fact that the radical Greens are ignoring; For life to exist on earth, we need an average of 1,600 parts per million of CO2 in our atmosphere. However, right now, according to a chart provided by the U.S. Navy, we have only 400 parts per millions. That means we are facing CO2 starvation!

And yet, these so-called environmental "experts "are working to bury what we have in the ground – all to save the environment! This project is just as stupid and dangerous as Bill Gates' plan to put up a sky level shield to block out the sun. And he proposed that with a straight face!

Just as I've been warning for over thirty-five years, all of this is part of the plot called for in Agenda 21, Agenda 2030, the Green New Deal and the Great Reset. In their words, "A blueprint for the reorganization of human society." It has nothing to do with protecting the environment. It's the scare tactic to get you to surrender your liberty to their global control.

Now, America's farmers are on the front lines of the ground war to enforce that reorganization. Control the food – control our entire society. They are facing powerful forces — from rich corporations set on grabbing federal tax money to build the pipeline — to non-elected appointed government boards that are providing the power of eminent domain to enable those corporations to take any farmland they desire — to ignorant or corrupt elected representatives who refuse to stand up and protect their landowners.

I've run up against them all! It all started a couple of years ago when I was sponsored by the John Birch Society to travel to Iowa to address the carbon capture pipeline issue. I learned that the two main corporations pushing to build the pipeline were Summit Carbon Solutions and Navigator CO2 Ventures.

They sent out letters to farmlands in the proposed path of the pipeline, saying "Our goal is to reach voluntary agreements with all landowners along the Project route…" The goal was to get all landowners to sign an easement to "voluntarily" give up their land in the path of the project.

That path of the pipeline is not along the edges of the property where it wouldn't interfere with the farmer's use to grow crops. No, the pipeline will meander across the farm wherever the corporations want it – sometimes even as close as 60 feet from the house. And it's not just a ditch for the pipes. It also includes buffer zones that could be twenty feet wide or more. The farmer loses control of that entire area.

But it gets worse. The Summit letter went on to explain that, if the farmer refused to voluntarily cooperate- "…if we are unable to do so (voluntarily) we may need to request the right of eminent domain (condemnation) from the (non-elected appointed Iowa Utilities Board. In other words, the corporation would use eminent domain to just take the land. Can you imagine how the farmers felt? Who stood with them to protect their land and their livelihood?

Then I was given a copy of a letter written by some Iowa county supervisors. It said the supervisors didn't support the pipeline, but "THERE'S NOT MUCH WE CAN DO. IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S JUST GOING TO HAPPEN."

That's when I barnstormed the state and as I spoke to local audiences, I challenged all the county supervisors. "How dare you," I said. "Who do you represent?" "Who will stand for these citizens? You swore an oath to represent THEM." Further, I charged that the Iowa Utilities Board was not elected by anyone. And it was not the boss of these elected officials. I challenged them – "YOU COWARDS! When are you going to stand up and serve the people who elected you?"

I was surprised to learn that my speech was recorded by a local activist. He used the recording to make 300 DVDs and passed them out across the state, including to many county supervisors. And then he rented a movie theater and showed my recorded speech to a larger public audience.

The result was that several county supervisors did act. A few counties began to pass property rights protection legislation for the citizens in their individual areas. The legislation helped to serve as a roadblock to the pipeline, even as other counties took no action. That was a great start in the effort to stand up *continued on page 11*

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emissions?

No one knows for sure, although much recent research suggests it is highly improbable. It is also true that no one knows, or even currently can know, what the so-called "consensus" is in the world climate science community about whether our CO2 emissions are causing a climate crisis.

This is because there is not known to have been a conclusive worldwide poll about the topic among the thousands of scientists from the vast array of disciplines related to understanding the causes of global climate change. In "Debunking the Climate Change Consensus," Part 1 of this series, I demonstrated how none of the open letters and declarations from scientists and scientific organizations about climate change that NASA cites to show the supposed consensus actually address the most important question of all, namely, "Are greenhouse gas emissions from human activities causing climate change so dangerous that it is worth spending trillions of dollars to try to stop?"

And, of course, scientific theories are never proven by a show of hands anyway, no matter how scientifically esteemed those expressing their views are. If it were otherwise, the Earth would still be considered flat and space travel impossible.

And then there is the problem of national and international science bodies endorsing the global warming theory without the known support of a majority of their membership. For example, Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada (RSC) and a leading Canadian energy expert, "Archie" Robinson of Deep River, Ontario, explained what happened with a Royal Society (the world's oldest scientific organisation) climate initiative supporting the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Third Assessment Report:

"the president of the Royal Society of London … drafted a resolution in favour and circulated it to other academies of science inviting co-signing. … The president of the RSC, not a member of the [RSC's] Academy of Science, received the invitation. He considered it consistent with the position of the great majority of scientists, as repeatedly but erroneously claimed by Kyoto proponents, and so signed it. The resolution was not referred to the Academy of Science for comment, not even to its council or president."

A similar episode happened in the United States and Russia concerning the Royal Society effort and a survey of pronouncements from other science bodies reveals that they are usually just the opinions of the groups' executives or committees specifically appointed by the executive. The rank-and-file scientist members are rarely consulted at all.

Lord Robert May, former president of the Royal Society, said:

"On one hand, you have the entire scientific community [supporting the climate alarm] and on the other you have a handful of people, half of them crackpots."

But Lord May was completely mistaken. See The Myth of the Climate Change '97%' - The Heartland Institute. Not only is there no known broad agreement in the "entire scientific community" about the causes of climate change (and it only matters what climate experts think, not all scientists), but literally thousands of scientifically-qualified individuals have endorsed open letters and other declarations opposing, either directly or indirectly, the CO2/dangerous global warming hypothesis. Consider the following open letters, declarations and other documents, some linked to the documents and endorser lists, starting with the most recent:

2020 - present: World Climate Declaration: Organized by CLINTEL (Climate Intelligence), this declaration, signed by at least 1,983 endorsers, states that "there is no climate emergency" and calls for more balanced climate policies.

2022: No Consensus on Climate Crisis, Scientist Survey Finds - The Heartland Institute

2019: The European Climate Declaration - Oslo: This declaration, signed by hundreds of individuals, stated that there is "no climate emergency" and also called for a more balanced approach to climate policy.

2018: Climate Scientists' Register | ICSC - Canada, signed by 143 scientists from 22 countries who have studied the causes of climate change and agree with the following statement: "We, the undersigned, having assessed the relevant scientific evidence, do not find convincing support for the hypothesis that human emissions of carbon dioxide are causing, or will in the foreseeable future cause, dangerous global warming."

2016: The Australian Climate Declaration: A group of scientists and professionals in Australia signed this declaration questioning the evidence for human-driven climate change.

2010: Science and Public Policy Institute (SPPI) letter to the U.S. EPA--signed by 35 climate and related experts supporting challenges by the US Chamber of Commerce and three states which question the basis for the 2009 "Endangerment Finding" under the Clean Air Act.

2008– 2019 - The Nongovernmental International Panel on Climate Change (NIPCC) Reports: While not a single letter, these reports are often cited by realists as counterpoints to the IPCC's findings. Here are the NIPCC reports in which thousands of peer-reviewed papers are cited casting doubt on the climate catastrophe hypothesis:

- Fossil Fuels (2019)
- Summary of CCR II: Fossil Fuels
- Full Text of CCR II: Fossil Fuels
- Why Scientists Disagree About Global Warming (2016)
- Why Scientists Disagree About Global Warming
- Biological Impacts (2014)
- Summary of CCR II: Biological Impacts
- Full Text of CCR II: Biological Impacts
- Physical Science (2013)
- Summary of CCR II: Physical Science
- Full Text of CCR II: Physical Science
- Interim Report (2011)
- Summary of CCR: Interim Report
- Full Text of CCR: Interim Report
- NIPCC Report (2009)
- Summary of Climate Change Reconsidered
- Full Text of Climate Change Reconsidered
- Science and Environmental Policy Project SEPP/Heartland document Nature, Not Human Activity, Rules the Climate (2008) Summary for Policymakers of the Report of the NIPCC

2009: Cato Institute newspaper ad campaign letter (right); 115 scientist signers. The letter focused on skepticism about the urgency of climate action and questioned the reliability of climate models and predictions. It was published as an open letter in major newspapers to influence public opinion and policy discussions on climate change.

2009: Copenhagen Climate Challenge which listed 166 experts well qualified in climate science plus some in 'other related disciplines'. Sent during the Copenhagen Climate Change Conference, this letter emphasized doubts about the science underpinning human-caused climate change.

2009: Open Letter to the Council of the American Physical Society—signed by 61 experts, expressed skepticism about the supposed scientific consensus on climate change. The letter called for APS to change its official statement on climate change, arguing that it overstated the certainty of human impact on global warming. The signatories advocated for a more open and balanced discussion on climate change, emphasizing the need for scientific rigor and debate.

2009: The Cornwall Alliance's Evangelical Declaration on Global Warming: Rooted in religious perspectives, this declaration expressed skepticism about catastrophic climate change and emphasized stewardship of the Earth.

2008: THE MANHATTAN DECLARATION ON CLIMATE CHANGE, 1,497 endorsers, over half of them well qualified in science and technology and 206 of them climate science specialists or scientists in very closely related fields. Released after The Heartland Institute's climate realists' conference in New York City, it argued against the urgency of reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

2007: Open Letter to the Secretary-General of the United Nations (the "2007 Bali open letter"), 100 scientist signers, criticized the IPCC's conclusions and called for a reassessment of climate science. Then UN Secretary General Ban Ki Moon never acknowledged receipt of either the 2007 Bali open letter, or the 2009 Copenhagen Climate Challenge but mail tracking showed he did receive it.

2007: "Independent Summary for Policymakers" questioning the UN IPCC's 4th Assessment report (2007) AR4 and contesting many of its conclusions, organized by the Fraser Institute in Canada: list of 10 authors and reviewed by over 50 scientists worldwide.

2007: Letter to the American Physical Society: A group of physicists sent this open letter criticizing the society's stance on climate change and asking for a reconsideration.

2006: Open Kyoto to Debate - An open letter to Stephen Harper, Prime Minister of Canada, from 60 climate experts, challenging the scientific basis for *continued on page 9*

Does Our Government Control Health Care?

By Grace's dad

I'm back for another month. Praise God.

After 4000 hours of research, I did a detailed article on how we got to the point of government controlling health care. If you'd like to review the entire article, here is the link: https://ouramazinggrace.substack.com/p/unlawfully-legalizing-murder-the

My purpose today is to highlight several steps on the slippery slope. To that end, the following is a brief reminder of historic benchmarks leading to "health care" today:

1. The Hippocratic Oath– 400 B.C.: An oath to satanic gods.

2. The "vaccine" agenda: Began in the late 1800s; was already producing cancer in the early 1900s.

3. Jacobson vs. Massachusetts – 1905: Legalized 'collectivism' as the tool to force mandates on the population by the government whenever the government decides we have a public health emergency.

4. Flexner Report – 1910: Formalized the 'trust the science' deception and, through training and propaganda, ostracized alternative treatments.

5. Medicare and Medicaid - 1965: "Free" health care set up the rationing care model we follow today. Rationing care became legal through the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' (CMS) use of the Chevron doctrine. Today, CMS unlawfully dictates "Standards of Care" for the entire country.

6. National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act -1986: Eliminated downstream liability for "vaccine" manufacturers for related injuries and deaths. As a result of this unlawful action, the government requires 80 jabs to obtain free babysitting (indoctrination) in the public fool system.

7. Obamacare – 2010: Put the government legally in charge of "health care." Ezekiel Emanuel, one of the country's most influential bioethicists and a prime architect of Obamacare, wrote as far back as 1996 that health care "services provided to individuals who are irreversibly prevented from being or becoming participating citizens are not basic and should not be guaranteed." Section 1553 legalized euthanasia.

8. "Covid" – 2020: Provided direct government incentives for diagnosis, death protocols, and death certificate coding. Incentivizing murder became legal because of a declared Public Health Emergency. Even the direct lie, "safe and effective," was legal through repealing the Smith-Mundt Act, allowing our government to use propaganda against its citizens. Connecting the dots, "Covid deaths" and false PCR tests were the propaganda tools used to create fear, to achieve the goal of jabbing the population with a bioweapon. Requiring DNR orders and vaccinations before surgery has become normalized, showing how far down the slope we are today.

I write to share what I've learned since Grace died. That's the mission God has given me to help ensure Grace's death would be used to save others, as He said would happen in Genesis 50:20.

Our wrongful death lawsuit begins a three-week jury trial on June 2!

If you'd like to follow our story and advocacy work, please sign up for our newsletter at https://ouramazinggrace.substack.com/. You can also sign up to follow our landmark legal case at www.GraceSchara.com. For the inspiration behind our family's advocacy, please visit www.OurAmazingGrace.net. There you will find some fantastic pictures and videos of Grace, as well as resources and research. If you'd like to help with our work: https://www.givesendgo.com/theskysthelimit.



"Arms for What?"

"Now there was no smith found throughout the land of Israel: for the Philistines said, Lest the Hebrews make them swords or spears:" I Samuel 13:19

By Riley J. Hood

On July 26, 1953 "Fidel Castro" Ruiz tried to take over Cuba. His first effort failed, so he launched a 5-year plan of coalition building and logistics. On March 17, 1958; Castro declared "total war" on the government of Fulgencio Batista y Zaldivar. On January 1, 1959; Batista resigned and fled from Cuba. Upon the success of that goal, he turned around and asked his allies to turn in their weapons. He put the question this way, "Armas para que?" or "Arms for what?" It took 2 years to disarm his former allies. In 1961 Castro announced, "I am a Marxist-Leninist." Then he asked the question, "Elections for what?" He then enslaved the Cuban people, turning that nation into an island prison.

"Arms for what?" Given the sinful nature of man, no one individual or group of individuals should have a monopoly on power. Our Republic, has constitutional checks and balances on power, including the 2nd Amendment to the US Constitution. The 2nd Amendment prohibits any interference with gun ownership by saying: "A well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

"Arms for what?" The right to bear arms is inherent in the right of self-defense, defense of the family, and defense against tyranny, conferred on the individual by God to safeguard life, liberty, and property, as well as to help preserve the independence of the nation. The right to keep and bear arms is secured by the Second Amendment to the Constitution; it may not properly be infringed upon or denied. "Constitutional Carry," means no restrictions, no taxes, and no prior permission from any level of government. It is a Right, not a privilege.

A well-used firearm is an excellent way to fend off criminals. A firearm is the only equalizer that gives an elderly man or woman a chance against street gangs, thugs, rioters, rapists, and murderers. As the NRA says, "When guns are outlawed, only outlaws will have them." The peaceful citizen's status would be reduced to being a beast of prey, hoping the predator will chose to murder his neighbor instead of himself.

"Arms for What?" The Castle Doctrine. The homeowner has the God-given Right to defend his home against theft, invasion, and murder. "If a thief be found breaking up, and he be smitten that he die, there shall be no blood shed for him." Exodus 22:2 The next verse does say, if it is daytime, and you can see he caught stealing, then he ought not be killed, but forced to pay restitution by the judges. The security of the home is what is being emphasized, not the well-being of a criminal. I personally view my house as my castle, to paraphrase Edward Coke, and liberal/socialist/nonsense stops at my property line.

People under NAZI rule were crying out for rifles. People wanted a fighting chance, after realizing that appeasement forged their chains. All federal firearms legislation, beginning with the Federal Firearms Act of 1968 must be repealed. That Act mirrors the NAZI Firearms Act of 1938, which disarmed the German citizen. An armed citizen is a mark of a free nation. In the title scripture above; the nation Israel was effectively disarmed by the Philistines, and had great difficulty maintaining their independence and existence. The armed citizen is part of America's defense. American Armed Forces are deployed around the world. Yet any enemy would find 300,000,000 armed citizens a deterrent, no matter what they say. Constitutional-carry is the way to go. Registries only serve as tools for rogue governments to disarm the citizenry. That begs the question, "If a civil government is honest, then why does it insist on rendering innocent people helpless?" "Why does it insist on taking away the Nation's home-defense?"

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climate policies.

2003: Protocol lacks 'credible science' - Open letter to Canadian PM Paul Martin, 46 leading scientists endorsed this, challenging the scientific basis for climate policies.

2002: Open letter to Canadian PM Jean Chretien, 30 scientist signers, challenging the scientific basis for climate policies.

1997: Global Warming Petition Project - organized through the Oregon Institute of Science and Medicine, starting in 1997. That document now claims some 31,487 U.S. scientists and technically qualified signers, 9,029 with PhDs--see breakdown. Scientists, in this case physicist Dr. Edward Teller, signed the statement as follows:

1995: Leipzig Declaration on Climate Change, 80 scientist signers plus 25 TV meteorologists. This declaration questioned the scientific consensus on climate change and opposed the Kyoto Protocol.

1992: SEPP Statement by Atmospheric Scientists on Greenhouse Warming, 47 signers. The signatories expressed skepticism about the certainty of anthropogenic global warming and opposed environmental regulations based on "highly uncertain scientific theories."

1992: The Heidelberg Appeal: Presented at the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro, this appeal questioned the urgency of environmental policies based on what the signatories considered uncertain science.

No list like the above would be complete without including reference to the 15 massive International Conferences on Climate Change put on by The Heartland Institute across the world from 2008 to 2023. Hundreds of climate realist scientists, economists, engineers and policy experts spoke at these meetings, easily the most important climate events ever held.

So how many of these did you see reported in mainstream media? Any? And that is the problem faced by climate skeptics—most mainstream media do not report on these declarations, and, on the rare occasion when they do, dismiss them as endorsed by unqualified 'outliers' from the scientific community. Consequently, even though these open letters and other documents are signed by some of the absolute leaders in the world in understanding the causes of climate change, the majority of the public knows little about these lists, freeing government to proceed as if they didn't even exist.

So, the next time someone tells you that only a few unqualified scientists in unrelated fields disagree with the politically-correct view on the causes and consequences of climate change, send them the above list and ask, "Really? How about these?"

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HOT GOVERNMENT

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Party of Tyranny – Part I

Some of you might not know this, but I'm not a Republican. A few years ago, I became associated with some of the 20+ former Republicans that were kicked out of the Republican Party of Racine County, the Party run by Robbin' Vos. Why were they kicked out? Because they saw a Party without any long-term vision. A party whose leadership was only interested in short-term power and wealth. Because they saw a Party with leadership that epitomized everything they were against. Because they decided to try and do something about it and actually make changes. They threatened the Power Structure, and they were G-O-N-E. Well, maybe "woken up" is a better term.

But that's OK. As my best friend says, 'God does things for a reason.' Being freed from the blinding dogma of the Leadership has both cleared their vision and opened my eyes, allowing me to see firsthand what Tyranny really looks like. In the mid-18th Century, there was another somewhat larger and more consequential conflict going on. Out of that conflict was born The United States of America. Out of today's tyranny was born HOT Jack. HOT Jack is a direct product of Robbin' Vos. Isn't that ironic?

For better or for worse, the Republican Party, the one lead by Donald J. Trump, IS THE LAST HOPE for this Nation of ours. I'm afraid that the "better" will only last as long as Trump does. I'm afraid that once Trump is gone, the Swamp will rise again, and the USA will revert to that same feudal system from whence it came. We will be a nation of Nobility and Serfs again all under the cloak of what the Nobility will call "Democracy."

Don't believe me? Take a look back at History for as far as it was written. It is a natural pattern of Man. Out of the people's cry for leadership rises Nobility. What's left of the People turns into Serfs. The Serfs finally get fed up with being suppressed by the Nobility and revolt, casting out the corrupt leadership. New leadership comes to power and the cycle starts all over again.

Right NOW, within the Republican Party of the State of Wisconsin we are pretty fed up with those Nobles who call themselves "Party Leaders." History will tell us that we will not be successful in permanently booting the Nobility; that the cycle will eventually re-start. But History has yet to figure out DJT and History knows that it's never over, as long as there are people like you. People, who will fight for their Liberty.

So, what's next? Stay tuned for "Part II"!

HOT GOVERNMENT

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Party of Tyranny – Part II

I wasn't born in Wisconsin, but I've lived my entire adult life here. 98% of my political awareness has been in Wisconsin. During most of that time I considered myself to be a Conservative Republican. But there were always questions that until recently I could never answer:

Why did Tommy Thompson spend money, as fast as it came in?
Why did Scott Walker take all of the savings from ACT 10 and piss it all back into government?

These were smart guys. But somewhere along the line they lost (or were dragged away from) the concept of LIMITED GOVERNMENT. How did that happen to BOTH of them? What was the common, EVIL factor that led us down this path? Might it have been the "**Leadership**" of the Republican Party itself?

For Tyrants, History is a terrible thing. It documents their every action. Let's take a look at the recent historical record of the RPW:

1) **Campaign Management –** The RPW has lost 89% of, 25 out of 28, State-Wide elections. If the Brewers or Packers had such a dismal record, management would never make it past the first month of the season. It's not just one thing. Candidates seem to be anointed not elected via primary. They are anointed because of their ability to self-fund. There is also other money to be had, but when the grifters, those same Madison consultants and advisors who **YEAR AFTER YEAR** suck out their 25%, there isn't enough left to win. "Republican" election tactics seem to be stuck in the 1980's. They focus on dainty, smiley-face ads while the Dems are in full attack-and-destroy mode.

2)**Election Fraud –** How can you win, when you ALLOW the other side to CHEAT and then deny that the cheating exists? Day after day, week after week, more evidence of CHEATING is piled up; the latest example being proof of an algorithm within the election system itself. Is **Republican Leadership** fighting Election Fraud, or are they propagating it? The answer seems to be the latter. Robin Vos stood before a HOT Government meeting and said flat out that voting machines WEREN'T and couldn't be connected to the internet. LIE. Vos REFUSED to impeach Meagan Wolfe. And while I'm on the subject of Robin Vos, who was around to design the corrupt GAB and then put lipstick on that PIG transforming it into the WEC? What an improvement that was! HOT, Election Watch and others have for years pointed out that the basis for STEALING elections is inflated voter lists and mail-in ballots. Yet **Republican Leadership** allows and maybe even supports both. There are still over 8 million names on Wisconsin's voter rolls with legally eligible voters numbering only about half of that. Wolfe, the GAB, and their Republican friends continue to generate and/or manipulate hundreds of thousands of ballots across the State with no fear of reprisal from the Power Structure because they ARE the power structure.

3)**Consolidation of Power –** The corruption continues. **Republican Leadership** knows that there are people like YOU out there and YOU are all across the State..... even in Dane and Racine Counties. They can't have that. They can't have their power challenged by you mere Serfs. They will do whatever is necessary to destroy YOU and your efforts toward restoring your Liberty. This includes breaking their own party rules to manipulate Primary Elections to get their controllable plebes elected. It includes spending piles of cash to bad-mouth, defame and de-elect **Republican Candidates** that they can't control. It includes attacking and replacing County Party Leadership that might have ideas and philosophies (like winning) differing from that of **Republican Leadership. Republican Leadership** has even gone as far as to enact new bylaws designed to BEAT DOWN any and all opposition from County Parties.

4)**Secret Back-Room Deals –** Can anyone explain how Republican Leadership can allow (or suborn) a **Redistricting Map** that eliminates voting districts across the State, which are/were occupied by opponents of **Republican Leadership?** How that same Map increased the Republican percentage in only one district, that of Robin Vos? How that same Map will likely yield control of the entire State Government to the Dems? How that same Map will likely lead to a loss of TWO Republican House Seats and loss of the Republican control of the House?

Can anyone explain how the new **State Budget,** something that is in complete control of the Assembly and the Senate (despite Tony's line-item veto) is going to **increase by 15%?**

Now what? Stay tuned for Part III.

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Party of Tyranny – Part III

Your **Republican Leadership** constantly whines about "lack of unity" within the Party. Well. They are right. There is a lack of unity. There is a battle going on between the Past and the Future. Between the Nobility that desperately wants to hold onto their power and the Serfs that want to set the Party back on the path to a Conservative Limited Government.

The outcome here is certain. History has shown time and time again that the Serfs, The People, WILL change out the Government. At question here is the TIME and DEVASTATION that will be involved.

In order to save both TIME AND DEVASTATION, I respectfully request that the current **Republican Leadership** step down and remove themselves from the equation for both the good of the Party and the good of the Nation. I implore them to allow fresh ideas and a new approach towards rebuilding the Party of Lincoln. We need a new vision focused on eliminating fraud, supporting the Grass Roots at the County level, and most importantly WINNING ELECTIONS.

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the court.

To paraphrase the songwriter Pete Seeger, the judges issuing nationwide injunctions are taking the U.S legal system to the neck-deep water of the big muddy, and those fool judges say, "Push on." Waist Deep in the Big Muddy is a Vietnam-era protest song about a captain who leads his men into a river over the objections of a sergeant who knows the river. As the men walk, the water rises up to their necks. The sergeant again asks the captain to turn around, but the captain commands them to "Push on."

Nationwide Injunctions are the tools a small percentage of activist federal district court judges employ to block President Trump's first and second-term agendas. President Trump complained about these roadblocks in his first term, and now he complains about them more than he did in his first term. He even wants the "rogue judges" issuing these injunctions to be impeached. Unfortunately, his pleas will get him nowhere.

Nationwide injunctions involve a wide range of issues, including birthright citizenship, immigration, deportation of illegal criminals, disaster relief, the Department of Education, the firing of civil servants, and foreign assistance, to name only a few of the president's actions being enjoined.

On October 1, 2019, ReformTheKakistocracy.com published Nationwide Injunctions—Judiciary Acting as Congress. The article provides an overview of the use of injunctions since the Judiciary Act of 1789. It concludes, "The fact that Congress has not addressed an issue does not ever give a court authority to legislate." While its conclusion is technically correct, it does an injustice to Congress and allows the U.S. Supreme Court to escape responsibility.

Congress, by implication, did act by doing what it does best: delegating away its authority—in this instance, to the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court's failure to manage the lower courts allows these foolish district court judges to "Push on [the country]" deeper into the muddy legal waters, destroying the rule of law by allowing a few district court judges to act as super-legislators.

Before the 1960s, nationwide injunctions were rare. According to the Harvard Law Review, from 1963 forward, there have been 127 nationwide injunctions, with 96 issued between 2001 and 2023. Sixty-four of the nationwide injunctions were against President Trump. Since then, another 15 have been issued against Trump, totaling 79. By contrast, 12 were issued against George W. Bush, 19 against Obama, and 28 against Joe Biden.

How are nationwide injunctions allowed to continue?

It's the Supreme Court, stupid!

Yes, Congress and the U.S. Supreme Court have the authority to regulate district courts' issuing nationwide injunctions. Article III, section 1 gives Congress the power to establish, restructure, or eliminate the jurisdiction of the federal district courts since they are the creation of Congress.

Exercising its power over the federal courts in 1934, Congress enacted the Rules Enabling Act, which gave the Supreme Court the power to establish procedural and evidentiary rules for the lower courts. The Supreme Court is empowered to propose rules for the lower courts. If it transmits a proposed rule to Congress by May 1 of the year it seeks to be effective; it will take effect after December 1 unless Congress disapproves of it.

An alternative approach is for the Judicial Conference of the U.S. to propose new rules through its committee structure. This process, however, can take years.

The Supreme Court has not employed either of these processes to limit district court judges' use of nationwide injunctions.

Since the nation continuously experiences the antics of a polarized Congress, it would not be very reasonable to believe Congress will directly address this situation. This leaves the Supreme Court with the task of limiting the use of nationwide injunctions.

Since the U.S. Supreme Court has not acted since the issuance of nationwide injunctions exploded with the first Trump term, it can be assumed the Supreme Court supports the lower courts issuing nationwide injunctions. Since Congress is incapable of legislating a solution and the Supreme Court will not act, the country is in the dangerous position of being run by a group of activists' district judges willing to bind the nation to the opinions of a local judge, with jurisdiction over a small number of the nation's people and territory.

Is there a solution?

In a game of political hardball, the only option Republicans have rests with Congress using its spending power. The Republicans can secure leverage by attaching a rider to a must-pass appropriation bill. The text would prohibit appropriated monies, including money for staff, the building, or other resources, from being used by the judiciary to issue or enforce nationwide injunctions. The Democrats will oppose it, but with the Republicans having a majority in both houses of Congress, they must insist on the rider remaining part of the appropriations. If not, they can refuse to bring the appropriations bill to the floor for a vote.

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Save Our Babies!

By Bob Dohnal of the Wisconsin Conservative Digest

I have been a Conservative, since Barry Goldwater's book: "Conscience of a Conservative in 1964.

I realized then that the Dems, Progressives, liberals, Rinos were a downhill, losing policy program, that eventually burns the USA , and Wisconsin.

Look at the Evers budgets. Spends zillions, but solves no problems. Our property taxes are exploding, our kids cannot read and the budget goes higher and higher.

We want to kill our babies and bury our kids; in debt. The more we spend the worse it gets.

The economy is a drag, cut down by too high taxes, for our kids, our families, our seniors, while they go south to retire or leave the state after college.

We formed the Digest 40 years ago to fight the culture in Mad city, of taking small, millions in campaign donations, in exchange for laws that reward millions to the donors.

We want to save our babies from the knife and keep our kids from being killed, psyched by pot and fentanyl.

Our kids lives our not for destruction. The money we make is not for the state, it is for our families, babies, homes.

Since I have been working in politics I have seen budgets go from 1 billion, in 1969, to almost $100 billion. We have had less then honest elections.

We are saps for letting these things happen.

HOT JACK

More Proof of Election Stealing

An article recently published in the American Thinker titled ***A Newly Discovered Algorithm in Wisconsin Voter File is Indisputable Evidence of Criminal Election Fraud*** By Jerome R. Corsi

https://www.americanthinker.com/articles/2025/04/a_newly_discovered_algorithm_in_wisconsin_voter_file_is_indisputable_evidence_of_criminal_election_fraud.html

says flat out that "*..... a never-before-seen algorithm in the Wisconsin Election Commission's (WEC) voter registration database, leaving no doubt someone has penetrated the WEC's computer system to impose a criminal reordering on the voter files.*"

Gee. No kidding. We've known about the doubling up of voter IDs for two years. The only part that I might debate is the "someone has penetrated" part. I might contend that there was no penetration (unless you count the voters being ROFR'd). I might contend that the algorithm has been here all along and was put there purposely. To me that just makes a whole lot more sense and plays directly into the modus operandi of the arrogant pigs who run the SWAMP.

But the article goes on to make a fine point. Perhaps now the Feds will be forced to do something. To investigate. To expose. To PROSECUTE those involved including those false election winners, whether they were duped or not. What crime would be charged? TREASON would be a good place to start. I can think of no more heinous crime against our Constitution; our Nation; our People than the stealing of our votes and denying us the ability to directly participate in the Constitutional Republic. These creeps deserve to literally swing from a tree in the public square.

There are some questions that need to be answered:

Does Pam Bondi and the DOJ have the balls and support to get it done?
Does the SCOTUS have the balls to declare suspect elections null and void and order new elections?
Do the American People want Free and Fair Elections bad enough to force the answers to the above two questions?

The clock is ticking for someone. It's just a matter of whom.



HOT JACK

Voter Fraud Runs Rampant in Racine County

There was a recent Judicial Election in Racine County, where the incumbent Judge lost the election by 55 votes; give or take. A group led by HOT Government did an analysis of the ballots cast and found that a **minimum** of 800 absentee ballots were questionable at best and fraudulent at worst. This is clearly enough to call the results of the election into question. Some might say that the election was a total sham.

How did the HOT group find the bad ballots? They compared the addresses on the absentee ballots with the address list of the US Post Office for all of Racine County. They asked the question, "Do the addresses on the ballots, which are required by law to be accurate, match up with "legal" addresses on the USPS's list? The answer in way too many instances is a resounding NO. And if the ballots came from a non-residence, they are by definition ILLEGAL and probably a strong indication of CHEATING. AND, WHO voted for those, who are listed as living out-of-State?

Even a small judicial election in one county is important when the election can be (and some would say it WAS) stolen. In other words, "IF you can steal a small judicial election, WHY can't you steal a US Senate seat? A governorship? An AG office? A State Supreme Court seat.....or two?

Do you see the problem here? Why should anyone with half a brain trust the results of ANY election? Maybe we should save a lot of time and money and just announce all election results on Labor Day? How could it be any different? It could all be a part of Tony's and Robbin's Green New Deal....."Save Gas by Not Voting."

As for the Racine County election, the final results are still pending as this is being written. But what will happen within the next few days is more important than you know. Because this is a "small" election, it is not that difficult to analyze and put the data forward in a very understandable fashion; a fashion that a JURY can understand. This is WHY the Left will stop at nothing to kill the whole process and stifle any type of investigation. This leads us to some questions:

1) Will the affected judge push forward with the appropriate legal challenges and lawsuits?

2) Will ANYONE have the testicular fortitude to PROSECUTE those who filed the illegal ballots and those organizing the cheating effort? Certainly not our State AG. How about the REPUBLICAN Racine County District Attorney?

3) Will our REPUBLICAN leadership, especially those from RACINE COUNTY be outraged and demand a FEDERAL INVESTIGATION and PROSECUTION?

Because the answers to questions 2 and 3 absolutely terrify the SWAMP, every slimy, indecent tactic and pressure will be applied to kill the whole effort with a negative answer to question 1. Mark my words, this is what will happen. No matter what, The Swamp cannot be exposed for what it is. Elections are DEAD.

Citizens *cont. from page 8*

to the corporations.

Then the battle shifted to South Dakota where many farmers were publicly opposing the pipeline. Again, as in Iowa, I travelled across the state, speaking to local activists, providing ideas on how to stand up and fight to protect their property and farmers. In fact, I have been given credit by some of the local activists for inspiring positive action in their fight.

The fight in South Dakota became vicious as the corporations took action to silence opposition. One farmer, Jared Bossly, was very open in his opposition to the pipeline. He had signs posted on his property specifically notifying the pipeline corporations to not come on his property without his permission.

Summit Carbon Solutions decided to make an example of him to show other farmers what would happen if they openly opposed the pipeline. One day, without warning, as Bossly was out working in his fields, Summit arrived at his house. They began to walk around his property and even entered his barn where he had his farm office.

His wife, scared by these strangers on their land, called Jared, who was working out in the field. In a quick six second phone conversation with her, he said "we will need to get the sheriff involved."

Jared did not talk directly to the surveyors. But those surveyors reported that he had threatened their lives. HE DID NO SUCH THING. But a judge put a restraining order on him, as if he was a danger to these corporate trespassers.

Then, less than two weeks later, Summit sent another team to his property, complete with armed guards and huge equipment designed to drill 90-foot-deep holes into his soil. They drove this monster equipment over his soybean and corn crops destroying them. But, by order of the judge, Jared was not allowed to confront or interact with them – on his own property.

It is obvious that Summit's purpose in this intimidation tactic was to scare other farmers from opposing the pipeline on their own land, and to silence their opposition. That tactic backfired! Instead of silencing them, farmers rose up like never before in opposition. Within days, the farmers held a rally at the South Dakota state capital, demanding that the governor and state legislature take action to protect their property rights.

The battle has taken a positive turn. Suddenly, Navigator cancelled its plans to build its pipeline. In addition, recently, South Dakota Governor Larry Rhoden signed a bill banning the use of eminent domain for carbon capture pipelines.

Of course, that is a huge victory and should end the threat. But the real problem is Summit Carbon Solutions. It's planning legal action to stop the ban. Also, Summit is looking for a possible new route around South Dakota to continue the pipeline into North Dakota. Most recently, a new carbon capture pipeline project has been announced to cover Ohio, West Virginia, and western Pennsylvania. For those states, the battle begins anew.

The Carbon Capture Pipeline is a scam that has nothing to do with protecting the environment. It is simply a weapon to take valuable farmland as evil forces work to impose their global agenda on us. The key weapon for stopping the threat is to fight for protection of property rights. Local elected officials must make the determination – who do they represent? – private corporations and non-elected Boards, or the people who elected them?

Two Tactics the Wisconsin GOP Could Learn from Donald Trump

By Joe Bast

The humiliating loss of conservative Brad Schimel to liberal Susan Crawford in the April 1 Wisconsin Supreme Court election has forced a discussion of how the GOP in Wisconsin needs to "break the old model" of campaigning to once again start winning statewide elections. Donald Trump won the presidential election Wisconsin arguably 3 times in a row if not for election fraud, each time by a larger margin than the last time. What tactics did he use that we should adopt?

One is to criticize the MOTIVES of his opponents by giving them vibrant and even entertaining labels: traitors (immigration), perverts (LBGTQ agend), socialists (tax and spend), racists (CRT), and baby killers (abortion). This is almost the only tactic the left uses in elections – "he's a racist! He's anti-woman! He's a tyrant!" It allows them to define our candidates and their own while we stay on the high road and mostly push positive messages about our candidates' character and ideas.

Agree with him or not, Trump has clearly demonstrated that attacking your opponents' motives with high energy and mocking humor ("Tampon Tim," "Sleepy Joe," "Pocahontas") gets the MAGA base, young people, and low-propensity voters to turn out in sufficient numbers to win statewide elections in Wisconsin.

Many of us who devoted much of our lives and even careers to paving the high road have always opposed this tactic. We feared it would turn off the moderate voters. But how many moderates are listening or even care anymore? Moderates are less important than they once were ... and maybe they were never as important as the lying partisan pollsters told us they were. Now we know the "swing voters" are young, minority, and low-propensity voters. Getting them to turn out is what determines the winner in close elections.

We need to rethink our opposition to "going negative" early, often, fiercely, and with humor. If we aren't comfortable engaging in it ourselves, then we should fund and not criticize those who do.

In a recent essay, Hillsdale president Larry Arnn correctly identifies a second Trump tactic that works: Ask for the moon and settle for less. He describes Trump's attack on Harvard University, once upon a time America's most revered institution of higher education:

"What's happening right now is classic Trump," Mr. Arnn says. "He's negotiating, and I don't know any better than anybody else what he intends, except he does appear to intend that Harvard is going to reform itself in some big ways." It is his way "to ask for more than he is likely to get in the beginning. He seems to do that all the time."

In his Monday response to the Trump administration, Harvard's president objected to "direct governmental regulation of the 'intellectual conditions' at Harvard." Mr. Arnn agrees: "I don't think Trump ought to run Harvard. I doubt if he thinks that. But I do think that we're spending a lot of money at Harvard. It's a very unbalanced institution. And goodness' sakes, some of the kids are not safe there, because of their race, or religion, or both. And so, should the taxpayer be funding that?"

Trump COULD just go around asking "should the taxpayer be funding that?" That's a reasonable question that should appeal to moderates. But Trump isn't trying to win over the now-mythical moderate voter. Attacking Ivy League schools -- which 99% of voters will never attend or have children who will attend -- is a soft target that appeals to swing voters and the MAGA base.

This second tactic is very different from what the current GOP leadership and most elected Republicans in Wisconsin are doing. They allow Gov. Evers to call for a 30% or 40% increase in state spending and then they "negotiate" for "only" a 10% or 15% increase. They ask the governor to approve modest tax cuts after they vote to pass his budget request, and then complain when he vetoes them. They keep shoveling more money to the UW system and hope the leftists they are feeding don't criticize them even more fiercely than they do already.

There's a label for that kind of behavior: Abused spouse syndrome.

UW-Madison and the Ivy League schools either don't bother to respond to questions about their taxpayer funding or they trot out their old "university research is essential and saves lives." Trump calls them names and calls for rapidly defunding them, even challenging their tax-exempt status and taxing their endowments. THAT gets their attention. Now there is a national debate about the waste, fraud, and bias of Ivy League schools.

Trump will settle for reforms that make universities less left-wing and more efficient, but he leads with accusations (once again) about the MOTIVES of academics and university administrators and threatens their funding immediately by freezing grants already in the pipeline, forcing them to defend themselves. This is what it took to bring the problem of left-wing bias on college campuses to the forefront of the debate and is likely to result in changes to university policies after five decades of ineffective complaining by conservatives.

Should the Wisconsin GOP follow suit and launch a campaign against taxpayer funding of the University of Wisconsin - Madison? For decades it has been a sacred cow in Wisconsin politics, practically untouchable, and growing bigger, fatter, and more liberal with every passing year. I say it's time to call for its complete defunding. Save taxpayers money, force the university to fix its problems, and turn the state's focus to real education and learning rather than leftist ideology and woke nonsense.

Supply Chains *cont. from page 1*

extending across virtually all major therapeutic categories.

A report by a leading AI Supply Chain company Exiger, "A Bitter Pill: America's Dangerous Dependence on China-Made Pharmaceuticals" warns that China's dominance puts American patients at risk of getting low-quality medication. . . or none at all.

Exiger CEO Brandon Daniels told FOX Business, "We were very worried about the fact that after the pandemic, the strategic national stockpiling efforts and the sort of restoring, you know, United States independence when it came to both pharmaceuticals and medical devices had sort of lost its tailwinds."

According to Exiger, the U.S. currently imports 75% of its essential medicines, with most of them coming from China and India.

And while India produces about half of the generic drugs the U.S. imports, it relies heavily on China for 80% of its active pharmaceutical ingredients contained in more than 500 generic drugs including treatments for diabetes and heart conditions as well as antibiotics.

Daniels also points to drug quality safety hazards at many Chinese pharmaceutical sites which use forced labor with people literally walking around without shoes on in dirty facilities.

He also referenced an incident in which shipments of a medication contained hydrogen cyanide.

Last year, Food and Drug Administration inspectors issued a damning indictment of Chinese company Sichuan Deebio's main production facility, which not only lacked basic quality control measures but also featured a leadership team that systematically misled safety investigators over the course of their review.

Meanwhile, Chinese firms scoop up personal information through a combination of overt and covert means.

For example, BGI, a major Chinese biotech operating a large-scale genomic biobank, a close partner with the People's Liberation Army, also partnered with American institutions in a likely attempt to collect global genomic data streams for Chinese government use.

Making matters worse, Chinese national security law frequently compels businesses to share data with the government, creating a pre-existing backdoor to security and privacy nightmares.

On April 1, according to a Federal Register notice, the Trump Department of Commerce launched an investigation of the national security implications and medical countermeasures of pharmaceutical imports.

Reducing supply chain dependence on our country's greatest geopolitical adversary for our most vital products and industries must be a top priority using all means possible, including domestic regulatory relief, homeshoring tax incentives, and export tariffs with stiff penalties on trade sanction violators.

Bitter economic pills now are far preferable to costly or futile emergency care later if we fail to heed urgent warnings.

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Poll *cont. from page 4*

71% Free market economic system,12% Socialism, 17% Not sure

Interesting Crosstabs

Only 4% of likely voters age 65 and older think socialism is better than capitalism.

24% of likely voters under the age of 30 link socialism is better than a free market economic system.

Do you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable impression of communism?

7% Very favorable, 11% Somewhat favorable, 6% Somewhat unfavorable, 57% Very unfavorable, 8% Not sure

Interesting Crosstabs

37% of likely voters under 30 have at least a somewhat favorable view of communism.

The next presidential election is in 2028. Would you like to see a democratic socialist candidate win the next presidential election?

31% Yes, 46% No, 24% Not sure

Interesting Crosstabs

50% of likely voters under the age of 30 would like to see a democratic socialist candidate win the 2028 presidential election.

The Trump administration is currently in the midst of a "trade war" with China, with each side imposing tariffs on the other. Who do you hope wins the tariff war?

18% China, 57% Trump administration, 25% Not sure

Interesting Crosstabs

32% of Democrats and Liberals want China to win a trade war against a United States led by Trump.

NOTE: Margin of Sampling Error, +/- 3 percentage points with a 95% level of confidence



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Short Takes

By Ken Van Doren

Literature adds to reality, it does not simply describe it. It enriches the necessary competencies that daily life requires and provides; and in this respect, it irrigates the deserts that our lives have already become. -C. S. Lewis

"I'm alive and I'm going to keep standing up for what I believe in. Once you get to that point, boy you are dangerous." - Andrew Breitbart

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

I think we have to own the fears that we have of each other, and then, in some practical way, some daily way, figure out how to see people differently than the way we were brought up to.
-Alice Walker

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

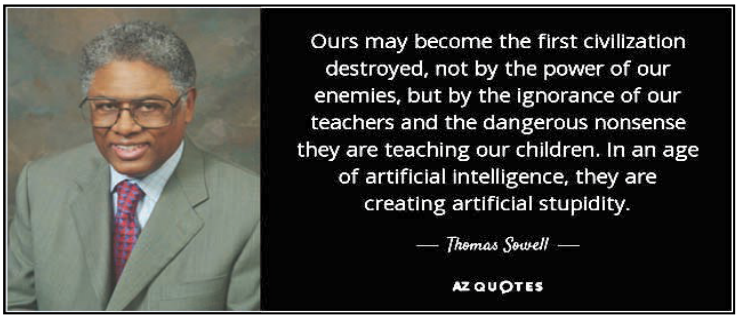
Without deep reflection one knows from daily life that one exists for other people. -Albert Einstein

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

Your understanding of what you read and hear is, to a very large degree, determined by your vocabulary, so improve your vocabulary daily.
-Zig Ziglar

I fear that many a man's good resolutions only need the ordinary fire of daily life to make them melt away. So, too, with fine professions and the boastings of perfection which abound in this age of shams.
-Charles Spurgeon

Creation is a miracle of daily recurrence. 'A miracle a minute' would not be a bad slogan for God. -George Bernard Shaw



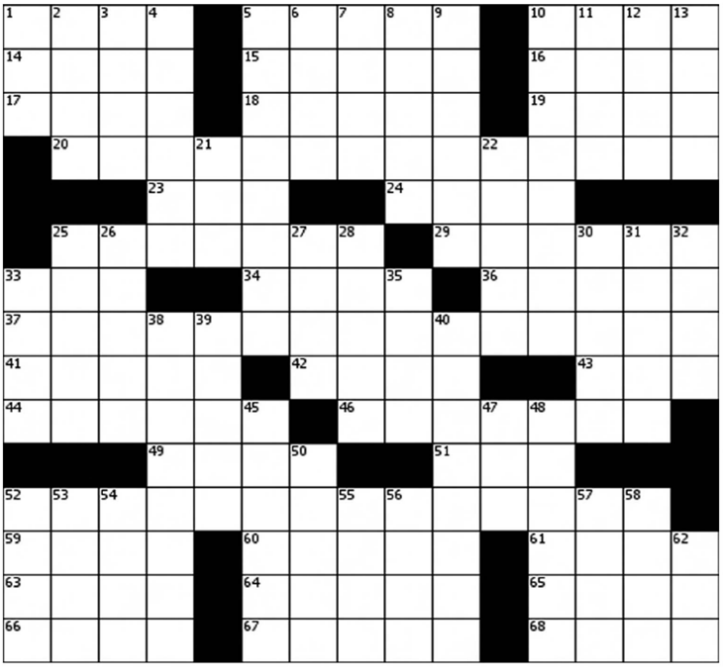


THE GAME PAGE

Crossword Puzzler

ACROSS
1. Storm preceder
5. Lamb or veal items
10. Waist band?
14. Moises in the majors
15. Condor's digs
16. Piedmont wine center
17. Kind of drum
18. Lariat in the Southwest
19. Fiction enthusiast?
20. French, to some
23. IV x XIII
24. Sean Connery, among many
25. Put aside
29. "Bragh" preceder
33. Radical '70s org.
34. Sitting on
36. Prepare for knighthood
37. Mae West's asset?
41. Kuwait biggie
42. He jumps through hoops
43. Apt. grouping
44. S. England county
46. Places of "action"
49. "___ Mia"
51. Brew holder
52. 1979 Doobie Brothers hit
59. Tommy of Mets' history
60. It's projected
61. Off course
63. Show fury
64. "Awake and Sing!" playwright
65. Mudville group
66. Is off the mark
67. Action after an alarm
68. Freshly

DOWN
1. It'll take you for a ride
2. Cry of dismay
3. Diet successfully
4. Flexor or extensor
5. Traveling amusement show
6. Take, as advice
7. Kind of contract
8. Pocket breads
9. Meeting with a medium
10. Greeting an officer
11. It covers plenty of ground
12. Type of beetle or party
13. Take on
21. Black gold
22. Russian author of "The Lower Depths" (Var.)
25. Replay effect, briefly
26. Rutger ___ of "Blade Runner"
27. Frat letters
28. Prescription data
30. Kind of surgeon
31. Lysol targets
32. Matador boosters
33. Food fish
35. HS junior test
38. Nick-of-time types
39. "Wunderbar!"
40. Most subject to chance
45. Earth mover
47. Home in the hills
48. Spiny lizard
50. Living quarters
52. Colt's kin
53. Operatic prince
54. Kind of miss
55. Part of YSL
56. Wee pest
57. Half a matched set
58. Shore prospector
62. Arrow wood



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

	1	3	8		5	9	7	
2			6		3			1
7	9	4				6	8	5
3	2	8				1	9	4
5			4		8			6
	6	1	5		7	8	4	

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National Suicide *cont. from page 1*

belief that the world would be better if they eliminated evils like borders, citizenship, religion and fossil fuels.

"Imagine there's no countries … Nothing to kill or die for, And no religion, too."

Indeed, the Left has been devilishly ingenious in its efforts to lure the United States, Europe and The West into committing civilizational suicide – by fearmongering us that the planet's very existence is at stake, and promising that future generations will praise us if we follow "progressive" demands.

Above all, the Left assures us, replacing oil, coal, natural gas and nuclear power with "clean, renewable, sustainable" wind and solar energy will ensure idyllic temperatures, a perfect climate all year, planetary salvation – and everlasting hosannahs.

Those tempted by these sirens' calls should ponder my grandmother's sage adage: "The only good thing about the 'good old days' is that they're gone." Having grown up on a nineteenth-century farm, Grandma Anna never wanted to live again without indoor plumbing, electricity or refrigerators that replaced ice boxes, ice houses and the risk of "running out of ice" before the next Wisconsin winter set in.

Terror attacks, judicial interference and Blue State resistance notwithstanding, Trump Administration and congressional actions on these fronts suggest that the United States will at least forestall, if not reject, national suicide. Much of Europe, however, seems headed for energy and civilizational collapse.

"Grooming gangs" sexually exploiting young girls, vehicular rampages and knife attacks, frequent gang rapes, enclaves of assimilation-rejecting migrants, and native populations whose lower birthrates make it likely that legal and illegal immigrants will soon dominate demographics, cultures and elections – all are harbingers of slow but steady civilizational decline across much of Europe.

Prolonging these problems, from Britain to France to Germany, ruling liberal/socialist elites are shutting down conservative voices and even entire parties that question or challenge government ideologies on climate change, the energy "transition" to wind and solar, open borders and free speech. Germany's domestic intelligence service officially classified the popular, populist, anti-green-energy Alternative für Deutschland as a "proven far-right extremist" organization; AfD could now be subjected to informants and secret recordings and even banned from future elections.

Perhaps worst of all, Europe may be entering not just a new intellectual Dark Age, but a North Korea-style darkness age – where energy is scarce and costly, factories close, jobs disappear, lighting and heating become luxuries, and governments increasingly control lives, livelihoods and living standards.

Germany and Britain already have among the highest household, business and industrial electricity prices on Earth (nearly 3x higher than average US prices; 3-4x higher than in 30 states). Yet they refuse to frack for natural gas to power generators or build nuclear plants for reliable, affordable electricity … while demanding electric vehicles and heating, and importing more Russian gas to finance Putin's war machine.

(US states focused on climate and "green" energy also have outrageously high electricity prices.)

Reliability is equally problematic. On April 16, Spain was euphoric: wind, solar and hydro power provided 100% of its electricity. Twelve days later, a long blackout plunged the country into chaos. No lights, refrigerators, TVs or cell phones; no trains, subways, traffic lights or flights; cash only because credit cards didn't work; hospitals had only limited backup power; people died.

Sunny, Net-Zero Spain has 32 gigawatts of installed solar photovoltaic capacity – blanketing over 315 square miles (5x Washington, DC) with solar panels. But the panels generate power intermittently, unreliably, at only 17% of their rated capacity overall. When solar generation surges (or plummets), its aging grid cannot handle the strain or meet power demands.

The heavily wind-solar Spanish electrical system lacks the "inertia" or "spinning mass" that gas and nuclear power plants provide: the innate ability to respond quickly to changes in demand, prevent fluctuations in voltage and available power, maintain grid stability, and prevent blackouts. And Spain's few remaining gas and nuclear plants were mostly offline when needed April 28.

Experts estimate that the EU power grid requires at least a $1-trillion upgrade to avoid similar blackouts. The International Energy Agency says Europe must spend $600 billion a year to cover the necessary overhauls; the European Commission puts the grid-upgrade tab at over $2 trillion by 2050.

Net-Zero US states risk similar electricity chaos, financial catastrophes and economic decline. The obvious best example is California – which already imports 20-30 percent of its electricity, depending on wind and sunshine, and increasing amounts of gasoline, as regulations, fines and costs force more refineries to close. The state is also plagued by recurring power outages.

The looming closure of Valero's Benicia refinery will not only eliminated local jobs and revenues. It will leave California drivers with less fuel (just as EV drivers have to cope with reduce electricity generation), compel the oil-rich former Golden State to import even more fuel from Asia (adding tanker costs and emissions to the equation), deprive Nevada and Arizona of fuels their residents need – and leave Travis Air Force Base largely bereft of fuels for its cargo, refueling and other aircraft.

Here's the inescapable reality. Wind, solar and grid-scale battery power are not clean, green, renewable or sustainable. These installations and transmission lines blanket scenic, cropland and habitats. They slaughter raptors and kill off whales and other wildlife. The batteries catch fire with dangerous regularity.

Their massive raw material requirements mean mining, processing, manufacturing, pollution and further ecosystem impacts at historically unprecedented scales, to build inefficient, insufficient, but hugely expensive energy systems.

Then, to hopefully avoid recurring blackouts, those systems must be backed up with additional, duplicative, reliable power generation for the hours, days and weeks when wind and sunshine fail to do their job – adding more charges to electricity bills. And wind and solar do nothing to replace the oil and gas feedstocks needed to manufacture over 6,000 vital everyday products.

There's a better way. Keep producing coal, oil and gas – and relying on coal, gas and nuclear power plants. Scrap plans for new wind, solar and battery systems … and junk the ones we have. Equally important, stop basing energy policy on GIGO climate models that conjure up absurd temperature, weather and other cataclysms that are used to justify pseudo-green energy and destroy civilizations.

That's simple energy, economic, scientific and moral common sense. There is no reason (except stupidity and recalcitrance) for America (or any nation) to commit economic, cultural and national suicide.

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Montana Governor tells off would-be banners



By Craig Rucker

Had enough of bans and mandates?

Check out the masterful veto message Montana Governor Greg Gianforte sent the legislature when they tried to ban Styrofoam cups.

We posted it to CFACT.org.

"The free enterprise system works," Gianforte wrote. "We should let it work, not have the heavy hand of big government unnecessarily meddle with it."

Truer words never graced the printed page.

"Like many Montanans, I enjoy hot coffee in a Styrofoam cup, because it keeps it hot. And this bill is a hot mess," Gianforte said in a video on X.

America has reached peak regulation. Government is too complicated, controls too much, and has grown monstrously large.

The Trump/Musk DOGE effort to reduce government is a vitally needed reform, but it is also a case study in how difficult it is to weed out government waste after it has already taken root.

Better to do as Gianforte did and issue an unmistakable "no" at the outset

"Ultimately, whether to use Styrofoam for take-out orders, packaging leftovers, or providing pre-packaged foods should be a matter for a restaurant or consumer to decide -- not the state."

Right you are, Governor.

Policymakers, confident in the righteousness of their superior wisdom, are ever eager to impose their judgment on the rest of us.

The people we elect should hold their fire and rarely place us under the control of the bureaucrats.

Millions of people making billions of voluntary choices in a free market is the most powerful economic force known to man.

Don't mess with it.



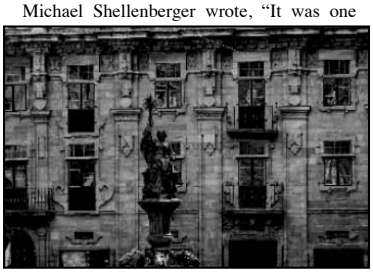
Spain and Portugal go dark

By Craig Rucker

Trains froze in place. Traffic lights went dark. Elevators trapped their passengers. Refrigerators shut down. Flights were canceled. Life ground to a halt.

A massive blackout shut down the Iberian Peninsula on Monday shortly after Spain announced that it was running on 100% "renewable" energy for the first time ever.

Michael Shellenberger wrote, "It was one of the largest peacetime blackouts Europe has ever seen. And it was not random. It was not an unforeseeable event. It was the exact failure that many of us have been, repeatedly, warning lawmakers about for years — warnings that Europe's political leaders systematically chose to ignore."



Marc Morano posted this analysis to CFACT's Climate Depot:

"Before the outage hit, Spain was running its grid with very little of what's called 'dispatchable spinning generation,' which means power plants, like gas or nuclear, that can quickly adjust their output to keep the grid stable... Traditional plants provide this with their spinning turbines, but renewables don't, making the grid more fragile if you don't have a way to very rapidly load-balance in the case of an outage. This likely contributed to the outage that hit Spain, Portugal, and parts of France, as the grid couldn't handle sudden disruptions well."

"A reliance on net zero energy left Spain and Portugal vulnerable to the mass blackouts engulfing the region, experts said last night."

Spain's Socialist government has been letting the Greens have their way. Radicals celebrated as Spain shut down its nuclear and hydrocarbon plants, just when neighbors have been delaying and even increasing nuclear generation.

Spain was forced to import massive amounts of electricity from nuclear-powered France and coal-and-oil-powered Morocco to get its grid back online.

Time and again Europe illustrates how not to manage our energy economy.

Fortunately, as President Trump takes stock of his first 100 days, shutting down the Left's energy mistakes has been among his finest accomplishments.

Wind and solar are not up to the task of powering our future, but they do have their moments.

A silver lining of the power outage: Spanish cafes dishing out free ice cream...before it melted.

Seventeen states misguidedly sue to block Trump from stopping wind power

By David Wojick

The attorneys general of 17 green states have jointly sued the President and the heads of a dozen federal agencies. Under the President's day one executive order (EO), these agencies stopped approving pretty much anything to do with wind power development. The States want the Court to tell these Agencies to stop stopping.

The basic issue is simple, but the possible outcomes are anything but. I think the States have not properly considered where this action might lead. In fact they have probably asked the Court for the wrong thing.

The coalition includes Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, Washington, and Washington, D.C.

The State's Complaint filed with the Court is 101 pages long, so I am not going to get into that. This is just a high level overview. The full Complaint is here.

There is however one thing the States specifically say that is worth noting, namely that this EO and the Agency actions implementing it are "an existential threat to the wind industry." Let's hope so.

By way of background, the Court is doing "judicial review" under the Administrative Procedures Act (APA). The APA governs how federal agencies make decisions. In particular, they have to have good reasons.

Generally speaking, EO's are not subject to judicial review because they are internal federal communications which in principle have no impact outside the government. But if agencies take actions to comply with an EO, those actions are governed by the APA. This is why the States are suing all these agencies; it is their actions that are in question, not the EO.

The States claim the Agencies are violating the APA because they give no reasons for their actions except the EO. Of course, the EO gives the reason, which is that there have been numerous allegations of deficiencies in the Agency actions during the Biden Administration. In fact, the EO just calls for a temporary stoppage so the past practices can be investigated.

The States claim this vague reference to unspecified deficiencies is not good enough to satisfy the APA. The Court may well agree, but then it gets very interesting. Here I think the States have made a mistake.

The States specifically ask the Court to find that the Agencies are violating the APA and then to tell the Agencies not to obey the EO. That is all they ask for.

I doubt a Court can tell an Agency not to obey a lawful EO. What they can do in this case is tell the Agencies that if they want to obey the EO they must comply with the APA when they do it.

So let the Agencies do that. It would simply require that they each carry out their own investigation under their own authorities, which they can certainly do, jumping through all the APA hoops along the way.

They can certainly suspend all their approvals, pending these investigations, because there is no telling where they might lead. Suspending approval pending investigation is fundamental law.

It could all take a very long time with very interesting results, nothing like what the States are hoping for. In particular I would love to see each Agency take public comments on past deficiencies as there have been untold thousands of wind development complaints filed during the Biden years, all ignored. CFACT has filed a number of these.

This may well be a case of the old adage "Be careful what you wish for." Things could be worse for wind and the wind-loving green states than they already are.

Stay tuned to CFACT as this legal drama plays out.



DOJ Launches Investigation Into Top Medical Journals Over Bias, Fraud and Corruption

By Nicolas Hulscher, MPH

According to NBC, at least three major medical journals—CHEST, the New England Journal of Medicine (NEJM), and Obstetrics and Gynecology—have received letters from the U.S. Department of Justice questioning their editorial practices. The letters, sent by interim U.S. Attorney Ed Martin, raised legitimate concerns about bias, lack of transparency, and whether these journals fairly presented competing scientific viewpoints—especially on topics like COVID-19 policies and treatments.

While some journals pushed back—claiming editorial independence—others, like The Lancet, which apparently did not yet receive a letter, went so far as to label the inquiries "harassment."

For years, we have seen top-tier journals prioritize ideology over open scientific debate. In fact, most of the major publishers, including Elsevier, Springer Nature, Wiley, Sage Publications and Taylor & Francis, have formed a cartel under the International Association of Scientific, Technical, and Medical Publishers. The Cartel controls two-thirds of global journal publications, enforces unpaid peer reviews, restricts manuscript submissions, and delays scientific progress—all to protect their multi-billion-dollar profits. This resulted in a recent class action lawsuit against the Cartel for "tremendous damage to science and the public interest."

The Fall of the Academic Publishing Cartel

By Nicolas Hulscher, MPH



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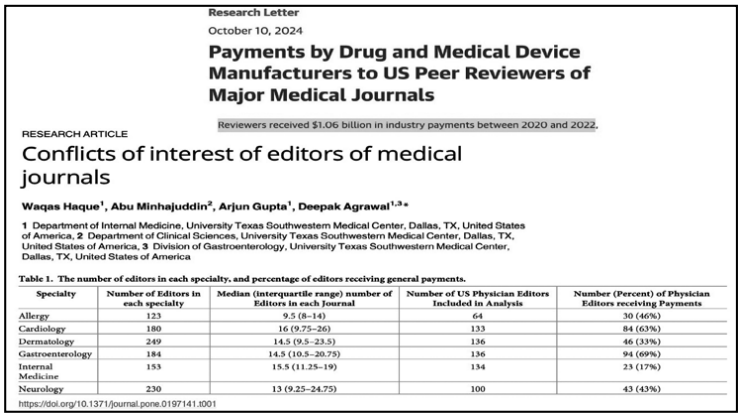

Research Letter

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Payments by Drug and Medical Device Manufacturers to US Peer Reviewers of Major Medical Journals

Reviewers received $1.06 billion in industry payments between 2020 and 2022.

RESEARCH ARTICLE

Conflicts of interest of editors of medical journals

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Table 1. The number of editors in each specialty, and percentage of editors receiving general payments.

Specialty	Number of Editors in each specialty	Median (interquartile range) number of Editors in each Journal	Number of US Physician Editors Included in Analysis	Number (Percent) of Physician Editors receiving Payments
Allergy	123	9.5 (8–14)	64	30 (46%)
Cardiology	180	16 (9.75–26)	133	84 (63%)
Dermatology	249	14.5 (9.5–23.5)	136	46 (33%)
Gastroenterology	184	14.5 (10.5–20.75)	136	94 (69%)
Internal Medicine	153	15.5 (11.25–19)	134	23 (17%)
Neurology	230	13 (9.25–24.75)	100	43 (43%)

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The Journal Cartel's corruption extends to censoring critical pharmaceutical product safety data in accordance with the Biopharmaceutical Complex, likely costing lives:



A prime example of this corruption is when Cartel member Elsevier blatantly violated COPE guidelines by censoring our study "A Systematic Review Of Autopsy Findings In Deaths After COVID-19 Vaccination" — shortly after successful peer review and official acceptance — likely because it demonstrated a high likelihood of a causal link between COVID-19 vaccines and death. Our study had just become the #1 trending research paper worldwide across all subject areas before Elsevier abruptly intervened.

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RFK Jr. to Require Placebo-Controlled Trials for New Vaccines as FDA Admits "Void of Data" on COVID Boosters

By Nicolas Hulscher, MPH

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None of the vaccine doses the CDC recommends for routine injection into children were licensed by the FDA based on a long-term placebo-controlled trial

Type	Doses	Age injected	Brand	Company	Control	Placebo?	Safety Review After Injection?	Long	Source	Note
HepB	3	Birth 1M 6M	Recombivax HB	M	None		5 days		Package insert at § 6.1	Note that to license a vaccine for children, the FDA relies upon the clinical trial conducted with children, not adults, because as the FDA explains, "It's important that the public recognize that, because young children are still growing and developing, it's critical that thorough and robust clinical trials of adequate size are completed to evaluate the safety and the immune response to a ... vaccine in this population. Children are not (small adults)."
			Engerix-B	G	None		4 days		Package insert at § 6.1	
DTaP	15	2M 4M6M 15M 4Y	Infanrix	G	DTP		30 days		Package insert at § 6.1	DTP was also not licensed based on a placebo controlled trial and it increases mortality.
			Daptacel	S	DT or DTP		Up to 2 months + 1 trial 6 months		Package insert at § 6.1	The 6-month Daptacel trial had no control, 1,454 children and "[w]ithin 30 days following any dose of DAPTACEL, 3.9% subjects reported at least one serious adverse event."
PCV	4	2M 4M 6M 12M	Prevnar 13, PCV-13	P	Prevnar 7		6 months		Package insert at § 6.1	Prevnar 7 trial's control was an "[i]nvestigational meningococcal group C conjugate vaccine." In Prevnar 13 trial, "[s]erious adverse events reported following vaccination in infants and toddlers occurred in 8.2% among Prevnar 13 recipients and 7.2% among Prevnar 7 recipients." In Vaxneuvance trial, "serious adverse events...were reported by 9.6% of VAXNEUVANCE recipients and by 8.9% of Prevnar 13 recipients" but deemed "safe" because "no notable patterns or numerical imbalances between vaccination groups." Prevnar 20 had similar result split into "serious adverse events" and "newly diagnosed chronic medical conditions."
			Vaxneuvance PCV-15	M	Prevnar 13		6 months		Package insert at § 6.1	
			Prevnar 20, PCV-20	P	Prevnar 13		6 months		Package insert at § 6.1; Clinical Review	
IPV	4	2M4M 6M 4Y	IPOL	S	None		3 days		Package insert at 14-17	IPOL is very different than the polio vaccine created by Jonas Salk in the 1950s (used until 1960s). Hence, trials of Salk's vaccine from the 1950s were not relied upon to license IPOL.
Hib	3 or 4	2M 4M 6M 12M	ActHIB	S	HepB		30 days		Package insert at § 6.1; Basis of Approval at 8	Within 30 days of injection in the ActHIB trial, 3.4% experienced a serious adverse event but "[n]one was assessed by the investigators [Sonal] as related to the study of vaccines."
			Hiberix	G	HibTITER or other vaccine		31 days		Package insert at § 6.1; Clinical review at 20-21	
			Liquid PedvaxHIB	M	Lyophilized PedvaxHIB		3 days		Package insert at 6-8	Lyophilized PedvaxHIB vaccine, used as the control for Liquid PedvaxHIB, was tested in a trial in which controls were given placebo, DPV, and DTP but there is no indication Lyophilized PedvaxHIB was ever licensed.
RV[5]	2 or 3	2M 4M 6M	Rotarix	G			31 days + 1 year for intussusception		Package insert at § 6.1; Clinical review at 23-24	"[T]here were 68 (0.19%) deaths following...ROTARIX...and 50 (0.15%) deaths following placebo... The most common...cause...was pneumonia...observed in 19 (0.05%) recipients of ROTARIX and 10 (0.03%) placebo recipients." Its clinical review admits "[t]he placebo consisted of all components of Rotarix, but without any RV particles." The package insert for RotaTeq similarly admits its "placebo" contains multiple ingredients as seen to the left.
			RotaTeq	M			42 days + 1 year for intussusception		Package insert at § 6.1; Clinical reports at 445 etc.	
Covid19	3	6M 7M 10M	Comirnaty	P	Placebo	YES	6 months		Package insert at § 6.1	Comirnaty licensed for only 12+ (Spikevax, Moderna, only 18+). Placebo controls unblinded and most vaccinated during the trial. All data 16+ is combined but 12-15 data is separate, had 1,131 vaccinated children, and one participant shows how this trial was conducted.
Flu	1/2	6M 7M Yearly	Various		Flu shots change annually without any clinical trial		Flu shots change annually without any clinical trial		CDC 22-23 Flu Shots; FDA Flu Shots	The trials of the original flu shot formulations for children also did not have a placebo control (see pp. 13-14) even though some adult trials did. The one inhaled influenza vaccine had a placebo but, again, it changes every year and is not safety tested in any trial.
MMR	1/2	12M 4Y	M-M-R-II	M	None		42 days		Clinical reports	M-M-R-II trials totaled only 854 children and a third developed gastrointestinal issues and a third respiratory issues. In Priorix trial, both vaccine groups had high rate of serious adverse events, emergency room visits, and new chronic diseases (e.g., autoimmune disorders, asthma, type I diabetes, celiac, and allergies). See Table 6 of the Supplementary Materials.
			Priorix	G	M-M-R-II		6 months		Package insert at § 6.1; Sup materials at 12	
VAR	2	12M 4Y	Varivax	M	45 mg of neomycin per milliliter		70 days		Package insert at § 6.1; Merck study at 2; Clinical reports	One controlled trial with 956 children, half Varivax and half neomycin, and one trial with 32 vaccinated and another 29 vaccinated 8 weeks later, during which the first group had double the ear infections and 50% more respiratory infections.
HepA	2	12M 18M	Havrix	G	Engerix-B		6 months		Package insert at § 6.1	Trials for both occurred at the same time when there was no licensed Hep A vaccine and hence no excuse for not using a placebo control. It is also starting Engerix-B, see above, was the control for Havrix, and an injection of cyto-and-neuro toxic substances, AAHS and thimerosal, were used as a control for Vaqta instead of a saline injection.
			Vaqta	M	AAHS and Thimerosal		42 days		Package insert at § 6.1; Merck study at 454	
Tdap	3	11Y	Adacel	S	Td, for adults		6 months		Package insert at § 6.1	Due to reactions, Tdap (Adacel) given at 11Y has 12.5 times less diphtheria toxoid (2.5Lf v 2Lf) and 10 times less pertussis toxin (25mcg v 2.5mcg) than DTaP (Infanrix) given to babies.
			Boostrix	G			6 months		Package insert at § 6.1	
HPV	2 or 3	9Y 9.5Y	Gardasil 9	M	Gardasil 4 (see note)		1 month to five trials, 6 months in one trial, and 4 years in one trial		Clinical review at 17-19	Gardasil 9 trial gave 306 people placebo after full series of Gardasil 4. In Gardasil 4's trial, controls received aluminum adjuvant, AAHS, except 320 people labeled "Saline Placebo" that actually received all vaccine ingredients except antigens and AAHS. Across trials, 7-3% receiving vaccine or aluminum adjuvant (used to induce autoimmunity) had a suspected autoimmune disorder.
MenA	2	11Y 16Y	Menactra	S	Menomune		6 months		Package insert at § 6.1	Incredibly, the safety section of the package insert for Menomune lets the trial in which it was used as a control for the trial of Menactra. This provides another good example of the safety pyramid scheme in which Menomune is licensed without a placebo-controlled trial and then used as the control to license Menactra; Menactra is then used as the control to license Menveo; and then Menveo is used as the control to license MenQuadfi. What is the actual safety profile? Putting aside the limited 6-month safety period, it is unknown since Menomune's safety baseline was never established in a placebo-controlled clinical trial.
			Menveo	G	Menactra or other vaccine		6 months		Package insert at § 6.1	
			MenQuadfi	S	Menveo or other vaccine		6 months		Package insert at § 6.1	
MenB	0 or 2	10Y+ if indicated	Bexsero	G	See note		30 days		Summary basis at 14-15; Clinical review at 40	Bexsero's controls injected with aluminum hydroxide and, in one trial with 120 adolescents, saline injection followed by injection of Menveo and hence FDA labels this an "active control," not a "placebo control" trial. Trumenba's trials had no placebo control group other than 12 people in a dose ranging phase II study; otherwise, the controls were injected with Gardasil+placebo, dTaP IPV+placebo, HepA+placebo, or Menactra+Adacel+placebo.
			Trumenba	P	See note		30 days in 3 trials + 11M in 2 trials		Summary basis at 4; Clinical review at 9-10	
PPSV23	0 to 2	2Y+ if indicated	Pneumovax 23	M	See note		See note		FDA documentation	Licensed for children 2 years and older but there is no indication that there was any clinical trial involving anyone younger than 16 years of age that the FDA relied upon to license this vaccine. See all FDA documentation for this vaccine linked.
DEN	0 or 2	9Y+ prior infected endemic areas	Dengvaxia	S	Placebo	YES	5 years	YES	Statistical review at 10; Package insert at 4	Finally, a longer-term placebo-controlled trial (3.5+ children). Children under 6 had severe harm and death—harms the above trials would likely miss—and older children "not previously infected are at increased risk for severe dengue." Hence, it is only given in endemic areas (not in U.S.) to children 6+ who had dengue [Note: 5 years insufficient for vaccine for babies.]

Real action was already taken a few months ago when HHS wisely halted a BARDA-funded oral COVID-19 viral vector vaccine trial — likely due to lack of a placebo group and dangerous mechanism of action.

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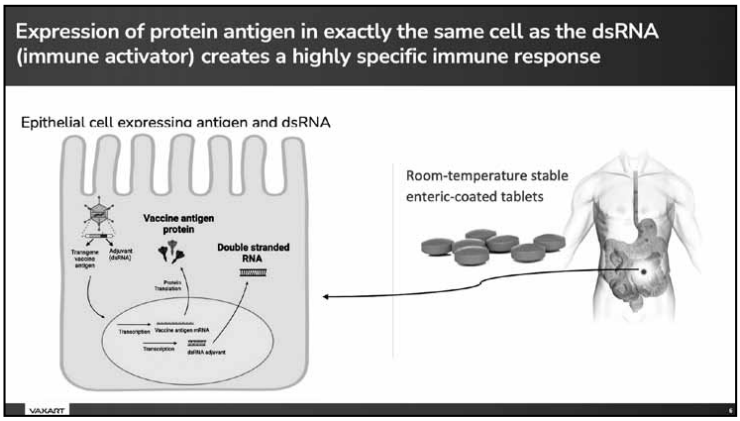

In other positive news, the long-awaited offensive against COVID-19 mRNA injections has finally begun with RFK Jr. citing "profound" risks of myocarditis, stroke, and death on national TV. We can only hope that real action is taken as soon as possible — not just for kids, but for all age groups.

RFK Jr. Launches Long-Awaited Offensive Against Deadly COVID-19 mRNA Shots



By Nicolas Hulscher, MPH

When asked about authorizing future COVID-19 booster shots, FDA Commissioner Dr. Marty Makary acknowledged, "there's a void of data."That's because these mRNA booster injections are designed entirely on computer models and authorized without any human clinical data. Given the unprecedented levels of injury and death associated with these products, the boosters should not merely be discontinued; they should be immediately withdrawn from the market to protect public health.

I discuss all of this and more on NTD News Capitol Report with Jack Bradley.

New Peer-Reviewed Paper Exposes Journal Cartel as Targeted Retractions Mount


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Amid Growing Evidence of Conflicts of Interest and Obdurate Groupthink in Medical Journals, Researchers Must Entertain Contrarian Ideas

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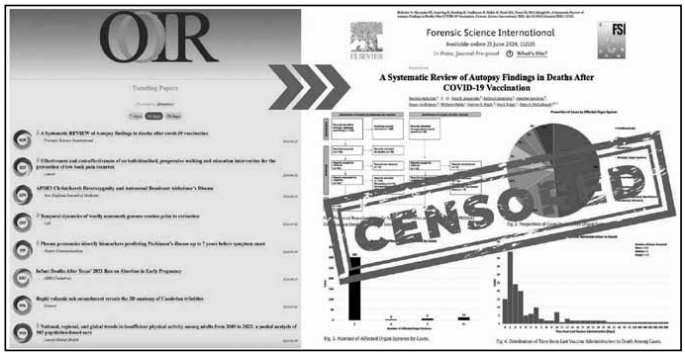
Abstract

Mainstream medicine, like other academic fields, is shaped by prevailing paradigms and the dominant narratives they create. Over the past half-century, these paradigms have increasingly reflected the growing commercial influence of the pharmaceutical industry. Dominant narratives are closely tied to groupthink, to which medical journals are often subject. In addition, more "prestigious" medical journals tend to have further financial conflicts of interest with the pharmaceutical industry. These dynamics limit scientific progress by suppressing awareness of the iatrogenic aspects of industry products and the benefits of alternative non-patentable and unpatentable medical products and therapeutic interventions. Journals need to adopt a more open policy to manuscripts that encompass contrarian perspectives to dominant narratives while still adhering to time-tested scientific values and methods.

By Nicolas Hulscher, MPH

Given the overwhelming evidence of corruption, censorship, and financial conflicts of interest within the Journal Cartel, the DOJ's letters are not harassment — they are a necessary first step toward restoring integrity to scientific publishing. For too long, powerful publishers have suppressed critical research, misled the public, and prioritized corporate profits over public health. If violations of fraud, anti-trust laws, or obstruction are confirmed, full legal action should follow.

Academic Cartel *cont. from page 16*



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Many other studies that contradicted the official corrupted narrative have faced the same fate of wrongful retraction after full publication:

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This corrupt web of suppression, fraud, and retractions demands a legal reckoning:

The targeting and censorship of scientific studies, particularly when done systematically or for financial or ideological gain, could potentially have serious legal ramifications:

1. Fraud and Misrepresentation

Potential Legal Violation: Journals or reviewers may engage in fraud if they intentionally suppress or retract studies based on misleading or false pretenses. Examples include:

Retracting studies under the guise of ethical or procedural issues when no such issues are substantiated.

Suppressing research that challenges commercial interests, thereby misleading the public about the safety or efficacy of certain products (e.g., pharmaceuticals).

Applicable Laws: Federal and state fraud statutes, such as:

18 U.S.C. § 1341 (Mail Fraud): Applies if traditional postal services or courier systems are used to further the fraudulent scheme.

18 U.S.C. § 1343 (Wire Fraud): Covers schemes executed through electronic communications, including email and online platforms, to suppress or discredit legitimate research.

2. Anti-Trust Violations

Potential Legal Violation: If a group of publishers, journals, or organizations (dubbed the "Academic Publishing Cartel") colludes to suppress competing scientific narratives or alternative viewpoints, this could constitute anti-competitive behavior.

Applicable Laws: Sherman Antitrust Act (15 U.S.C. §§ 1–7), which prohibits monopolistic practices and conspiracies to restrain trade.

3. Defamation

Potential Legal Violation: If the "science sleuths" or journals publish untrue statements about the integrity or validity of researchers or their studies, this could constitute defamation.

Applicable Laws: State defamation laws, which protect against reputational harm caused by false statements.

4. Violation of Retraction Guidelines (Breach of Contract or Good Faith)

Potential Legal Violation: Retractions that violate the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE) guidelines, journal policies, or contractual agreements with authors could result in lawsuits for breach of contract or bad faith actions.

Applicable Laws: Contract law and tort law (e.g., duty of good faith and fair dealing).

5. Obstruction of Justice and Public Health

Potential Legal Violation: Systematically suppressing research that highlights public health risks (e.g., vaccine side effects) could be construed as obstruction of justice or even endangerment if the suppression results in harm to the public.

Applicable Laws: Federal statutes related to obstruction of justice (18 U.S.C. § 1503) and public endangerment.

6. Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO)

Archbishop Gänswein on Pope Leo XIV: 'The season of arbitrariness is over'



Archbishop Georg Gänswein at the funeral of Cdl. George Pell, January 2023

By Michael Haynes

Pope Benedict's former secretary has welcomed Pope Leo XIV's papacy as bringing an end to "the season of arbitrariness."

Speaking to Italian outlet Corriere della Serra, Archbishop Georg Gänswein offered his first comments on the newly elected Pope Leo XIV.

"When I saw him come out on the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica I said to myself: 'Optically and acoustically, this Pope arouses hope, hope, hope.'" Such were the words of Gänswein about Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost, elected as Pope Leo XIV on Thursday evening.

Now serving as papal nuncio to Lithuania, Estonia, and Latvia, Gänswein was secretary to Pope Benedict XVI, and from 2012 through 2023 was prefect of the papal household, serving both Benedict and Francis.

Widely esteemed and beloved by long-serving Vatican employees who have been in situ prior to Pope Francis, Gänswein's assessment of Leo pointed to the difficulties experienced under the last pontificate:

Now a new phase opens. I sense some widespread relief. The season of arbitrariness is over. We can begin to rely on a papacy that can guarantee stability and rely on existing structures, without overturning and upsetting them.

Predicting the style of the pontificate which Leo will have, Gänswein suggested the American Pope would seek to create peace and resolve conflicts:

Leo XIV will create bridges like his predecessor. But in a different context and style than Francis. In the Church today there are great tensions, and outside there are frightening conflicts. I think doctrinal clarity is needed now. The confusion of these years must be overcome.

And one of the tools to be used are the structures that are already there. The institutions of the Church are neither a leprosy nor a threat against the Pope. They are there to provide help to the pontiffs, who must get help. One cannot govern alone, distrusting one's own institutions.

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Catholic Conservatism Stages a Resurgence in the MAGA Era

By Joshua Chaffin and Aaron Zitner

The Catholic Church is struggling in St. Louis. Two years ago, the archdiocese closed or merged dozens of parishes due to declining attendance and a scarcity of priests.

But just outside town, on a bluff overlooking the Missouri River, conservative Catholicism is flourishing. Last year, the Augustine Institute, a Catholic seminary that emphasizes a return to the rigors of scripture and tradition, paid around $20 million for a 284-acre campus that Boeing had used as a retreat and executive training center.

Augustine, which was founded in 2005, moved in after outgrowing its space in a Denver office park. It is still in the process of changing the artwork—from aviation prints that celebrate the miracle of flight to portraits of saints who performed actual miracles.

Its ascendance is part of a broader shift in American Catholicism: While the Church has been in decline for decades, a conservative brand of the faith is staging a resurgence.

"You judge a tree by its fruit," said Timothy Gray, Augustine's president, as he reflected on the institute's growth from his perch in a library lined with carved wooden panels harvested from a 16th-century English monastery.

Across the country, adherents to this conservative style are reviving old practices, including the traditional Latin Mass and women wearing veils. Their ranks have been infused with the zeal of young, brainy converts like Vice President JD Vance, who was baptized in the Catholic Church in 2019, at age 35. Vance spent Easter weekend at the Vatican, where he held a brief meeting with Pope Francis.

While their numbers may still be small among the universe of Americans who identify as Catholic, they are increasingly influential, say observers—in the struggle for the Church's future and that of the nation.

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him to be the new prefect, replacing Marc Ouellet, who had served since Pope Benedict had appointed him in 2010.

Ouellet himself was originally a moderate "conservative" and was one of the very few such prelates who was able to remain in office for a long time under Francis. Despite this "generous" treatment Francis gradually eroded his "de facto" authority, appointing his own loyalist, the Brazilian Ilson de Jesus Montanari, as the new secretary in late 2013, who served as Francis' representative with outsized influence.

Sources indicated Francis wanted Montanari to become the new prefect for years, but he didn't want the position. As such, Prevost was not Francis' first, and possibly not even second or third, choice to be the new prefect (the same was rumored to be the case for Fernandez as the new prefect of the Dicastery of the Doctrine of Faith), since insiders suggested Cupich, and possibly even McElroy, were being considered for the job.

Montanari remained secretary and was rumored to have outsized influence. Additionally, American allies of Francis continued to sidestep the papal nuncio for the U.S. to push the promotion of radical bishops directly to Francis.

This is why it's odd to see Prevost being blamed for the appointment of McElroy to Washington, when it was liberal cardinals Cupich and Tobin who had fiercely lobbied for it. If Prevost was a radical progressive, wouldn't he push for such promotions without any need for Cupich to meet Francis?

It seems clear that Prevost was promoted in the final phase of Francis' pontificate, when various powerful prelates were struggling for influence and he acted modestly and professionally. When Francis was recovering temporarily, after he was discharged from the hospital and only able to occasionally meet with prelates like Prevost, and not Cupich, two new archbishops got appointed to the U.S. (McKnight and McGovern) who both have moderate-conservative rather than modernist profiles.

Similarly, the persecution of the pro-traditional French bishop Dominique Rey of Fréjus-Toulon was started under, and supported by, Ouellet and pushed by certain inimical French bishops, as well as by Parolin. Prevost inherited that problem.

Finally, the sacking of Bishop Strickland, starting with an apostolic visitation in June 2023, is arguably the only example where Prevost may have had an important role. Sources varied on whether Pope Francis ordered the visitation or Prevost, but Prevost likely had little choice as he was very new to his position, and with Strickland sometimes being harshly critical of Pope Francis on X (formerly Twitter). Strickland himself seems pleased, or at least not unhappy, with the election of Prevost.

Odd alliance of supporters

Pope Leo XIV was allegedly elected through strong support of the conservative block, specifically Cardinal Dolan, though he also did meet with Cardinal Burke in preparation for the conclave (he was seen outside the Burke apartment, in person, by a reporter of Corriere della Sera). This remained relatively hidden from the outside world, however. Initially, it was rumoured that scandal-ridden Cardinal Maradiaga from Honduras was pushing for his candidacy, but then Maradiaga left early. It was claimed that he was upset over the fact that dozens of cardinals appointed by Pope Francis were betraying the late pope.

Next, it was claimed that Prevost was supported both by the radical modernist Cupich and the moderate conservative Christophe Pierre. This odd mix of support serves as the perfect example for the mysterious profile Prevost enjoyed.

While Pierre has been viewed as an anti-traditionalist for the last few years, he's actually a conservative who has a history of opposing contraception, civil unions for homosexuals, clergy involvement in left-wing politics and the appointment of liberal bishops. He started as nuncio to the U.S. in 2016 and displayed no hostility against traditionalism for at least five years. Even after Traditionis Custodes was released he wasn't the first to enforce it harshly and in late 2022 ended up mainly acting on behalf of Rome.

Pierre and Cupich have been consistent opponents, especially on the appointment of American bishops, yet both prelates supported Prevost, possibly because he was a former colleague they had both worked with well.

Recent views as prefect

During his time as prefect, Prevost has played his cards close to the vest and did only a few interviews, from which only a superficial understanding of the man could be formed. He gave the appearance of someone who supported reform in continuity. Unlike Fernandez (prefect of the former Holy Office), he clearly worked according to established procedure and based on consensus, consulting the other members in the plenary. Francis had already appointed three women as members of the dicastery before appointing Prevost as prefect. Prevost somewhat downplayed their role.

When it came to greater lay involvement in the appointment of bishops, he clearly opposed real democratization and supported the traditional role of the nuncios with them merely consulting with more faithful before making recommendations.

His job profile for bishops irked some ultraconservatives, since with it he clearly tried to fit in with the new status quo under Francis, but he didn't deny that bishops should uphold doctrine, merely stressing that presenting the love of Christ was even more crucial:

We are often preoccupied with teaching doctrine, the way of living our faith, but we risk forgetting that our first task is to teach what it means to know Jesus Christ and to bear witness to our closeness to the Lord. This comes first: to communicate the beauty of the faith, the beauty and joy of knowing Jesus. It means that we ourselves are living it and sharing this experience.

He did openly reject calls for the ordination of women as deacons and priests. On the heated debate on doctrinal authority for national episcopal conferences during the final phase of the Synod on Synodality in 2024 he expressed himself moderately and cautiously:

Each episcopal conference needs to have a certain authority in terms of saying, 'How are we going to understand this [doctrine] in the concrete reality in which we are living?' This is not to say that the episcopal conferences are going to be rejecting the teaching authority of the pope, but that they're going to be applying it in the unique context in which they live.

'The whole understanding of synodality is not that all of a sudden there is going to be a fully democratic, assembly-style way of exercising authority in the Church.'

'The primacy of Peter and of the successors of Peter, the bishop of Rome, of the pope, is something which enables the Church to continue to live communion in a very concrete way.'

'Synodality can have a great impact on how we are living in the Church, but it certainly takes nothing away from what we would call the primacy.'

He even tried to clear up confusion regarding possible more radical proposals (which he rejected), emphasizing the original text spoke of "some kind of doctrinal authority" for bishops' conferences rather than a more absolute form of doctrinal authority.

Ironically, he did not cite Belgian prayers for gay relationships or diverse applications of Amoris Laetitia as an example, but the African refusal to implement Fiducia Supplicans (both Francis and Fernandez wanted the authority on the document left to individual African bishops).

He interpreted Francis' teachings on migrants in a nuanced manner and acknowledged the problems caused with them coming to various countries, yet wants to look for a humane solution.

It's also claimed that he would have supported Francis allowing Communion for the divorced and remarried. This assertion appears to have started with the College of Cardinals Report and an EWTN citation, but it is not further sourced based on specific quotes, nor is it even specified when or how Prevost was supposed to have supported this. As bishop of Peru he isn't known to have used Amoris Laetitia to allow the divorced and remarried to receive Communion. By the time he became prefect the controversy had died down for about five years.

He also took Ouellet's place in working with Parolin and Ladaria in another attempt to try to halt the German Synodal Path in July 2023. After Fernandez replaced Ladaria there seems to have been a brief lull in the struggle with the German bishops, till early 2024 after Fernandez had been discredited due to the backlash against Fiducia Supplicans.

Finally, there have been many rumors from varying sources that he'd often celebrate the traditional Mass, even after Traditionis Custodes. This information has so far not been substantiated (if it is from a completely trustworthy source, Rorate will make it known – there is nothing so far.)

Deeper background

A Chicago native of mixed ancestry including Italian, French, Spanish, and Louisianan Creole, Prevost became

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Cardinal Müller calls on Pope Leo XIV to heal divisions in Church

By Antonino Cambria

Cardinal Gerhard Müller issued a short message last week welcoming Pope Leo XIV as the new pontiff and urging him to heal the divisions present in the Catholic Church.

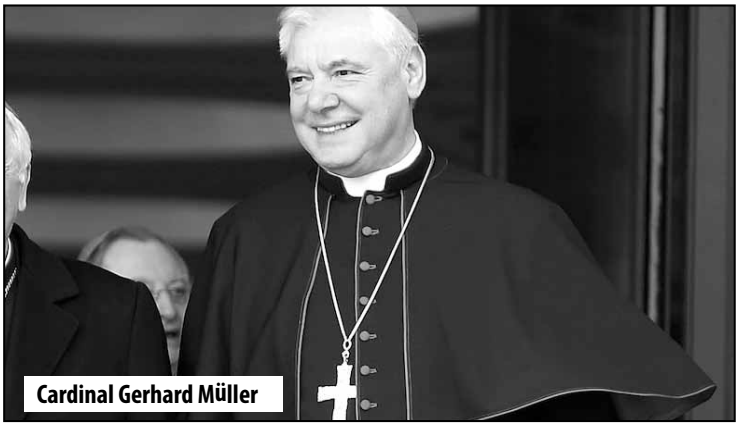
In a May 9 message to Pope Leo XIV published by InfoVaticana, Müller called on the newly elected Pontiff to follow in the footsteps of Popes Leo I and Leo XIII, and bring unity to a sharply divided Church as well as peace to the world. The cardinal, who has been described as "traditionalist," was a frequent critic of Pope Francis and said prior to the conclave that electing a heterodox pope would be "catastrophic" for the Church.

Müller first emphasized his belief that God, using the College of Cardinals, selected Pope Leo XIV as the new Pontiff and asked the Holy Spirit to strengthen him.

"We believe in the Holy Spirit, who guides the Church of Christ. And we ask that same Spirit of God to strengthen the new Pope, Leo XIV, so that he unites the Church in the confession of 'Christ, the Son of the living God,' (Mt 16:16)" the cardinal wrote.

Müller then highlighted how the Pontiff's predecessors, with his papal namesake, Popes Leo I and XIII, fostered unity among Christians through notable encyclicals and letters amid rising divisions in the Church during their respective pontificates.

"(Pope Leo XIV's) predecessor in the name, Leo I, the Great, wrote a famous letter to the Council of Chalcedon (451), in which he underlined the inseparable unity and the unconfused distinction of divine and human nature in the person of the Son of God. This is the basis and foundation of the Catholic faith," he wrote. "Pope Leo XIII laid with his encyclical Rerum Novarum (1891) the foundations of the Social Doctrine of the Church, which, where it has been taken as a guide, has formed the foundation of a just and free modern society."


Cardinal Gerhard Müller

Müller then turned to division in the Church during the reign of Pope Leo X, during which Martin Luther, who, like Pope Leo XIV, had been an Augustinian priest, led the Protestant revolt. The prelate expressed his hope that, unlike Leo X, the new Pontiff would be able to overcome the division that overwhelms the modern world.

"We hope that the new Pope, who bears the same name and is also an Augustinian monk like Luther, 500 years later, will collaborate – in the wake of the good and holy popes for 250 years – in overcoming the divisions in Christendom and tensions in the world," he said. "So that all Christians are united in Christ, the Son of the living God, and that, with the help of the moral authority of the papacy, the peace of God dwells in the hearts of men and hatred and war are overcome in the world."

"May all Christians and people of good will accompany Pope Leo XIV with his prayer, so that his pontificate may be a blessing for the Church and the world," the cardinal concluded.

Müller was made a cardinal by Francis in February 2014 and served as prefect of the Vatican's doctrinal office from 2012 through 2017.

After this, he was not given a new assignment from Francis, although he was only 70 years old at the time.

In recent years, the German prelate has emerged as a leading critic of elements of the recently concluded pontificate, especially the Synod on Synodality.

Before last week's papal conclave, Müller had emphasized that it would be "catastrophic" for the Church to elect a "heretic pope."

Since the election of Pope Leo XIV last Thursday, many Catholics have been wondering what type of pope he would be and if he would break from Francis' revolutionary pontificate.

Traditionalist prelates Cardinal Raymond Leo Burke and Cardinal Robert Sarah have issued positive messages about the new pope.

LifeSiteNews has also published a series of reports detailing the positive signs from the new Pope as well as potential problems.

Furthermore, the Pope called for an end to global wars during his first Sunday Regina Caeli address. He also sang the prayer in Latin.

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BREAKING: Cardinal Mueller's fiery sermon TODAY at St. Agnes, Rome: ***"Cardinals must not elect a Pope who chases personal agendas or mimics his predecessor. The Pope is the foundation of Church unity in divine truth. Pray the Holy Spirit reveals the next Peter!"***

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an Augustinian and a priest in the early 1980s, earned a Licentiate of Canon Law in 1984 and then a Doctorate of Canon Law degree in 1987, went as a missionary to Peru, serving as chancellor of the Territorial Prelature of Chulucanas from 1985 to 1986, then left Peru to serve as vocation director and missions director of the Augustinian Province of Our Mother of Good Counsel (U.S. Midwest), in Olympia Fields, Illinois, and finally he returned to Peru where he spent over a decade in charge of the Augustinian seminary in Trujillo, taught canon law in the diocesan seminary, served as prefect of studies, and acted as judge in the regional ecclesiastical court.

Returning to the U.S. in 1998 he was elected as head of the Augustinians twice, serving from 2001 until 2013. He attended a synod in Rome in 2012 under Pope Benedict XVI, expressing himself critically regarding secular, anti-Catholic modern media and their promotion of abortion, euthanasia, and homosexuality. He was openly critical of both the homosexual lifestyle and so-called homosexual families. The closest thing to a spiritual intellectual inspiration seems to have been St. Augustine and conservative Cardinal Prosper Grech.

Pope Francis appointed him bishop of Chiclayo in Peru in 2014 (he had refused it twice previously). He did a good enough job that he ended up being elected as vice-president of the Peruvian bishops' conference.

Insights from X

Meanwhile, in 2011 he also created an X (then called Twitter) account which he ended up using rather sparingly. He mainly followed Vatican News and similar channels related to the Vatican and to Augustinians. The two Catholic news outlets he followed were Cruxnow and EWTN (in multiple languages). He also ended up following his two American colleagues at the Dicastery of Bishops, Cupich and Tobin, but no other progressive prelates (except arguably Scicluna, who is mainly important for dealing with abuse).

Throughout 2011 and 2012 he posted positively regarding meeting with Pope Benedict, Archbishop Chaput and matters related to the Augustinian order.

Even after Francis was elected, his tone did not change at all throughout 2013 or 2014. He retweeted posts from Cardinal Scola, the conservative runner up during the 2013 conclave, he retweeted things related to Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI and he posted regarding Cardinal Francis George. As a Chicago native, Prevost met with George multiple times and appeared rather close to him, specifically during his final year. He even posted a birthday photo of George in a wheelchair.

His tweets showed consistent pro-life concerns with a rejection of abortion, euthanasia and artificial contraception, including the Obama administration's contraception mandate.

FLASHBACK: Pope Leo XIV denounced media 'sympathy' for 'abortion, homosexual lifestyle, euthanasia'

He also reposted posts from the Peruvian bishops' conference critical of gender ideology and reaffirming the family consists of a father, a mother and their children. His only tweets on the Amoris Laetitia controversy was a retweet of an article from Catholic News Service which quoted Cardinal Schonbörn as saying Amoris Laetitia developed Church doctrine but didn't change it, an explanation briefly popular amongst popesplainers, moderates and moderate conservatives.

When he posted pro-migrant or anti-racist stuff it was often from conservative prelates such as Cardinal DiNardo or Archbishop Gomez. Prevost only started to retweet things from Cupich in late 2016 and even at first rather sporadically then. In the lead-up to the 2016 presidential election he reposted only one critical tweet regarding Trump, in the summer of 2015, and it was a tweet by Cardinal Dolan.

He retweeted an EWTN post which blamed Hillary Clinton's election loss on her ignoring pro-life voters.

And also reposted a tweet of James Martin, once in 2017, when he expressed his support for Syrian refugees.

He also retweeted a post that quoted Cardinal Müller's critique of gender ideology.

The only noticeable shift was that he gradually tweeted more regarding the environment, migrants and helping the poor, while still posting on pro-life and pro-family issues, too. Finally, he also called for an end to the death penalty, though he did not call it impermissible.

Overall assessment

Overall he seems clearly orthodox on abortion, euthanasia, contraception, LGBT, the appointment of bishops and the ordination of women, while his stance on Communion for the divorced and remarried and priestly celibacy seem difficult to know with certainty. He also appears to hold to an orthodox understanding of the faith, being unchangeable and bishops being mere servants of it. His actual stance on migration appears somewhat moderate as well.

His real test cases will be:

• Dealing with the synod study groups and the developments towards the ecclesial assembly in 2028.

• Ensuring an orthodox pastoral response to polygamy in Africa.

• New curial and cardinal appointments; the Church needs new blood.

The last point is especially important: personnel is policy. If the new Pope can restore order in the Curia, he can restore order to the Church. If he has proper collaborators and is able to stop the heresies in Germany, normalcy can return to the Church and maybe then Traditionis Custodes and Amoris Laetitia will either be reinterpreted, or reapplied in an orthodox manner, or overruled altogether.

We can pray and hope.

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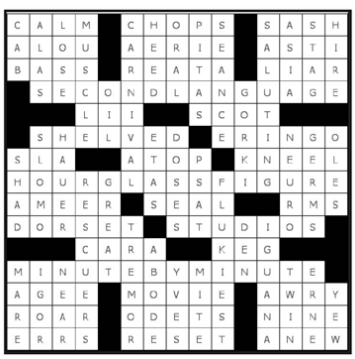

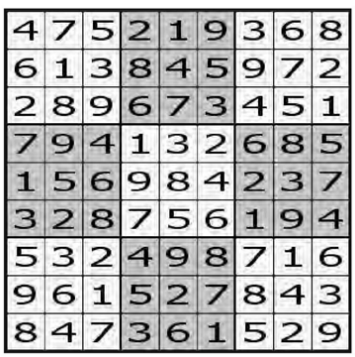

Trump 'Disruptions' Long Overdue, Heartily Welcomed

By Larry Bell

President Donald J. Trump has been broadly regarded as a politically out of favor "disrupter" from the time he was first elected to the White House without mainstream media and elite GOP establishment "permission," and/or endorsements.

It became even worse for our now nation's 47th commander in chief — and his supporters — (no) thanks to two impeachments, an armed FBI raid on his personal home, endless lawsuits attempting to seize his Trump Tower property, bankrupt and imprison him on beyond vacuous, phony charges, and two bold assassination attempts.

The first of these was on July 13, 2024, during a Trump rally in Butler, Pennsylvania, during which firefighter Corey Comperatore, in attendance with his wife and two daughters, lost his life while trying to shield them.

The second, while Trump was innocently playing golf at the resort-club he owns in West Palm Beach, Florida, on Sept. 15, 2024.

Remarkably, all these efforts to permanently disrupt Trump made him definitively and defiantly stronger, as well as more popular to become the second president elected to serve a non-consecutive term of office since Grover Cleveland in 1885 and 1893.

Since then, there's no sign they've slowed him down in the least.

Border Security

On day-one of his second return to the Oval Office, President Trump issued 10 executive orders (EOs) to crack down on a southern border illegal migrant invasion, one virtually invited by the previous administration.

Declaring a national emergency, Trump directed troops to the border, reinstated his previous "Remain in Mexico" policy, ended the Biden administration's "catch and release" practices, restarted disrupted border wall construction, designated criminal cartels as foreign terrorist organizations, and began mass deportations of dangerous migrant gang members.

As of April, illegal border crossings marked a 93% decrease over the past year.

Foreign Policy

President Trump has taken a hard line on Tehran, ending the disastrous Obama and Biden administrations' "Iran Nuclear Deal" and backing up Israel in pledging that the rouge nation will never be allowed to possess a nuclear bomb.

Under tough retaliatory U.S. air strikes, Iran-backed Houthis terrorists in Yemen have agreed to stop interrupting Red Sea shipping lanes.

Ukraine has signed a creative rare earth trade agreement which will provide revenues for defense weaponry against the Russian invasion while additionally putting U.S. interests in place as a deterrent to attacks on these regions.

Another innovative Trump proposal envisions U.S. help in transforming the war-torn Gaza strip into a Middle East "Riviera" to benefit its people. Yet, ask the left and its mainstream media mouthpieces about this, they're contention is that Trump's vision will destroy, not help Gaza, at all.

Economy and Trade

Following a $1.2 trillion 2024 foreign trade deficit, President Trump has imposed tariffs on unfair governments who are now lining up along with foreign companies and investors who wish build markets and do business in the U.S.

Year-over-year inflation is now down to 2.4%, with prices for many goods including prescription drugs, eggs, used vehicles, car insurance and airfare also seeing declines.

Meanwhile, Trump is calling on Congress to immediately

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The conservatives are more likely to be kneeling in pews on Sunday and managing parish affairs while others stay home. There are echoes of their beliefs in the Trump administration's policies—most recently, its introduction of sweeping tariffs. And they are building a network of universities and media outlets, like the Augustine Institute, to educate future cadres.

"Vance is one of a legion of young people who have followed the same path from atheism to radical suspicion and rejection of liberal culture to a form of Augustine-inspired Christianity," said David Deane, a theologian who gave a recent lecture on Catholicism and the new right. "The seminaries are increasingly populated by young men who think like this."

A landmark 2022 survey of more than 3,500 U.S. Catholic priests carried out by the Catholic Project, a research initiative at Catholic University, confirmed this. Among those ordained since 2020, some 80% identified as "conservative/orthodox." Those identifying as progressives and liberals were facing a "virtual collapse."

"Among priests, it's a massive shift," said Stephen P. White, the Catholic Project's executive director, who views the conservative Catholic renewal as "a piece of the populism that seems to be spreading not just in the United States but over most of the Western world."

The conservatives are bound together by a conviction that liberalism in its many guises—political, social, theological—has run aground. While it may have generated material wealth, they say, it has undermined communities and wrought the social "carnage" that President Trump invoked during his first inauguration in 2016.

For the Catholic Church, in particular, they believe that a project to embrace modernity and make itself more appealing to a younger generation instead yielded empty pews and confusion. In its place, they want to build a post-liberal world that is rooted in traditions of the past.

"For a lot of progressives, they think that if the Church could just accommodate the modern world, it will stop its decline," Gray said. "But everywhere the Church has accepted the modern world and its contemporary values, it's died."

TENSIONS WITH POPE FRANCIS

Since the 1960s, the Catholic Church has swung from the adoption of more liberal principles in the Second Vatican Council to the 35 years of Cold War conservatism espoused by Popes John Paul II and Benedict.

The 2013 appointment of Francis, an Argentine celebrated as the first Pope from "the global south," marked a pivot toward a more pastoral approach that emphasized flexibility and compassion over doctrine. To conservatives' chagrin, he has allowed "blessings" for same-sex couples and has talked about divorce and climate change.

The pope's American critics were largely diplomatic during his recent illness—but on the fringe some have been more explicit in expressing their desires for a successor. One is Bishop Joseph Strickland, an ardent conservative and Francis opponent, who the Vatican removed two years ago as the Church's leader in Tyler, Texas.

"Certainly, we pray for him," Strickland told Newsmax last month, "but we need the new Pope to be someone who is much clearer—really, frankly, stronger in the tradition of our Catholic faith."

Francis has expressed his own discontent. In 2023, he complained of a "very strong, organized reactionary attitude" against him in the U.S. Church, adding: "I would like to remind these people that backwardness is useless."

Trump's return to power has escalated the feud. In December, he chose his U.S. Ambassador to the Vatican: Brian Burch, a staunch critic of Francis who founded a Wisconsin group called CatholicVote that helped to mobilize support for Trump, entwining MAGA and faith.

Francis, in turn, appointed a liberal cardinal, Robert McElroy, as the Archbishop of Washington, D.C.

Meanwhile, the vexed issue of immigration has sparked a tetchy back-and-forth between Vance and the Vatican. Days after his inauguration, the vice president accused the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops of supporting illegal immigration because it allowed them to reap millions of dollars in federal aid—prompting New York's archbishop, Cardinal Timothy Dolan, to denounce the remarks as "scurrilous."

In February, Pope Francis felt moved to issue an extraordinary letter correcting Vance after the vice president cited a theological argument about "the hierarchies of love" to try to justify the Trump administration's deportation policies. (No, the pope chided Vance in so many words, compassion did not end at the border or hinge on a migrant's legal status.) The exchanges over immigration continued during Easter weekend. On Good Friday, the U.S. Embassy to the Holy See posted on its social-

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Prior to his landslide reelection victory, former President Trump had warned 31 other NATO countries that given the fact that they were the ones most impacted and threatened by consequences of Russia's Ukraine invasion, they should pay their fair share of defense support rather than continue to count on U.S. taxpayers to disproportionately carry the costs.

Last month NATO Secretary-General Mark Rutte praised Trump for prompting fellow alliance members to ante up $874 billion in new defense spending, most particularly by the U.K. and Germany, "which is newly invigorated under your leadership."

Foreign import tariffs must be reciprocal:

Speaking from the Oval Office last Wednesday, President Trump said, "We have been ripped off by every country in the world practically. And friend and foe. We're not doing that anymore."

The president then added that he might re-impose 90-day -suspended reciprocal tariffs on some countries as soon as two or three weeks if they don't come to the negotiating table.

According to White House officials, trade negotiators from "around 90 to 100 countries have offered to negotiate deals" in races against the clock to make new commitments, and as of earlier this month, 18 have submitted proposals.

Tough tariff trade tactics with China:

Although China isn't among those countries rushing to make a deal, don't expect expert negotiator Donald Trump to give Beijing a free pass to continue decades of unfair trade practices including theft of intellectual property, currency manipulation to devalue the yuan in response to U.S. tariffs, and violation of World Trade Organization commitments such as providing direct support to Chinese industries through state funding and tax breaks.

As Trump has commented in 2020, "I never solely blamed China for this. They were able to get away with a theft like no one was able to get away with before because of past politicians and, frankly, past presidents."

Violent immigrant gangs aren't welcome:

It should come as no surprise that President Trump has ordered his administration's Department of Justice, Homeland Security and Immigration and Customs Enforcement leaders to find, round up, and deport members of criminal gangs who have illegally entered our country.

That's exactly what he pledged to do during his most recent election campaign, stating, "I'll .. .invoke immediately the Alien Enemies Act to remove all known or suspected gang members … the drug dealers, the cartel members from the United States, ending the scourge of illegal alien gang violence once and for all."

Taxpayer money shouldn't be wasted:

Another major Trump reelection campaign pledge being fulfilled promised a massive overhaul of federal bureaucracy to curtail regulatory overreach and profligate spending.

He tapped a proven leader to head that "Department of Government Efficiency" effort — a successful billionaire entrepreneur named Elon Musk who certainly didn't need another job in addition to building massive space rockets, electric vehicles, communication satellites, AI technologies and solar energy and battery storage systems.

And it's working, with an estimated savings of $160 billion so far, about $1,000 per taxpayer.

Public universities shouldn't discriminate on the federal dole:

And why should lots of that tax money be rewarded to universities — Harvard for example — which already have billions of dollars of tuition and endowment money that Trump recently excoriated on Truth Social as "an antisemitic, far-left Institution, as are numerous others, with students being accepted from all over the world that want to rip our country apart?"

In addition to an announced freezing of more than $2 billion in federal funds, he is threatening to terminate their tax-exempt status unless they curtail discriminatory religious and cultural practices "allowing a certain group of crazed lunatics to enter and exit the classroom and spew fake anger and hate."

Boys and girls can play together, but not against each other:

Trump has also made his position loud and clear regarding protection of gender rights through withholding of federal money from institutions that "deprive women and girls of fair athletic opportunities" by allowing unfair competition from biological males.

The president issued an executive order on the day his second term began that called for "restoring biological truth to the federal government" followed by another in February titled " Keeping Men Out of Women's Sports."

As White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt explained, "The policy of this administration is that there are only two sexes — male and female. Pretty simple."

Yes, so incredibly simple in fact that even uber-liberal U.K. Supreme Court justices have unanimously agreed, ruling that a woman is defined by biological sex under their equalities law.

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HOT Government Responds to Smear Tactics by Senator Cory Tomczyk and Meg Ellefson

By hotgovernment.com

On April 17th, Senator Cory Tomczyk and radio host Meg Ellefson attacked HOT Government, calling us a "crackpot group" and dismissing our evidence-based work exposing Big Energy donations to state lawmakers.

When politicians and media figures resort to insults like "stupid" and "seriously lacking" rather than addressing facts, it shows they can't defend their actions. Ellefson and Tomczyk refuse to engage with the $1.39 million in energy industry donations to Republicans and $676,000 to Democrats from 2019–2024 (CFIS.gov). These are not random contributions—they coincide with the advancement of the Right of First Refusal (ROFR) legislation, written to benefit monopoly utilities at the expense of Wisconsin consumers.

State senators and representatives now claim there is a study showing that ROFR will save consumers $1 billion. Yet, the study—commissioned by the lobbying firm American Transmission Company (ATC)—remains hidden from public view. Despite repeated requests, ATC refuses to release it. If ROFR truly saves money, why hide the evidence?

Ellefson and Tomczyk also tried to deflect by saying both parties receive corporate donations. That's a distraction. ROFR was driven by Republican lawmakers heavily funded by Big Energy. The timing of these donations, the bill's language, and its clear beneficiaries tell the real story.

Additionally, Ellefson repeated false claims that ROFR wouldn't raise consumer costs. In fact, transmission costs are directly passed on through regulated utility rates. AB 174 even mandates utilities report transmission costs—proof they impact consumers.

Mocking citizen oversight while parroting political talking points undermines democracy. HOT Government stands by our work. We will continue fighting for transparency and accountability, no matter what names they call us.

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Cory Tomczyk

Walter Scott wrote the poem, Marmion. In the poem is the line, "Oh, what a tangled web we weave when first we practice to deceive".

State Senator Tomczyk might want to make better decisions regarding the people that he hangs around with. According to a HOT Government press release dated 4/29/25, in a recent appearance on The Meg Ellefson Show Cory and Meg decided to pick on HOT Government through a series of sophomoric name calling all in name of supporting the Big Energy Companies purchasing the passage of ROFR through the Legislature.

The HOT press release says in part, "When politicians and media figures resort to insults..... rather than addressing facts, it shows they can't defend their actions."

A wise man once said, "It is better to remain silent and let everyone think that you are stupid, then open it and remove all doubt." I might suggest to Meg and Cory that before they "open it" they want to consider doing a little homework.

Did Meg ever interview anyone from HOT? Did Meg ever study and fact-check "The Dirty Dozen" published by HOT? Did Meg ever question any members of the Senate or Assembly on their received, or returned "contributions" from the Big Energy Companies? Did Cory ever meet and have an in-depth conversation with anyone at HOT? Did Cory ever speak at a HOT meeting and discuss his position on ROFR? It would be a pretty good guess that the answers to all of the above questions is, "NO."

Although none of them will take it this way, HOT's press release is really a challenge to those in Government and those in the media. Perhaps rather than calling names you might want to gain some first-hand knowledge about HOT Government. Unless, of course, you are firmly AGAINST Honest, Open and Transparent Government.

But what are the odds?

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Disruptions *cont. from page 20*

"pass the one, big, beautiful bill" that will reduce taxes, and unleash a soaring economy, jobs market, and manufacturing boom.

Energy Abundance

President Trump signed six executive orders on Inauguration Day, 2025, each aimed at "unleashing American energy."

Declaring an energy emergency, he removed the U.S. from the Paris Climate Agreement/Accord, eliminated the de facto electric vehicle mandate, opened massive areas of Alaska for fossil fuel development, diluted coal industry restrictions, rolled back EPA regulatory overreach, removed mentions of climate change from public websites, repealed appliance efficiency standards, and lifted an already-expired liquid natural gas pause.

Government Efficiency (DOGE)

President Trump appointed the entrepreneurial founder of Tesla, Elon Musk, to head a temporary Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) scheduled to sunset on July 4, 2026, which is tasked to root out federal government "waste, fraud and abuse."

DOGE is busily working to reduce unproductive staff, modernize software, and identify potential savings across all agencies including the Departments of Internal Revenue, Defense, and Education . . . the latter targeted for elimination altogether.

Public Health

Robert F. Kennedy Jr., Trump's pick to head the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has prioritized combating chronic diseases, ensuring food safety, banning toxic dyes and narrowing use of food stamps to cut out non-nutritious foods and drinks.

Jay Bhattacharya, the Trump administration's appointee as National Institute of Health director, is heading a special research project to determine causes and mitigations for an alarming spike in childhood autism.

Good Riddance Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

On his first day back in office, President Trump signed an executive order to end Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) practices federal government-wide, later also targeting its influence in university accreditation standards and federal contracting policies along with public K-12 and higher education.

Another Trump executive order also mandates that all federally funded learning institutions recognize only two genders, with no biological males competing in female sports.

It wasn't so long ago that such an executive order or others highlighted wouldn't have been considered disruptive to an accepted norm that was never questioned as politically controversial.

Perhaps this helps to explain why, according to a March 11 national NBC News poll, only 27% of Americans presently have a positive view of the Democratic Party — the lowest positive rating dating back to 1990 — with just 7% say those views are "very" positive.

The disruptions heretofore enumerated are not only more than very welcome they've come just in time for our great nation.

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One Nation Under God

The Preborn and Trump 47's First 100 Days

"They that forsake the law praise the wicked: but such as keep the law contend with them." Proverbs 28:4

By Riley J. Hood

As I wrote in an article last year called "The Most Pro-Life President America Has Ever Had," saying "Who was the most Pro-life President America has ever had? Without a doubt, it was Donald Trump. He was the only President to ever attend Nelly Gray's March for Life. He was the only President who ever purposely tried to appoint "Pro-Life" justices to SCOTUS. (His appointments aren't all that great, but he did try.) He is the only President who thought that abortion should be stopped in any fashion. He is the only President who thought that after abortion was recriminalized that both mothers and doctors involved should be punished as criminals.

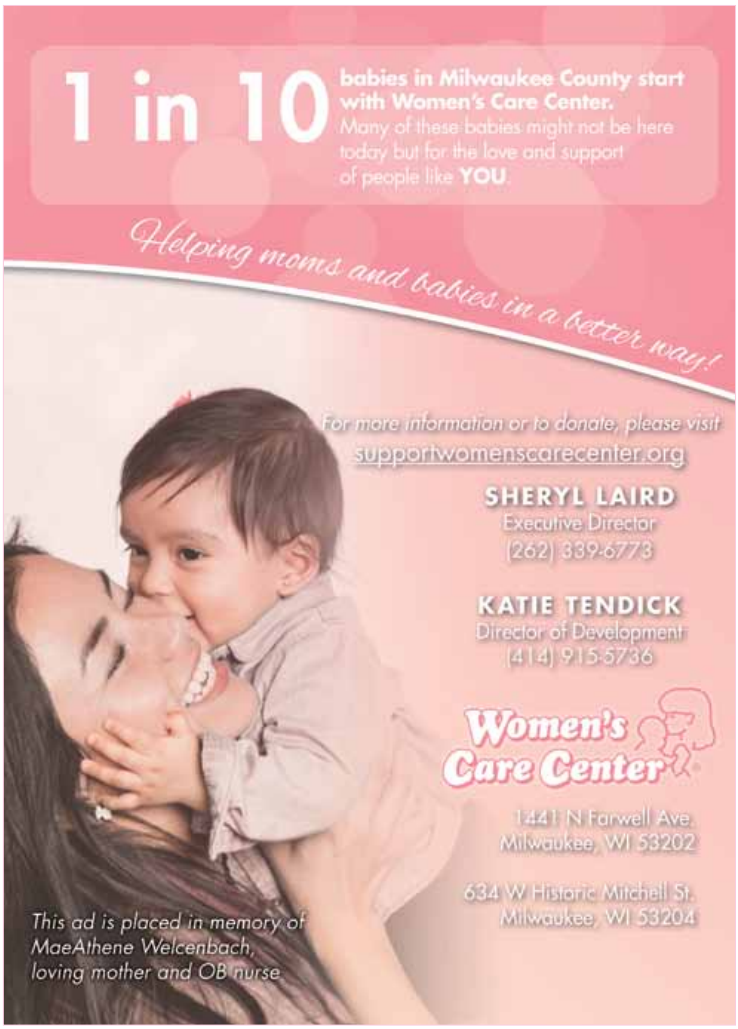
Having said that, this does not bode well for the preborn. Think of it like a test, where the whole class flunked. Obviously, Carter, Clinton, Obama and Biden got zeros. The Bushes got maybe 2% of their answers correct, Reagan about 12% and Trump is at the top of the class with a whopping 35%." During the election, my opinion of Trump sank. In the face of withering criticism, "Trump has done an impersonation of Senator Steven Douglas, by side-stepping the ultimate child-abuse and saying it is a States-Rights issue. Where is your courage? Are you afraid the wicked won't love you? They couldn't hate you any more than they do." I asserted, "If any man has the courage to tell these people they are murderers, and they our murdering America's future it is Donald J. Trump."

How has his first 100 days gone for the preborn? Since he took office back on January 20th, he has redirected Planned Parenthood's international US taxpayer funding to entities that do not perform abortions. He has eliminated some pro-abortion policies and propaganda put in place by the previous administration. He freed pro-life activists wrongly imprisoned by the Biden Department of Justice. Some say, "President Trump and his team throughout the Executive Branch are taking bold action on behalf of the smallest, most defenseless people of all: unborn babies."

A fight is being waged to defund Planned Parenthood, and the Trump Administration seems to be onboard with that. So once again, he the most pro-life President that we have ever had, but once again, the bar is pretty low. It was set there by the GOP-controlled Pro-Life movement. Preborn babies are still murdered, on demand, in most states, like right here in Wisconsin, where our 1849 Anti-Abortion Statute is left unenforced.

Once again, I will exhort President Trump to outlaw all abortions, surgical and chemical. Women who have their children murdered in their womb should be guilty of accessary to murder or murder, and abortionists should be charged as serial killers. President Trump, God spared your life, from several assassination plots, so that you could save America's preborn babies. You can't make America great again, if America runs out of Americans. And finally, once again, I will exhort the pro-life movement, and the Church to raise the bar regarding the preborn, from merely regulating abortion as health care, to a standard of total protection for





America's Largest Criminal Class

"Thou Shalt Not Kill." Exodus 20:13

By Riley J. Hood

When one thinks of groups that murder weaker people, they think of Muslim men, or Black teenage males. Namely terrorists or gangsters. Some think of Antifa, or Sodomites. Some older people think of Communists. Obviously, the people who fit the stereotype are a small minority of Black people etc. But what about women? The so-called fairer sex? Obviously, they are not as physically violent as men can be, but that doesn't make them impeccable.

According to Google AI, in 2023, there were 19,252 homicides reported in the United States. This translates to a homicide rate of 5.7 per 100,000 people. The same search engine posts, "More than a million abortions were provided in the US in 2023. That's a major finding from a report published Tuesday by the Guttmacher Institute, a research organization that supports access to abortion. To be precise, researchers estimate there were 1,026,700 abortions in 2023. 'That's the highest number in over a decade, the first time there have been over a million abortions provided in the US formal health care system since 2012,' explains Isaac Maddow-Zimet, a data scientist with Guttmacher."

The same search said, "In 2023 there was an 11% increase in abortions, and 63% of them were 'medication abortions' as opposed to chemical abortions."

Now, if you go by worldly standards, none of what Planned Parenthood's Guttmacher Institute brags about matters. But what if you go by God's Word the Bible? which spells out in straight forward fashion that any preborn baby who dies from physical violence in his mother's womb is entitled to the eye for an eye, tooth for a tooth, life for life standard of justice, as any other person is entitled to? (Read Exodus 21:22-25.)

If you go by Biblical standards, women are the largest group of criminals in America today, and have been since 1973, when the SCOTUS struck down the last vestiges of anti-abortion statutes. If you go by what God's Word says is murder, then American women have murdered 1,026,700 of their own children in their wombs, vs 19,252 other homicides, meaning that women have killed 53.295 times as many innocent persons as all other murderers combined in 2023. Not only that the rate is far higher than 5.7 per 100,000.

One has a hard time getting the total number of murders reported since 1973, while doing a Google search. For example, "The National Right to Life Committee (NRLC), the nation's oldest pro-life organization, estimates that 63,459,781 abortions have taken place since 1973. That estimate was gathered by tracking data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Guttmacher Institute, which previously served as a research arm of the nation's preeminent abortion provider, Planned Parenthood."

That was posted on Fox News. Abortion.73.com uses similar stats, saying 60million plus. On another website, I found a group willing total up the Guttmacher data, from 1973-2020, which posts, "THE CONSEQUENCES OF ROE V. WADE-TOTAL ABORTIONS SINCE 1973: 65,464,760, numbers 1973-2020 based on data reported by the Guttmacher Institute adjusted for GI projected "undercounts" and "missing providers."

The reason why it is hard to get a total number is because, even the bloodthirsty number crunchers at Guttmacher, and Planned Parenthood must realize that 70 million dead babies and counting amounts to real mass murder of epic proportions. This number tops the numbers of most genocides, and it has happened on our soil. For same reason, churches are silent, because they have a hard time telling the women that make up their congregations that they murdered their own child, and if they don't repent, they are going to hell for murdering their own baby. Because there has been silence from a cowardly church, women aren't repenting any more, but are hardened in their hearts and bloodthirsty in their attitudes.

They shriek about body autonomy, and demand a goddess-status of having the prerogative of deciding which children live or die. Only 8% of women in the WOW Counties of Wisconsin were Pro-life in 2024. (8% were against all abortions, 67% were in favor of regulated abortion, and 25% wanted the current state of affairs.) Those are women from GOP led conservative counties that surround Milwaukee. It is much worse in Milwaukee. It can't be any better in America as a whole. The statistics empirically prove that women are the most violent class of people in America.

"Weighing benefits against costs is the way most people make decisions – and the way most businesses make decisions if they want to stay in business. Only in government is any benefit, however small, considered to be worth any cost, however large."

"People who enjoy meetings should not be in charge of anything."

VOICE OF JERUSALEM

Probe the foreign influence behind these terror-loving, anti-Jew college agitators

By Douglas Murray

I wonder how Columbia University would behave in the following scenario. A bunch of students and outside agitators descend on their campus. They are dressed in the gear of the Ku Klux Klan, being careful to conceal their faces so as to avoid any personal criticism. They then enter the university's library and other sacred spaces of learning and chant for the lynching of black Americans.

Would Columbia University sit by while this happened? Would Democrat prosecutors and left-wing activists claim that this was simply a case of people exercising their free-speech rights? And would conservative pundits wishing to appear as being "on the right side of history" insist that the hooligans should be allowed to continue their threatening actions with impunity?

I would guess that the answer to these questions would be "no," "no" and "no" again.

So why do so many people think that a movement which dedicates itself to intimidating and threatening another minority group in America — specifically Jews — find itself so cosily protected?

The thought occurs after a friend at Columbia sent me footage from the university's Butler library — the main library on campus — from earlier this week. The Butler library is a beautiful building, intended as a sacrosanct place of study and education. Which was what places like Columbia were once for.

But on Wednesday those students who did want to study had to put up with a mob of fascists descending on their place of learning. Scores of students and others came in dressed in their terrorist chic. Their heads were wrapped in Palestinian terrorist scarves and some of them — as ever — decided to mix this up with COVID-19 protective masks.

Then, with drums and megaphones and microphones, they started their boring, tedious terrorist chants.

"Free, free, free Palestine" was one of them. They forgot to add that the people who the Palestinian people need to be freed from are Hamas.

But that probably wasn't on these bigots' radars. They also chanted their genocidal chant of "From the river to the sea" which is of course a demand to wipe the world's only Jewish state off the map.

They boogied while chanting all this — dancing as though they were at some kind of party. Perhaps a party like the Nova party that the heroes of these Columbia protestors entered on October 7th and where Hamas terrorists proceeded to rape and murder hundreds of these students' contemporaries. But these are details.

The protestors also hung their terrorist paraphernalia around the library. These huge home-made signs included one special beauty: "Glory to our martyrs."

Until the last couple of years New York students did not have much truck for international terrorists. Whatever the criticisms of America's response to 9/11, I remember no major movement on American college campuses in which students hung banners praising Osama bin Laden and al-Qaeda. In fact it would have been thought to be in rather bad taste had they done so.

But the killers and rapists and torturers and kidnappers of Hamas? Oh they are absolutely fit to be lauded by students at America's most elite universities. What wonderful role models they must be for young Americans setting out at the start of their careers.

Of course there are a number of things that need to be not just said but done to stop the spread of this unadulterated evil.

The first is for the Trump administration to act on its promises and cut off all federal funding from universities which allow terrorist movements to seize hold of campus.

There is nothing ground-up about any of this. All of the rhetoric and materials that these terrorist-supporters engage in is a pure import.

What American student, born and raised here, thinks that the terrorists of October 7th are "martyrs"? Let alone "our" martyrs. Who do these students think that "we" are? Is it an act of "liberation" to injure and hospitalize staff on campus who are just doing their job? Is this really a way to express sympathy with a cause and get people onto your side?

The second thing that is becoming increasingly clear is that the US government should order a swift and deep inquiry into the way in which foreign funding is being used to subvert American institutions, especially institutions of higher learning.

If they carry out such an investigation they will find, among much else, the billions of dollars of Qatari money that have been pumped into American universities in recent years. As well as having one of the largest lobbying organizations in the US, the Qataris have in recent years also used their vast oil wealth to try to subvert American institutions and buy off American politicians.

It is one of the greatest scandals of our age, that a oil-rich slave-state like Qatar, which not just funds but hosts Hamas, is able to have its talons into the heart of some of America's most venerable institutions.

What is going on? How long does this country want to be up for sale to such terrorists and terrorist-supporters?

On Monday, it was protestors at the University of Washington who rampaged through their campus, smashing up the campus and literally starting fires. They are estimated to have caused over $1 million of damage. Let's see if they are made to pay for it. In every way.

But as I watched the scenes from our own city this week one thing stood out in particular. That was an identifiably Jewish student, wearing a kippah, watching as the new KKK barricaded the doors of the library he was trying to study in.

If this had been a lone black student having to face down a mob of people celebrating the lynching of black Americans I would imagine there would be a swift and harsh response from across every part of this country — and rightly so.

I would expect every person of good will to ask how this had happened here, who was pushing this filth and how every arm of the state could go about stopping it.

So it is — or should be — now. The new Klan has got away with their violence for far too long. To adopt some language they would understand, "It is time to shut this s–t down."

Archbishop *cont. from page 18*

Such comments could well be taken to refer to the governance style of Francis' papacy, which was widely understood to be erratic and even described as dictator-like or tyrannical by those closely acquainted with it.

Further highlighting what he sees as differences between Francis and Leo, rather than the "continuity" which is much talked about, Gänswein commented that Leo's choice of vestments already evidences a change in tack:

Name and dress made it clear that there will be no continuity but a totally new phase. His experience, ability to speak many languages, the fact that he was a missionary but also worked in the Curia for two years make him a Pope who is both a pastor and a governing Pope. He does not come from one background but from many things together. And this will allow him to speak to everyone.

Leo has indeed made notable impressions in recent days on this front. Although small signs in the grander scheme of doctrinal confusion, his decision to use the red mozzetta and stole – eschewed by Francis – to sing the Regina Caeli, and the rumors of his potential return to the papal apartments Francis rejected, have won him early fans among traditional Catholics.

Not yet a week into his papacy, Leo's decisions will come under particular scrutiny, with cardinals around him describing the Pope as measured but decisive. So far he has asked the Roman curial heads to remain in place for the time being.

Though Prevost was listed amongst the papabile cardinals, his name was not among the most anticipated contenders for the papacy, not least for the fact that few believed it likely for the College of Cardinals to choose an American pope.

For Gänswein too, Prevost's election came as a surprise after the German prelate had anticipated the election of Cardinal Secretary of State Pietro Parolin. But swiftly adapting to the new Pope, Gänswein drew on his personal encounters with Prevost from former years, attesting that "Pope Prevost gives me great hope. I am convinced that he will make a positive impact within the Church and in the world. He is a peacemaker."

Gänswein was seen as much more aligned with Benedict than Francis in theology, liturgy, and doctrinal practice, and as time went on was viewed to have fallen out of favor with Pope Francis. In his revelatory book published just after Benedict's death, Gänswein outlined how Francis' restrictions on the Latin Mass greatly pained Benedict in his retirement.

After Gänswein ended his term at the papal household he was left without a position by the late pope, further highlighting the tense relationship believed to exist between the two. It was only a year later he was announced as nuncio.

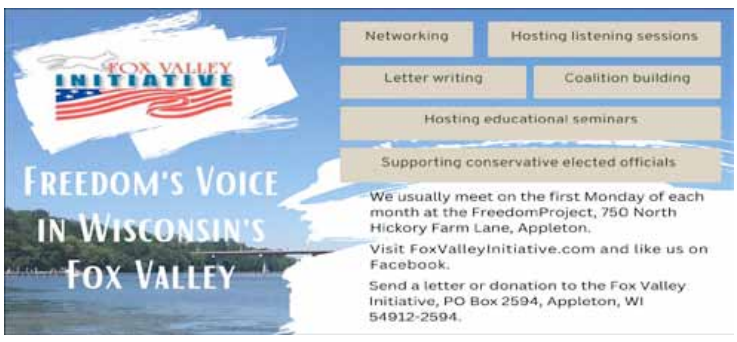
The prelate has been careful to avoid entering into direct media conflict with Pope Francis, despite the optics of disharmony between the two.

But the nuncio's comments should not be attributed to some personal rancor against the recently deceased Francis as many cardinals have expressed similar thoughts and hopes for the new pontificate.

Robert Cardinal Sarah wrote that the election of Leo XIV was a "great joy," while others in the College of Cardinals such as Blase Cupich and Joseph Tobin also welcomed the news positively.

New York's Timothy Cardinal Dolan has been described as an influential "kingmaker" to garner support for Prevost within the conclave, though such information cannot be confirmed due to the strict rules of secrecy surrounding the conclave process.





Children *cont. from page 1*

challenges, but carry them into adulthood.

Chronic Health Conditions in Kids Are Rising Faster Than You Think

A recent study published in Academic Pediatrics examined how chronic health conditions in children and young adults have changed in the United States from 1999 to 2018. Conducted by researchers from Harvard Medical School, the study focused on conditions that begin in childhood and continue into adulthood.

Their goal was to show how big the problem has become, which conditions are rising the fastest, and how these health burdens affect both children and society at large.1

•Researchers studied a large, diverse group across the country — The study included a nationally representative sample of 236,412 individuals between ages 5 and 25. The data was from the 1999 to 2018 National Health Interview Survey (NHIS). According to News-Medical.Net, the researchers "estimated the annual average increase in chronic conditions (CC) and functional limitations (FL) over time."2

•Nearly one in three children had a chronic condition by 2018 — The researchers found that the frequency of chronic conditions among children ages 5 to 17 years increased from about 23% in 1999/2000 to over 30% by 2017/2018.



Even more concerning, the study estimated that 1.2 million young people with chronic conditions are now entering adulthood each year, carrying these challenges into college, work, and adult life.

Asthma, ADHD, autism, and prediabetes are leading the increase — Asthma, ADHD (attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder), autism, and prediabetes are the top drivers of this growing problem. These conditions interfere with learning, playing, and building relationships.

•The numbers show steady and consistent growth — According to their findings, ADHD rates jumped by 0.24 percentage points per year, while autism diagnoses went up by 0.13 percentage points annually. Asthma cases climbed by 0.12 percentage points per year, and prediabetes in young adults rose by 0.12 percentage points annually.

While these yearly changes seem small, they build up to massive increases over time. If you have children, this means their schools, sports programs, and healthcare providers are dealing with far more chronic conditions than ever before — and they may not be ready to handle it well.

The study found clear inequalities among the children who develop chronic conditions. In particular, less privileged children have a higher risk of these illnesses.3

As children age, these struggles compound, leading to lower job prospects and higher healthcare costs. This means parents need to watch for early warning signs and work proactively to support their child's development and mental health. (For full article: Mercola.com).

What Are the Other Contributing Factors to Chronic Conditions in Children?

The authors noted that other factors may be affecting disease rates, such as regional differences. Their findings note that children in the Southern U.S. had the highest rates of chronic conditions, while those in the Western region had the lowest. If you're in a high-risk area, it's worth taking extra steps to reduce environmental triggers and promote healthy habits.4

•Poor diet, pollution, and stress are major contributors — While the study didn't dive into microscopic details, it was clear that environmental exposures, chronic stress, and poor diet all contribute to these rising conditions.

For asthma, pollutants and allergens are major triggers. Prediabetes develops from eating too many processed foods and not getting enough movement, which leads to insulin resistance — where your body stops responding properly to insulin, making blood sugar levels rise. ADHD and autism likely also have environmental and dietary factors involved.

•Transitions to adult healthcare are failing — Children and young adults with chronic conditions often lose support when they age out of pediatric care. This makes managing their conditions harder, leading to emergency room visits, missed work, and increased expenses. If you have a teenager with a chronic condition, you need to help them plan and prepare for managing their health as adults.

•Early detection and prevention are key to reducing the burden — The researchers emphasized that treatment is not enough. Parents and pediatricians need to work together to look for early signs like fatigue, changes in behavior, or physical symptoms like wheezing and weight gain. *(More details / full article at Mercola.com)*

New Treatments for Brain Health

This is more concern about brain health than ever before. Mental health in varying degrees is front and center in conversation and research. According to a 2023 U.S. Census Bureau Household Pulse Survey, nearly one-third of adults reported anxiety and depression symptoms and almost 20% of individuals reported anxiety.

Today, new treatments are available to help support improved mental health and brain health span. At Brookfield Health and Wellness (BHW), they provide support to anyone suffering from brain health conditions. They specialize in IASIS Microcurrent Neurofeedback (MCN). This functional medicine approach helps to strengthen the brain and allows it to reorganize itself and release from frozen, stuck patterns.

MCN is a noninvasive, painless, and 100% safe treatment that is an integral part of an overall wellness journey. MCN is an easy and simple treatment that uses an FDA-registered EEG amplifier and transmits signals to the brain. Regular treatment provides neuro cell retraining for dysfunctions such as autism, Aspergers, sensory processing disorders, epilepsy, concussion, depression, anxiety, migraines, anger, impulse control, memory, concentration, sports performance, chronic pain, and much more.

New technology has been created to calm and create healthy pathways. For example, HUB Therapy and Brain Tap.

Brain Tap is a powerful and effective tool designed to help patients achieve physical, mental, and emotional balance commonly interrupted by fight or flight response. The Brain Tap headset uses unique frequencies of light and sound to reduce anxiety and allow for better relaxation. Regular treatments are great for reducing brain fog, improving energy, promoting relaxation, eliminating unwanted behaviors, and enhancing memory, focus, and creativity.

HUB Therapy also uses a headset to facilitate an experience where the mind moves into a theta state supporting a wide array of mental, emotional, and physical wellbeing. Within the FDA-approved HUB exists cranial electrotherapy technology, Binocular Beats, and Visual Pattern Stimulation. This therapy effectively addresses anxiety, depression, insomnia, addiction, PTSD, chronic pain, migraines, and syndromes affecting the vagus nerve or limbic system.

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