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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



Trump's True 2024 Goals

By Michael Baxter

President Donald J. Trump last night reentered the political fray, confirming he will seek an official return to power in 2024, even though he has been unofficially working alongside military allies, White Hats in common parlance, to rid the nation of Deep Staters since leaving Washington for his Mar-a-Lago command center in early 2021.

"In order to make America great and glorious again, I am tonight announcing my candidacy for president of the United States," Trump said before an audience of several hundred supporters in a chandeliered ballroom at his Mar-a-Lago club, where he stood flanked by American flags and banners bearing his "Make America Great Again" slogan.

"America's comeback starts right now," he said, formally beginning the 2024 Republican primary.

Trump's speech last night was an exercise in restraint; he chose his words prudently, carefully circumnavigating hot topics like election fraud—he alluded to it once—the Fake News media, and the Deep State. He instead focused on fixing a now crippled economy, sealing the country's wide-open borders, eradicating crime plaguing our city streets, energy independence, and restoring America's

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Let's talk about REAL climate cataclysms

All-natural, not so long ago, hugely destructive, and a repeat would devastate people and planet



By Paul Dreissen

The climate crisis! Save our planet! Stop using fossil fuels! The ranting never ends.

Present data showing that hurricane frequency and intensity are not increasing, but tornado activity has declined significantly since 1975; offer clear evidence of past, recurrent, major climate changes, including a widespread Little Ice Age from 1300 to 1850, a 2400-year-old forest emerging from beneath a melting Alaskan glacier, a 5200-year-old mummified traveler frozen on a once-nearly-ice-free Italian Alps trail –

and they respond, Shut up! The climate crisis! The science is settled! Stop using fossil fuels!

Fine. But take a few minutes to

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Naomi Wolf: Forget COVID amnesty, where is justice?

By Naomi Wolf

I live in a picture-perfect region – the Hudson Valley – memorialized by painters and poets; a patchwork of autumn reds and yellows, majestic hillsides, storied waterfalls, and little homesteads dotted picturesquely on the slopes of sleepy hamlets.

Towns in our area look like Norman Rockwell paintings: there is Main Street, Millerton, with its white 19th century church steeple, its famous Irving Farm cafe with the excellent curated coffee beans, its charming antiques mall, and its popular pizzeria.

When you drive to Millerton, it looks like you are driving into the heart of archetypal America; everything that Woody Guthrie songs memorialize, everything of which American soldiers dreamt when they were far away — everything decent and pure, is to be found in Hudson Valley towns.

It sure looks that way, anyway.

But these days, I am obliged to maintain a fervent inner monologue, just so I can pleasantly go about my business in the local hardware store, in the local florist, in the post office.

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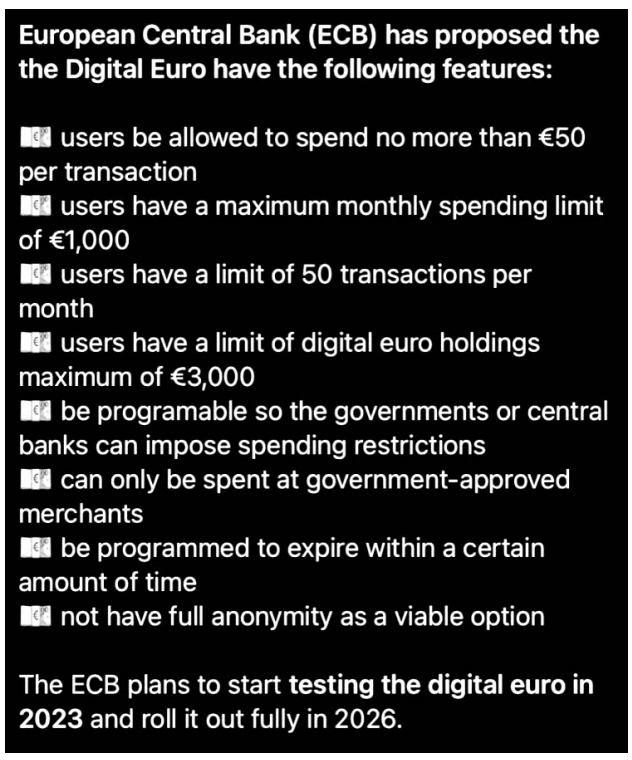

To Whom Does an Elected Official Owe a Duty of Loyalty?

By Williams Kovacs

As the United States elects its 218th Congress, citizens should be asking to whom does an elected official owes a duty of loyalty. Are these candidates merely politicians seeking office to enhance



their brand by leading the opposition against Americans who think differently? Or are these candidates seeking office to serve as fiduciaries to the Constitution? In a dangerously polarized nation, the answer leads to dramatically different forms of governance. The current political strife

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Abp. Viganò: Christ would not recognize His Church in 'the sect' that's eclipsing the See of Peter

By LifeSiteNews

I am writing to you on the occasion of the coming Feast of Christ the King, and I permit myself to share with you a certain fundamental question:

Is there still any meaning in celebrating and invoking the grace that this liturgical feast so longed for when it was instituted?

If the King of kings and Lord of lords (cf. 1 Tim 6:15; Apoc. 19:16) were to return today in His glory, would He still recognize His Spouse, the Church?

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America Will Emerge Wiser and Stronger Following Disastrous Socialist Lessons

By Larry Bell

Let's be hopeful that less than two years of far-left control of



the White House and Congress will serve as a woke wakeup call shocking a vast majority of us out of any complacency regarding fragility of American freedoms and perishability of life quality benefits that we had so recently taken for granted.

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Steve's Say . . . What Does the Next Phase Look Like?



For many of us in the Truth community, last night's Trump announcement seemed ridiculously disappointing. With the second massive election steal freshly claimed by the mainstream media enemies of the people, most expected Trump to point to some big reveal and unleash hell on the perpetrators. In other words, many of us had an emotionally based expectation with no pragmatic viability within the context of this war we're fighting against the entire worldwide deep state cabal.

After an overnight cooling off and reflection on what actually occurred, coupled with hearing other truther perspectives of what took place last night, Trump conveyed through encoded messaging that everything continues to proceed forward under white hat control.

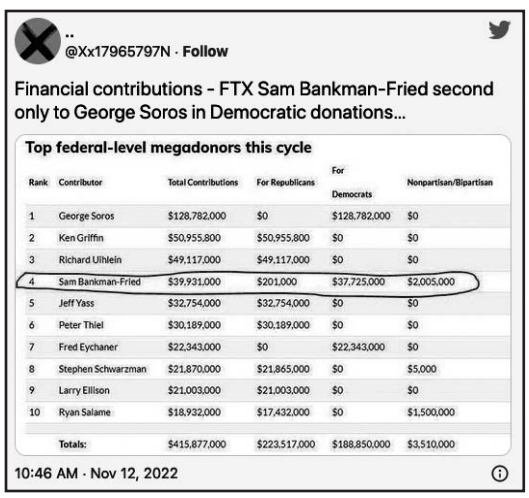
Kari Lake, a true Patriot fighter, and the People of Arizona will never let that fraud monstrosity stand. NO WAY! In fact, the Arizonian people submitted an ultimatum demanding this unlawful debacle not be certified and a new election under strict supervisory conditions occur in early December. We should demand the same in Nevada, Pennsylvania and here in Wisconsin. Let's stand with our Patriot brothers and sisters in Arizona against this mockery of America and our Constitution.

So today I realized that the meltdown of the FTX Crypto money laundering scheme the Democrats used to funnel taxpayer money through Ukraine can bring them all to justice quite quickly. The criminal politicians in congress appropriate and send billions to Ukraine for the war or relief or whatever, Ukraine converts it to crypto and the crypto guys donate to charities which give it back to Democrat candidates, and probably to others in the criminal syndicate as well.

So I will cede the rest of my Steve's Say space to a more detailed article about this treasonous crime which WILL bring down all of these treasonous swamp creatures. And we all know the penalty for Treason.

God Bless all of you and your families during this great Thanksgiving holiday where we acknowledge all gifts come from Almighty God. And may the Spirit of Christmas engulf your soul in brotherhood and love of your family and neighbors.

Tens of Billions of US Dollars Were Transferred to Ukraine and then Using FTX Crypto Currency the Funds Were Laundered Back to Democrats in US



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2	Ken Griffin	$50,955,800	$50,955,800	$0	$0
3	Richard Uihlein	$49,117,000	$49,117,000	$0	$0
4	Sam Bankman-Fried	$39,931,000	$201,000	$37,725,000	$2,005,000
5	Jeff Yass	$32,754,000	$32,754,000	$0	$0
6	Peter Thiel	$30,189,000	$30,189,000	$0	$0
7	Fred Eychaner	$22,343,000	$0	$22,343,000	$0
8	Stephen Schwarzman	$21,870,000	$21,865,000	$0	$5,000
9	Larry Ellison	$21,003,000	$21,003,000	$0	$0
10	Ryan Salame	$18,932,000	$17,432,000	$0	$1,500,000
	Totals:	$415,877,000	$223,517,000	$188,850,000	$3,510,000

By Jamie White

FTX CEO Sam Bankman-Fried was touted as the "newest megadonor" and "potential Democrat savior" ahead of the midterms.

The spectacular meltdown of the FTX crypto exchange has revealed it to be nothing more than a slush fund for Democrat candidates.

Sam Bankman-Fried stepped down as FTX CEO on Friday after it was announced his exchange had filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in the face of a multi-billion dollar liquidity crunch.

On midterm election day, Bankman-Fried managed to lose nearly 94% of his estimated $15.6 billion fortune.

The U.S. branch of FTX is now valued at $1, down from a peak of $8 billion in January. Bankman-Fried is now also under investigation by both the Department of Justice and U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

Over the last year, Joe Biden and the Democrats have pushed through well over $50 billion in funding for Ukraine, using US taxpayer money. Internationally, over $100 billion has been donated to Ukraine, according to Devex.com which has compiled worldwide donations and grants to the Ukrainian cause.

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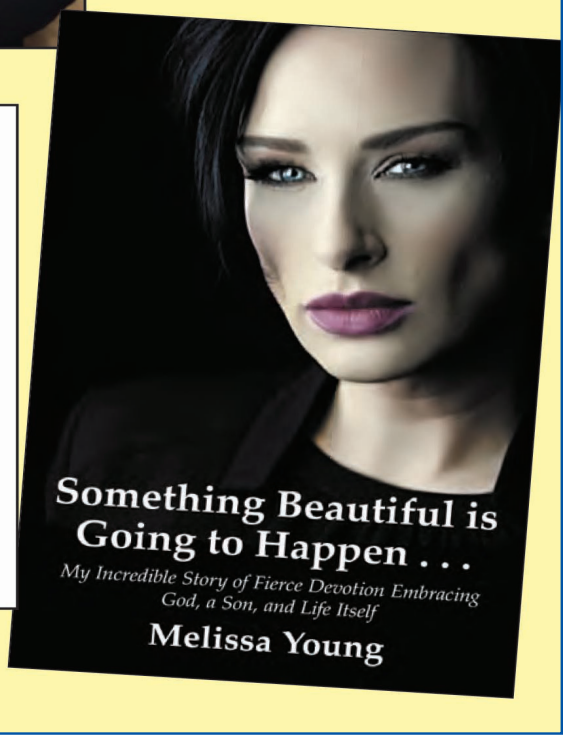

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The World is Transitioning to Fossil Fuels

By Vijay Jayaraj

Despite the fanfare surrounding wind and solar, the world's dependency on fossil fuels is increasing. Last week, Saudi Aramco CEO Amin Nasser said that the world is now "transitioning to coal."

Saad al-Kaabi, Energy Minister of Qatar, says," Many countries particularly in Europe which had been strong advocates of green energy and carbon-free future have made a sudden and sharp U-turn. Today, coal burning is once again on the rise reaching its highest levels since 2014."

They are right. Global coal demand will reach a historic high in 2022, similar to 2013's record levels. According to the International Energy Agency (IEA), "Global coal consumption is forecast to rise by 0.7 percent in 2022 to 8 billion tons.… Coal consumption in the European Union is expected to rise by seven percent in 2022 on top of last year's 14 percent jump."

Coal will continue to be a sought-after energy source as "rising gas prices after 2030 will make existing coal-fired generation more economic," the IEA says. Global energy demand will grow by 47 percent from now through 2050, and oil is expected to be the major source of energy.

Analysts are projecting" a huge gas-to-coal fuel transition in power and industrial sectors" of Europe. Yes, not gas to renewables, but gas to coal. In fact, the European Union's coal consumption grew 16 percent year-on-year for the first half of 2022. European countries imported 7.9 million tons of thermal coal in June, more than doubling year-on-year. Annual coal imports are expected to reach 100 million tons by the end of the year, the highest since 2017.

Even in the most developed economies of the West like Germany and the UK, fossil fuels continue to dominate as the only dependable source of energy. Germany is set to become the third-highest importer of Indonesian coal in 2023, ranked just below coal-guzzling China and India.

AP says, "Coal, long treated as a legacy fuel in Europe, is now helping the continent safeguard its power supply and cope with the dramatic rise in natural gas prices caused by the war." Rather than wind or solar, it is coal that is keeping the lights on in Europe.

Taking stock of the tremendous performance of coal, a Shaw and Partners senior analyst commented, "Who would have thought dirty ol 'coal would have been the best-performing equities in the last financial year? So far this financial year it's also the best-performing sector."

Given this reality, can the Western economies protect themselves from being victims of their own green policies that neither produce the required energy nor save the planet?

Many Western leaders are not ready to admit that this is a misery self-inflicted by their green-energy obsession that compromised the supply of fossil fuels.

The global green energy movement's primary goal is to make economies transition to renewable sources of energy, a move that some believe will help save the planet from climate change. However, sources like wind, solar, and biomass are neither reliable nor affordable — nor even "renewable." These indisputable facts were disregarded as western economies continued to make their so-called energy transition.

As a result, much of Europe, UK, and North America find themselves in energy turmoil.

Instead of harvesting their abundance of fossil fuels, these economies are in a state of lamentation, desperate for the procurement of the very fuel sources they once despised.

This week, the White House said it was concerned about a cut in oil production announced by OPEC, despite the Biden administration's denigration of domestic oil. In Europe, leaders are livid over a gas shortage, another fossil fuel that they claim is bad for the planet.

Qatar's Saad Al-Kaabi says that European "green" policies are responsible for high energy prices and that leaders in the West "don't have a plan." Energy shortages have forced them to return to the most dependable sources — coal and oil. They are now scampering to ensure energy security for winter, when many believe likely that there will be power blackouts in the UK and Germany.

The world is now transitioning to fossil fuels — not renewables, despite vast amounts of time and money spent on developing wind and solar technologies.

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Eco-Extremists Are Leading the World Towards Despair, Poverty, and Starvation

By Dr. Jordan B. Peterson.

Utopian solutions for saving the planet are doomed to failure – and worse. We must wake up before it is too late

This winter, millions of British citizens, including children, will be tipped, or dumped, into energy poverty severe enough to risk permanent damage to their health. Cold, damp houses provide the perfect breeding ground for mold that not only causes respiratory distress but renders houses essentially unlivable once established.

One Left-leaning newspaper ran the story outlining the danger, but without a word about why this crisis has emerged: because the woke moralisers of the "environmental" movement helped to create it.

The narcissists of compassion – callow, self-aggrandising, incompetent politicians, their celebrity lackeys, Machiavellian journalists – have insisted ever more loudly over the last five decades that no cost was, and is, too great for others to bear in the pursuit of blind service to "the planet."

It is irresistibly tempting at the moment for those on that bandwagon to single out Vladimir Putin for Europe's energy woes, but his current machinations were utterly enabled by the green ideologues. Anyone with eyes could see a decade ago that the idiot insistence that Europe make itself reliant on Russia for its energy security made the current situation inevitable.

Remember when President Donald Trump – populist menace numero uno – was mocked and derided by the intellectual and political elite in Europe and North America for trumpeting precisely that warning? Well, now the chickens have truly come home to roost, but very little has yet been learned in consequence.

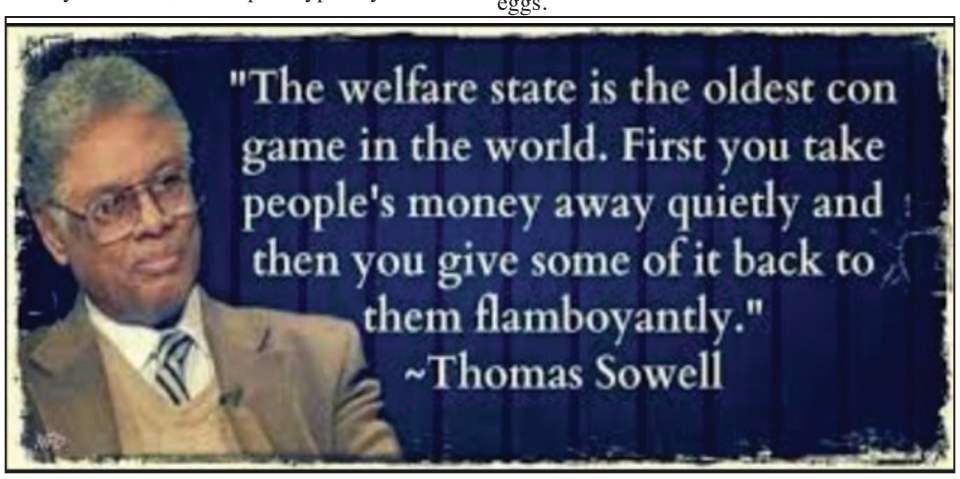
Virtue-signalling utopians committed to globalisation claim we are destroying the planet with cheap energy. But are they truly and deeply committed to the environmental sustainability so loudly and insistently demanded, or are they merely hell-bent, in the prototypically Marxist manner, in taking revenge on capitalism?

It appears to be the latter. Why otherwise would the mavens of the environmental movement oppose nuclear power, despite its optimal "carbon footprint"?

Utility bills have soared in the UK, the home of the Industrial Revolution that lifted the world out of poverty. Now up to half of small businesses in Britain face the risk of bankruptcy and closure. The Government has had to announce a ruinously expensive Energy Price Guarantee to mitigate the worst effects of this disaster.

The rush to renewables

The mentality among the eco-extremists is as follows: if we have to doom the poor to destroy the system that made the rich, so be it. You just can't make an omelette without breaking a few eggs.



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

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

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

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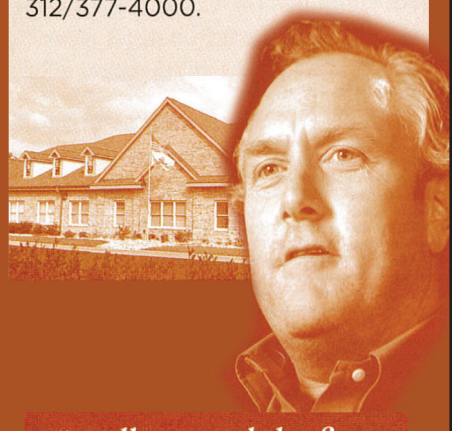

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Green Energy Revolution Hits Energy Reality Wall

By H. Sterling Burnett

If carbon dioxide emissions from human activities are causing dangerous climate change, China is the straw that stirs the drink. China emits more carbon dioxide than all the developed countries on Earth combined.

There is the rub. In his speech kicking off the annual weeklong Communist Party Congress, President Xi Jinping announced fossil fuels have a strong future in China as energy security will be among the country's top priorities in attempting to advance economic growth. At the end of the conference, in a historic but not unexpected event, Xi was elected to an unprecedented third five-year term as general secretary of the Chinese Communist Party.

Xi said aspirational goals to peak and eventually zero out carbon emissions would be tempered with prudence given the recent power shortages following from a limited amount of renewable power sources replacing fossil fuels for electric power generation over the past few years.

Despite China's commitment to peak carbon emissions between 2030 and 2035, in 2021 the communist state significantly expanded coal mining and use in response to power shortages that idled factories and slowed economic growth.

Xi's speech restated China's position that it will not end the use of fossil fuels until enough sufficient, reliable non-emitting energy sources are available to replace them.

"We will work actively and prudently toward the goals of reaching peak carbon emissions and carbon neutrality," Xi said in his address. "Based on China's energy and resource endowments, we will advance initiatives to reach peak carbon emissions in a well-planned and phased way, in line with the principle of getting the new before discarding the old."

In addition to increasing coal use, Xi's spokespersons also made it clear China will expand its exploration and development of oil and gas resources to ensure energy security.

China is not the only country placing shoring up energy security ahead of fighting climate change. The New York Times and National Public Radio both reported on Germany's race to reopen and expand coal mines and restart previously shuttered coal-fueled power plants in the face of a severe power shortfall entering the fall and winter. Germany previously shut coal power and nuclear power plants and replaced them with huge investments in wind and solar, with Russian natural gas as the backstop. Germans currently pay the highest prices for electricity in all of Europe. As wind and solar have failed to supply reliable power and Russian gas has been cut off during the Ukraine war, Germans face a chilly winter if sufficient coal power plants can't be brought online quickly.

Italy's new leader has announced her party and its governing partners want to pull back on the carbon commitments Italy made to reach the EU's climate goals. The AP reports Giorgia Meloni, Italy's new prime minister, "contended that the European Union had failed to craft policies that would ensure available, affordable energy supplies. Sky-high energy prices 'have forced businesses and families down to their knees,' Meloni said."

Meloni's Brothers of Italy Party, unlike other parties that contended to control parliament and install the prime minister, has proposed no specific emission reduction targets, and Meloni has indicated her government will relax Italy's emission reduction targets. Meloni has also indicated she and her parliamentary partners support reopening previously closed nuclear plants and developing domestic gas resources in the Adriatic Sea instead of just importing gas from foreign countries.

Real Clear Energy reports Vietnam has decided not to end coal to meet climate goals it set when it signed the Paris climate agreements. Vietnam now intends to increase coal use and imports for at least the next 13 years because more coal, natural gas, and oil are necessary to meet the country's growing energy demands.

In Latin America, support for fossil fuels is breaking out all over. The Offshore Engineer reports Argentina, Brazil, Ecuador, Guyana, and Mexico are leading the way in new offshore oil and gas development, securing financing and granting leases for new production projects. State-owned and private companies are also purchasing tankers and equipment and developing refineries to advance energy independence while increasing exports of fuels for which they foresee growing global demand.

While leaders of countries across Asia, Europe, and South America still talk about the need to reduce carbon dioxide emissions to fight climate change, they are moving forward with policies guaranteed to increase emissions—not for emissions' sake, of course, but to secure the reliable energy supplies necessary to ensure economic growth and their respective governments' ability to remain in power.



Actions speak louder than words.

An article published by Bloomberg confirms environment, social, and governance (ESG) initiatives often support activities and programs that harm the environment and violate human rights, as previous research has shown. In addition, companies and stock funds committed to ESG goals are often unprofitable or at least produce lower returns than competitors and funds not committed to putting amorphous, often ill-defined, environment and social goals above profits.

ESG and DEI ("diversity, equity and inclusion") "taken together … constitute the ruling business ideology of our age," writes Bloomberg Global Business Columnist Adrian Wooldridge. "Both ESG and DEI have generated massive industries. Investment giants, notably BlackRock Inc., State Street Corp., and Vanguard Group Inc., claim that more than a third of their assets, or $35 trillion, are monitored through one ESG lens or other. Every Fortune 100 company and most Fortune 500 companies have adopted DEI programs."

Despite all the hype, experience shows the various goals pursued under the banner of ESG and DEI conflict with each other. In pursuing environmental goals, for example, equity or human rights goals are undermined, writes Wooldridge. In addition, research shows the pursuit of these often-amorphous goals can lower investment returns, Wooldridge writes:

The apostles of ESG are as guilty of overselling their product as they are of intellectual sloppiness. The ghastly phrase "win-win" that is endemic in the industry obscures the huge costs of adjusting to climate change. But is it "win-win" for investors when, according to an analysis by Morningstar, "sustainable" funds charge on average annual fees that are almost 50% higher [than] those of traditional funds? And is it win-win for the planet when companies can game the system by selling a polluting plant to another company that is happy to be judged as a "sin" stock?

[A] 2021 literature review of more than 1,100 peer reviewed studies and 27 published meta-analyses determined that the risk-adjusted financial performance of ESG investing was indistinguishable from conventional investing. Another study of American mutual funds between 2010 and 2018 found that companies in ESG investment portfolios violated more labor laws, paid more fines and had higher carbon emissions than those in non-ESG portfolios sold by the same institution.

As to DEI goals, Wooldridge finds the pursuit of equity is often just warmed-over envy and socialism, which regularly leads to absurd corporate policies that offend many workers, customers, and the public while damaging the corporate bottom line:

When it comes to equality, liberal capitalism is built on two great principles: procedural justice (equality of treatment before the law) and equality of opportunity. Liberal capitalists celebrate the fact that Jeff Bezos is filthy rich for a mixture of first principles (people should be free to exercise their talents) and utilitarianism (Amazon.com Inc. improves the general welfare by providing better services at better prices). But "equity" tries to substitute "fairness" for "equality of opportunity." … "In order to truly be antiracist," says Ibram X. Kendi, a leading guru of the social justice movement, "you also have to truly be anti-capitalist."

This emphasis on "equity" drives the DEI formula in an increasingly radical direction. The Coca-Cola Co. had to apologize for including on its company training platform an external LinkedIn presentation on confronting racism that urged viewers, "Try to be less white." … Bank of America Corp. supported a "Racial Equity 21-Day Challenge" for its employees which argued that the United States is a system of "white supremacy." Walmart Inc. has told workers that they are guilty of "internalized racial superiority."

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this combination of social justice radicalism and overpromising is that DEI programs are ineffective, or worse. Anti-bias training frequently activates stereotypes. …. Diversity training that vilifies whites produces resentment among whites, particularly when compared with diversity training that celebrates color blindness. The clunking machinery of DEI—the training videos, workshops and roleplaying exercises—also offends workers' sense of autonomy and self-respect.

The push for ESG and DEI is producing a backlash among politicians, with numerous states passing or considering legislation to block "woke" banks and investment funds from managing state pension funds or doing business with the state.

"If the GOP retakes the majority in the upcoming midterm elections, it reportedly plans to investigate the U.S. Chamber of Commerce for its increasing ESG advocacy," notes Wooldridge.

On October 18, Missouri became the latest state to make investment giant BlackRock pay for its woke ESG investment policies. Missouri State Treasurer Scott Fitzpatrick announced the state had pulled $500 million in state pension funds from management by the company.

Fitzpatrick told FOX Business the Missouri State Employees' Retirement System (MOSERS) sold all public equities managed by BlackRock.

BlackRock is one of 273 signatories on the Net Zero Asset Managers initiative, "a group that has committed to support the goal of the Paris Agreement to limit global temperature rises to 1.5 degrees Celsius and to support investing aligned with achieving net-zero emissions by 2050 or sooner," reports Pensions & Investments.

"This is the right thing to do for Missouri state employees who rely on the assets managed by MOSERS for their retirement," Fitzpatrick told FOX Business when he announced Missouri's decision.

Missouri joins a growing number of states that have removed their pension funds from BlackRock, other fund management firms, and banks in response to their environmental, social, and governance (ESG) initiatives—primarily over their attempts to force the companies and pensions whose stocks they manage or hold to end support for fossil fuels and firearms and to promote elements of the leftist agenda such as critical race theory and LBGTQ indoctrination in schools.

On October 5, Louisiana's Department of Treasury announced it had divested $794 million from BlackRock in response to the company's net-zero commitments. Most recently, South Carolina Treasurer Curtis M. Loftis Jr. announced the state would divest an additional $200 million from BlackRock funds by the end of 2022.

"For the past five years, I have worked systematically to remove BlackRock managed funds from our state's various investment portfolios," Loftis said in an email announcing the move. "I realized early on that ESG … had the potential to seriously undermine our state's economic model from one that values fiduciary responsibility and sound financial judgment to one that pushes the left-wing political agenda of 'stakeholder capitalism.'"

Fitzpatrick noted he is obligated by law to ensure the state's retirement funds and other assets are managed in a way that prioritizes maximizing returns for retirees and taxpayers, not advancing progressive political policies.

"Fiduciary duty must remain the top priority for investment managers—a duty some of them have abdicated in favor of forcing a left wing social and political agenda that has failed to succeed legislatively, on publicly traded companies," said Fitzpatrick. "We should not allow asset managers such as BlackRock, who have demonstrated that they will prioritize advancing a woke political agenda above the financial interests of their customers, to continue speaking on behalf of the state of Missouri."

Derek Kreifels, CEO of the State Financial Officers Foundation, praised the Missouri decision. The foundation has worked with state treasurers in Arizona, Arkansas, Idaho, Florida, Kentucky, Louisiana, Oklahoma, North Dakota, South Carolina, Texas, Utah, and West Virginia over past year to stop their pension funds from being used for leftist political causes.

"Fitzpatrick is taking decisive action to protect the people of Missouri by divesting pension funds from BlackRock, who has weaponized ESG by pushing radical climate and social policies under the guise of an investment strategy," Kreifels said when Fitzpatrick announced Missouri's action. "BlackRock's reckless agenda is robbing Americans of their retirement dollars and driving up costs from the gas pump to the grocery store."



Not Green at All

By Viv Forbes

"Green" policies are destroying the natural environment and changing local weather. This is part of a futile UN scheme claiming to improve the climate of the world.

All green energy degrades its environment.

Take wind power.

Wind turbines steal energy from the atmosphere and must affect local weather. Turbines are always placed on the highest ground and along ridges to catch more wind. Natural hills already affect local weather by causing more rain along the ridge, and a rain shadow further downwind. Wind turbines enhance this rain shadow effect by robbing the wind of its ability to take moisture and rain into the drier interior. Promoting more inland desertification is not green.

Climatists also plan to defend Australia with offshore wind turbines – using bird slicers to protect Australia from hang gliders, cruising pelicans, sea gulls, eagles and the occasional albatross.

Solar "farms" prefer large areas of flattish ground. They steal solar energy from all plant life in their solar shadow. This deprives wild and domestic herbivores of sustenance. Neither kangaroos, cattle, emus, parrots nor sheep thrive in solar energy deserts.

Green energy is very dilute – thus large areas of land are needed to collect wind/solar energy. Even more land is cleared for the ugly spider-webs of power lines and roads needed to collect green energy in intermittent dribs and drabs and conduct it to cities, where it is needed. But for most of the time, every day, these expensive assets produce nothing useful.

Already there is a petition circulating in Australia calling for ugly destructive power lines to be put underground to save farms, forests, wildlife and scenery.

What a good idea.

Let's bury the noisy bird-chopping wind turbines too.

Wind turbines and solar panels soon wear out and have to be replaced. Some have already reached their use-by date. Most of this "green" debris cannot be recycled. To calmly bury that complex toxic waste of plastics, metals, steel and concrete is not green at all. Soon chemicals will be leaking into the ground water and water supply dams.

Manufacture, erection and final disposal of green energy generators uses more energy than they can produce over their short life. Their whole-of-life net energy production is negative and their net emissions are not zero.

Greens also worship biomass energy like wood. This is the fuel which cavemen used for warmth, cooking meat and repelling wild animals. Primitive people like the British still burn wood for power generation but too much of the energy is consumed in collecting, drying, chipping and transporting this low energy fuel from distant forests to power station boilers. Germans are now showing confidence that their massive wind-solar apparatus will cope with the coming winter without Russian gas - - - by gathering firewood. And anti-fracking, anti-coal Britain is forced to plan for week-long winter blackouts and/or shortages of gas.

Greens also promote world hunger by promoting ethanol made from plant foods to replace better motor fuels such as petrol and diesel. The hill-billies of Tennessee were specialists in distilling corn whiskey which had many uses for recreation and medicine. Others found ethanol could be produced from most plant material especially grains, beets and sugar cane. Greens then pollute good whiskey with a touch of gasoline to make it unfit for human consumption and then subsidise/mandate its use in motor vehicles. While some people starve, food is used for motor fuel.

US Government biofuel mandates have also made the refining of diesel and other fuels more expensive.

Reliable electricity generators produce electricity when it is needed. But green energy needs batteries to keep the lights on when wind/solar fails (as it does every day). And to charge those batteries while also serving consumers requires a very large increase in generator capacity. This increases the need for more spider-webs of landscape destroying power lines and roads between wind towers, solar farms, "Big Batteries", pumped hydro and electricity consumers.

Not green at all.

Compare for a moment this ugly green energy mess with tidy concentrated reliable energy from long-life coal, gas, hydro or nuclear power stations.

Of course Big Miners love Green Energy and electric cars because that consumes heaps of metals like copper, nickel, lithium, rare earths, cobalt, silicon, aluminium molybdenum, silver, graphite and steel as well as limestone and gas for producing cement. But every lithium battery in every electric car or bicycle is a spontaneous fire hazard – park them far away from anything flammable.

Finally, we have maybe the biggest Green Scam of all - Carbon Capture and Burial. Big coal and gas companies love this trick – it will consume far more coal or gas to produce the same usable energy – the rest is wasted in gas capture, compression, pumping, piping and disposal. And the whole silly scheme relies on the assumption that the buried gas will stay where it was put. In rare places, pumped CO_2 can be used to increase the yield from depleting oil or gas reservoirs, but in general this green hoax wastes energy, deprives the bio-sphere of plant food, increases electricity cost and reduces the life of coal and gas reserves.

And what about the COP27 climate jamboree? Four hundred private jets attended. Even Saint Greta thinks it is a scam.

Green energy costs are large, obvious and measureable. The climate benefits are illusory.

Not green at all.

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Frank Lasee's Notes

Legis Energy & Climate News

From: Frank Lasee <flasee@truthinenergyandclimate.com>

Subject: LegisEnergy&ClimateNews: Glaciers – Roman Times Again – New Theory – Natural Gas cheaper than Renewables – Solar expands – Offshore Wind Needs Transmission

Date: November 11, 2022 at 11:00:24 AM CST

To: Frank Lasee <flasee@truthinenergyandclimate.com>

Hello Representative or Senator,

Below are curated energy and climate news articles. I have added some of my own comments.

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

Feel free to contact us with questions or request more information on energy and climate issues.

Now, our organization does what its name implies. We provide facts of energy and climate. Big tech and corporate media are doing their best to provide a one-sided view of what the slight warming of the planet means.

It is difficult to get the facts without spin and bias. Big media and big tech have a manmade global warming (now climate change) narrative that they are selling the public on a daily basis. This narrative, many consider propaganda, is now being used as a tool to justify expensive unnecessary energy policy that has economic and national security risks. And will not change the future climate 50, 100 or 200 years from now.

I have added bolds, colored text and some comments. The bold and colored text are for busy people to get the most valuable information if you want to skim.

Fact of the Day: Glaciers in most places in the world have been getting smaller since about 1800. We have records that go back to then and not so much before then. This is long before CO_2 was a factor in warming.

Jakobshavn, one of the largest glaciers in Greenland has been shrinking since about 1800. Except it has been growing again recently. NASA reported that it grew from 2016 to 2019 (they haven't reported on this since, I wonder why). My bet is that it is still growing.

When glaciers grow over the ocean, they calve. Creating ice bergs.

When glaciers shrink. They generally do not calve. Like an ice cube. They shrink back from the edges.

FYI ice bergs are floating fertilizer tablets for the oceans. They carry needed nutrients for plankton, which is important food for fish and other ocean life.

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SCIENCE & ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY PROJECT

The Week That Was November 12th, 2022

Quote of the Week:

Nothing in life is to be feared, it is only to be understood. Now is the time to understand more, so that we may fear less. – Marie Curie [H/t Gordon Fulks]

Number of the Week:

3 nanograms per liter (ng/L)

This Week:

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

Scope: The annual international gathering of politicians, bureaucrats, and special interest groups assembled in Sinai, to "save humanity" for the 27th time, (COP 27). TWTW will emphasize what is missing – competent physical science. Writing in "The Energy Advocate" Atomic, Molecular, and Optical (AMO) physicist Howard Hayden shows that in its Sixth Assessment Report (AR6, 2021) the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC displays a heat balance chart similar to those in past Assessment Reports that correctly displays five examples of the conservation of energy. However, they do not present a similar chart for even one of their scenarios for the future. If they did, they would discover immediately that their scenarios violate the law of conservation of energy.

AMO physicists William Happer and William van Wijngaarden joined Atomic, Molecular and Laser Physicist C. A. de Lange and Veterinary Medicine professor emeritus J. D. Ferguson to expose the absurdity of regulating nitrous oxide emissions on the false claim of dangerous global warming. Increases in nitrous oxide come from the use of artificial (manufactured) fertilizers replacing bird and bat guano and human manure in agriculture.

Atmospheric scientist Roy Spencer examines the temperature change in Las Vegas and a nearby community with no urbanization. He shows the tremendous difference in change in summer nighttime temperatures. This demonstrates the absurdity of claiming increases in surface temperatures are due to carbon dioxide, rather than urbanization. UN and US climate reports are built on this simple defect.

Judith Curry, and others, bring up how shoddy climate science by the UN and the US are frightening children who are true victims of malicious propaganda.

All of the above go to the real harms being done to humanity by inferior government science and government bureaucracies and their promoters in their pompous efforts to "save humanity."

Jennifer Marohasy produces photographic evidence of the incompetence of Australian "marine scientists" in declaring the Great Barrier Reef is dead or dying.

Science Missing in Sinai: Extending his essays on Basic Climate Physics, in the October issue of "The Energy Advocate", AMO physicist Howard Hayden writes (Graphs and references are not shown here.):

"CO2 Emissions

For some wavelengths, infrared travels less than a meter before being absorbed by CO2 at our present concentration of about 400 molecules per million molecules of air (ppmv). For a lot more wavelengths, the IR is stopped before going 10 meters. Accordingly, even with only 1 percent as much CO2 as we have, CO2 would be a strong greenhouse absorber. However, we are concerned with what happens as the atmospheric CO2 concentration increases from 400 ppmv [parts per million in volume] to 800 ppmv, as may happen during the next century.

"Calculations of the greenhouse effect for the five most abundant greenhouse gases have been done by van Wijngaarden and Happer from over a third of a million high-resolution spectral lines. The calculations are not just for the present GHG concentrations, but for fractional concentrations of each ranging from zero (f = 0 in the nearby graph) up to double the present concentration (f = 2). The graph shows my added vertical lines one-eighth, one-fourth, and one-half of present concentration.

"The vertical axis is the so-called 'radiative forcing'—the difference in the greenhouse effect from the present. Notice that the radiative forcing for CO2 at zero concentration is negative, to be specific –30 W/m2 [watts per square meter]. I added several horizontal lines representing the greenhouse effect from CO2 with the red numbers at the right in W/m2. Notice the extremely abrupt rise of the red CO2 curve, followed by a curve of ever-decreasing slope well before half our present concentration (f = 0.5). Notice that if the concentration doubles, the CO2 greenhouse effect will change from 30 W/m2 only up to 33 W/m2. The total greenhouse effect is about 159 W/m2, so the increase due to CO2 doubling would be less than 2%.

"Believe it or not, this piddling 2% increase in the greenhouse effect due to CO2 doubling is the source of quite literally millions of ignorant statements about 'the climate crisis,' 'the climate disaster,' 'climate legislation,' 'controlling the climate' and so forth.

"The Final Straw:

"The IPCC's admission in the Sixth Assessment Report (AR6) of Working Group I (Physical Science Basis) that the greenhouse effect G is the numerical difference between surface radiation and radiation to space will eventually be their undoing. They have provided incontrovertible evidence that their representative scenarios are physically impossible.

"To understand what they have done, it is necessary to look at certain abbreviations and standards. We will be looking at scenarios (SSPs: Shared Socio-economic Pathways) such as SSP3-7. 0,, where the "3" refers to a particular scenario and the 7.0 represents the approximate "radiative forcing" in W/m2, by 2080-2100, relative to the 1850-1900 period. Temperature rises (real and predicted) are also relative to the 1850-1900 time period.

"The only source of heat for the earth (ignoring very minor amounts of geothermal heat) is radiation from the sun, and the only way for the earth to shed heat is by infrared radiation. So, IPCC uses the term 'radiative forcing' to include any change due to solar flux, albedo, or greenhouse effect.

"We will first be looking at SSP3-7.0, a scenario in which the radiative forcing is 7.0 W/m2 relative to 1850-1900, as shown to the right. The graph shows a dark bar (lower left) indicating a temperature rise of about 1.1ºC since the 1850-1900 period and a predicted total temperature rise to occur by 2080-2100 of 3.6ºC for this scenario.

"Now, let us have another look at the Climate Constraint Equation. Recall that it is derived from the Planetary Heat Balance (applicable to all planets), the Stefan-Boltzmann radiation law (with $\sigma = 5.67 \times 10–8$ W m–2 K-4) and IPCC's understanding of the greenhouse effect."

At equilibrium, the radiation emitted by the surface (the Stefan-Boltzmann constant times surface temperature to the fourth power) must equal the heat radiated to space (aka the heat absorbed from the sun) plus the net IR absorption by the atmosphere (aka the greenhouse effect) [words replacing the equation].

"The 7.0 W/m2 figure for this scenario incorporates all changes occurring on the right side of Equation 1 [articulated immediately above]. Therefore, if IPCC gets things right, the change in the left-hand side should also be 7.0 W/m2. However, if the temperature rises by 3.6ºC, the left-hand side increases by 20.1 W/m2. That's a huge inequality.

"To be fair, IPCC makes no claim that the IPCC3-7.0 scenario for the 2080-2100 period is one of equilibrium. Let us look at the sequence of events. An increase in CO2 (and other human nefarious activities) cause an increase in the greenhouse effect, so that the heat emitted to space is less than the heat absorbed from the sun. This causes the surface to warm up. But how can the surface warm up so much that the planet now radiates more heat than it absorbs from the sun? Only IPCC's 'climate scientists' know for sure."In short, the IPCC would have us believe that in physical science, 7 will become 20 in 60 years.

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Number of the Week: The Attorney General of California has filed a lawsuit against 3M and DuPont for concealing:

"…health hazards associated with per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) from the public and continued producing them for public use."

Although PFAS is a blanket term for thousands of compounds, the lawsuit specifically applies to seven detected in high levels in California waters: perfluorooctanoic acid, perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS), perfluorobutanesulfonic acid, perfluorohexanesulfonic acid, perfluorohexanoic acid, perfluoroheptanoic acid and perfluorononanoic acid.

The name 'forever chemicals' derives from the compounds' resilience and resistance to degradation in nature, and according to data from California's State Water Resources Control Board, they are detectable in 146 water systems that provide water to about 16 million residents of the state."

The California's State Water Resources Control Board notification states:

"According to the 2022-2026 Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR 5), U.S.

"EPA Method 533 will be used to analyze for PFHxS in drinking water samples and has a minimum reporting level of 3 ng/L." "3 nanograms per liter (ng/L)"

"Toxicological Endpoint: Decreased total thyroid hormone in male rats," [Boldface added]

By definition, a nanogram is one billionth of a gram or about one trillionth of a pound. One of the most toxic chemicals known to man is the nerve agent VX, which is classified by the UN as a weapon of mass destruction.

"The CDC calls it 'he most potent of all nerve agents.' It kills quickly, even after exposure to infinitesimal amounts. Death by VX, which is a clear, motor oil-like liquid at room temperature, can occur after breathing in 25 to 30 milligrams, or just 10 milligrams if it comes into contact with the skin."_ [Boldface added]

There are 1,000 milligrams in a gram (milli meaning one-thousandth). There are 1,000,000,000 nanograms in a gram. A milligram has a million (1,000,000) nanograms. According to California Water Board, forever chemicals are a million times more lethal than VX. The AG's office and California regulators must be infected with mass innumeracy, (numerical illiteracy).

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

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

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

You can help in two ways:

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

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

Send your contributions to:

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And thank you.

Melting glaciers uncover a Swiss pass that has been buried for at least 2000 years

By Diya Mukherjee

The melting of snow on the Col de Tsanfleuron area, which was around fifteen metres thick until 2021, was sped up by last year's weather patterns. Col de Tsanfleuron was hidden for over 2000 years, during the Roman Empire. The still-resisting snow has improved thanks to a dry winter and heat waves that burned Europe this summer.

The pass is situated at the confluence of the Sunfleuron glacier and the Saxe-Rouge glacier at an elevation of 2800 metres above sea level between the cantons of Vaud and Valais in Switzerland's south-west. It's part of the Glacier 3000 ski area.

The spit of land has been entirely exposed for the previous three days, but as Glacier 3000 points out in a press release, "the 2021 measurements revealed an ice thickness of about 15 meters in this area."

According to the statement, "The summer of 2022, followed by low rainfall, is a disaster for glaciers."

As per to Dr. Mauro Fischer, a glaciologist at the University of Bern, "the loss of thickness of the glaciers in the Diablerets region is on average 3 times greater this year compared to the last 10 summers."

However, the melting phenomena, which is presently escalating, is distant from this portion of Switzerland.

As per a research published in August by experts who were the first to recreate the glacier's retreat in the twentieth century, glaciers there have lost half their size since 1931.

Since the early 2000s, specialists have been closely monitoring the melting of glaciers in the Alps, which they ascribe to global warming. However, since a few glaciers have been observed since then, researchers know little about how they have altered in recent years.

Researchers from the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH Zurich) and the Federal Institute for Forest, Snow, and Landscape Research (WSL) rebuilt the topography of a group of Swiss glaciers in 1931 to help comprehend their development.

"Based on these reconstructions and comparisons with data from the 2000s, the researchers concluded that the size of the glaciers was halved between 1931 and 2016," as per ETHZ and WSL.

The study, which was authored in the scientific journal La Cryosphere, suggests using archival images (21,700 photographs taken between 1916 and 1947) to cover 86% of the Swiss glacial surface, as well as stereophotogrammetry, which uses images to identify the nature, texture, and location of an object.

According to scientists, glaciers have not receded constantly over the last century, with periods of significant growth occurring in the 1920s and 1980s.

Given this short-term increase, "our comparison between the years 1931 and 2016 clearly shows that there was a significant glacial retreat during this period," stated Daniele Farinotti, professor of glaciology at ETHZ and WSL and one of the authors of the study.

Glaciers are melting fast.

As per the Swiss glacier survey network GLAMOS, they lost 50% of their volume between 1931 and 2016, but it only took six years for them to drop 12% between 2016 and 2022.

Glamos director Matthias Huss predicts that 2022 will be a record year.

In September, he told ATS-Keystone, "Other years like 2011, 2015, 2018 or 2019 have already seen very strong melting. The year 2022 is really different and will break all records."

FRANK LASEE'S NOTES

Energy Execs Tell Granholm Shuttered US Oil Refineries Won't Restart

By Tyler Durden

U.S. energy executives told Jennifer Granholm that shuttered crude oil refineries won't restart, Valero's Chief Executive Joe Gorder said on Tuesday.

The comments were made to the U.S. Energy Secretary at a recent White House meeting with energy executives, Reuters reported on Tuesday.

"The one interesting thing that came out of it, too, was there was consideration for the ability to restart refining capacity that had been shut down, and I think the general sentiment was that wasn't going to happen," Gorder said.

Limited U.S. refinery capacity - and perhaps more critically, refinery capacity in specific U.S. geographic areas, known as PADDs - has spared worry in the United States over high gasoline prices and energy security.

US refinery run rates were north of 90% for much of the summer, according to the EIA's Weekly Petroleum Status Report.

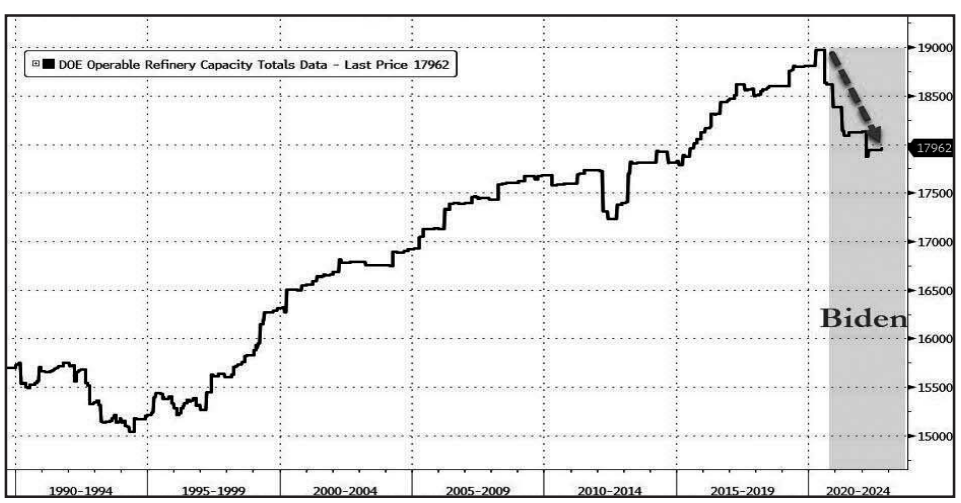
Shuttered refineries unlikely to start back up are the latest nail in the U.S. refinery coffin.

In June, Chevron CEO Mike Wirth posited that there would never be another new refinery built in the United States.

"Building a refinery is a multi-billion dollar investment. It may take a decade. We haven't had a refinery built in the United States since the 1970s. My personal view is that there will never be another refinery built in the United States," Wirth said at the time.

Oil and gas companies would have to weigh the benefits of committing capital ten years out that will need decades to offer a return to shareholders "in a policy environment where governments around the world are saying 'we don't want these products to be used in the future,'" Wirth added.

Refinery utilization in the United States for the week ending October 14 was 89.5% of their operable capacity, the most recent EIA data shows.



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ponder REAL climate disasters: the Pleistocene Ice Ages. And then ask Michael Mann, Al Gore, John Kerry and the rest of the climate cataclysm cabal to explain exactly how carbon dioxide and a few other greenhouse gases caused those massive ice sheets to grow and melt, multiple times. Just CO2 and GHG, all by themselves. They can't do it. The CO2-driven crisis is a fable.

Widespread glaciation began some 1,800,000 years ago in North America and Europe, and about 800,000 years earlier on other continents. There were at least four, possibly five, major glacial periods, interspersed with warm intervals (like the one we're in now) during which the glaciers mostly melted.

That last glacial epoch is named the Wisconsinan, because some of the most exemplary features are in my home state. It marks the furthest extent of glaciers southward into the United States and east and west across Canada. A piece of limestone on my desk shows striations (scratches) made by rocks dragged along beneath the monstrous glaciers that once covered Green Bay Packer country.

During those times of extreme glaciation, ice buried more than 17,000,000 square miles of North America, Europe, Asia and South America: some 30% of Earth's land area; nearly six times the entire Continental USA.

The glaciers – a mile or more thick in places – pulled so much water out of the oceans that sea levels fell 300-400 feet. The world's continental shelves were high and dry, and a thousand-mile-wide "land bridge" between Asia/Siberia and Alaska/Canada enabled animals and humans to migrate between the continents. Plant and animal species arose, disappeared and were replaced with each warming and freezing.

The towering walls of slowly moving ice obliterated everything in their paths. They bulldozed enormous quantities of soil, rocks and boulders off vast land areas, then deposited them elsewhere as the glaciers retreated. The ice was so heavy that Earth's crust beneath it was compacted tens of feet at the margins and nearly 1,000 feet in the eastern Hudson Bay area, where the glaciers were thickest. The land subsidence caused areas far beyond the glaciers to be pushed upward.

Even today, the compacted areas are still rebounding upward, while areas pushed upward are subsiding, making sea levels appear to be rising in some places, and falling in others.

Temperatures plummeted during each glaciation. Average annual air temperatures were in the 54-68 degree F range (12-20 C) during each ice age. Closer to the icy ramparts, they ranged from freezing to well below freezing. They rose significantly during the warm interglacial periods.

The massive ice packs across and just above what are now the world's northern corn and wheat belts, plus frigid air and low atmospheric CO2 levels, would have made agriculture impossible, had humans been farmers instead of nomadic hunter-gatherers. Another ice age would do likewise.

The last glacial period began about 129,000 years ago and ended 11,700 years ago – though not all at once everywhere. In North America, US glaciers disappeared by about 10,000 years ago; in the Hudson Bay area and northeast of that, they lingered several thousand more years.

As the ice sheets melted, sea levels rose some 400 feet, turning high land areas into islands. In warmer waters, coral reefs grew with every foot of sea level rise, creating Caribbean, Red Sea, Australian and other coral wonderlands that didn't exist just a few thousand years earlier. Life was good again.

The Ice Ages were Real Climate Cataclysms – dwarfing anything Earth might be experiencing today. No wonder alarmists refuse to debate climate change, its natural causes and minor human influences, and whether destroying our energy, economy and living standards would bring any climate benefits.

The fact is, their rants and demands aren't about climate change. They're about control.

Control of our energy and economic future. Our jobs and living standards. The kinds of homes we can have, and how much we can heat and cool them. What kinds of cars we can have, and how far we can drive them. What we can hear, see, read, learn, think and say. Under full-throttle Green Fascism.

Amid record crime, the Ukraine war, skyrocketing energy prices, Covid, plummeting student math and reading scores, economic recession, a looming cold winter of discontent – and soaring increases in fossil fuel use and emissions in China, India and a hundred developing countries – Biden-Democrat policy-makers are obsessed with climate change, because they think it's their ticket to controlling our lives.

For them, it doesn't matter that their entire case depends on ignoring Earth history, censoring skeptical voices – and focusing on computer models that predict temperatures and weather events that bear zero resemblance to what is actually happening right outside our windows, in the Real World. It doesn't matter that their climate obsession is driving people to depression, drugs and suicide.

It doesn't matter that eliminating fossil fuels that provide 80% of our energy (and 100% of the chemical feed stocks for fertilizers and thousands of other vital products) – and forcing us to rely on wind and solar power – would de-industrialize most of the United States, just as it's doing now in Europe. It doesn't matter that millions of blue collar jobs would disappear, or that living standards and life spans would nosedive.

The Biden-Green-Democrat Ruling Classes couldn't care less. It's not their jobs and living standards they're decimating. It's yoursand ours. They'd happily destroy the best of the present and past that we want to preserve – and replace it with what? Utopian dreams in a parallel universe? Energy and economic systems that exist only in their fevered imaginations and proclamations?

They don't care. They assume they'll end up on top of the heap, the consequences for the rest of us be damned. Maybe most amazing of all, they actually believe their nonsense. Or at least they expect us to believe it – at least long enough to get their candidates safely past the upcoming elections.

So our job is simple, and we're not likely to get a second chance.

Kick as many of them out of office as we can on November 8. End the tyranny and power grabs. Preserve and restore American pride, prestige, industry, prosperity, freedom and sacred honor.

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How Democrat Compassion has Worsened the Homeless Crisis



By Gary Wickert

The Atlantic magazine wrote an article in 2011 entitled "Hey, Barney Frank: The Government Did Cause the Housing Crisis." Liberals, including then-Congressman Barney Frank, had repeated the mantra that the housing crisis of 2008 and the financial fallout which followed was caused by a failure to adequately regulate banks. The truth is that government and liberal policies which claimed to be motivated by a desire to make homeowners out of less affluent people who were not able to pay their mortgages. It began with cheap credit and lax lending standards foisted on lenders by the government. This fueled a housing bubble and an upward spiral in home prices. When the bubble burst, the banks were left holding trillions of dollars of worthless investments in subprime mortgages. Wall Street did what they could to salvage the government's mess by packaging these failing loans into low-risk financial instruments such as mortgage-backed securities and collateralized debt obligations (CDOs). In the end, liberal compassion resulted in millions being thrown out of their homes and one subprime lender after another filed for bankruptcy. It was only the latest confirmation of Ronald Reagan's quote, "The top 9 most terrifying words in the English Language are: I'm from the government, and I'm here to help."

Fast forward to 2022 and it is government to the "rescue" once again—this time with a utopian plan to end homelessness. Homelessness across many of the country's liberal-run cities and states has reached epic proportions. Tent cities, public encampments, and makeshift cardboard box homes along city sidewalks and under bridges are littered with drug needles, garbage, and the stench of human feces. Crime is rampant and assaults are a part of daily life among the homeless. Some reports indicate that cities like Los Angeles are home to 70,000 homeless people. That is more than the entire population of Brentwood, California or Evanston, Illinois.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development spends billions of dollars each year on homelessness, but its "progressive" efforts have not even put a dent in the problem, and homelessness has increased in the process. The failure, it seems, is that government has once again misdiagnosed the problem. They look at homeless as though it is a housing problem and that the compassionate solution is to provide free housing without any responsibility for the beneficiaries of the housing to participate in or seek drug treatment programs or mental health care. They are not even required to look for a job. The compassionate HUD program is called "Housing First." In essence, it is a government program to "give the homeless housing." Experience has shown, however, that this is an extremely expensive program with nothing done to improve the lives of the homeless. In fact, studies have shown that "Housing First" has actually caused an increase in drug and substance abuse and higher rates of overdose deaths.

To make matters worse, these liberal programs cannot even see their own failure; probably because the tax dollars are too good to turn down. A New York-based website called "Breaking Ground" boasts "We believe that everyone deserves a home." A post by its president and CEO Brenda Rose—whose salary is a whopping $470,067 before bonuses—referred to "Housing First" as a "revolutionary approach" that has had amazing success, because its philosophy is that the first and primary need for a person experiencing long-term homelessness is to obtain a stable home. Meanwhile, a June 17, 2022, New York Times article reported that attempting to count the homeless is unreliable and doesn't include the number of homeless who are in shelters around the city. New York homelessness has been compounded by Biden inflation and high rents.

Ideologically driven public policies such as "Housing First" are responsible for America's rise in homelessness. When you approach homelessness as an economic problem, the tendency is to throw "free" taxpayer money at it. As the theory goes—if you throw enough money into the assisted housing sector, people will get back on their feet, get a job, and start paying taxes. The problem is the homeless are homeless for a reason. Anti-social and dysfunctional personal behaviors are not being addressed. Instead of adapting these programs to address the failures, government has doubled down. In 2013, A law was passed by Congress requiring that all federally funded assistance programs apply the Housing First formula to remedy homelessness. The result? Since 2013, homelessness has grown exponentially. California enacted a law that requires every state dollar spent on homelessness to be spent on Housing First programs. But Housing First does nothing to treat drug addiction and other destructive behaviors, so the cycle continues to grow. Compassionately providing every homeless person with a permanent home may make you feel good, but it has done little to reduce homelessness. The beneficiaries of free housing can't be compelled to search for work or receive job training or even obey the law. In 2017, San Francisco spent $305 million on homelessness.

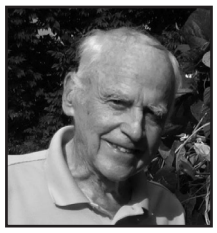
The city has 4,397 homeless in 2022. That is nearly $700 per person; with no results. Much of the money has gone to board members and CEOs of these homeless programs.

And it should come as now shock that the highest levels of homeless people exist in the most hard-care Democratic strongholds. Outside of New York, the top ten cities with the worst homeless problems are Los Angeles, Seattle, San Jose, San Diego, San Francisco, Oakland, Berkeley, Santa Ana, and Anaheim—all in California, where the people care the most. Conservative states like Texas and Florida have no cities in the top 25.

The tax dollars continue to flow, and the problem gets worse. Just like the affordable housing mandates in 2007 and 2008 caused the housing crisis, government benevolence and compassion once again exacerbate a problem that it claims to want to fix

Control the Tyrant, Transform the Culture

Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Matthew 4:4



By Jim Dickson

A popular radio program in the 1930s began with a haunting voice, "Who knows what evil lurks in the hearts of men? The Shadow knows!" We listeners would sit and wait, knowing that week after week we would hear a scary story of a tyrant preparing to oppress upright people but knowing that after tense moments the Shadow would undo the evil and the ending would be good. The program continued for over a decade, probably replaced in the lives of hearers by the evils of World War II. The identity of the Shadow was never revealed.

Today we are beset by a tyrant who is causing tense moments but with two significant differences from those of the Shadow. First, many today do not realize there is a clear and present danger. Inflation, violence, family break-up, excess government, woke schools, and open borders are all signs of evil, but admitting this would require change from the comfortable lifestyles we enjoy. We are not yet willing to give up the power, pleasure, and prosperity we idolize.

A second difference, as a nation we no longer believe a savior is out there to help us. Our Founders believed the Creator was the source of the inalienable rights of life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness, but we have forgotten they relied on a Shadow-like savior to overthrow their tyrant king. Our nation then went on to use the spiritual values of the Founders as a guide for living for 200 years. As prosperity increased the reliance on spiritual values decreased, especially after the 1960s. As the proportion of church-related citizens dropped below 50%, we have gone from a spiritual to a secular culture, from living on God's word to a heavy diet of materialism.

In summary, we have as a culture and nation drifted away from the Founder's spiritual values and chosen to follow man's wayward way. The problem is spiritual starvation. The ramifications are huge.

God's plan has spiritual values that are priceless, values such as the fruit of the Spirit which includes love, peace, joy, and self-control. These values meet man's needs and satisfy. In contrast, man's secular ways are based on wants that can never be fully satisfied, and lead to works of the flesh such as anger, hate, loneliness, and violence.

A culture without values is a culture in an elusive search for something that satisfies. We substitute bigger and better "things" including houses, cars, clothing, cottages, vacations, trips, and recreational activities. These "things" may not be bad but they not only do not satisfy but they also cry out for more, more, more. This can become addictive with a far-reaching impact.

For example there is a great deal of concern today regarding inflation caused by high demand and a shortage of goods. Putting two and two together, our secular culture wants more and more of the "things" the tyrant is using to distract us from spiritual values.

The Shadow dealt with evil forces that came back each week and were never totally defeated. Similarly our tyrant was inherited from Adam, is part and parcel of our genes, and can never be defeated. Our tyrant is self-centeredness that can only be controlled by an inner dwelling higher power. That is why spiritual values are so important. What can we do?

The first thing is to accept that we are what we feed on. If our priorities are spiritual values, our lives reflect the fruit of the Spirit. If we accept what the world feeds us through secular institutions including newspapers, schools, education, TV, movies, and government we are on a path leading to frustration, loneliness, and often violence.

Education is a key tool of the tyrant. For 6-7 hours a day, 180 days a year, and for 12 years, kids in public schools are in an environment where God's word or even his name is seldom if ever mentioned. The majority of us living went through this indoctrination so it is hard to admit we were duped. This has not always been true. Our Founders knew better but for the last century the tyrant has managed to hoodwink the majority of the population into believing that secular education based on man's way is superior to God's way. This will not be easy to change.

A great battle is now going on between parents and public education. The tyrant has succeeded in convincing many school administrators and school board members that teachers know better than parents what is best for the kids. In effect they believe secular beliefs are superior to the spiritual beliefs parents share with their children. Secular beliefs are based on feeling. Spiritual beliefs are based on values. The family is still the premier organization for child raising. Parents who both birth and provide foundational teachings to their children have an intuitive sense of what values are important for their child(ren) that a teacher can never have. (Some academics today even have trouble determining whether a child is a boy or a girl, not surprisingly when decisions are based on feeling instead of facts.)

Government at all levels has emerged as a major player for the tyrant. Just one of countless examples: Government aid is frequently counter-productive because governments rely on giving secular help while spiritual help is what is needed. The headlines of our local paper recently said "(Governor) Evers giving area schools $90M in federal funds". Where did he get the money? From the federal government. Where did they get the money? They borrowed it. Who will pay it back? Our children and grandchildren. Our governor and elected federal officials are happy; our schools are happy, and many local folks are happy this money is coming into our community. However this government grant is addictive, gives power to the tyrant, and teaches self-indulgence. This is nonsense but worse than most nonsense because individual freedom, perhaps the most valuable value, is at stake. The grant is akin to giving a drink of alcohol to an addict when what is needed is nutrition.

Control the Tyrant

How do we defeat the tyrant? We can't. As descendants of Adam the tyrant is part of our old nature. However we have a Holy Spirit who can control the tyrant in us. John 14:16 promises, "I will ask the Father and he will give you another Comforter… he lives in you and will be in you." Holy Spirit power in us can control the tyrant. A simplified form of the 12-step program of Alcoholics Anonymous provides a model:

- Repent of addiction to the world's ways
- Recognize the need for Holy Spirit power
- Be involved in a support group
- Emphasize spiritual growth including church attendance, prayer, quiet time, bible reading, study groups, outreach training, and service to others
- Commit to basing decisions on fact, not feeling

Holy Spirit power to control the enemy is a key decision but it must not stop there. Christ made disciples and then sent them out to change the world. In two centuries the work of the twelve spread to change the culture of the Roman Empire. They were on fire for God.

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John Wesley noted that "mild Christianity won't do it." He provided a model to make disciples on fire for God. His Class Meetings from 1740 to 1780 changed the culture of England when that country faced tyrant problems including slavery and ten-year-old boys working in factories and mines. Wesley's group members met weekly to share what God was doing in their lives with an emphasis on absolute honesty, unselfishness, purity, and love.

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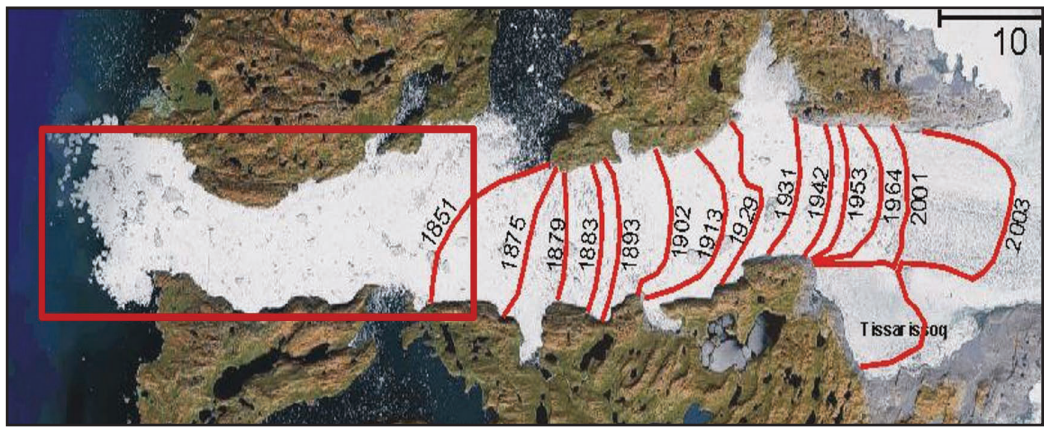
FRANK LASEE'S NOTES

AES Indiana says converting 1,052 MW of coal to gas will be $381M cheaper than renewables and storage



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Dive Brief:

AES Indiana plans to convert two coal-fired units totaling 1,052 MW at its Petersburg power plant to natural gas in 2025, which the utility estimates would be $381 million less expensive over 20 years compared with replacing the generating station with renewable energy and storage.

In the near term, The AES Corp. subsidiary's integrated resource plan also calls for adding 240 MW of storage, up to 900 MW of wind, 90 MW of solar combined with storage and 75 MW of stand-alone solar by 2027, depending on the cost, according to a Monday presentation on the pending plan.

The plan includes little solar energy despite incentives in the Inflation Reduction Act for renewable energy and for "energy communities" like Petersburg, Indiana, that depend on fossil fuels, Wendy Bredhold, senior campaign representative for the Sierra Club's Beyond Coal campaign in Indiana, said Monday in a statement.

Dive Insight:

Like many other utilities, AES Indiana regularly develops a road map for its resource mix, with input from stakeholders. The utility expects to file its latest plan for review at the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission on Dec. 1.

The plan envisions adding 1,450 MW of stand-alone solar in the first half of the next decade, plus 450 MW of solar combined with storage and 300 MW of wind.

At the end of the 20-year plan, AES Indiana would have a generating portfolio that is 87% solar, wind and storage, according to the utility. AES Indiana owns and contracts for 3,634 MW, with its coal plants constituting about half its portfolio.

The utility retired one unit at the four-unit Petersburg plant last year and is set to retire its 401-MW Unit 2 next year.

Under the plan, AES Indiana's carbon dioxide emissions would fall 69%, to about 4 million metric tons, in 2030 from about 12 million metric tons in 2018, according to the presentation.

AES Indiana expects the power plant's use will fall sharply if it is converted from coal to gas, helping reduce its air emissions and water use.

Before the planned conversion, the plant's two units will have 43% and 30% capacity factors, a measure of how often a generating facility runs at full output, according to the utility's estimates. The capacity factors would fall to about 10% by the end of the decade for both units and edge lower through the 2030s, according to the presentation.

The utility included the IRA tax credits in its modeling, according to Kelly Young, a spokesperson for AES Indiana.

Citizens Action Coalition, an Indiana consumer and environmental advocacy group, is "very disappointed" in AES Indiana's decision to replace its coal-fired Petersburg Units 3 and 4 by refueling it with gas, according to Program Director Ben Inskeep.

"AES Indiana is one of many utilities that have had to sharply increase rates on captive consumers this year as a result of passing on spiking coal, gas, and purchased power costs, and this decision

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We have witnessed cherished constitutional principles of merit-based "equality," which rewards initiative and performance supplanted by matrix-formulated redistributive "equity" premised upon neo-Marxist oppressor-victim class divisions.

We have experienced money we have earned, families depend on, and have set aside for retirement - lose value as consequence of political tax handouts for wasteful programs and destructive energy policies that have driven up costs for virtually everything we need.

We have observed and feared growing lawlessness resulting from permissive cashless bail and anti-law enforcement policies in predominately Democrat-controlled urban areas, which make us feel increasingly less safe.

We have seen images of vast numbers of unvetted migrants pour through our nation's open southern border - reportedly 2.7 million this year alone and not counting more than a million other "got aways" - along with evidence of rampant sex and narcotics trafficking.

We have become alarmed and repulsed regarding divisive Critical Race Theory, unpatriotic "1619 Project," and age-inappropriate sexually explicit materials that are being introduced to indoctrinate K-12 children in public schools throughout the country.

We have come to legitimately fear cancel culture workplace sanctions, social media banishments, and even monitoring as a potential "domestic terrorist" or "White Supremacist" for speaking out at a school board meeting or questioning the efficacy or safety of a vaccine or challenging the outcome of a national election.

We have encountered the reality of a blatantly politicized two-tier justice system which has unrelentingly pursued damaging misdeeds of a disfavored President Trump while going to great lengths to cover up far more serious national security breaches by opponents Hillary Clinton over unsecured emails and Joe Biden family foreign influence peddling.

We continue to shudder as a scandal-compromised and clearly cognately befuddled leader of the free world negotiates critical trade and national defense matters with shrewd foreign adversaries.

A dangerously idiotic example uses Russia as our representative to broker a renewed "Iran Nuclear Deal" at the same time Tehran is supplying advanced drone weaponry to Vladimir Putin's forces for attacks on Ukraine, whom we, in turn, are spending billions of dollars to defend.

The only good news here is to be grateful that all of this has happened rapidly and dramatically enough to capture the attention of a broadly complacent populace.

There is still time to prevent a House and Senate majority from killing the filibuster rule as promised, with the razor-thin margin needed to add the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico as reliably Democrat-voting states to retain their power hold in perpetuity.

There is still time to prevent "progressives" from packing the Supreme Court with Constitutionally revisionist justices that will enshrine their ever-advancing political agendas.

There is still time to flip control of congressional oversight committees that are blocking investigations into potential acts of malfeasance and criminality on the part of high-level government officials.

Included are vital probes into COVID-19 origins, failures to protect U.S. border sovereignty, FBI spying on the 2020 Trump candidacy and presidency repeatedly using knowingly false FISA court documents, and exposures of Biden, Inc. demons lurking in Hunter's "laptop from Hell," which present foreign extortion risks.

There is still time to take back parental rights and responsibilities in our children's and grandchildren's educations through active participation on school boards and reviews of educational materials being offered at K-12 levels.

There is still time to keep careful watch over the 2022 Congressional and 2024 election processes to prevent most of the chicanery that catapulted a Washington political fixture with no perceptible achievements over a half-century from a basement bunker to the Oval Office with more than 11 million votes than his former rock star boss managed to receive in 2008.

Above all, there is still time to vote for people and policies that will return America to foundational principles and priorities that have made it great over nearly two and a half centuries. President Ronald Reagan issued an urgent reminder that "Freedom … is never more than one generation away from extinction."

Reagan added: "We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States, where men were free."

Yes, we can make this demand for freedom happen again – and we will – emerging from these painfully perilous experiences and lessons both wiser and stronger.

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America must scrap mail-in ballots, early voting to restore faith in the integrity of our elections

By LifeSiteNews

Nearly two years after the shambolic 2020 U.S. presidential election, tens of millions of ordinary Americans still suspect the election was rigged – through a combination of Big Tech interference, mail-in ballots lacking signature verification, so-called "ballot harvesting," and the private takeover of government election operations by non-profit organizations controlled by partisan Democrats, funded by Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg.

A Monmouth University poll released in late September 2022 found that 32 percent of all Americans and 61 percent of Republicans still believe election interference was the cause of Donald Trump's defeat – despite 23 months of non-stop and increasingly threatening media propaganda, a ludicrous Congressional show trial of "mostly peaceful" election protesters, and even calls by Democrat politicians to make questioning election results a crime.

According to a 2021 Rasmussen Reports survey, 56 percent of respondents said "it's likely that cheating affected the outcome of the 2020 presidential election, including 41% who said it's 'very likely.'"

These are the incalcitrant "election deniers" President Joe Biden has denounced as "semi-fascists" and a "threat to democracy" – including nearly 300 candidates for elected office across America.

How can people hold such a ludicrous opinion, especially when every corporate-owned news outlet in America, and dozens of courts and citizen-watch organizations, insist the opposite; namely, that America's elections have never been more secure and fair?

Well, one reason is that Democrats and Big Tech oligarchs openly bragged about what they had done to "fortify" the 2020 election.

In a little-noted article in Time Magazine that appeared in February 2021, right after the 2020 election, a coalition of Democrat officials in state election offices, left-wing advocacy groups, Big Tech and media executives, and lawyers admitted boosting Biden's chances with methods that were effectively untraceable.

According to Time, Biden's victory was the result of "a well-funded cabal of powerful people, ranging across industries and ideologies, working together behind the scenes to influence perceptions, change rules and laws, steer media coverage and control the flow of information."

To "steer media coverage," of course, refers to the outright censorship of news articles about Hunter Biden's corrupt business practices in China and Ukraine – and the possibility that Joe Biden himself received a 10 percent cut "for the big guy."

So, this "cabal" of powerful people working behind the scenes (1) "influenced perceptions," (2) "changed rules and laws" and (3) "controlled the flow of information" but didn't rig the election? They only "fortified" it?

"Their work touched every aspect of the election," Time concluded. "They got states to change voting systems and laws and helped secure hundreds of millions in public and private funding. They fended off voter-suppression lawsuits, recruited armies of poll workers and got millions of people to vote by mail for the first time."

"They successfully pressured social media companies to take a harder line against disinformation and used data-driven strategies to fight viral smears," the article continued. "They executed national public-awareness campaigns that helped Americans understand how the vote count would unfold over days or weeks, preventing Trump's conspiracy theories and false claims of victory from getting more traction."

In addition, Americans remain suspicious of mail-in ballots and the practices associated with them, particularly "ballot harvesting."

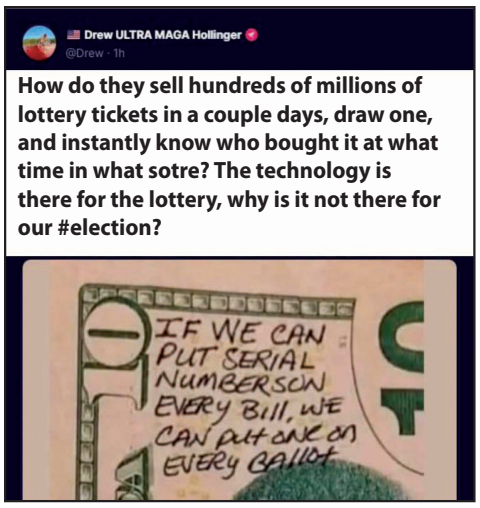
It strikes many Americans as more than suspicious that Biden just happened to win more votes than in any election in history during the one election in which massive, unprecedented numbers of mail-in ballots were used.

According to the U.S. Census, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, an astonishing 69 percent of Americans in 2020 voted via "non-traditional methods"; that is, through the mail, the use of "drop boxes," or through early voting.

Mail-in ballots are flatly illegal in most (67 percent) countries in Europe precisely because they "remain the largest source of potential voter fraud," as the bipartisan 2005 report of the Commission on Federal Election Reform put it.

Plus, Democrat officials in key battleground states illegally changed the rules in the months before the 2020 election to actually remove the verification safeguards they insist are in place to make sure fraudulent mail-in ballots do not get counted. In some states, signature verification is not required at all on mail-in ballots.

By some estimates, as many as 10 million mail-in ballots did not have those safeguards or a real "chain of custody" record for recounts.



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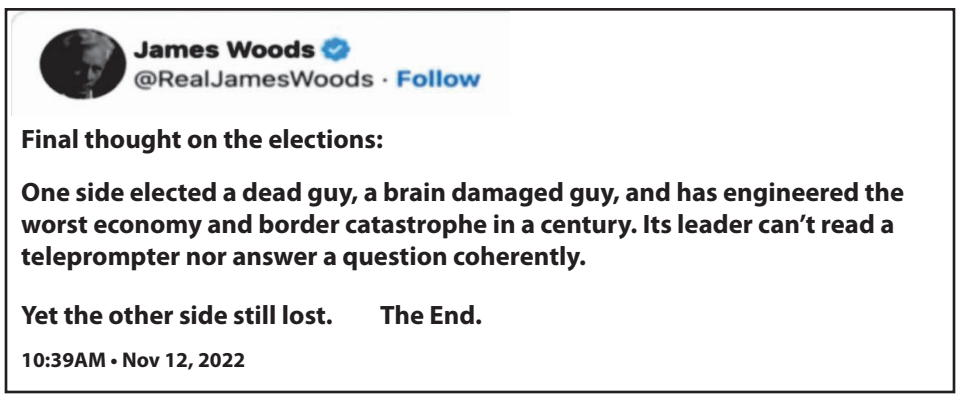

Duty of Loyalty *cont. from page 1*

leads to deceit, distrust, and conflict. Electing fiduciaries should lead to trust that our institutions work for the people.

For 256 years, the U.S. has elected representatives, but their duty of loyalty to whom or what is vague. Of course, all take an oath to the Constitution and represent constituents, but such responsibilities are so abstract they are meaningless.

The writings of John Locke, Edmond Burke, and James Madison reflect a fundamental belief that no power is granted to our representatives as individuals. These representatives are fiduciaries that must act to achieve the public good. As fiduciaries, they cannot act beyond their legal authority and must administer laws impartially. Unfortunately, today this view is rejected by what Madison terms "factions," groups of citizens united in a common interest adverse to others in the community.

These factions are today's political parties and interest groups that build their brand, raise massive amounts of money and acquire power by preaching division. The academic literature supports this self-interest by arguing that public officials cannot be fiduciaries since it would be impossible to give loyalty to the many diverging interests confronting elected officials.

While divergent ideas are essential and constitutionally protected, the fiduciary's duty of loyalty does not apply to individuals, groups, or political parties. Instead, it applies to the Constitution's separation of powers structure that allows society's many contestable issues to be debated rationally to foster a consensus around the public good. The process includes a Congress that formulates laws after listening to all sides of a debate; an Executive administers those laws, and courts resolve the controversies between branches.

For this structure to work, each branch of government has an independent duty to act as a check on the other branches. This tension is necessary to achieve the public good. Unfortunately, when elected representatives function as politicians, they distort the constitutional structure by placing their loyalty to political parties and interest groups ahead of the institution they serve. Displaced loyalty diminishes the Constitution.

Since our Constitution is held in trust by our elected representatives, for the American people, it is protected when these officials vigorously defend the powers and duties of the branch they serve. Such defense is the best mechanism to ensure government is limited to the powers given it by the Constitution.

Today's political climate illustrates this point. We have one political party controlling Congress and the Executive. We have an Executive making new laws, (student loan forgiveness), or refusing to enforce existing law (immigration). While the Executive's party in Congress may have a majority of members in its caucus, at times, it still may lack the votes needed to authorize the Executive's actions. In instances when the Executive acts without congressional authority, his party in Congress generally has the power to block the minority party from preventing the Executive's arbitrary accumulation of power. As an end run around the Constitution, the politicians in Congress, rather than dealing with the difficulties of the legislative process, abandon their oath to uphold the separation of powers by allowing the Executive to make law through regulation, Executive Order, or simply not enforcing laws.

In theory, the Constitution works well. In practice, however, the constitutional mandate of separation of powers is regularly abused. When Congress ignores its duties to defend the separation of powers, it limits the ability of the constitutional structure to fully allow the multitude of interests a voice in the debate needed to achieve a governing consensus. For several decades party-line voting (Democrats vote one way; Republicans oppose) has become the norm. In the 1960s, party-line voting was around 60%, but by the Trump administration, it reached 90%. Without letting the structure of the Constitution work, these representatives breach their fiduciary duty to the Constitution by allowing the Executive to enhance its power by diminishing the power of Congress.

When loyalty to political parties and interest groups eliminates the separation of powers protections in the Constitution, citizens must rely on the interest groups named Democrats or Republicans for protection. Today such actions are arbitrary political power. Tomorrow it could be tyranny.

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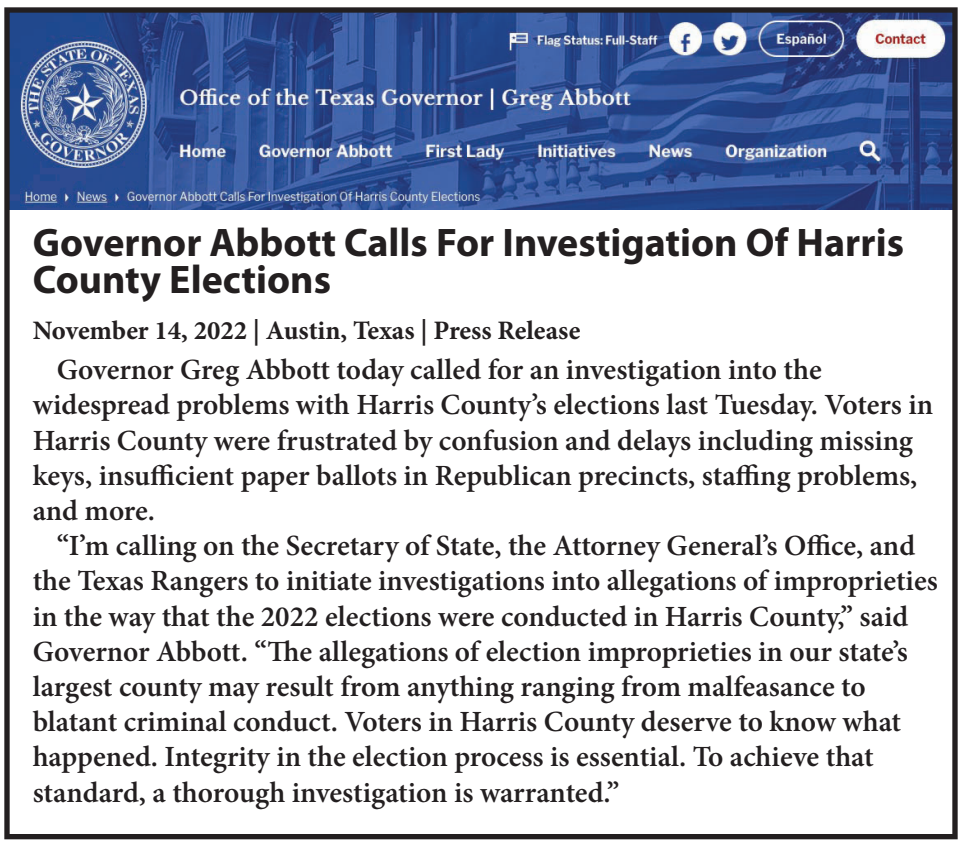

Governor Abbott Calls For Investigation Of Harris County Elections

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Governor Greg Abbott today called for an investigation into the widespread problems with Harris County's elections last Tuesday. Voters in Harris County were frustrated by confusion and delays including missing keys, insufficient paper ballots in Republican precincts, staffing problems, and more.

"I'm calling on the Secretary of State, the Attorney General's Office, and the Texas Rangers to initiate investigations into allegations of improprieties in the way that the 2022 elections were conducted in Harris County," said Governor Abbott. "The allegations of election improprieties in our state's largest county may result from anything ranging from malfeasance to blatant criminal conduct. Voters in Harris County deserve to know what happened. Integrity in the election process is essential. To achieve that standard, a thorough investigation is warranted."

GOVERNMENT CIRCUS

"Living in the Latter Days." *Defending Australia*

By Viv Forbes

Australians are living in the latter days of the Anglo/American Empire.

For centuries now, world power centres have been moving west – from Mongolia, to Europe, to Britain, to North America, and now Asia beckons.

The Anglo/American Empire today resembles the decadent dying days of Rome. Europe is becoming a green energy wasteland, the British Empire died with Churchill, and America has dodderers and adolescents in charge. Australia plans to defend the outback with battery-powered Bushmasters (good for battlefields with plenty of power points). The new defence minister has restored "rainbow morning teas" (banned by Peter Dutton). And an Australian iron oligarch and green hydrogen speculator, Andrew Forrest, aims to de-power Xi Jinping by inviting him to the latest Climate Summit.

Every chapter of history ends with a flood of barbarians.

Australia has not yet seen the campfires of an invading army – but our wealth and our powerful friends have bred a dangerous complacency in this fat lazy land.

Green Dreamers.

Australians have always been sustained by hunter-gatherers, farmers and miners.

Our farmers and miners produced wool booms, gold rushes, silver booms, coal bonanzas, and a cornucopia of meat and butter, iron and steel, oil and gas, copper, lead, zinc, nickel, aluminium, lithium, cobalt, manganese and uranium. But now green dreamers think we can afford to destroy our processing and manufacturing industry with solar/wind dreams, shut the gate on mining and exploration, and turn farms, forests and grassland into industry-free world-heritage and first-nations wilderness.

We must Learn from History

The Comrade Societies have mastered one thing - conscripting all their resources to construct colossal war machines. And naive democracies are easily lulled into inaction by paper treaties like the Munich Pact of 1938 signed by Hitler, Mussolini, Chamberlain and Daladier.

In November 1938, just after the signing of the Munich Pact, John Curtin (Leader of the Labor Party in the Australian Parliament, and later Prime Minister), made this statement:

". . I say that any increase in defence expenditure appears to be an entirely unjustifiable and hysterical piece of panic propaganda."

Source: Hansard p1095, Nov 2, 1938.

Just ten months later, in September 1939, Germany attacked Poland. Then Japan attacked the US base at Pearl Harbour in 1941. By 1942, the British Navy had lost their prized battleships "Prince of Wales" and "Repulse", Singapore had fallen, Darwin had been bombed and Japanese troops crested the Owen Stanley Ranges and looked across the shallow sea to Australia. Surrender of Australia north of "The Brisbane Line" was discussed.

Then US General Douglas Macarthur came to Brisbane with something far better than treaties - trained men and weapons.

We must Use and Defend our Land.

Of the billions of people who live in the Asia/Pacific region, less than one percent are Australian. Australia has enormous natural assets with identified but undeveloped resources of uranium, oil shale, green metals, coal, timber, sea foods and gas. Our only real title to this land is our willingness to use it and our ability to defend it.

Australia is surrounded by a marvellous moat – we need bayonets on the beaches, eagles in the sky, killer whales on the seas and lots of savage piranha underneath.

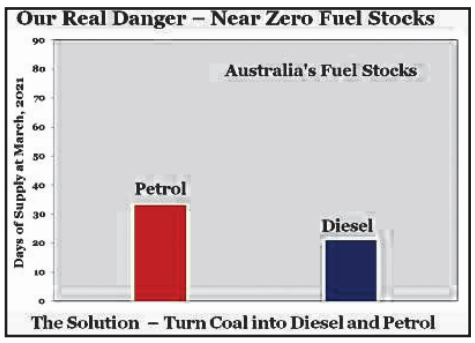
And we need an armed population. John Howard needs to be forever condemned for disarming honest people and then destroying all those guns. One day we will need them. (Only honest people surrender their arms when ordered to – gangsters keep them.)

In 1181, Henry 1 made it obligatory for EVERY able bodied man to keep arms, and America won the war of independence with armed militia. In the early days of WW2 the British trained with shotguns and broomsticks and Churchill pleaded with America for arms. Yet Australia pretends we have decades of time for labour unions to build our own submarines and some politician felt secure enough to scrap and bury 23 old but airworthy F111 aircraft at Swanbank in Queensland.

Politicians love costly high-tech stuff. But numbers play a key role in any battle. Thousands of armed drones controlled by scattered individuals may be more effective than one massively expensive high-tech fighter plane. Soon a sailor with a rocket in a row boat may be able to threaten an aircraft carrier.

Fuel and Ammunition.

If today's Australia was involved in an armed engagement we would rapidly exhaust fuel and ammunition supplies. For these there are only two options - make it here, or store it here. It is too late to look for it even one day after a war starts.



Australian politicians have "solved" the looming fuel famine - they negotiated to buy stored crude oil from USA. But we will need a very long fuel delivery hose because these stocks still are in America, and part of the US strategic stockpile. And is anyone keeping an eye on what Biden is doing with that oil?

Military Manpower.

Australia at war would soon face a manpower crisis. We cannot find people to harvest our food, so the flat-white brigade is unlikely to line up for military service. Hopefully we can rely on bikie gangs to step up? (They can probably bring their own guns.)

The cadet movement has been a valuable prep-school for recruitment and training for the armed services since 1903. But it has been gutted. Gough Whitlam disbanded the cadet corps in 1975. It was later restored but since then it has been a political plaything. Judging from its web site, it is now a toughened-up girl guides unit.

Officialdom has also been largely hostile to rifle clubs which teach small arms skills, the Army Reserve is just a plaything, and today's youth are told it is wrong to fight, no matter how provoked.

Timid Tim was taught
"It is wrong to fight,"
But Roaring Bill who killed him,
Thought it was all right.

Undoubtedly there is a place for women in our armed forces, but NOT in mixed-sex units where some men are likely to be either over-protective or over-amorous to the female members. The US Marines studied it and Israel tried it:

An Aussie Amazon Battalion armed with machine pistols and lasers could be a formidable force, but no bi-sexual platoons thanks.

A Ripe Juicy Melon

Russia and China recently signed a defence alliance. Will we take notice when they are joined by Iran and North Korea, or even Turkey, Afghanistan, Argentina, Syria or Pakistan?

Australia is a ripe juicy melon defended by a small population, many of whom are chatting on social media, basking at the beach, or drinking in the pub. We waste resources in pointless climate wars, pacifists infect our Parliaments and Green politicians want to slash defence spending by 50%.

We need international friends and allies. The recent treaty with Japan and the AUKUS treaty are worthwhile, and good relations with Indonesia are essential.

But when the chips are down, we will have to defend ourselves. That will require tough troops, with big guns, little guns, motor fuels, ammunition, ships and planes, allies and treaties.

Viv Forbes was founding secretary of the Queensland Branch of the Australia Defence Association in 1980. He has seen peacetime military service in the School Cadet Corps, in 11 National Service Battalion and then spent several years part-time in the Queensland University Regiment (infantry, signals, transport, intelligence and armoury).

'To hell with that!': Saskatchewan premier slams Trudeau's radical climate agenda

By LifeSiteNews

Saskatchewan Premier Scott Moe has bluntly announced that Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's extreme environmental policies can go to "hell," and that his province will assert full autonomy over its natural resources.

"To hell with that!" Moe told the Saskatchewan legislature's speaker of the house during a debate about the Trudeau government's environmental policies on November 3.

Reading sections of a recent report by Pipeline News verbatim, Moe quoted the outlet saying, "'Thou shalt not use coal for power generation post-2030,' the federal government hath said. 'And it's moving to do the same with natural gas by 2035.'"

"'On November 1, the Province of Saskatchewan said, 'To hell with that,' but in a more sophisticated, legal manner,'" Moe added, further quoting the article's humorous, mocking tone.

While Moe employed a joking tone while quoting the report, he continued in a serious manner to blast Trudeau's environmental policy goals, stating that "a fossil fuel phase–out by 2035 is "going to make for an awfully cold house in Saskatoon on Jan. 1, 2036," adding that "One needs to look no further than the European Union" to see the impacts of such policies.



"I would say for the rest of the world to observe and it's on full display for the world to observe. The energy costs in the European Union over the last number of years due to enacting these solely environmental focus policies have been skyrocketing," stressed the politician.

As mentioned by Moe, the Trudeau government's current environmental goals – which are in lockstep with the United Nations' "2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development" – include phasing out coal-fired power plants, reducing fertilizer usage, and curbing natural gas use over the coming decades.

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

Pushing back against federal interference in the energy sector, the government of Saskatchewan introduced the Saskatchewan First Act on November 1 to "confirm Saskatchewan's autonomy and exclusive jurisdiction over its natural resources."

In specific, the new piece of legislation will amend the province's constitution to make it so that the province has "sovereign autonomy and asserts Saskatchewan's exclusive legislative jurisdiction under the Constitution of Canada over a number of areas," such as the "exploration for non-renewable natural resources."

The Saskatchewan First Act will also allow the province to choose what fuel it wants to use to power its electrical grid, independent of the dictates of the federal government.

Last week in neighboring province of Alberta, newly-selected Premier Danielle Smith also accused the Trudeau government of pushing "hostile policies" towards the province that have "been led by the most extreme left on environmental, social and governance ratings."

She noted that such policies "focus so narrowly just on the issue of greenhouse gas emissions and the demonization campaign that has happened against our energy industry, which sadly, the federal government with [Minister of Environment and

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Time to Get Smart, Not Angry



By Joe Bast

The "red trickle" on November 8 was a great disappointment to conservatives everywhere. It's tempting to pick up our marbles and go home. But there is a better path forward. This article describes some things everyone reading it can do to help save the country.

Okay, So We Lost

Nationally, Republicans appear to have won a majority in the House that will aid in stopping the Biden liberal agenda, but the margin is so small it is likely to require compromises with the Democrat minority that cut the heart out of what conservative Republicans hoped to achieve in 2023. It will be a painful two years.

The failure to win back the Senate is another blow to the national conservative movement. A divided Congress will be a weak opponent to the Biden Deep State. There will be no impeachment of President Joe Biden, even though he so richly deserves to face it.

Here in Wisconsin, Republicans kept the U.S. Senate seat and their majorities in the House and Senate, but lost the crucially important races for governor and attorney general. This means the ambitious measures passed by the legislature during the past two years but vetoed by Gov. Evers are likely to remain dead for four long years. That means no expansion of school choice, no election reform, no pro-life laws, and no push-back against the sea of wokeness flooding the state's executive branch.

Playing the Blame Game

Many conservatives are angry. They say the election results prove national and state Republican leaders are out of touch with grassroots activists, squandered the billions of dollars raised in this election cycle, and withheld financial and organizational support from conservative and Trump-backed candidates. Others blame Donald Trump for not sharing more of the cash he has raised since losing in 2020 and for being, well, Donald Trump.

Autopsies on this election cycle will likely reveal some bad leadership decisions, some poor candidate selection, some incompetence, and lots of wasted money. But honestly, that's the case after every election and on both sides of the political aisle. Politics attracts the worst kinds of people, not the best. It's an ugly business.

Grover Norquist once told me that on a battlefield, it is safer to shoot the guys in your trench or fox hole than to stand up and shoot at the other guys. That explains why some Republicans seem more inclined to attack fellow party members than Democrats.

It's also useful to keep in mind the old saying that victory has a thousand fathers while failure dies an orphan. Had there actually been a "red wave," today we would be celebrating the great skill and wisdom of the very same people who are now being denounced as idiots or worse.

It feels good to assign blame, even to blame the wrong people, but we have to be smarter than that.

Who Are the Real Enemies?

Our real enemies, the people who prevented the genuine political realignment that many of us thought was going to take place this year, are not Republicans. They are election officials who changed or broke the rules to steal a few or perhaps many points from Republican candidates in close races on election night.

They work for left-wing front groups funded by George Soros, Mark Zuckerberg, Bill Gates, and other liberal billionaires whose innocent-sounding names and professed missions hide a deeply partisan and anti-liberty agenda.

They work for Google, Facebook, and Twitter, where they block and censor conservative messaging and amplify liberal propaganda. They work for CNN, MSNBC, ABC, CBS, and PBS, where they ensure that 90% of the "news" coverage of Republicans is negative while 90% of coverage for Democrats is positive.

And they are educators and administrators of schools and colleges who submerge future and young voters in the sick ideology of cultural Marxism.

What is remarkable is not that Republicans lose against such a powerful opponent, but that they occasionally win. It was naïve to think that our David could take down this Goliath with a single election, and just two years after Goliath had attained its height of power.

That Republicans can win against such odds is a tribute to two things. The first is the intelligence and hard work of countless grassroots activists who see through the fog of disinformation and run for local office, knock on doors, show up at campaign events, and vote. One conservative activist is worth $10,000, maybe $100,000, of a billionaire's cash.

The second is the fact that the truth really does win out in the end. Democrat policies have terrible consequences, while Republican policies at least point the way to peace, prosperity, and justice. Democrats, even with all the institutions they control, cannot hide from the truth forever. Unfortunately, it often takes a long time for the truth to prevail.

The Path Forward

So what do we do now?

We need to focus on the real enemies of freedom, expose them for what they are, and then reduce their influence on the next election. My list of the "real enemies" should be on conservatives' "Most Wanted" poster for the next 24 months.

We now know that election integrity is even more important than we thought after 2020. We need to insist on voter ID, same-day voting, paper ballots, and clean voter registration lists. We need to meet with municipal clerks, replace those who are corrupt or inept, and recruit more poll watchers and workers who can prevent election-day corruption.

We need to investigate and expose the left-wing groups posing as nonpartisan or trust-worthy civic organizations, and then subject them to sharp and repeated criticism and ridicule. No one should ever trust the League of Women Voters, Sierra Club, AARP, Greenpeace, or the Center for American Progress. They should be laughed at, denounced, and put out of business.

We should stop using Google, Facebook, and Twitter, as well as Gmail, YouTube, TikTok, and all the rest of the social media that the left has captured and weaponized against Republicans. There are alternatives to each of these services you can use. A backlash against these tech giants is already underway. Facebook lost more than $232 billion in value in a single day back in February, the biggest drop in stock value in history.

Stop watching television, or at least television news and commentary. The corporate media is so biased against conservative ideas that it is barely watchable anyway. Ratings for shows on CNN and MSNBC are falling fast, which means less ad revenue for them and mounting pressure on the networks to move from the far left to the center-right, where the majority of Americans say they are.

We must take back schools and colleges from Woke educators and administrators. We can do this by supporting laws supporting parents' rights in education, such as the right to see all curricula being used, to be present as observers in classrooms, and to know what is being said to students on sensitive issues such as gender and race. More conservatives are attending school board meetings and running for school board, resulting in real change at the school level.

If you are a parent of children preparing to enter college, you absolutely must not send them to colleges that preach transgender ideology, Critical Race Theory, and other elements of cultural Marxism. Do some research. There are colleges out there, such as Hillsdale, that specifically avoid Woke indoctrination of students. Don't pay tuition just to turn your kid into a socialist zombie.

(Grandparents and wealthy aunts and uncles who are asked to chip in to help with college expenses should take a greater interest in what is being taught, and simply refuse to help pay tuition at colleges known for their left-wing bias, which is most colleges. If they come back from their first year of college spouting leftist nonsense, tell them you're done financing their miseducation.)

You Are Not Alone

The majority of Americans are conservatives, or at least the majority of parents, people who work, and people who obey the laws of the land. Liberals may win some elections by brainwashing some voters, bribing others, or even by using outright voting fraud, but this doesn't change the fact that they are a minority voice.

A good place to find allies in this battle to save America is a website called the Wisconsin Patriots Toolbox, at www.wipatriotstoolbox.com. The site walks you through how to vote, how to contact elected officials, where you can find reliable information, and even how to sign up for free online classes on how to run for office … and win!

There are hundreds of think tanks and advocacy groups all across the country devoted to saving the country. They exist to help you become a more effective patriot and citizen. Don't hesitate to use them!



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Climate Change] Steven Guilbeault is aligned with."

Smith applauded Moe's Saskatchewan First Act, and said that in Alberta her soon-to-be-released Sovereignty Act will likewise help assert the province's autonomy over its abundant natural resources, and prevent federal government overreach.

"This is the reason we have to stand up to Ottawa. They have no right to regulate our industry."

While Trudeau's plan has been pushed under the guise of "sustainability," his intention to decrease nitrous oxide emissions by limiting the use of fertilizer is something farmers have warned will reduce profits and could lead to food shortages.

Moreover, experts are warning that the Trudeau government's new "clean fuel" regulations, which come into effect next year, will cost Canadian workers – many of whom are already struggling under decades-high inflation rates – an extra $1,277 annually on average.

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just doubles down on more volatile fossil gas," Inskeep said Tuesday in an email.

The valuable interconnection rights at the Petersburg site will be used primarily by the gas refueled plant instead of by a larger expansion of clean energy solutions that could tap into the "energy communities" federal tax credit adder under the IRA, Inskeep said.

AES Indiana's preferred portfolio appears to shortchange local and distributed solar options, with the utility not committing to any significant amount of solar until the 2030s, he said.

Other utilities in Indiana are planning larger additions of solar in the near term than AES Indiana, according to Bredhold. CenterPoint Energy intends to add 765 MW of solar, and Northern Indiana Public Service Co. expects to add 2,300 MW this decade, Bredhold said.

Short Takes

By Ken Van Doren

Simplicity and repose are the qualities that measure the true value of any work of art. -Frank Lloyd Wright

Too much of a good thing can be taxing. -Mae West

A bank is a place that will lend you money if you can prove that you don't need it. -Bob Hope

It is better to rust out than wear out. -Edwin Markham

We relish news of our heroes, forgetting that we are extraordinary to somebody too. -Helen Hayes

The best thing commercially, which is the worst artistically, by and large, is the most successful. -Orson Welles

Today's mighty oak is just yesterday's nut, that held its ground. -David Icke

The secret of a happy marriage remains a secret. -Henny Youngman

"Never reach out your hand unless you're willing to extend an arm." -Pope Paul Vi

Ten people who speak make more noise than ten thousand who are silent. -Napoleon Bonaparte

It is better to know some of the questions than all of the answers. -James Thurber

There is room in the smallest cottage for a happy loving pair. -Friedrich Schiller

I don't paint things. I only paint the difference between things. -Henri Matisse

A high-brow is someone who looks at a sausage and thinks of Picasso. -A. P. Herbert

Whatever you are, be a good one. -Abraham Lincoln

Honest disagreement is often a good sign of progress. -Mahatma Gandhi

Wisdom to Live By

"Never be a prisoner of your past.
It was just a lesson, not a life sentence"

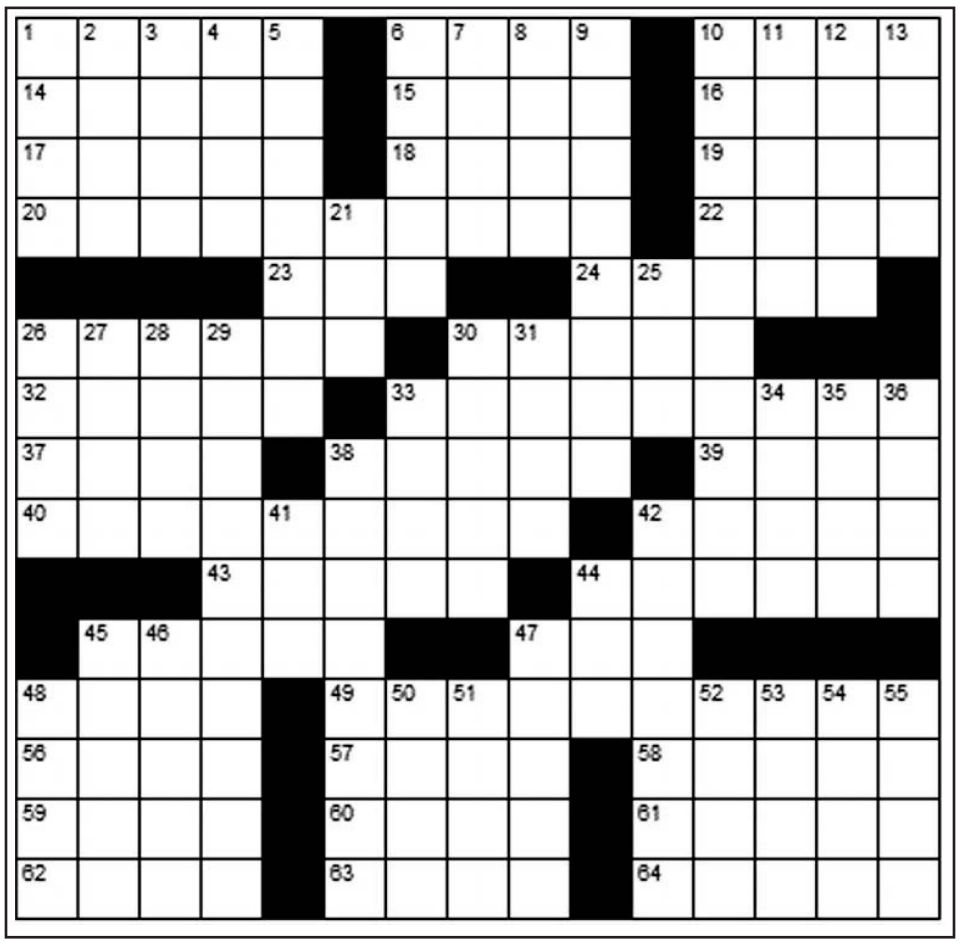


THE GAME PAGE

Crossword Puzzler

ACROSS
1. Leaf opening
6. Disparage
10. Yucky
14. Language of ancient Rome
15. Piece of glass
16. Not stereo
17. Genus of heath
18. Wicked
19. Farm equipment
20. Slow down
22. Seating sections
23. Sweet potato
24. Gadabouts
26. Naturist
30. A loud resonant noise
32. Siren
33. Changing to a lighter color
37. Swerve
38. Sedimentary rock
39. District
40. Having power to atone
42. A simple seat
43. Extraordinary
44. A woman chaperon
45. Slow down
47. Discontinuity
48. Chair
49. Multiplicative inverse
56. Dry riverbed
57. Copied
58. Colonic
59. Pearly-shelled mussel
60. Neuter
61. Melodies
62. Natural satellite
63. Evasive
64. An analytic literary composition

DOWN
1. Toboggan
2. Container weight
3. Ear-related
4. Rodents
5. Expert
6. The male reproductive cell
7. Magma
8. Module
9. Consign
10. Make pregnant
11. Hue
12. Is aware of
13. Ouches
21. Consume
25. Half of a pair
26. Central area of a church
27. Gorse
28. Very intense
29. A watering system
30. Navigational aid
31. Easter flower
33. Stop for a horse
34. Press
35. A noble gas
36. Big party
38. Cheapest ship accommodations
41. Biblical boat
42. Ultimate
44. Dip lightly
45. Keno
46. Audio communications
47. Lightheaded
48. Travelled through water
50. Type of sword
51. Mobile phone
52. Burden
53. To tax or access
54. Dogfish
55. Delicate



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Wauwatosa sex-ed curriculum borders on criminal child abuse

Following is a **"Letter to the Editor"** sent to the **Milwaukee Journal Sentinel** on September 12, 2022. Not only has the

newspaper refused to print this letter, as of this date no letter regarding the Wauwatosa program has been printed. Please

remember that a sexual predator, when targeting a victim, will first initiate conversation regarding sexual matters.

Dear Editor: The members of the Wauwatosa School Board should be ashamed of themselves. In the new sex education

curriculum, five year old children are asked to identify the correct name for genital body parts, identify three different

kinds of families, and then describe their own family, which is an invasion of privacy. Eight year old children are taught to

recognize that "differences exist between sex assigned at birth, and gender identity," including "the use of pronouns,"

which could, itself, be considered a form of child abuse. Six year old children are asked to discuss at least "two ways of

being touched that they do not like," possibly destroying the innocence of many classmates. Finally, the children are

repeatedly asked to identify a "trusted adult they can talk to if they have questions." Only occasionally is it suggested to

include parents and caregivers in the list of "trusted adults."

These children are learning to be comfortable talking about sex with friends and others outside the family circle, making

the children more susceptible to becoming victims of sexual abuse themselves. The only people with whom children

should be discussing various aspects of sexuality would be their parents. It is possible that if an adult, outside a given

child's family circle, would have these kinds of personal, sexual discussions with that child, he/she could be arrested. To

protect their children, Wauwatosa parents should remove them from these classes, or better yet, transfer them to a good

private school, or homeschool their children.

Sincerely, Margo Szews

Does the St. Gregory VII Chapter of CUF have a future?

Sadly, we, Chapter president, Al Szews, and newsletter editor, Margo Szews, are unable to continue these positions we have

held since 1996, which have been a pleasure and great blessing, in our lives. Al is 90, and I am 83, and with 15 grandchildren

and (two great-grandchildren), we have a busy, but wonderful, life. Anyone interested in continuing the CUF Chapter activities call us at 414-321-9377. Fr. Kubicki will again deliver his "Afternoon of Recollection" on Feb. 19, and we will offer the Msgr. Popek Birthday/Christmas Luncheon on Dec. 11.

Thank you for your support, and God bless all of you!!

The Constitution Party of Wisconsin

America is **NOT** a democracy!

In 1787, when leaving the Constitution Convention, delegate Benjamin Franklin was asked by a Mrs. Powell, *"Well, Doctor, what have you given us, a republic or a monarchy?"* Without hesitation, Franklin answered, *"A republic, if you can keep it."*

When the Framers were having heated debates at Independence Hall about the wording of the amendments and what form of government they wanted, they chose a republic. The Framers knew what democracy was – that is why they did **NOT** want it. They loved the new nation they fought for too much to curse it with a democratic form of government. Here are some of their cautionary words –

Alexander Hamilton – *"...our real disease; which is democracy..."*

John Adams – *"Remember, democracy never lasts long. It soon wastes, exhausts and murders itself. There is never a democracy that did not commit suicide."*

James Madison – The Father of the Constitution, wrote in Federalist Paper No. 10 that pure democracies *"...have ever been spectacles of turbulence and contention; have ever been incompatible with personal security or the rights of property; and have in general been as short in their lives as they have been violent in their deaths."*

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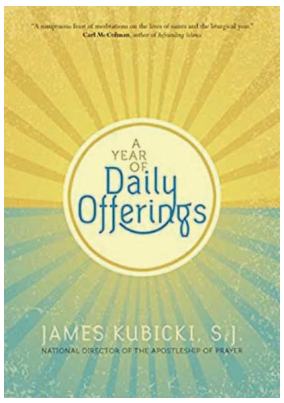
Book of the Month: A Year of Daily Offerings



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Publisher: *Ava Maria Press, 2016*

A Year of Daily Offerings is a prayerful 366-day experience immersed in the lives of the saints, the rhythm of the Church calendar, and the stories of ordinary people who lived the Eucharist in their daily lives. It will help you reorder not just your devotional life, but the entire way of looking at your day.

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The goal was heart cleansing.

Mathew 5:8 tells us, "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God". Wesley's Class Meetings purify so members can both see God's plan for their lives and God's plan for changing their culture. His model is still valid.

Penetrating the Culture

Today folks who are on fire for God from churches of various denominations and community organizations must work together in a way unseen since 1776 to infiltrate and change institutions and the culture.

Establish On Fire for God groups in a number of local churches. Then have members come together to set goals to impact specific institutions that are affecting the culture with man's way in a harmful manner. There are numerous examples nationally of schools, media, and governments being changed in this manner and numerous organizations to help with legal matters. This subject requires separate treatment.

Changing the culture will not be easy but it was not easy for the early Christians, for John Wesley, and for our Founders. The rewards, Christ's own words, "well done my good and faithful servant (Matthew 25:21)".

Coda

This article began with reference to the radio program, The Shadow, who encountered trying times that were later successfully resolved. We all encounter trying times and need help. Could it be that the 1930s Shadow is still around? Could it be that the ever reliable Shadow was intended to be a portrayal of God's Holy Spirit, still available to help when needed?

(Amazon publishes 6 commentaries of the author: Living God's Plan discusses addiction tendencies. On Fire for God Handbook discusses purifying hearts and On Fire for God groups. Published by Amazon. Circa $7.95 each. All profit goes to Ukraine relief)

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In many states, the "proof" of identity is on outside envelopes that are then set aside once opened. Supposed "recounts" and "audits," therefore, prove nothing: they are simply recounting anonymous ballots that are impossible to trace to actual voters.

The truth is, confidence in America's democratic system is fading fast.

One Gallup poll found that 59 percent of Americans don't have confidence in the honesty of their elections, while only 40 percent say they do.

The reason is clear: the very methods that Democrats push to boost their success – such as universal mail-in ballots, no I.D. to vote, and an "election season" that lasts for weeks to accommodate ballot-harvesting – undermine confidence that the elections are fair.

In Nordic countries, where elections are conducted with paper ballots cast in person, confidence in election integrity is very high. 89 percent of respondents in Finland and Norway, and 87 percent in Sweden, say their elections are fair and honest.

For the sake of the country, therefore, politicians in both of America's main parties should return to the common-sense system that worked well for 200 years: paper ballots submitted on a single day, in person. No electronic voting machines, no "drop boxes," no ballot harvesting, no early voting.

If America continues on its current path, the only people who will believe in the legitimacy of its elections will be CNN pundits and others paid to do so. The people themselves will assume, as polls show they already do, that America no longer exists as a functioning democracy.

Escaping from the COP-27 insane asylum

Let's hope climate talks finally come to grips with energy, scientific and economic reality



By Paul Dreissen

"Show us the money!" climate activists demand, and rich countries are expected to pony up.

Do I hear $100 billion? Would you give $1 trillion? Now, then, would you give $2 trillion?

The climate reparations bidding war is on. What began at $100-billion-a-year at COP-21 in Paris rapidly ballooned to $1.3-trillion on the eve of COP-27 in Sharm-el-Sheikh-Down, Egypt and now stands at $2.4-trillion annually! And we're nowhere near "going once, going twice, sold."

Of course, it was always about the money – endless sums of cash supposedly to help developing countries (like China!) adapt to dangerous manmade climate change, cover entire regions with wind and solar, and secure "fair, just and equitable" reparations for soaring temperatures, rising seas, destructive storms, floods, droughts and famines allegedly caused by countries that have used fossil fuels since 1850.

Yes, China. The Middle Kingdom has long postured itself as a developing country, when it comes to when it might start building fewer coal-fired power plants and slowly shift to "renewable" energy.

Now China says it will pay non-cash climate reparations, if the United States pays in dollars. Of course, any US, UK, German, et cetera "fair share" would be exorbitant – and paid while they "transition" rapidly away from fossil fuels, regardless of the economic, social and ecological costs.

As Oliver Hardy would say, "Another fine mess you've gotten me into," Joe, John and the rest of Team Biden's climate-obsessed, fossil-fuel-eradicating, eco-justice warriors.

They and their activist, media and academia allies created the climate scare – the assertion that fossil fuel emissions alone are driving today's climate and weather. Never mind that, since the last Pleistocene ice age, average global temperatures climbed significantly (Baruch Hashem); sea levels rose some 400 feet; and floods, droughts, hurricanes and other disasters ravaged planet and humanity countless times. Anything happening today, however, is due to countries that got rich using fossil fuels. Or so they insist.

Therefore, naturally, COP-27 organizers, activists and attendees now say the "climate crisis" requires enormous payments from rich countries to poor countries – or more accurately, from poor people in rich countries to rich kleptocrats in poor countries. That raises another inconvenient truth.

Not long ago, Obama "science advisor" John Holdren intoned: "Only one rational path is open to us – simultaneous de-development of the [United States and other over-developed countries] and semi-development of the under-developed countries, in order to approach a decent and ecologically sustainable standard of living for all in between." This de-development ideology is shared by many others.

Well, de-development and de-industrialization are already underway in Britain, Germany and elsewhere, because wind, solar and battery (WSB) energy cannot possibly replace abundant, reliable, affordable, non-weather-dependent fossil fuel and nuclear energy. Jobs, companies and entire industries are already disappearing across Europe, as it destroys fossil fuel power plants but has nothing viable to replace them.

So how are all these de-developing Formerly Rich Countries (FRCs) going to deliver billions or trillions annually, to pay climate reparations and help poor countries develop? They cannot possibly do so.

Even worse, eco-imperialist developed countries continue demanding that poor countries develop only to the minimal extent that WSB technologies would permit. Rich countries, the World Bank and global financial institutions refuse to finance anything but pseudo-renewable energy.

These unconscionable policies perpetuate joblessness, poverty, disease and death – and advance the other basic goal of "climate stabilization" programs: controlling our lives and living standards. But poor nations have inalienable, God-given rights to develop, using fossil fuel, nuclear and hydroelectric power – and petroleum as feed stocks for fertilizers, pharmaceuticals, plastics and hundreds of other miraculous life-enhancing, life-saving products(developed by countries that are now expected to pay reparations).

Developed nations must help developing nations reach those goals. Instead, they too often block pathways to better lives. Still more outrageous, the USA and Europe have the nerve to ask African, Asian and Latin American nations to produce more oil and gas, but only for export to the USA and Europe!

Meanwhile, Britain is setting up "warm rooms," where people can go for a few hours a day, instead of freezing hungry and jobless in dark apartments. It's as though Merry Old England has suddenly been transported back to the Middle Ages, by politicians who put climate virtue signaling above their constituents' basic needs.

Meanwhile, Germany is dismantling an industrial wind power installation – so that it can extract the lignite coalunderneath, to run generating plants, to keep factories operating and homes warm!

Even crazier, these are just a few examples of the insanity gripping the world's political classes, especially during Conferences of Parties (COPs) on climate change. Happily, escaping this insane asylum requires little more than recognizing a few simple realities.

* The vast majority of nations signed the Paris climate treaty for the money – most of which they are now beginning to realize they will never receive. Moreover, coal, oil and natural gas still provide 82% of the world's energy; nuclear, hydroelectric and biomass (wood and dung) provide most remaining energy needs, and less than 2% comes from wind and solar.

* Developing countries will be using fossil fuels for decades to come – and emitting more plant-fertilizing carbon dioxide in the process – much of it to extract the raw materials and manufacture the "green tech" they will export to the US, UK, EU and other soon-to-be-FRCs. So even if developed countries totally eliminated their fossil fuel use, atmospheric greenhouse gas levels will continue to climb.

* But that won't matter, because there is no evidence that we face a climate crisis, much less a manmade climate crisis, much less changes unprecedented in Earth or human history. Humans are likely affecting temperature, humidity, climate and weather to some degree, especially around large urban "heat islands." But that is a far cry from cataclysms allegedly resulting from fossil fuels replacing the powerful natural forces that have controlled climate and weather throughout history.

* The 1.5 degrees C that we are supposed to avoid to avert catastrophe is arbitrary, meaningless – and tied not just to the beginning of the Industrial Revolution, but to the end of the Little Ice Age. Another degree or two of warming would be mostly beneficial, whereas another little or big ice age would devastate agriculture, habitats, wildlife and humanity.

* The entire climate crisis agenda is based on computer models that (a) cannot possibly reflect all the forces that govern climate, and (b) consistently predict planetary warming that is two to three times greater than actually recorded by satellites, weather balloons and surface temperature monitors.

* Basing economy-destroying, life-altering policies on useless models is sheer insanity – especially if the replacement energy comes from WSB systems that would require mining, processing, manufacturing and installations on scales that would ravage our planet.

The only reason these realities are so little known is that climate activists, politicians, academics, and news and social media studiously demonize, harass, censor, silence, deplatform and demonetize scientists, economists and energy experts who challenge climate crisis narratives.

Thankfully, the Truth is slowly winning out. Perhaps COP-27 will bring a healthy dose of climate and energy sanity. If it doesn't, we could end up with John Holdren's formula for rolling back development and living standards. Just don't expect the ruling elites and their Hollywood and Big Tech allies to lead by example.

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Naomi Wolf *cont. from page 1*

Because an emotional massacre has taken place in these little towns. And now we are expected to act as if — this never happened at all.

But psychically, emotionally, there is blood flowing in the streets; and bodies are stacked up, invisible, in front of the candy stores, the high end wine stores, the pretty memorials to the World War Two dead, outside the farmers' market on Saturdays, and outside the tapas bars.

So my quiet internal mantra, is: I forgive you.

I forgive you, Millerton movie theatre. Your owner, who was interviewed just before the pandemic, saying lovely things in a local paper about how the revamped theatre would enhance the local community, posted a sign in 2021 saying that only vaccinated people could enter. You needed to really look for the fine print to see that you could walk through those doors, if unvaccinated, but only with a PCR test.

I forgive the young ladies who worked behind the popcorn counter, for telling me that I could not enter further. That I could not sit down, with other human beings in my community, to watch a film alongside of them.



I forgive the young ticket taker for telling me that I had to go back outside, onto the sidewalk. I could not even stand in the lobby.

I forgive these young people who just wanted jobs, and who had to discriminate in the most heinous and scarring way — scarring to me, and to them too no doubt — just to keep their jobs. I forgive them. I forgive them for the mortifying scene they had to cause.

I forgive the movie theatre owner for shouting at me defensively when I questioned this policy.

I forgive the elderly couple nearby in the lobby; the woman who started shrieking at me, alarmingly, that she was glad of the policy and did not want me anywhere near her. I forgive her. I forgive her silent, embarrassed husband for his silence.

I forgive the employee of the Millerton flower shop who demanded, "Are you vaccinated?" when I walked in – when I just wanted some nice-looking flowers, some artificial olive branches, perhaps, like those I had seen in a decorating magazine, to arrange in a vase in my study.

I forgive this employee for having to follow a script that must have been set out by the town, for all the small businesses to follow, in some bizarre, coercive methodology, as this out-of-the-blue, un-American and inappropriate question was posed all at once somehow, in store after store, in my little town, in the nearby towns, even in New York City, during a certain moment in the bad year of 2021.

I forgive these store owners for stripping me of a great benefit of a free society — the great gift of liberty, of America — that right to be dreamy, to have some privacy, and to be preoccupied with one's own thoughts.

I forgive this employee for intruding on my privacy in a way that was startling, ill-mannered, and entirely beside the point, given the fact that she was simply selling flowers and I was simply trying to buy them.

I forgive her for the way this demand made my adrenaline levels jump, as they do when things are unstable around you; in 2021, you could not tell which stores would confront you, or when, with that urgent, bullying question — when you happened to wander in, just wanting some toothpaste, or a slice of pizza, or to look at some antiques.

Not — expecting an inquisition.

I forgive this flower shop employee for presenting me with this startling question that each time made me, with my clinically diagnosed PTSD from a very old trauma, feel ambushed, violated and humiliated. Surely this sense of ambush was felt by trauma survivors everywhere.

Are you vaccinated?

Are you? Vaccinated?

Are you vaccinated?

Are you naked? Are you helpless?

Are you mine? My possession?

The viral clip of the Pfizer marketing rep, admitting to the European Parliament that the mRNA vaccines never stopped transmission, should make every single one of these moments into a source of deep embarrassment and self-criticism for all those people — all of them — who inflicted these violations of privacy on others, or who excluded in any way, their neighbors and fellow countrymen and women. They did so, it is clear now to all, on the basis of arrant nonsense.

But meanwhile, I forgive them. I have to, because otherwise the rage and sorrow would exhaust me to death.

I forgive my neighbor who froze when I hugged her.

I forgive my other neighbor, who told me that she was making homemade soup and fresh bread, and that I could join her to have some, if I was vaccinated. If I was unvaccinated, however, she explained, someday she might consent to walk outside with me.

I forgive the monitor — what else could one call him — surely appointed by the local Board of Health, who told me that I could not go inside a church at an adorable outdoor town festival at the tiny mountain hamlet of Mt Washington, to see an exhibit, because I was unmasked. I forgive him for the steely look in his eyes as he remained unmoved when I explained that had a serious neurological condition, and thus could not wear a mask. I forgive the nervous lady at the table full of trinkets, who had apparently ratted us out to the Board of Health representative, when we were simply browsing outdoors, surrounded by fresh air, on a peaceful June day, our faces uncovered, at her table.

I forgive them for making a miserable scene about all of this in front of my then-ten-year-old stepson. The unmasked and unvaccinated are eternally accused of having made scenes, but the scenes were made, really, by the actions of those who were coercing and conforming.

I forgive them for driving us to leave the festival. I forgive their manifesting a pathetic and indefensible lesson in servility, and in submission to things that made no sense, to an impressionable American child.

I forgive the teller at my local bank for throwing a paper napkin at me to

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Alberta court upholds COVID jab mandate for woman's life-saving organ transplant

By Lifesite News

The Justice Centre is disappointed that the Alberta Court of Appeal decided that the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms does not apply to Alberta Health Services' and Alberta transplant doctors' COVID-19 vaccine policy for transplant candidates.

Sheila Annette Lewis challenged AHS' and her transplant doctors' COVID-19 vaccine policy which required her to receive the COVID-19 vaccines before she could receive a life-saving transplant.

The appeal was heard on Thursday, October 20, 2022, by video-conference. Lewis argued that the COVID-19 vaccine policy infringed on her Charter-protected rights of conscience, life, liberty and security of the person, and equality rights. Even though the Court of Appeal agreed with the lower court that the Charter did not apply to the policies, it proceeded to issue reasons finding that her Charter rights were not infringed.

Lewis also argued that the lower court erred in its finding that the Alberta Bill of Rights did not apply to COVID-19 vaccine policies because the Charter didn't apply. The Court of Appeal did not deal with this ground of appeal or make any findings in respect of it.

This case is under a publication ban. Due to a court order, the Justice Centre may not reveal the names of the doctors, the hospital, the city where the transplant program is located, or the name of the organ that Lewis needs for life-saving surgery.

In support of her Charter and Alberta Bill of Rights arguments, Lewis filed expert reports from an award-winning immunologist, and a viral immunologist, who is also a vaccinologist.

These reports showed that the COVID-19 vaccines are still in clinical trials to assess their safety and efficacy, that they are not effective, and that they have a concerning safety profile.

She also filed an expert report from a surgeon with a Master's degree in Health Care Ethics. This surgeon opined that the benefit of vaccination for Lewis was so small that it was unethical to require her to get the COVID-19 vaccine prior to her transplant. The existing policies make no allowance for natural immunity.

Lewis noted that AHS will do transplants for patients who are not vaccinated for COVID-19, provided they have a medical exemption.

"We are deeply disappointed with today's decision," stated Allison Pejovic, legal counsel for Lewis. "Ms. Lewis has fought against this discriminatory policy not only for herself, but for all transplant candidates who are similarly being discriminated against. We will review the decision further and consider an appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada."



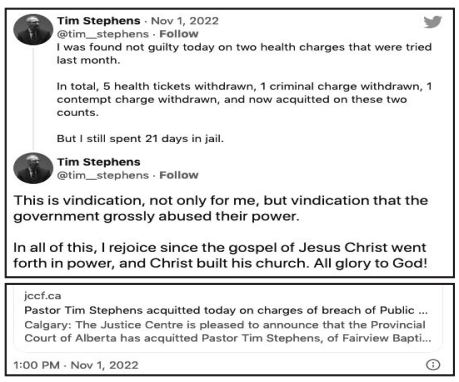
‘Vindication’: COVID charges dropped against Alberta pastor

By Lifesite News

The Provincial Court of Alberta has dropped COVID health charges against Pastor Tim Stephens, a Christian clergyman who spent a combined 21 days in jail.

“This is vindication, not only for me, but vindication that the government grossly abused their power,” Stephens tweeted on Tuesday.

“In all of this, I rejoice since the gospel of Jesus Christ went forth in power, and Christ built his church. All glory to God!”



Stephens, a father of eight who serves as the pastor of Fairview Baptist Church in Calgary, said he was found not guilty of two health charges for which he was tried for last month.

Additionally, he noted that he had “5 health tickets withdrawn, 1 criminal charge withdrawn, 1 contempt charge withdrawn, and now acquitted on these two counts.”

“But I still spent 21 days in jail,” tweeted Stephens.

The Justice Centre for Constitutional Freedoms (JCCF) represented Stephens as his legal counsel. In a November 1 press release, the JCCF said it is “pleased that the court acquitted Pastor Stephens on the charges of not complying with a public health order.”

“Pastor Stephens was illegally arrested and imprisoned for having allegedly violated the Public Health Orders, which have since been shown to be ineffective and harmful,” said the JCCF.

“This decision sets the record straight about the justifiability of his actions and about the importance of respecting Charter rights and freedoms.”

Australian leaders deeply wounded our democracy. They should cancel all COVID fines

By Lifesite News

On October 31st, 2020, I was arrested three times in one day, put in the back of a police van for 45 mins, and fined thousands of dollars just for leaving my house. After more than two years of fighting these embarrassing fines, the prosecutors have just dropped the charges with no explanation.

I was prepared and wanted a chance to set the record straight, but they never gave us the opportunity. They don’t want their actions being questioned in open court. They try to intimidate and when they realise you aren’t backing down, they drop the charges.

When the lockdowns began, I didn’t agree with the heavy-handed approach that the Victorian Government took. I saw that my fellow Victorians were suffering and had no outlet for their frustration. So, I started an activist organisation called Reignite Democracy Australia.

I didn’t intend to create such a stir … I was just doing what I thought was right. RDA grew very quickly which means there was clearly a need for something like this. We helped followers file petitions and email their members of parliament, and connected people who were feeling alone, and even suicidal, to each other. I have worked tirelessly for years, and still am.

Because of this I have been publicly vilified, arrested several times, put into solitary confinement in a maximum-security prison for 22 days, had my house raided and my family torn apart. My personal life will never be the same. I have also been in and out of court for two years.

How have once reputable people fallen into a trap of blaming the everyday Aussie? A famous economist once said: “When the facts change, I change my mind. What do you do, sir?” It is time for Australia’s justice system to change its mind. The COVID fines that thousands, including me, are fighting in the courts need to be cancelled immediately. The basis on which they were levied, the alleged facts in evidence, has been revealed as false. If our courts are to have any respect for the truth, then the time has come for a change of direction.

The fines robbed people of their basic rights, including the freedom of movement and the right to speak freely. And these extreme measures were justified by claims now exposed to have been factually wrong. On both counts it is time that the authorities, and not the people being accused, took responsibility for their egregious errors.

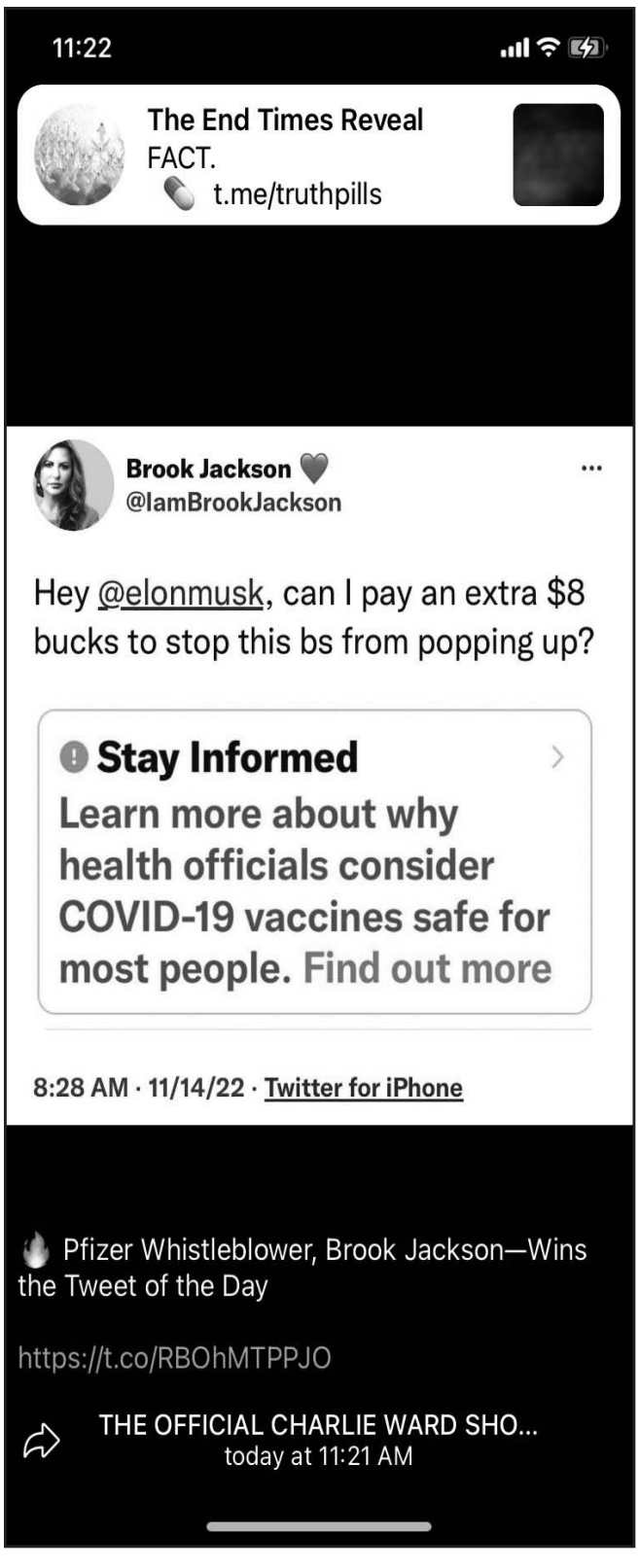
It is not my moral obligation to justify my position. It is the obligation of the courts, the legislators and public servants to serve the public good to withdraw the appalling court actions, which still hang over many Australians.

Our social fabric has been deeply harmed by these legally extreme and aggressive acts – a society also inhabited by people in the judiciary, government, and the public service – and it is time to start returning to something like the decency that Australia once prized. In the final analysis, we are necessarily in this together and persisting down the path of bureaucratic savagery and incompetence will only deepen the problems.

Fault Lines, an independent review funded by three major philanthropic organizations, and headed by former senior public servant Peter Shergold, has started to uncover the extent of the errors and malfeasance, although it only scratches the surface. The review consulted some 200 health experts, public servants, epidemiologists, unions, community groups, businesses, and economists, receiving more than 160 submissions.

It points to “too many instances in which government regulations and their enforcement went beyond what was required to control the spread of the virus, even when based on the information available at the time.” It especially criticises the closure of the schools, which led to mental health problems, especially in children. The report draws some obvious conclusions. The lockdowns were wrong and inhumane. School closures were wrong and cruel. Border closures were wrong and, especially when it affected sick or dying loved ones, utterly appalling. And poor people were hurt the most.





The Battle of the Somme - attack on Regina Trench



By Charles H. Savage – written in 1936, submitted on November 11, 2022

- As submitted by his grandson, Tom Harris of Ottawa, Canada

The country around Ovillers and Pozieres had been pretty well cleaned up but as we got into the area where the fighting had been continuous during the past week there was ample evidence of the deadly work that had been going on there.

It was possible to read the story of attack and defence by the grouping of the dead. Here was the assault trench, broken by shell holes, each one with its circle of mangled and half-buried bodies: the German counter-barrage had been accurate. Immediately in front of the assault trench the ground was clear - it had been crossed before the enemy had had time to bring his machine guns and rifles into action. Then for fifty yards the rich harvest reaped by machine guns playing on massed men lay thick on the ground. But at one spot there were few dead: our artillery had made at least a dozen direct hits on about fifty yards of German trench. There had been no one left to resist: our men were in. But what of that circle of huddled bodies on the left? About what deadly centre had this line been drawn? A machine gun superbly handled stopped everything there. It was never reached from in front: the gunners were shot or bayoneted by our men coming in from the flanks. They died on their gun. And those men half kneeling, half lying in grotesque attitudes? The wire had not been cut in front of them: that is what is holding them up. They died on the wire, the worst fate a soldier could suffer.

And thus it went. The story to which we were soon to add another paragraph, lay written for anyone to read, and so we cursed and joked and took very good care not to read it.

Our front line and the part of Regina Trench facing my battalion lay on opposite sides of a slight rise and as a result it was impossible in many places to see one trench from the other. Behind our line the land sloped gently and our support line, about four hundred yards in the rear, was in plain view of the Germans. C and D Companies moved into the supports on the night of October first while A and B Companies took over part of the front line from which the attack was to be made. Early the next day one platoon from my company (C Company) was sent up to fill in on the right flank of the attack.

I must have been suffering from indigestion or some other depressing ailment, for I had a presentiment, amounting to certainty, that I should be killed during this attack. This was the first, and fortunately, the only time that I had such a feeling. I wrote the letters generally considered appropriate for such feelings and sent them to a friend at Battalion Headquarters, to be posted, or not, according to what fate had in store for me during the next twenty-four hours. I had known quite a few who at various times had had such presentiments and I also knew that they were as often wrong as right; but statistics are poor consolation when you feel that way. The average infantryman was sure that he would be killed sometime, but generally he looked upon that sometime as later rather than sooner; not today or tomorrow, but in the indefinite future. After all, he had only carried over into the war the ordinary human being's attitude towards death: something inevitable but not immediate.

My platoon was in the support line and since there were good dugouts we were almost sure to miss the counter-barrage that would fall on our trenches as soon as our own barrage began. That was all to the good, but still my presentiment was with me. There was too little to do in the support line, too much time for speculation.

But that state of affairs was soon changed. The attack was to be at four PM and at about three-thirty a rush order came to get my platoon into position in the front line in time to go over with the attack. From that moment my presentiment disappeared and I heard no more of it until I remembered it with surprise two weeks later in England.

The platoon on the left flank had been almost wiped out by two or three direct hits on the trench and we were to take its place; or rather to come in on the left, since it could no longer cover the ground allotted. The only officer in the company, other than the Company Commander, had already gone up with the platoon for the right flank, so I was once more in charge of my platoon, and once more there was every sign of dirty work ahead.

The Company Sergeant-Major saw to loading up the platoon with all the extras in the form of bombs, ammunition, food, shovels, etc, that men must encumber themselves with when making an attack. While he was doing this, the Company Commander showed me a trench map of the part of the line where we were to attack. He also gave me some information that he said had better not be passed on to the men: the wire in front of that part of the German line had not been cut! The attack, however, would have to be made so as not to let down the battalions on our flanks. Our part in the show was to be a real sacrifice part: it was a wonder that my presentiment didn't come back!

We had to go about a half mile to get into our positions. The communication trench connecting the supports with the front line was only a hastily dug ditch, not more than three feet deep, and there was a ninety foot unprotected gap in the front line that had to be crossed somehow. We were due to be in position ready to go over the top in twenty minutes, so there was no time to waste. The shelling on both sides was gradually working up to the usual hell that preceded and accompanied an attack, so there was a fair chance that few Germans would be on the lookout. We simply walked down the CT with our heads and shoulders in full sight. And nothing happened.

When we came to the gap in the front line more care was necessary. We went across two at a time, with one starting when the other was almost across. The nearer each man got to the other side the faster he ran, until finally he gave a wild dive into the protection of the trench. If we had to be targets we were determined to be difficult ones and in spite of the odd sixty pounds or so of impediments that each of us carried, we made record time across that thirty yards. Each runner was cheered profanely by those waiting to go across and given a ribald welcome by those who had preceded him.

Nothing could have happened better. We arrived at our attack stations only a few minutes before the zero hour and still laughing at the antics of some of the runners: no time to worry.

There was only one thing wrong: C Company had had no rum to send up with us, A Company had none to spare. We had to go over without the usual shot. This was a real hardship, but not as bad as it would have been had we been waiting there all day for the zero hour.

Two minutes to go! The shelling on both sides was at its maximum. Our barrage had been going for about three minutes and the German counter-barrage for a minute or less. It was impossible to hear anyone speak; the air was full of dust, dirt and smoke; whole sections of our trench, crowded with men, went up into the air as salvos of 5.9s made direct hits on our position. No use to worry where the next one was going to land: they were landing everywhere. Ten seconds to go: thank God we'll soon be out of this! How many of the platoon are left? What luck! Hardly a man has been hit yet. Have I a cartridge in the chamber? Is the safety catch off? Time! Over we go!

As far as one could see along the trench men were climbing up over the parapet and starting across no man's land at a half run, half walk. At first nothing happened, for our barrage had just lifted from the German front line and their machine guns and men were not yet up from their deep dugouts. Also in many places the rise in the ground still hid us from their sight. Thirty yards, forty yards, and then a machine gun opened up; then another, and another. I noticed in a detached way that most of the men who went down didn't move after falling, and that the report about the wire was correct, it hadn't been cut. We eased off slightly to the left, where there appeared to be a hole in the wire, and when just outside the wire got into shell holes while we took a look around - from the cover of the shell holes, of course. The trench, about sixty or seventy feet in front of us, was full of Germans, but there were apparently no machine guns there, and for some unknown reason they were trying to reach us with potato masher bombs instead of using their rifles. There were five of us in that particular shell hole and we had marvelous target practice: it was like knocking over the figures in a shooting gallery. I remember giving one of the five with me the devil for shooting so near my ear that he deafened me. He said he was sorry!

We finally decided that it might be possible to get through the wire at a place almost directly in front of us and that the thing to do was to direct as many as possible to that spot. We got out of our shell hole ready to go forward and then and there got one of the greatest surprises of our lives: we were the only ones in sight. A quick survey of the neighboring shell holes showed nothing but dead and wounded men. Even then we though that someone must have ordered a retreat. We were all keyed up to fighting pitch by now and cursed those who, as we thought, had let us down. We were mad clean through, so mad that we forgot to be afraid and simply walked back to our trench, refusing to run. Still crazy, I walked along the parapet of our trench looking for the person who had ordered the retreat. Before I had covered half the distance I began to come to my senses and appreciate what had happened. There had been no retreat ordered: practically all the men were still out there, dead or wounded.

A rapid survey showed that there were twenty-five unwounded men left of the half battalion that had made the attack. There were no officers and I was the senior and almost the only NCO. Fortunately there was a first-aid corporal still with us, so it was possible to fix up all those who could travel on their own and send them on their way. Some didn't even wait to be bandaged: anyone with a nice "blighty" and even one good leg could generally manage to get away with surprising speed. All that we could do with the badly wounded was to fix them up as well as possible and put them in the best-protected parts of the trench to wait for stretcher-bearers to come up from the rear. Two wounded officers who were able to walk out, left water bottles full of run with me, so in that respect we were well fortified. Otherwise we were not so fortunate.

The attack had apparently been a failure all along the line and there was every possibility of the Germans making a counterattack at any time. To meet this we had twenty-five tired and badly shaken men, no machine guns and practically no bombs. The shelling was still very heavy and it was rapidly becoming dark.

We divided the men into groups of four or five and posted them in the undamaged parts of the trench along our front. In spite of the heavy shelling they were placed in small groups rather than stretched out along the line, since company at such a time is the best medicine. Rutherford, who had been made a corporal, had been with me all day, so he and I and the stretcher-bearer formed a little headquarters of our own in the center of the line.

Dead men lying around are not pleasant company under the best of circumstances, but when they are from your own battalion it is much worse. We managed to get them all out of the trench and piled up on the parados or parapets. One man's head flopped over as I was helping to throw him out and his sharp front teeth cut the back of my hand.

The shelling, although much less intense, persisted in its most nerve-wracking form: that is, one or two good-sized shells every three or four minutes. Plenty of time in-between to wonder when and where the next one would fall. We had a few casualties from these shells but not many: there was plenty of room in our line for shells to land without hitting anyone. Each time one fell near a group we got to them as soon as possible and gave each man a good issue of rum: nothing like rum to take the edge off nerves. Our own bit of trench was blown in and a wounded man whom we had placed near us was terribly mangled. We tied him together as best we could and tried to give him some morphia tablets, but he couldn't swallow them. There was nothing more that we could do for him. He lasted three hours: I have never heard a man die so hard.

Early in the night Rutherford went across no man's land well to our right to find out whether by any chance the battalion on that front had managed to get into Regina Trench. After getting close enough to be fired on by the Germans and thus to be sure of the information he was after, he came back and asked me what he should do next. I suggested that he go to the other end of our line to see how the men there were getting on. After he left, one of the men came and told me that Rutherford had been shot through the arm while on this scouting trip. He hadn't said a word about it to me. When I told him to go out to the dressing station he was most reluctant to go and I had finally to order him out.

With Rutherford gone things were not so bright but at about midnight a D Company sergeant arrived with a platoon to reinforce us. He also

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brought up some food, and since his men were comparatively fresh the affair began to take on a cheerier aspect. We redistributed the men along the trench and settled down to make the best of a none too pleasant situation. Still, some of us had seen worse, and in all probability we would be relieved before morning.

At about two AM there was a great bustle along the trench and our OC appeared with a platoon of the First CMR that he had "borrowed". His plan was to get into Regina Trench at some point and make a bombing attack down the trench, with the idea of finding out just what was going on along the line. He had heard that we had discovered a hole in the wire during the attack and was anxious to know whether I could guide a platoon through it in the dark. I can't say that I felt very enthusiastic about the plan but I was fairly certain that I could find the break in the wire again, so we started across no man's land.

We were organized as a bombing party. The OC undertook to do the bombing - at which he was an expert - and, at his suggestion, I was to be his first bayonet man. Not a job that I felt any great longing to have at the time, but there seemed no particular reason why I shouldn't do it, so that was that.

There was a regular formation for bombing parties. In front came the first bayonet man, then the first bomb thrower, then a bomb carrier, and this order was duplicated in the ranks following. The bomber tossed a bomb or two over the traverse of a trench and as soon as the bomb exploded the first bayonet man rushed around the corner and finished off - or was finished off by - anyone who still showed signs of resisting. If a member of the first team was put out of action the corresponding man in each team moved up one. This was the theory, but like most theories it worked best when being practiced behind the line and by daylight. At night and in a strange and badly smashed up trench anything was apt to happen - and generally did. It was difficult to keep in contact either with the enemy or with one's own men and the only thing that prevented the majority of such attacks from failing was that they were surprises and the Germans became even more disorganized than the attacking force. A well-planned raid was of course a different matter, not at all like the sort of dog-fight bombing attacks that occurred again and again during big attacks.

Attacks such as this, on a dark night, in strange trenches, were deadly affairs. Unlike a raid, it was not desirable to take prisoners, nor was it practicable. Wounded men were often killed, for who could tell whether the dim figure moving in front was wounded and trying to surrender or was about to poke a bayonet into you?

There was one consoling thought that I took with me as bayonet man: the OC was a fine revolver shot and I knew that when I went around a corner he would be so close behind me that if there were not more than two to deal with I'd have an even chance. As a matter of fact, he shot by my head so many times that one of my ears was almost completely deaf for three days afterwards.

We had no trouble finding the lane in the wire: a shower of bombs cleared the trench in front of us, and we were in before the Germans knew what was happening. Then began the job of bombing up the trench. A bayonet man seldom used the bayonet: a bullet at close range was much more effective, since it was very difficult to withdraw a bayonet once it had been well stuck into a man. That night for the first and only time in the war, I used the bayonet, but only once. I didn't like the noise he made.

After bombing along a few bays the trench seemed deserted, so we climbed up on the parapet and followed it until we met more resistance. Then we jumped into the trench and started the bombing game again. All the bombing wasn't on our side: a German bomb went off close enough so that I could feel the heat on my face and was almost knocked over by the concussion, but by a miracle I wasn't hurt. The German bombs were nowhere near as good as our Mills number 5s.

The game of "in and out" went on for some time and our ranks were gradually being thinned out. Once more I slid into the trench but this time I felt a sudden sharp pain in my right leg and fell on my side on the bottom of the trench. I could see nothing but I reached down and found that a bayonet was sticking into my right thigh near the hip. Some German had either been killed or in the excitement of the attack had left his rifle, with fixed bayonet, leaning against the parapet; and in the dark I had most obligingly impaled myself upon it!

A bit of an anti-climax perhaps, but nonetheless uncomfortable for that. Apparently no one had noticed me, which was not to be wondered at in the excitement and dark.

The bayonet came out without much trouble or pain. Fortunately it had hit the bone, or I should have been properly skewered. My leg seemed quite all right to stand on and after poking around with my finger I decided that I wasn't bleeding very badly.

There was no sound or sign of the bombing party and it seemed a good idea to get out of the trench before the Germans decided to come back. It also seemed the appropriate moment for a good rum issue. I took it in the form of a toast, " Here's to Blighty: the sooner I get there the better I'll like it."

I decided that the first port of call would be my old headquarters in the front line, where there was a stretcher-bearer who could bandage my leg. Also from that point I would know the way out to Battalion Headquarters. But finding the way back was not so easy. The night had become unusually quiet; shell holes and scraps of wire forced one to be continually changing direction, and after fifteen minutes of wandering around I knew that I had either become confused in my direction or had walked through a gap in our own front line. The latter seemed the more likely explanation so I turned about and headed for where I thought the front line might be. The area behind the line was a regular wilderness in which one might wander around for hours without meeting anyone, and with a leg rapidly growing stiff I had no desire to do that.

Finally I stumbled into a trench and found some of my battalion there. They were D Company men whom I didn't know, so I simply asked them to show me where Sergeant Savage's headquarters was.

My stretcher-bearer corporal was surprised to see me: someone who had come back wounded from Regina Trench had told him that I had been killed. He bandaged up my leg as well as he could in the dark and I set out to find the advanced dressing station. I took no chances on getting lost this time and carefully followed first the front line and then the communication trench.

Charles H. Savage fought with the 5th Canadian Mounted Rifles in the trenches of France and Belgium between 1915 and 1918. He was an expert in gas warfare and fought at Ypres, the Somme and in other major engagements, rising through the ranks to Sergeant, before being commissioned to Lieutenant. Regina Trench, referenced in the above excerpt, was the longest German trench on the front and stood well supported behind barbed-wire and machine guns. Savage was later Principal of Westmount Junior High School in Westmount, Quebec (then separate from Montreal) and lived out his later years in Grand-Mère, Quebec.



WE DIDN'T HAVE AN X-BOX TO PLAY WITH WHEN I WAS A KID. WE JUST HAD A BOX.





Puzzle Answers

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Dutch bishop leaves 'vile' Synod on Synodality: 'The Holy Spirit has absolutely nothing to do with it'

By LifeSiteNews

Bishop Robert Mutsaerts, the auxiliary bishop of the Diocese of 's-Hertogenbosch, The Netherlands, has published a statement on his blog, commenting on the Synod on Synodality, especially its October 27 new working document "For a synodal Church: communio, participatio, mission," which is calling for a female diaconate and uses the language of the LGBT agenda. He announced that he has left the synodal process.

In his statement (see full translation below, as kindly provided to LifeSite by Fr. Cor Mennen), Bishop Mutsaerts called this synodal process "vile."

He states "God is out of the picture in this vile synodal process," adding that "the Holy Spirit has absolutely nothing to do with it." He went on to say:

Among the protagonists of this process are to me a few too many defenders of gay marriage, folks who don't really think abortion is a problem and never really show themselves defenders of the Church's rich creed, wanting above all to be liked by their secular surroundings.

Bishop Mutsaerts is not the only one to reject the happenings surrounding this synodal process that is to last until 2024. Cardinal Gerhard Müller called it a "hostile takeover of the Church of Jesus Christ" and invited Catholics to resist, comparing the current Church crisis with that of the 4th-century Arian crisis. He even said that, in light of the spreading of the LGBT agenda in the Church, "one does not have to obey an obviously heretical bishop just for reasons of formal fidelity." Blind obedience such as this, he continued, "would be cadaveric obedience, which not only contradicts reason but also faith."

Bishop Athanasius Schneider, auxiliary bishop of Astana, Kazakhstan, recently agreed with the German cardinal, pointing out that the process itself is steered and influenced by a certain agenda, calling it "manipulation" by churchmen "who push their own ideological agenda."

Both Cardinal Mario Grech and Cardinal Jean-Claude Hollerich, who have been called by Pope Francis to play leading roles in this synodal process, are promoters of the LGBT agenda – for example the approval of homosexuality – within the Catholic Church.

In response to these heterodox positions that are being aired and promoted during the synodal process, Bishop Mutsaerts remarks: "How unpastoral, how unloving. People want sincere answers. They don't want to go home with more questions. You're keeping people away from salvation."

"I have since dropped out of the synodal process," he concluded.Please see here Bishop Robert Mutsaerts' statement on the Synod of Synodality:

Synodal process as an instrument to change the Church?

On Thursday, Oct. 27, the Secretariat of the Synod of Bishops in Rome presented the working document for the Continental Phase of the Synod "For a synodal Church: communio, participatio, mission". This took place at a press conference chaired by Cardinal Grech held at the Holy See press center in Rome. The document was entitled "Increase the space in your tent" (Isaiah 54:2). Based on all the final documents of the meetings in the various continents, the Secretariat of the Synod of Bishops then compiles the Instrumentum Laboris, the working document for the 2023 and 2024 Synod meetings.

The mantra of the process is: listen. To whom? To everyone. The working document contains a goodly number of quotes. "These quotations were chosen because they express in a particularly powerful, beautiful or precise way feelings that are expressed more generally in many reports. The synodal experience can be read as an avenue of recognition for those who do not feel adequately recognized in the Church." The contours of the synodal process are becoming increasingly clear. It provides a megaphone for non-Church views. The document indicates what the synodal path should ultimately lead to: "This means a Church that learns by listening how to renew its evangelizing mission in light of the signs of the times, in order to continue to offer humanity a way of being and living in which all can feel included as protagonists."

Who are those who feel excluded? Par. 39: "Among those who call for a more meaningful dialogue and a more welcoming space, we also find those who,

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By asking these questions, I will seem irreverent and lacking faith in the promise, "the gates of hell shall not prevail" (Mt 16:19), that resonates as a hope to cling to for those few survivors of the wind of mortal apostasy that has invaded the Church. Well, the provocative tone of these questions summarizes the feeling of confusion of the few remaining faithful, faithful in searching for some reference to the Magisterium, a valid Sacrament, and coherence of life among the shepherds. I turn to you as to a "Voice in the desert" that so many times has illuminated so many lost and disheartened souls.

I wanted to share with you this little story that happened to me:

A few days ago, a lady who brought some donations to the convent said to me: 'You know, I don't follow these things very much, but it seems to me that the direction the Church has taken lately is not so good…!' From the way she spoke, the tone of her voice, I perceived that she was embarrassed for expressing herself in this way to someone whom she believed represented that 'Church' that she had just questioned. I could make a great speech to her: my answer was a simple appeal about the need to intensify our personal prayer, leaving the lady in her ignorance and allowing me to 'identify' with that 'church' that I do not really feel I represent… The sensation was one of great impotence, in the impossibility of being able to give exhaustive and truthful answers. A few minutes earlier I had read the exhortation of Pope Pius XI when, one hundred years ago in his Encyclical Ubi Arcano Dei he had exhorted Catholics about their duty to hasten the return of the social kingship of Christ. A sort of 'moral duty,' of a personal and collective commitment.

Is this commitment still valid? And how should we put it into practice if the "Church" is no longer the "Church"?

The letter Ubi Arcano Dei was the beginning of the institution of the Feast of the Kingship of Christ, which took place in 1925 precisely in order to avoid the mess that we have experienced in the recent years. In that encyclical, the Kingship of Christ was understood as the remedy to secularism and to all of those errors that – at a distance of one hundred years – have been generously welcomed by many prelates, bishops, cardinals, and even he who presents himself as the representative of Christ and who under this insignia has promoted the ruinous acceleration of the flock "deceptively" entrusted to him.

Francis is considered to be the pope, albeit an apostate, but is he the pope? Was he ever the pope?

When Pilate asked Jesus what truth was, despite having Truth Himself right in front of him, the gaze of Christ, the Judge of the world, penetrated the mediocrity of the weak man who stood before him. Pilate trembled for a moment, but the glamor of his personal pride prevailed. Christ the King returns today in the same form and looks the bishops and cardinals in the eye, those who do not recognize the Crown of Thorns that He has worn in their place, assuming the price of their betrayal, their pride, and their unworthy blindness.

I recall having read in the Diary of Saint Faustina Kowalska – the saint of Mercy – that one day Jesus appeared to her completely scourged, covered in blood and crowned with thorns: he looked her in the eyes and said to her "The bride must resemble Her Bridegroom." The saint understood what was meant by that call to "nuptiality," to sharing everything. Probably this is the form of recognition of the Kingship of Christ that our historical moment is demanding personally of every true Catholic.

Yes, it seems to me that this is the vocation of the "true Church" in our time: of that little flock which, meeting the gaze of Christ the King mistreated and disfigured by blasphemy and perversion, still has the courage to give a response of love, fidelity, and consistency of conscience that is unable to deny Him, because otherwise it would deny Christ the King just as did Pilate, Herod, and all the leaders of the people.

I do not hide from you that with these lines I wanted to ask for one of your essays, which are full of Christian hope for the little remnant that is bewildered because it is without a Shepherd, without the representative of Christ who ought to guard and defend the Church entrusted to him.

I have asked you some questions that many are asking with such sorrow in their hearts, and I am certain that the Holy Spirit will give you the answers that will rekindle expectation for the return of the triumph of the Kingdom of Christ in society, in every heart, and over the entire face of the earth!

"Pacificus vocabitur, et thronus eius erit firmissimus in perpetuum!" – A cloistered nun

Archbishop Viganò's reply

Reverend and dearest Sister,

I read the letter you sent me with keen interest and edification. Permit me to respond to as well as I can.

Your first question is as direct as it is disarming: "If the King of Kings and Lord of Lords were to return today in His glory, would he still recognize His Bride, the Church?" Of course He would recognize Her! But not in the sect that eclipses the See of Peter, rather in the many good souls, especially in the priests, men and women religious, and in many simple faithful souls, who, even if they do not have horns of light on their brow as Moses did (Ex 34:29), are still recognizable as living members of the Church of Christ.

He would not find Her at Saint Peter's, where worship has been offered to an unclean idol; nor at Santa Marta, where the artificial poverty and inflated humility of the Tenant are a monument to his immense ego; nor at the Synod on Synodality, where the fiction of democracy serves to complete the dismantling of the divine edifice of the Catholic Church and to impose scandalous ways of life; not in the dioceses and parishes in which the conciliar ideology has replaced the Catholic Faith and cancelled Tradition. The Lord, as Head of the Church, recognizes the pulsating and living members of His Mystical Body and those who are dead and rotting, having been snatched from Christ by heresy, lust, and pride, and who are now subject to Satan. So yes: the King of kings would recognize the pusillus grex, even if he had to look for it gathered around an altar in an attic, a cellar, or the middle of the woods.

You mention that the promise of the Non prævalebunt may resound "as a hope to cling to," and that "the provocative tone of these questions summarizes the feeling of confusion of the few remaining faithful, faithful in searching for some reference to the Magisterium, a valid Sacrament, and coherence of life among the shepherds."

Our Lord's promise to St. Peter is provocative, in a certain sense, because it starts from two assumptions: the first is that the gates of hell will not prevail, which tells us nothing about the level of persecution that the Church will have to endure. The second, a logical consequence of the first, is that the Church will be persecuted but not defeated. For both, we are asked to make an act of Faith in the word of the Savior and in His omnipotence, along with an act of humble realism, acknowledging our weakness and the fact that we deserve the worst punishments, both among the "modernists" and also among the "traditionalists."

You ask me how to put into practice the appeal of Pius XI for the restoration of the social Kingship of Christ, "if the 'Church' is no longer the 'Church.'" Certainly, the visible church, to which the world gives the name of Catholic Church and of which it considers Bergoglio as Pope, is no longer Church, at least with regard to those cardinals, bishops, and priests who convincedly profess another doctrine and declare themselves to be adherents of the "conciliar church" in antithesis to the "preconciliar church." But are you and I, and the many priests, religious and faithful, part of that church or of the Church of Christ? To what extent can we superimpose the Bergoglian church and the Catholic Church, accepting that they are superimposable in some aspect? The problem is that the conciliar revolution has torn the bond of identity between the Church of Christ and the Catholic hierarchy.

Before Vatican II it was unthinkable that a pope could have openly contradicted his predecessors in doctrinal or moral questions, because the hierarchy was very clear about its role and its moral responsibility in administering the power of the Holy Keys and the authority of the Vicar of Christ and the shepherds. The Council, beginning right with the anomalous definition it gave of itself and with the rupture with the past present in the elimination of the canons and anathemas, showed how it is possible, for anyone who does not have moral sense, to hold a sacred role in the Church even though unworthy in the three aspects that you have duly enumerated: "Magisterium, valid Sacrament, and coherence of the life of the Shepherds." These shepherds, deviants in doctrine, morality, and liturgy, do not feel bound to the fact that they are vicars of Christ, and of thus being able to govern the Church only if their authority is exercised coherently with the purposes that legitimize it. This is why they abuse their own power, usurp an authority whose divine origin they deny, and humiliate the sacred institution which in some way guarantees the authority of those Shepherds.

This rupture, this violent tear, was consummated on the spiritual level at the moment in which the authority of the prelates was secularized, just like what happened in the civil sphere. Wherever authority ceases to be sacred, sanctioned from above, exercised in the place of He who combines in himself the spiritual authority of Supreme Pontiff and the temporal authority of King and Lord, it is there corrupted into tyranny, sold with corruption, and commits suicide in anarchy. You write: "Christ the King returns today in the same form and looks the

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Patriot Events and Activities

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

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cover my face, when I explained respectfully and gently, from twenty feet away from her, why I did not wear a mask.

I forgive the staff at the Walker Hotel, in lower Manhattan, for warning me that they would call the manager, who no doubt would then call law enforcement, if I sat at the Blue Bottle Coffee lunch counter with my unvaccinated self.

I forgive my loved ones for keeping us from the Thanksgiving table.

I forgive one of my best friends for her having left the country without having said goodbye to me; the reason was that she was "disappointed" in me for my stance on masks and vaccines. No matter that this was entirely my risk, my body, my decision, my life. Her "disappointment" led her to assume the burden of censuring me for something that had nothing to do with her. I forgive her, though my heart broke.

I forgive the friend whose daughter had a baby, and who would not let me indoors to see the child.

I forgive the friend who said he did not sit indoors with unvaccinated people.

I forgive the family members who pressed my loved one to get one more booster – thus leading directly to her sustaining heart damage.

I forgive them, because my soul instructs me that I must.

But I cannot forget.

Are we supposed to just pick up again, as if emotional limbs were not crushed, as if emotional hearts and guts were not pierced, as if with sharp objects? And that, again and again?

As if there has been no savagery, no massacre here?

All those people — now that athletes are dropping dead, now that their own loved ones are sickening and hospitalized, now that the "transmission" is known to be a lie and the vaccines' "efficacy" itself is known to be a lie – are they sorry? Are they reflecting upon themselves, on their actions, on their consciences; on their immortal souls; on what they have done to others; on their part in this shameful melodrama in American and world history – a time that now can never be erased?

I don't hear it. I don't hear any apologies.

I don't see signs on the Millerton movie theatre saying,

Dear Customers. We are so sorry we treated many of you as if we were all living under Jim Crow laws. We did so for no reason at all.

There is no excuse, of course, for such discrimination, then or now. Please forgive us.

Nothing. Have you seen anything like this? I haven't. Not one conversation. Not one sign. Not one article. "My friend, I was a beast. How can you forgive me? I behaved so badly." Have you heard that? No, nothing.

Instead people are reacting to the fact of their awfulness, of their profound wrongness, of their foolishness, of their ignorance and credulity, like sneaky, guilty dogs. They are sidling up.

In the city, they are quietly adding one to the guest list. In the country, they are stopping their cars in the sunny autumn air to have a little chat.

They are calling up just to say hi — after two and a half years.

Two and a half years of brutal, ignorant ostracism.

I can and must forgive all those I enumerated. But it is harder to forgive – others.

That personal, internal forgiveness of deluded individuals, or of coerced small business owners, which is my own internal labor – work which I do daily between myself and my God, just so that I won't turn to stone with my burden of rage and fury – has nothing to do, of course, with the wrongdoers' need on their side of the relationship to self-examine and to truly repent; and it certainly does not forestall or avert the grave and terrible accounting of crimes, and the enactment of true justice, for the leaders and spokespeople and institutions who committed evil, that is now utterly necessary.

Without accountability, truth and reconciliation commissions, and terrible, commensurate levels of justice served to suit the crimes committed – as South Africa, Sierra Leone, Rwanda and Germany have all learned to their cost – there is nothing at all to ensure that the exact same crimes won't be committed again. And that process of investigation, accountability, trials and sentencing, when one half of a nation abused the other systematically, is painful and severe and takes years to reach its conclusion.

(And yes, I added this clarifying paragraph in response to Dr Emily Oster's ignorant, self-deluding and dangerous plea in The Atlantic for "amnesty", an essay written after this one was published. Let there be no misunderstanding. "Amnesty" for crimes of this severity and scale is not an option. There was no group hug after the liberation of Auschwitz).

It is hard to forgive the high school in Chatham, that forced a teenager to be mRNA vaccinated against her wishes, in order to play basketball, and thus hope for a college scholarship. The officials must be held accountable.

It is hard to forgive the doctors, the hospitals, the pediatricians, who knew and knew and knew. And bowed their heads, and plunged the needles into the arms of innocents, and committed evil. The doctors who today say, of the horrific side effects brought about by their own hands, their own collusion — "We are baffled. We have no idea."

When did Western doctors, before 2020, ever have no idea?

The doctors and hospitals and medical organizations must be held accountable.

It is hard to forgive the Mayor of New York City, who drove the brave First Responders who did not wish to submit to a dangerous experiment, to have no income with which to feed their families. He and other political leaders must be held accountable.

It is hard to forgive the Ivy League universities, who took the money and forced all the members of their communities to submit to a deadly or dangerous experimental injection — one that will damage the fertility of who knows how many young men and women; one that will kill who knows how many community members.

They took the money and there is blood on their hands. Have you, parents of college age children, received a letter of apology? "We are so sorry we forced your son/your daughter to submit to an experimental injection that can harm him or her, that may cripple your daughter with bleeding every single month of her childbearing years, and that may lead your son to drop dead on the track field. And one that, it turns out, has nothing to do with transmission. We can't apologize enough. (But the money — it was just such a lot.) Really sorry. Won't do it again, rest assured."

Did you get that letter, America's parents?

The deans and trustees who took the money and 'mandated' our kids, must be held accountable.

It is almost impossible to forgive the churches, the synagogues, who took the money and stayed closed. Or who took the money, and then locked their doors at High Holy Day Services against the unvaccinated, to this day. (Hi there, Hevreh Synagogue of the Southern Berkshires. Shalom. Shabbat Shalom. Good Yom Tov.) "Please note that we require proof of vaccination upon entry for all High Holy Day Services. Please bring a copy with you. Masks are optional and encouraged for all who are comfortable wearing them."

The rabbis and priests and ministers who took the money and practiced unlawful discrimination, and abandoned their spiritual calling, must be held accountable.

These are great, great sins.

But meanwhile, you have errands to run. You have books to return to the library and flowers to pick up from the florist perhaps – you have to go to the kids' soccer game, you have to go to the movie theatre; the hardware store. Back to church. Back to synagogue.

You have to pick up your life again.

You have to step around the bodies decomposing invisibly in the charming streets of our nation. You have to pick up again as if we were not annihilated in spirit. Or, you have to pick up again if you were the abuser.

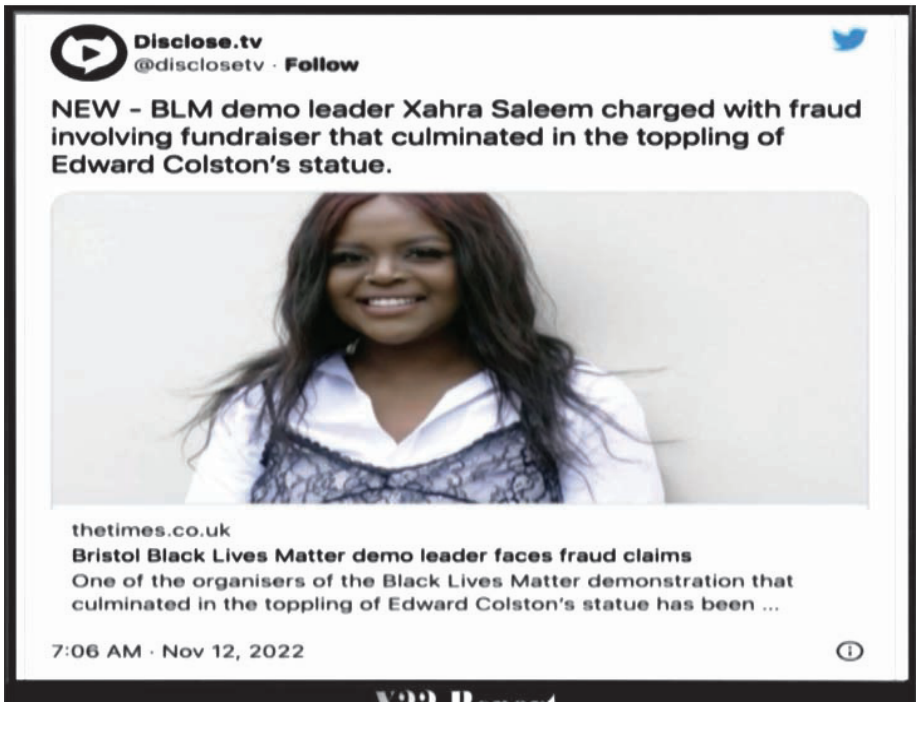
Will you apologize, if you did wrong? Will you forgive, if you were wronged?

Can this nation, which fell so far short of its true identity and its founders' intention, ever, ever heal? Can we heal — we ourselves?

Forgiveness on an internal level — of coerced or deluded individuals — may help us or heal us as private individuals.

But only the gravest of reckonings, the truth pursued to its limit in every single case, investigations and trials launched according to the beautiful rule of our law, and somber justice then served to leaders, spokespeople (hey, Dr Oster) — and institutions — will ever allow us to heal, or even move safely forward together— as a nation.





One Nation Under God

Mother Miriam: 'If you're still a Democrat, you are in the party of death'

By LifeSite News

Mother Miriam slammed the Democratic Party for its "utter abandonment of God" and told Catholics not to vote for Democratic politicians due to the party's avowed support of abortion, LGBT ideology, and other threats to life, family, and parents' rights.

"The Democratic Party is against God, is against life," Mother Miriam said in Friday's episode of Mother Miriam Live!.

"In the past, there was a time when Catholics could be Democrat," she noted. "But no more. They are the party of death without any question."

"If you're still a Democrat, you are in the party of death, of utter evil, of utter destruction of the family, with utter abandonment of God," she declared.

The Benedictine nun and popular Catholic apologist emphasized Catholics' obligation to vote in the midterm elections on Tuesday and urged them not to cast their ballot for anyone affiliated with the Democratic Party:

Voting is coming up. Midterms are coming up. If you vote for one Democratic individual, you are turning from God and you are increasing the evil in this world. No one who walks with God would be part of the Democratic Party. They are tremendously evil. They are evil. They are out to destroy the population of this country and the world.

Mother Miriam added that no one can rightfully call themself Catholic while supporting Democrats.

"You must go to the polls. You must prevent one more Democrat from being in any office whatsoever," she said. "You must prevent it, and if you don't, and you call yourself Catholic, you are deceived."

"You cannot be Catholic and vote Democrat. You cannot," she continued, invoking Fr. James Altman's viral denunciation of the Democratic Party in 2020.

Democrats back abortion, homosexuality, stripping parental rights

As Mother Miriam suggested, Democrats are in lockstep support for grave evils, including homosexuality, abortion, transgender ideology, and attacks on religious liberty and conscience rights.

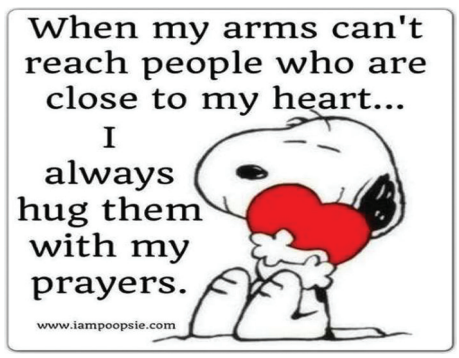
All 270 Democrats in Congress back same-sex "marriage" and have endorsed legislation to codify the redefinition of marriage into federal law. Only two of them, Sen. Joe Manchin (WV) and Rep. Henry Cuellar (TX-28), oppose Democrats' signature abortion bill, the Women's Health Protection Act (WHPA), which would legalize abortion up to birth nationwide and nullify hundreds of pro-life laws.

Even Manchin and Cuellar have called for or voted in favor of legislation that would create a federal "right" to abortion. And every congressional Democrat other than Manchin supports the radical, pro-LGBT Equality Act, which, among other things, would require doctors to commit abortions and "gender transition" surgeries despite conscience objections.

The White House has strongly endorsed both the WHPA and the Equality Act, and Joe Biden has pledged that the "first bill" that he'll send to Congress if Democrats make enough gains in the midterms "will be to codify Roe v. Wade."

Over the past two years, Democrats' radical legislative priorities have stalled in the evenly-split Senate due to opposition from Manchin, and because both he and Sen. Kyrsten Sinema (D-AZ) have refused to join the rest of the Democratic senators in abolishing the Senate's 60-vote filibuster threshold.

But if Democrats flip just two Senate seats on Tuesday and hold onto their narrow majority in the House, they'll finally have the votes to abolish the filibuster and pass their far-left agenda into law. For tens of thousands of unborn babies protected by state-level abortion bans after the reversal of Roe v. Wade, that could mean imminent death.



Meanwhile, high-stakes elections tomorrow will decide whether Republican governors and lawmakers in several states, including Florida, Michigan, Pennsylvania and North Carolina, will be able to enact and enforce legal protections for hundreds of thousands of additional babies.

Mother Miriam also pointed to a growing push among Democrats to strip parents of their custody rights for refusing to go along with their children's "gender transitions," pointing to a recently passed bill in California.

"This is the pit of evil, the utter pit of evil," she said, adding that "Satan's behind it."

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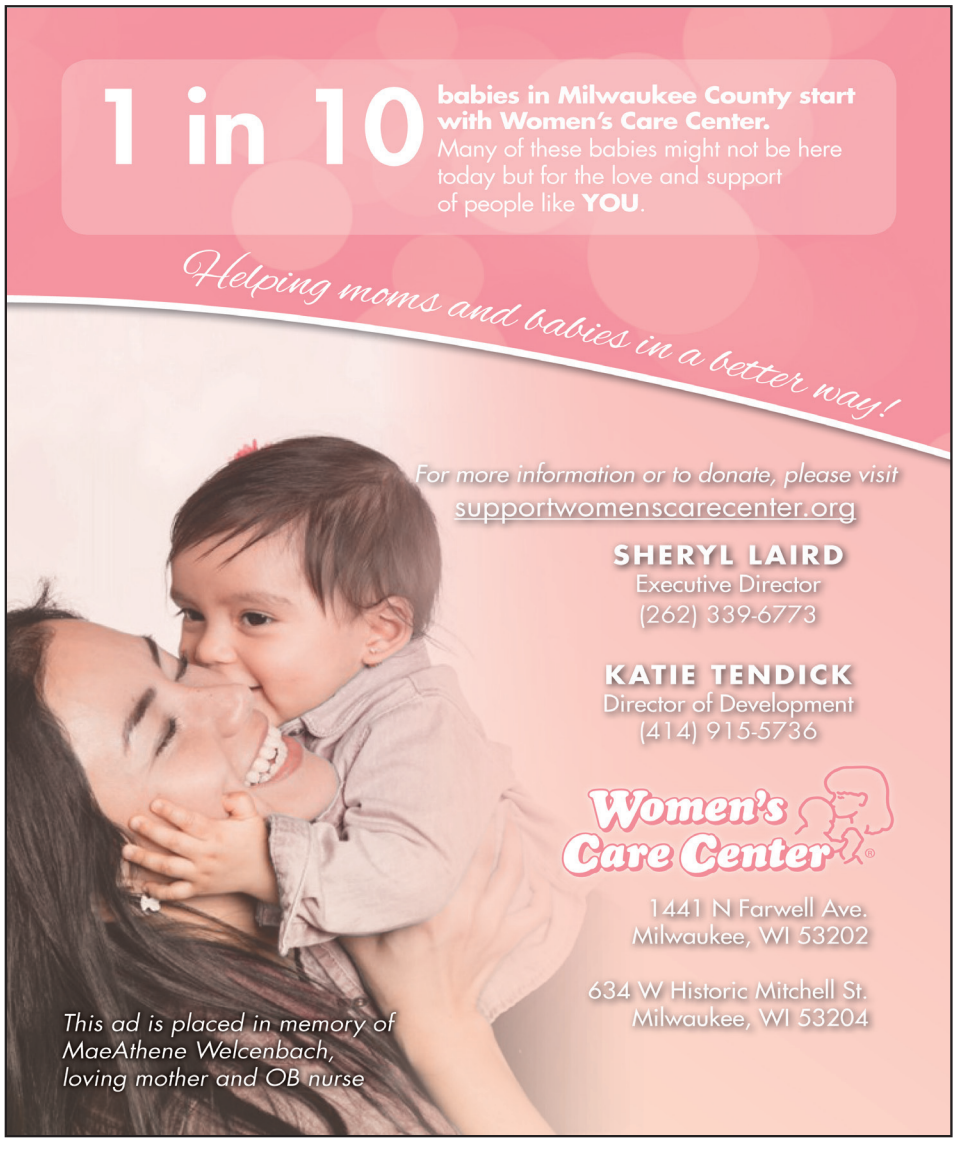
bishops and cardinals in the eye, those who do not recognize the Crown of Thorns that He has worn in their place, assuming the price of their betrayal, their pride, and their unworthy blindness." In those same features, dear sister, we must recognize the Holy Church. And as we were scandalized in seeing her Head humiliated and mocked, scourged and bleeding, wearing the robe, holding a reed, and crowned with thorns, so we are scandalized now in seeing in an analogous way the entire Church Militant laying prostrate, wounded, covered with spit, insulted, and mocked. But if the Head wanted to embrace the Sacrifice by humiliating Himself even unto death, death on a Cross, for what reason would we presume to merit a better end, since we are His members, if we really wish to reign with Him? On which throne is the Lamb seated, if not on the royal throne of the Cross? Regnavit a ligno Deus: this was the triumph of Christ; this will be the triumph of the Church, His Mystical Body. You rightly comment: "The Bride must resemble Her Bridegroom." And you continue: "Yes, it seems to me that this is the vocation of the 'true Church' in our time: of that little flock which, meeting the gaze of Christ the King mistreated and disfigured by blasphemy and perversion, still has the courage to give a response of love, fidelity, and consistency of conscience that is unable to deny Him, because otherwise it would deny Christ the King just as did Pilate, Herod, and all the leaders of the people."

Your letter, dearest sister, is for all of us an opportunity to reflect on the mystery of the passio Ecclesiæ that is so near to what is happening in these terrible times. And I conclude by recalling the "provocation" of the Non prævalebunt: just as the Savior knew the shadow of the tomb, so we must know it will happen to the Church, and perhaps it is already happening. But He will not allow his Holy One to know corruption (Ps 16), and He will make Her rise just as He Himself rose from the dead. In this sense, the words "The Bride must resemble the Bridegroom" acquire their full significance, showing us how only by following the Divine Bridegroom up the steep slope to Golgotha will we be able to merit to follow Him in glory to the right hand of the Father.

I exhort you to draw spiritual profit from these thoughts, as I impart to you and your dear fellow sisters my fullest and fatherly blessing.

+ Carlo Maria Viganò, Archbishop





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Bibi's Back

By Victoria Coates

Benjamin Netanyahu has won the fifth Israeli election in as many years and will form a new government in the coming weeks. Netanyahu can be expected to broadly reprise his signature policies in pursuit of strong national security and robust economic growth for the Jewish state, along with his opposition to the Islamic Republic of Iran. While his relationship with the Biden administration will likely be frosty, he will enjoy high support among Republicans and conservative Jews in the U.S. This sets up a unique dynamic for the U.S.–Israel relationship as it approaches its 75th anniversary next May.

Netanyahu is already Israel's longest-tenured prime minister, having previously occupied the post from 1996 to 1999 and from 2009 to 2021. He has also, at one time or another over the years, been Israel's minister of foreign affairs, its minister of finance, its minister of communications, and its permanent representative to the United Nations. He is, in short, the most credentialed politician in Israeli history.

While maintaining the U.S.–Israel alliance has been a priority for Netanyahu over the course of his political career, he has (like Israel itself) become increasingly polarizing in the United States, with support concentrated among conservatives, particularly Evangelical Christians. He had a fractious relationship with President Obama, primarily because of disagreements over the Iran nuclear deal and the Palestinian issue, which, if anything, burnished his image among American conservatives.

Relations between Netanyahu and President Trump were among the warmest in U.S.–Israeli history. Among the fruits of this partnership were the move of the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem, the recognition of the Golan Heights as sovereign Israeli territory, and the signing of the Abraham Peace Accords between Israel, the UAE, Bahrain, and Morocco. Those of us who served in the Trump administration helping to craft and implement these policies got, as did our Israeli counterparts, a sense of the enormous potential upside of strong bilateral relations as Israel emerges as an increasingly powerful modern nation on the world stage.

Netanyahu has had little chance to deal with the Biden administration; his government fell in June 2021, when Naftali Bennett and Yair Lapid formed an opposition alliance that claimed the majority in the Knesset. But it is safe to say that the Biden administration's determination to resurrect the Iran nuclear deal will make things increasingly difficult between Washington and Jerusalem.

The Biden administration is already leaking to the press that it may "refuse to engage with" Itamar Ben-Gvir, the leader of a far-right political bloc who will almost certainly be a senior minister in the new Israeli government. It's an odd stance for an administration that is all too eager to engage with sanctioned Iranian and Russian officials in Vienna. There are also signals that it may be the first of many other unprecedented efforts undertaken by the administration to isolate Netanyahu internationally.

This could prove to be a dangerous game. With an apparently larger-than-anticipated majority of 64 Knesset seats and the good chance that Republicans will control the next Congress, however, Netanyahu may feel freer than he normally would to break with the White House and make himself an independent force in U.S. politics.

For example, the new Israeli premier will immediately become the global face of opposition to the Iranian regime. While Biden still attempts to coax the regime back to the negotiating table, Tehran has become increasingly toxic around the globe due to its brutal response to the popular protests against the murder of Mahsa Amini, not to mention its supply of lethal drones to the Russians for use in their barbaric invasion of Ukraine. A Republican Congress may well be emboldened to invite Netanyahu to speak on Iran against the administration's wishes, as the Republican Congress did in 2015. This, in turn, could do significant political damage to any American effort to reenter the nuclear deal.

For those of us who share Netanyahu's views on the deal, that would be a welcome development. But it would also represent a new independence for Israel from whoever might be serving as president of the United States, which would not necessarily be a bad thing. In fact, a more balanced U.S.–Israel relationship might be best for both parties, as a stronger and more autonomous Israel could be a more valuable ally to America.

After the fall of Netanyahu last year, the editors of National Review invited me to assess his legacy. The piece concluded with the observation that Bibi's exit might not be the end of the story: "Netanyahu may be down at the moment, but I, for one, would be cautious about betting against him in the long term." There is much to celebrate about the return of this unapologetically conservative prime minister, who may ultimately be remembered for ushering in a new phase in the critical strategic relationship between the United States and Israel.

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for various reasons, feel a tension between belonging to the Church and their own loving relationships, such as: remarried divorced people, single parents, people living in polygamous marriages, LGBTQ people, etc." In short, those who do not agree with the teachings of the Catholic Church. What the working document seems to suggest is that we compile a list of complaints and then debate them. The mission of the Church is a different one. Which is not: examine all opinions and then let's come to an agreement. Jesus commanded us something else: proclaim the truth; it is the truth that will make you free. Particularly curious is the comment that the Church pays no attention to polygamy. For that matter, the document does not pay any attention to traditionalists. Those also feel excluded. Indeed, they are literally so by Pope Francis (Traditionis custodes). Apparently, there is no empathy for this group.

To date, the synodal process is more like a sociological experiment and has little to do with the Holy Spirit supposedly sounding through all. That could almost be called blasphemous. What is becoming increasingly clear is that the synodal process is going to be used to change a number of Church positions, with the Holy Spirit then also being thrown into the fray as an advocate, even though the Holy Spirit has really breathed something counterintuitive throughout the centuries. Above all, what can be gleaned from the listening sessions is an evaporated faith, no longer practiced, and not accepting the Church's positions. People complain that the Church does not accept their views. This is not entirely true, by the way. The Flemish and German bishops go a long way with them, which is actually much more tragic. They no longer want to call sin, sin. Hence conversion and repentance are no longer discussed.

Predictable is the call for the admission of women to the priesthood: "the active role of women in the governing structures of church bodies, the possibility for women with adequate training to preach in parishes, and a female diaconate and priesthood." A futile exercise given that the last three pontificates have explicitly stated that this is an impossibility. In politics, everything is open to discussion and debate. In the Church it is not. We have such a thing as Church doctrine that is not subject to time and place. But the working document really seems to question everything. For example, in par. 60 we read, "The call to the conversion of ecclesial culture, for the salvation of the world, is concretely linked to the possibility of establishing a new culture, with new practices and structures." And then this: "The bishops are asked to find appropriate ways to carry out their task of validating and approving the final document and ensuring that it is the fruit of an authentic synodal journey, respectful of the process that has taken place and faithful to the different voices of the People of God in each continent." Apparently, the office of bishop is reduced to simply implementing what is ultimately the greatest common denominator as the outcome of a raffle of opinions. The final closing stage of the synodal process cannot but turn out to be a Babel-like confusion. Predictably, all those who do not get it their way will say they are being excluded. In advance, this is a recipe for disaster. If everyone gets their way – which is not actually possible – the disaster is complete. Then the Church will have denied itself and squandered its identity.

At the presentation of the working document, Cardinal Grech was going much too far in stating that the Church's task is to act as an amplifier of every sound coming from within the Church, even if it is contrary to what the Church has always proclaimed. That was once different. At the time of the Counter Reformation, the Church was crystal-clear about what its views were. You convince people by standing for the Catholic faith with reasoned and full conviction. You convince no one by merely listening and leaving it at that. The annoying thing is that the bishops were instructed to listen and then to document what was said. These reports were then collected at the Church province level and then forwarded to Rome. Reports that included the necessary heresies with the signature of the bishops' conference. We could not do otherwise, but I am by no means happy about it. Several cardinals, by the way, also aired this in Rome, asking once again what synodality actually is. There was no clear answer.

Jesus took a different approach. He listened to the two disappointed disciples who were on their way to Emmaus. But at one point He took the floor and made it clear to them that they were going astray. That led them to turn around and return to Jerusalem. If we don't turn around we end up in Emmaus and are even further from home than we already are.

One thing is clear to me. God is out of the picture in this vile synodal process. The Holy Spirit has absolutely nothing to do with it. Among the protagonists of this process are to me a few too many defenders of gay marriage, folks who don't really think abortion is a problem and never really show themselves defenders of the Church's rich creed, wanting above all to be liked by their secular surroundings. How unpastoral, how unloving. People want sincere answers. They don't want to go home with more questions. You're keeping people away from salvation. I have since dropped out of the synodal process.

+Rob Mutsaerts

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Tens of Billions *cont. from page 2*

FTX simultaneously processed donations to Ukraine by using its crypto infrastructure. As CoinDesk.com reported in May of this year, "Ukraine Partners With FTX, Everstake to Launch New Crypto Donation Website."

Prior to the midterms, Bankman-Fried was touted by POLITICO as the Democrats' "newest megadonor" and "potential Democrat savior" second only to billionaire globalist George Soros.

"We've never seen something like this on this scale," said Bradley Beychok, co-founder of American Bridge 21st Century, a Democratic super PAC. "On our side, there's a small pool of people who write these kinds of checks and they tend to be the same folks. But Sam, to his credit, came right in with a big splash."

In fact, Bankman-Fried spent almost $40 million on Democrat candidates this year.

From Fortune:

The 30-year-old Bankman-Fried has been a major force in Democratic politics, ranking as the party's second-biggest individual donor in the 2021–2022 election cycle, according to Open Secrets, with donations totaling $39.8 million. That ranks only behind George Soros (about $128 million) but ahead of many other big names, including Michael Bloomberg ($28.3 million). What's more, he had promised to spend far more on Democrats moving forward, predicting in May that he'd fund "north of $100 million" and had a "soft ceiling" of $1 billion for the 2024 elections.

He also donated $10 million to then-candidate Joe Biden in 2020.

A YouTuber named "Nobody Special Finance" succinctly explained the FTX "Ponzi scheme" that led to its collapse this week.

"The truth is, Sam Bankman-Fried is a liar and a crook," said Nobody Special. "His personal crypto, FTX Token, was basically a Ponzi scheme … He used his Ponzi token as collateral to borrow billions of real dollars that he couldn't pay back … He then used those real dollars to build an empire out of dying companies."

"[Sam Bankman-Fried] then sold people cryptos like Bitcoin, or so they thought. What they really bought was an IOU."

In essence, Bankman-Fried used his corrupt earnings to finance the Democrats' midterm races to head off a "Red Wave."

Now that FTX has imploded, Democrats are saving face by renewing calls for the crypto space to be heavily regulated.



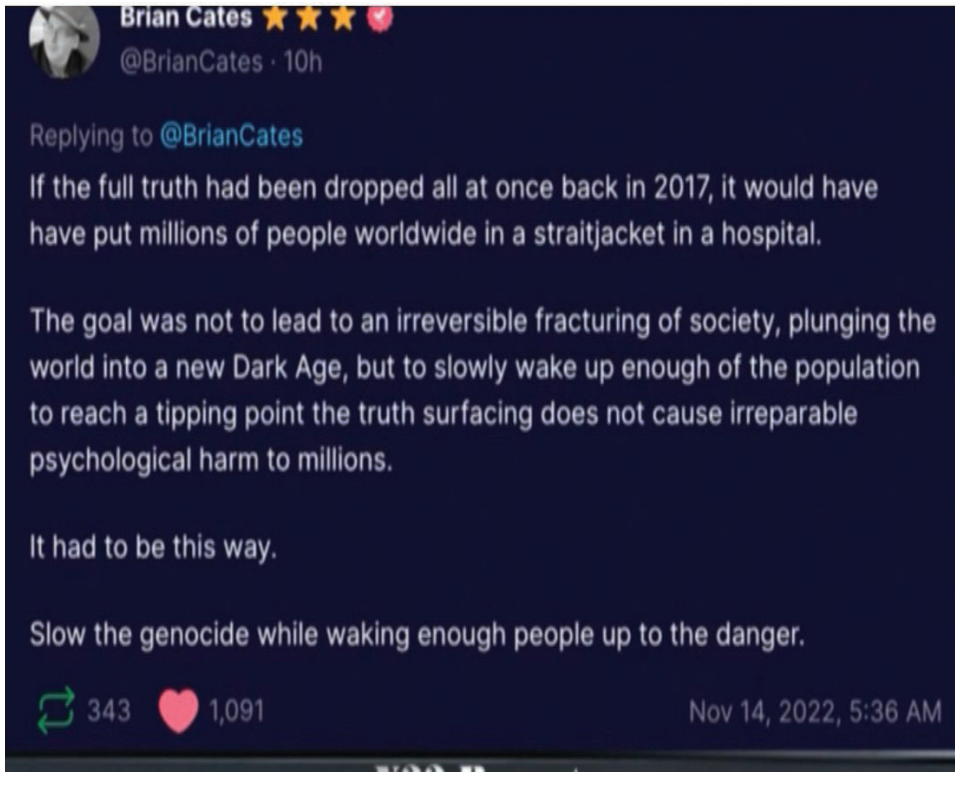
Ukraine military aid funds had invested heavily in FTX earlier this year .



In addition to this, Daily Caller lists many of the lawmakers who Sam Bankman Fried was bankrolling who oversaw the institution that was supposed to keep on eye on companies like FTX:

Sam Bankman-Fried, prolific Democratic donor and ex-CEO of now-bankrupt cryptocurrency exchange FTX, funded the campaigns of members of Congress overseeing the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC), one of the key bodies tasked with regulating the crypto industry and the subject of Bankman-Fried's aggressive lobbying.

Bankman-Fried's FTX is currently under investigation by the CFTC and the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) after Bankman-Fried allegedly moved $10 billion in client assets from his crypto exchange to his trading firm Alameda Research, and a liquidity crisis at his exchange which prompted the company to file for bankruptcy. However, prior to the agency's probe, Bankman-Fried aggressively courted the CFTC – and funded several key lawmakers charged with overseeing the agency, pouring cash into their campaign coffers.



Trump Goals *cont. from page 1*

prominence on the world stage—topics in his wheelhouse, and which helped him vanquish opponents in the 2016 Republican primaries.

"Trump's speech was comfortable, tailored for 'normies,'" a Mar-a-Lago source told Real Raw News. "Tuesday night was not the time to go all out hardcore. MAGA already know all that Trump's been doing to set this country back on the right path."

Trump, he added, has in the last few months convened several meetings with trusted advisors and military liaisons to discuss what he might accomplish if reelected in 2024. It's a lofty list, replete with ineffable goals that would make Trump a hero to many, and an enemy to many more. His fathomless objectives include not only draining the swamp, but disemboweling the federal government.

The seemingly unachievable goals include the following:

Dismantle & rebuild the FBI

Trump feels the FBI is mired by systemic corruption and must therefore be demolished and rebuilt from the top down. The agency became a weaponized arm of the Dept. of Justice long before Trump took office, and worsened under the criminal Biden regime. Its agents now favor targeting patriots and God-loving citizens over pursuing actual criminals that commit federal crimes. Trump has also said the FBI is bloated; it employs 35,000 people, many of which he considers non-essential.

"For every working agent, there are 10 standing around drinking coffee. Trump says that's big waste of money," our source said.

President Trump would like to cull the FBI by 70%, restaffing it with ex-military and ex-LEOs in whom he has implicit trust and who have taken polygraphs to ensure they have no ties to or sympathy for the Deep State.

Break & Disarm the IRS

Likewise, Trump intends to liquidate the IRS, which recently received an $80bn boon and the ability to hire and arm 87,000 new enforcement agents to terrorize U.S. citizens. If reelected, Trump will institute a hiring freeze, trim 70% of the existing workforce, abolish the Service's Criminal Investigation Division, and sign an Executive Order prohibiting agents from carrying firearms of any kind while on duty. He will also trim the IRS' budget and recover what remains of Biden's $80bn gift.

"Trump is desperate to rewrite the tax code, lowering taxes drastically for hardworking Americans that got pushed into poverty by the Biden administration. He knows that won't be easy, because he has to work through Congress, a Congress that now has a Democrat Senate, thanks to election theft, that will fight him at least through 2026," our source said.

Demolish the TSA

"Trump aims to do away with the TSA entirely. There's zero proof the TSA has ever, since its founding, thwarted a terrorist attack. All it's done is make a mess of our nation's airports and made it more difficult for travelers to get around. Passengers are harassed, forced to endure invasive screenings, having their belongings rifled through, and are often robbed by TSA agents that only work there because they're uneducated and couldn't find other work. So many criminals," our source said.

The TSA currently has a taxpayer-funded budget of $8bn/yr. and employs ~55,000 people.

"Trump wants that money returned to the taxpayers. Yes, it will put some people out of work, but that's a small price to pay to restore order," our source said.

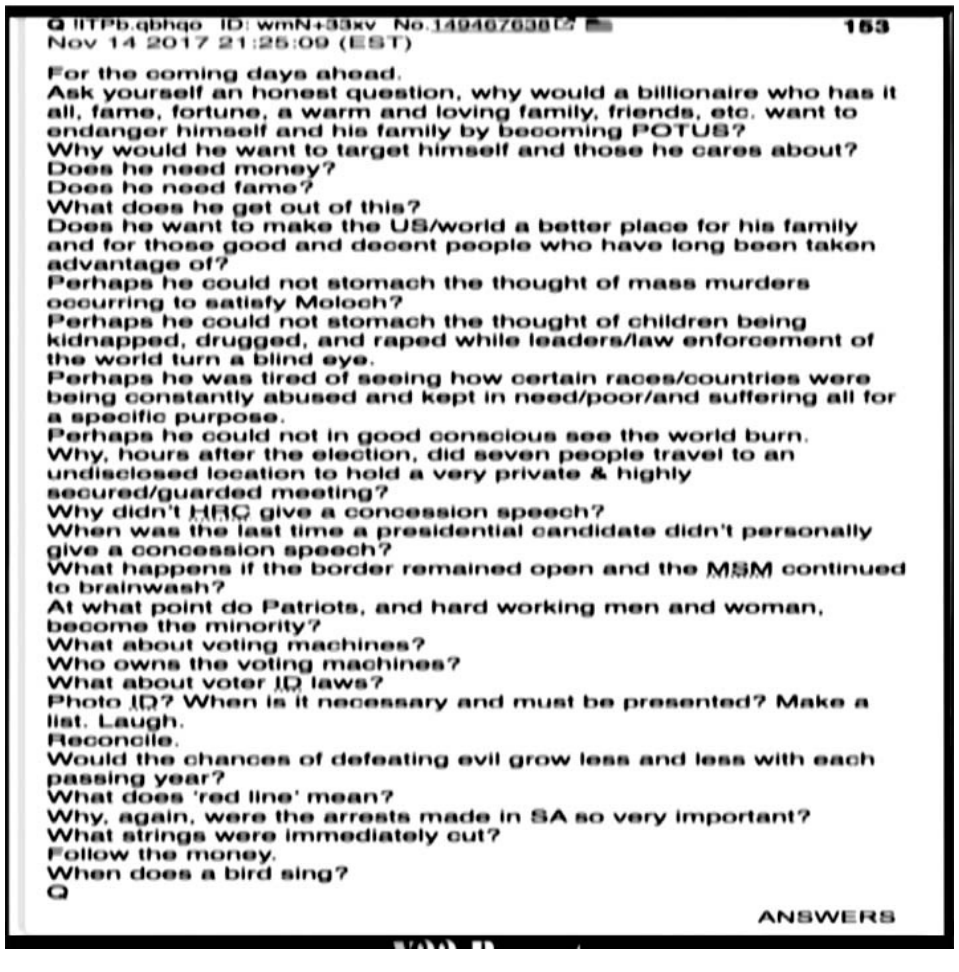
If Trump has his way, harmful X-ray scanners and aggressive agents will be a thing of the past; instead, he will adopt the approach used by Israel's airline, El Al, whereby all passengers are gently screened by well-trained personnel at check-in. Israel's airline security has become the gold standard in aviation safety. It maintains security without severely inconveniencing travelers.

"Trump thinks a new agency can be formed, at a fraction of the TSA's cost, that will safeguard airline travel. Highschool dropouts won't be part of it, like they are at the TSA," our source said.

These examples are only a few of Trump's goals. Meanwhile, he will continue to advise the Constitutionalist wing of the U.S. military as it works to purge Deep State criminals from society.

"With a little luck and a lot of work, by 2024 the Deep State will be weakened beyond its ability to defend itself," our source said.

Real Raw News will share more on this as we receive additional information.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For the coming days ahead.
Ask yourself an honest question, why would a billionaire who has it all, fame, fortune, a warm and loving family, friends, etc. want to endanger himself and his family by becoming POTUS?
Why would he want to target himself and those he cares about?
Does he need money?
Does he need fame?
What does he get out of this?
Does he want to make the US/world a better place for his family and for those good and decent people who have long been taken advantage of?
Perhaps he could not stomach the thought of mass murders occurring to satisfy Moloch?
Perhaps he could not stomach the thought of children being kidnapped, drugged, and raped while leaders/law enforcement of the world turn a blind eye.
Perhaps he was tired of seeing how certain races/countries were being constantly abused and kept in need/poor/and suffering all for a specific purpose.
Perhaps he could not in good conscious see the world burn.
Why, hours after the election, did seven people travel to an undisclosed location to hold a very private & highly secured/guarded meeting?
Why didn't HRC give a concession speech?
When was the last time a presidential candidate didn't personally give a concession speech?
What happens if the border remained open and the MSM continued to brainwash?
At what point do Patriots, and hard working men and woman, become the minority?
What about voting machines?
Who owns the voting machines?
What about voter ID laws?
Photo ID? When is it necessary and must be presented? Make a list. Laugh.
Reconcile.
Would the chances of defeating evil grow less and less with each passing year?
What does 'red line' mean?
Why, again, were the arrests made in SA so very important?
What strings were immediately cut?
Follow the money.
When does a bird sing?
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