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What Trump's Victory Means to Wisconsin

By Joe Bast

On November 5, Wisconsin voters put Donald Trump over the top in the Presidential election, providing the Electoral College votes he needed to beat Vice President Kamala Harris. Trump won the popular vote nationwide as well, an amazing accomplishment in light of unprecedented election interference by liberal media and Big Tech.

Here's what Trump's victory means to Wisconsin:

Securing the country's southern border will end the flood of illegal immigrants and unvetted refugees into Wisconsin. This means safer neighborhoods, less pressure on local taxpayers, and more housing and jobs for citizens.

No more "free money" for Governor Evers to direct to liberal interest groups and for Milwaukee politicians to channel to failing schools and wasteful spending.

Repealing the ban on gas-powered cars and trucks planned by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will save Wisconsin motorists and its trucking industry from being forced to buy expensive, unreliable, and limited-range electric

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Exxon Knew! First warming and climate, now plastics

Plastic recycling claims are deceptive and destructive. Wind and solar waste – never mind.

By Paul Dreissen

"Exxon Knew!" The battle cry has inflamed and inspired climate activists for decades. Since the 1970s, they allege, Exxon Knew that human-caused climate change is "real" – but lied about it, claimed there wasn't a "crisis," and kept marketing its "planet-killing" fuels and petrochemical feed stocks.

Now activists say Exxon Knew for years that very little plastic waste is actually recycled. The oil giant is deceiving regulators and consumers with claims that all plastics are recyclable and its "advanced recycling" processes keep enormous amounts of plastics out of landfills.



ExxonMobil "campaign of deception" demands a lawsuit, says California Attorney General Rob Bonta. "Exxon Knew" that 95%

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The Space to Create Wealth

Exploring the fascinating future that lies before us

By A Midwestern Doctor

Recently, Elon Musk unveiled Tesla's humanoid robots (which in full disclosure are not yet ready for public use). As I watched his presentation, a few things suddenly clicked to me about the direction Musk and Trump want to take the country in, and the immense implications they have for everyone. In this article, I will explain them and how all of that relates to the current state of medicine.

Creating Wealth

Throughout history, there have always been two ways to accumulate significant wealth:

1. By producing things of value.
2. By stealing wealth from someone else.

In turn, I believe almost all empires follow a similar cycle—initially an empire creates its own wealth (allowing it to rapidly ascend as a superpower), but

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Why I Support Trump

By Jeffrey A Tucker

Like many others, including J.D. Vance, I'm very much on record in warning about Donald Trump from 2015 onward, including articles and an entire book (which is still valuable) on the rightest version of collectivism.

As we approach election day, my opinions have undergone a shift, particular in the last three years watching as Biden/Harris marshaled a massive ruling class propaganda and compulsion machine to push everything I oppose the most: state consolidation, corporatism, censorship, inflationism, central planning, and compulsory injections of experimental medical products.

It all seems surreal to me. I think back to what worried me the most about Trump: demagogic nationalism, nativistic protectionism, executive centralization, and the leadership cult. Features of his last term confirmed my worst fears, particularly his green lighting of lockdowns for Covid and disregard for religious and personal freedom in the period. He also has a terrible record on spending, mitigated in part by solid efforts toward deregulation and higher quality picks on the bench.

To my amazement, when Trump realized he was wrong on Covid controls and began to argue for opening up again, he was denounced by the whole of the political opposition! Then once he was out of office, everything became vastly worse, including mask

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Active Patterns

"As for my people, children are their oppressors, and women rule over them. O my people, they which lead thee cause thee to err, and destroy the way of thy paths." Isaiah 3:12

By Riley J. Hood

There are certain realities which were commonly recognized in human history, but haven't been asserted in the West in the past 120 years, due to our embrace of socialism and because we are in the midst of cultural decline. We ignore reality at the cost of our own destruction.

Cultures who reproduce conquer cultures that do not reproduce. It is a known fact that cultures who have children conquer by sheer weight of numbers. The Roman legions destroyed barbarian tribes in battle, but the tribal women would birth more

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Something Is Happening Here to U.S. Citizenship

By Williams Kovacs

The many benefits received by those entering the U.S. illegally, the failure of the government to punish violent crimes, and the attempts to eliminate proof of citizenship to vote, make a person wish for a Dear Abby-style advice column for those suffering from Political Traumatic Stress Disorder caused by an overdose of government disinformation. It might be as simple as the "Dear George advice column."

My letter to her might read:

Dear George: I have been a citizen of the United States since birth in the middle of the last century.



Our Constitution tells me Americans have special rights the government cannot take away.

My friends, however, say American citizens no longer have any rights or, at the minimum, far fewer rights than in the last century.

You have helped millions understand the government's

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Time Now to Move Beyond the Election

By Lary Bell

Unsurprisingly, several friends and regular column readers have commented to me with statements like "bet you're really happy about the election results."

Although I truly am, and admit so, "happy" isn't the first word that most readily comes to mind.

Happy describes the brief sort of feeling I get when one of my kids – or students - says or accomplishes something that makes me especially proud, or maybe when a home team wins a big game.



The feelings I take away from the election more consciously elicits two words: relief and gratitude.

That relief seems much like the overwhelming emotion I felt upon learning that cancer wasn't going to end my life quite yet after all.

The gratitude is akin to the

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Steve's Say . . .

We Did It! Now Comes Justice!



Congratulations Everyone!

We did it! We overwhelmed the Deep State election cheating system to the point that they couldn't stop Trump. The election DID turn out to be "Too Big to Rig" as Trump so often predicted. We all devoted much time, energy and hard labor to forge this outcome, no one more so than Trump himself.

In my October piece I shared with you my belief that the Deep State would pull something to keep the November 5th election from happening on that day, though I continued to proceed forward with my life as if it would. And I am VERY happy the election DID happen and the result speaks for itself, at least with regard to Trump and the Presidency. I am so pleased to profess that I was wrong. Thank the Lord God! Sometimes it feels so good to be wrong!

But we all know the Deep State criminals will not just ride off into the night and disappear, never to be seen again. Frankly, the insincere Trump victory congratulations Chuck Schumer, the Clintons and other known titans of deceit vomited into the media morass portend something very sinister, the opposite of their articulated desire for a peaceful transition of power. Warning: we know they plant these seeds of deceit to produce the false narrative needed to cover the violence they always planned to unleash on the American public.

As the Deep State agencies run simulations about how to handle Trump's move to "authoritarianism," the Fake News solicits media interviews of other Deep State contributors who advocate for military personnel to disobey orders from their Commander-in-Chief. They openly advocate to defy Trump's legitimate efforts to enforce the true rule of law. The Left and their Deep State plantation masters continue to characterize Patriotic everyday MAGA Americans as violent Right Wing extremists, even though we have never facilitated violence and never will. They will demonize Trump's pursuit of justice, long overdue for these treasonous criminals, as a totalitarian coup. Don't buy in to any of that brainwashing Fake News media nonsense. Keep in mind the vitriol the Fake News spewed upon all of us, and especially Trump (as Hitler) in the final weeks of the campaign.

We must keep our resolve to see this restoration of America as founded through to the end. Convulsions of violence from the foot soldiers of the Left, brought here from across the world to ferment this chaos by the Deep State players, will erupt all across the nation, primarily in the large cities. The only way to "obliterate the Deep State" as Trump promised to do requires these criminals to be rounded up and tried for the crimes they've participated in, with full disclosure and transparency, always following the true constitutional rule of law. It will get bumpy and very ugly. Be ready and be resolved. Remember, the entire judiciary at every level reeks of installed creatures continually subverting true constitutional justice at every opportunity. Let's see how Trump manages to clean out these destroyers of America. I can't wait.

Trump and his team wasted no time in moving forward with their Deep State obliteration promise. The dream team announced by Trump so far looks like a Deep State Halloween nightmare. They know just how deep of trouble they're in. What Deep State capabilities remain in their arsenal of mayhem is the only question. Somehow I feel that the White Hat players assessed these possibilities long ago and mitigated the vast majority of their tools of destruction over the past 8 years, fighting a covert war with the Enemy Within. Whatever capabilities the Deep State players can execute will certainly be on display in the coming weeks and months. Be on the watch, be as prepared as you can, but don't fear. Believe in the protection of our Almighty God.

While I planned to discuss the theft of Eric Hovde's US Senate election victory, I will delve deeply into that topic in the December edition, for the complete tale of this travesty will continue to build over the next several weeks. Needless to say, the same old 3 AM dumping party occurred to smite Eric's ability to claim victory and assume his rightful spot in the upcoming GOP senate majority, at least for the moment. They didn't dare mess with Trump.

Our elected offices in Wisconsin continue their long tradition of being stolen by treasonous criminals, and until we arrest these perpetrators and try them to the fullest extent of the law, nothing will change. Unfortunately legislators of both parties and certain members of the Wisconsin Supreme Court protect these criminals and their syndicate, continually running interference for them and subverting efforts to uncover their schemes. Efforts to purge the voter roles littered with millions of known illegitimate electors, an obvious violation of Wisconsinites' civil rights, get squash by this criminal cabal. And very unpopular political leaders continue to somehow get re-elected. We must turn up the heat! It's go time!

So where do we sit at this moment? I equate the re-election of Trump on November 5th to the moment Pharaoh agreed to let the Israelites go, after the night of the death of the Firstborn. The Egyptians couldn't wait to get rid of them, in fact loading them up with all kinds of supplies and precious goods. The death of the Firstborn brought so much distress and unholy fear of the God of Israel that even the most powerful government entity on earth capitulated entirely to a captive people, just like the Deep State did to Trump (Moses in this analogy) and the MAGA Patriots in the November 5th election.

But what happened next? The Egyptians realized several days later that without slaves, their economic system and worldly power would be completely obliterated. The Deep State realizes this exact same truth, that without the little people to lord over they have nothing. They have no power. So like the Egyptians, as Pharaoh dispatched his entire army to pursue the Israelites to destroy their march out of slavery and recapture those he could, I fully expect the Deep State will do the same in the coming weeks. They know their power ends when the citizenry abandons their dictates and exposes their lies and crimes. Without their power, they no longer have protection. Only prison, trials, and for many the death penalty awaits them.

We know from the Biblical Exodus account that Moses led the nation of Israel to the shores of the Red Sea, pinning the people between an uncrossable barrier and the approaching army of the most powerful military force on Earth. The Egyptians saw Israel's predicament as the folly of a foolish leader. Moses knew God ordered it to display His power and might to the entire nation and build an everlasting faith in His promises.

I anticipate our Red Sea moment will be upon us shortly. The Deep State will dispatch all of its minions and power to stop Trump and the MAGA Patriots before they can escape their grasp. Sometime in the coming weeks and months we will find ourselves and our country pinned against what seems like an unassailable barrier of Deep State installed politicians and bureaucrats, and the hordes of Deep State foot soldiers spreading anarchy and chaos across the land. Some Patriots have characterized this Red Sea moment as America's near death experience.

So by the power of the same one true God, Trump will part the Red Sea of installed politicians and entrenched bureaucrats to open the pathway to truth and justice. And like Pharaoh and the Egyptians, the Armies of the Deep State will follow them in, only to be completely destroyed as the parted waters of constitutional government rush back to reinstitute the constitutional rule of law. Then those pursuing criminals will finally get their just due for their heinous crimes.

So enjoy the fruits of victory, for hard work and diligence must receive its just reward. But forget not to praise and thank the Lord God Almighty, for this is His plan, His Holy Great Awakening, His restoration of the Nation He created to acknowledge His greatness. We are His people and His soldiers, gathered through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, whom He sent into the world to save it and become its King forever. The Holy Spirit guides us all in our portion of His Holy Plan, and that plan will certainly bear its fruit according to His Holy Will.

God wins. Always.

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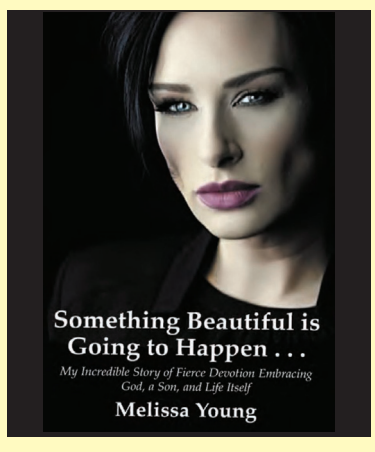

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Resolving the Dissonance Regarding Fossil Fuels

By Vijay Jayaraj

Fossil fuels are destroying our planet. Big oil is evil. Coal is an addiction. These are hyperbolic statements uttered without basis in the public square as we continue with lifestyles dependent on hydrocarbons and their derivatives.

This dissonance exists cognitively in individuals whose choices are inconsistent with their thinking. Another dissonance manifests itself as elites who are wedded to an apocalyptic climate vision fearmongering to people who are just fine with their "high-carbon lives."

Whatever one thinks about hydrocarbons, nobody can deny the sheer ubiquity of the things produced through their use as an energy source or feedstock.

From the plastic in smartphones to the synthetic fibers in clothing, from life-saving medical equipment to the asphalt on roads, petroleum-based products are woven into the fabric of modern life. Even the components of many "green" technologies, such as solar panels and wind turbines, are made with materials derived from fossil fuels.

In a document stating that petrochemicals are the basis for more than 6,000 everyday products, the U.S. Department of Energy lists a fraction of them to make the point of their prevalence.

The success of the climate industrial complex in demonizing coal, oil and natural gas despite their enormous benefits speaks to the broadness of the alarmists' network: career politicians, unelected international political organizations, media houses, government-funded scientists in academia and corporate CEOs addicted to subsidies. All this is fed by an education system that puts ideological indoctrination ahead of inculcation of independent thought to beget complaisant minds.

Yet, this schizophrenic relationship to hydrocarbons may not run as deeply as it sometimes seems. Despite the crescendo calling for a rapid transition to solar and wind, global consumption of fossil fuels continues to climb. That is because the alternatives are neither affordable nor dependable.

In 2023, the world set new records for hydrocarbon consumption. This trend is not limited to developing nations struggling to industrialize like China and India; it's equally evident in some of the world's most advanced economies.

The U.S. was the world's largest oil producer in 2023, with an average of 12.9 million barrels per day (b/d), breaking the previous U.S. global record of 12.3 million b/d set in 2019. Norway, often hailed as a leader in environmental policy, issued hundreds of new drilling permits for oil and gas exploration in 2024.

Dependence on fossil fuels is not waning; it's intensifying at a rate never seen before.

Aramco CEO Amin Nasser says, "Global South is likely to see significant growth in oil demand for a long time…. If so, more than 100 million barrels per day would realistically still be required by 2050… This is a stark contrast with those predicting that oil will, or must, fall to just 25 million barrels per day by then…. Being short 75 million barrels every day would be devastating for energy security and affordability."

Meanwhile, the preachers of the anti-fossil fuel gospel live hypocritically, enjoying fossil fuel-guzzling private jets and lavish sea-front mansions. That their affluence rests on an economic bedrock of fossil fuels is not lost on impoverished countries seeking betterment through the use of hydrocarbons as they are pressured to adopt "green" policies.

Even if the findings from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) assessment reports are accepted, the predictions of harm from global warming are overblown. According to the IPCC, the cost of a warmer planet would be in the range of 2-4% of the gross domestic product (GDP) by 2100 – a tiny amount considering that the average person is expected to be much richer by then and the cost of "green" policies are likely to impoverish entire nations.

Every major economy thriving today was built on fossil fuels. Their contributions in the areas of energy, transportation, construction, agriculture, manufacturing, healthcare and more have produced unprecedented levels of prosperity, health and life expectancy.

Moreover, the increase in atmospheric CO2 from the combustion of hydrocarbons has been a boon, greening vast areas of Earth and producing record crop harvests to feed billions of people.

It's past time to abandon the climate myth and embrace fossil fuels for the gifts that they are.

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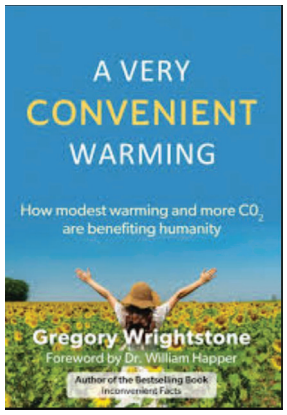
New Book Celebrates CO2 and Warming!

By now you're as tired as I am of the demonization of carbon dioxide and global warming when in fact both are Godsends to human flourishing. How do we counter such claims?

My friend Gregory Wrightstone, president of the CO2 Coalition, gives you the ammunition you need in his new book A Very Convenient Warming: How modest warming and more CO2 are benefiting humanity.

A geologist by training, Greg blessed us all with his first book, Inconvenient Facts, a tours de force refuting the arguments for global warming catastrophism. Cornwall Alliance featured that as our thanks to donors several years ago, and your reactions were glowing.



A Very Convenient Warming has three main sections:

I. Basic Climate Facts, reviews the basics of greenhouse gas warming and the history of global temperature, demonstrating, among other things, that natural forces outweigh CO2 in controlling global temperature.

II. Humanity and Climate: Blessed Warmth, Horrific Cold, surveys the history of warmer (Minoan, Roman, Medieval, and Modern) and colder (Greek Dark Ages, Dark Ages, Little Ice Age) periods, demonstrating that cold devastates while warmth blesses.

III. Life Is Good and Getting Better, reveals overwhelming data showing that humanity has benefited enormously from the Modern Warming following the Little Ice Age, especially because warmth and enhanced atmospheric CO2 result in greater growth of all vegetation, especially food crops.

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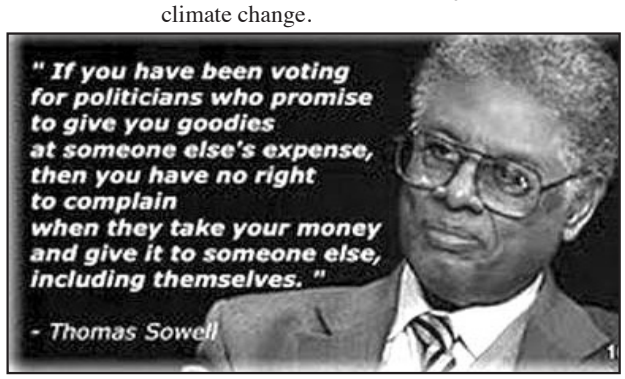
We look forward to hearing from you. Loaded with colorful graphs illustrating its points, this is one book you don't want to miss—and one I hope you'll share with many young people who need to be delivered from unjustified fears of climate change.



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Plants Are Using Much More CO2 Than Climate Models Assume

By H. Sterling Burnett

A study recently published in the journal Nature finds plants have been absorbing 31 percent more carbon dioxide from the atmosphere than previously assumed and modeled.

The international team of researchers, led by Jiameng Lai at Cornell University, examined gross primary production (GPP), the largest carbon flux (carbon sink and cycling) in the biosphere. The GPP is calculated in petagrams of carbon per year, with one petagram equaling about 1 billion metric tons, approximately the amount of carbon dioxide (CO_2) emitted annually from 238 million internal combustion engine vehicles.

The research team used a new, integrated model they developed to track the cycling of carbonyl sulfide, or OCS, "from the air into leaf chloroplasts, the factories inside plant cells that carry out photosynthesis," SciTechDaily reports. OCS is a good proxy for CO_2 and is more easily measured. Science Direct:

The research team quantified photosynthetic activity by tracking OCS. The compound largely follows the same path through a leaf as CO_2, is closely related to photosynthesis, and is easier to track and measure than CO_2 diffusion. For these reasons, OCS has been used as a photosynthesis proxy at the plant and leaf levels. This study showed that OCS is well suited to estimate photosynthesis at large scales and over long periods of time, making it a reliable indicator of worldwide GPP.

To fill in the model's parameters on plant growth and GPP, the scientists used plant data from a variety of sources. To verify the accuracy of the inputs, the researchers compared them with high-resolution data from environmental monitoring towers instead of satellite observations, which can be hampered by cloud cover, especially in tropical regions.

Whereas historically the GPP has been thought to be approximately 120 petagrams of CO_2 per year, their results suggest the Earth's plant life is removing between 157 and 175 petagrams of CO_2 per year. Whence the difference? They write,

Our global GPP is higher than satellite optical observation-driven estimates (120–140 PgC yr^{-1}) that are used for Earth system model benchmarking. This difference predominantly occurs in the pan-tropical rainforests and is corroborated by ground measurements, suggesting a more productive tropics than satellite-based GPP products indicated. As GPP is a primary determinant of terrestrial carbon sinks and may shape climate trajectories, our findings lay a physiological foundationon which the understanding and prediction of carbon–climate feedbacks can be advanced.

It seems that persistent cloud cover in tropical regions often distorts satellite mapping of plant life.

"Figuring out how much CO_2 plants fix each year is a conundrum that scientists have been working on for a while," Lianhong Gu, a coauthor of the study and a distinguished scientist with the Environmental Services Division of the Oakridge National Laboratory (ORNL), said in a press released quoted by SciTechDaily. "The original estimate of 120 petagrams per year was established in the 1980s, and it stuck as we tried to figure out a new approach.

"It's important that we get a good handle on global GPP since that initial land carbon uptake affects the rest of our representations of Earth's carbon cycle," Gu said. "We have to make sure the fundamental processes in the carbon cycle are properly represented in our larger-scale models. … For those Earth-scale simulations to work well, they need to represent the best understanding of the processes at work."

Peter Thornton, who leads the ORNL Earth Systems Science Section but did not participate in the research, agrees properly understanding and accurately modeling the carbon cycle is critical to an analysis of climate change and its impacts.

"Nailing down our estimates of GPP with reliable global-scale observations is a critical step in improving our predictions of future CO_2 in the atmosphere, and the consequences for global climate," Thornton told SciTechDaily.

An international team of researchers from universities and research institutes in the United States, New Zealand, Japan, and Germany conducted a careful molecular analysis of the types of carbon atoms contained in recent methane concentrations to determine the source of an increase in recent years. The research yielded a surprising result. The record-high growth rate of methane measured between 2020 and 2022, which climate alarmists have attributed to fracking and methane leaks from oil and gas operations, has a natural source.

Carbon and methane ratios from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Global Greenhouse Gas Reference Network were run through a model to understand the recent drivers of atmospheric methane growth. Record rates of growth ware recorded in 2020 through 2022, but that reflected a longer but more modest growth trend since 2007.

The University of Colorado at Boulder research lab has been collecting air samples for chemical analysis from 22 sites around the world every week or two since 1998. Methane from fossil fuels has more carbon-13 isotope than background air levels, while, by contrast, methane from microbial sources, such as wetlands, agriculture, municipal waste sites and water facilities, and termite colonies, contains less carbon-13 than background levels.

Science Direct describes the study's findings:

They found that between 2020 and 2022, the drastic increase in atmospheric methane was driven almost entirely by microbial sources. Since 2007, scientists have observed microbes playing a significant role in methane emissions, but their contribution has surged to over 90% starting in 2020.

"Some prior studies have suggested that human activities, especially fossil fuels, were the primary source of methane growth in recent years," said Xin (Lindsay) Lan, a scientist at the Cooperative Institute for Research in Environmental Sciences (CIRES) at CU Boulder and NOAA. She leads the reporting on NOAA's global greenhouse gas trends at the GML. "These studies failed to look at the isotope profile of methane, which could lead to a different conclusion and an incomplete picture of global methane emissions."

The researchers have not determined whether the increase in microbial emissions stems from increased outgassing by wetlands, other natural sources, or emissions from agriculture and waste disposal, but emissions from oil and gas development have been ruled out as a source.

A study published in the peer-reviewed journal Applications in Engineering Science reinforces claims made in other research papers by prominent scientists that adding carbon dioxide, with levels where they presently are, should only minimally contribute to further warming, if at all, because of the saturation effect.

The paper, by three faculty members of the Institute of Optoelectronics at Poland's Military University of Technology in Krakow, provides a literature review of research on the impact of anthropogenic increase in atmospheric CO_2 concentration on Earth's climate, combined with an independent analysis of the radiation absorption of potential carbon dioxide. The paper concludes that while the topic merits further study, the best estimate is that atmospheric CO_2 has already reached a level beyond which additional emissions will have almost no ability to absorb solar radiation and contribute to warming.

There is little or no debate about whether there is an atmospheric saturation effect for CO_2. CO_2 absorbs solar radiation at a specific frequency band, and when 100 percent of that specific frequency band is reached, adding further CO_2 results in no additional warming. The debate is over whether that frequency band has been reached or exceeded. According to this paper, the answer is a resounding yes.

Theory confirmed by laboratory experiments indicates CO_2's "saturation mass" is approximately 0.6 kg/m2.2. The current amount of CO_2 in Earth's atmosphere is already approximately 6 kg/m2—about ten times the saturation mass.

"This implies that additional CO_2 emissions may have little to no further warming effect, as the gas has already absorbed nearly all the infrared radiation it can within its absorption spectrum," Vigilant News writes in reporting on the study. The mainstream media have largely ignored the study's findings.

"[T]he question arises as to whether the additionally emitted carbon dioxide into the atmosphere will absorb thermal radiation," state the authors. This and earlier studies the scientists examined suggest the answer to that question is no: "This unequivocally suggests that the officially presented impact of anthropogenic CO_2 increase on Earth's climate is merely a hypothesis rather than a substantiated fact," the scientists conclude.

The study's results align with the work of prominent physicists such as, W. A. van Wijngaarden, Ph.D., of the Department of Physics and Astronomy at York University, Canada; Will Happer, Ph.D., of the Department of Physics at Princeton University; and Richard Lindzen, Ph.D., emeritus professor in the Department of Atmospheric and Planetary Sciences at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, as well independent researchers such as Randall Carlson, among others. All have long argued the climate impact of CO_2 has been overstated while its benefits, principally the greening of the Earth, are often ignored.

For instance, in July 2024, Lindzen and Happer testified before the Kentucky legislature as follows:

The physics of carbon dioxide is that CO_2's ability to warm the planet is determined by its ability to absorb heat, which decreases rapidly as CO_2's concentration in the atmosphere increases. This scientific fact about CO_2 changes everything about the popular view of CO_2 and climate change.

Carbon dioxide is now a weak greenhouse gas. At today's CO_2 concentration in the atmosphere of approximately 420 parts per million, additional amounts of CO_2 have little ability to absorb heat

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of plastics in recycling bins are incinerated, get tossed onto roadways, or end up in landfills and oceans.

"Exxon knew" it was peddling lies when it promoted recycling as a "cure-all for plastic waste" – because eradicating all plastic use and disposal is impossible and many plastics can't be recycled.

This is Mr. Bonta's latest attack on fossil fuels. He wants a jury trial, to help ensure big lawfare payouts. But he's ignoring inconvenient realities and engaging in rampant deceptions of his own.

Plastics are ubiquitous: from eyeglass frames and lenses, to television, computer and cell phone housings, wind turbine blades and nacelles, solar panel frames, medical equipment, devices and garments, car and airplane interiors, backpacks, skis, football helmets, shoes, grocery bags and infinitely more. Plastic packaging preserves and protects products that involve long, expensive, resource-intensive processes to grow or manufacture; it helps keep foods from spoiling or becoming bacteria-infested.

Plastics are cheap to produce, can be molded into infinite shapes and sizes, are corrosion-resistant, and don't break easily (imagine shampoo and body wash in glass bottles). They're lighter than glass and even paper alternatives, meaning more can be packed on trucks and transported using less fuel. In many cases, there are no viable alternatives.

Plastics are essential for our living standards, safety and modern world.

But what happens when they break, wear out or get tossed? For years they were thrown out with other trash. But environmentalists, politicians and consumers increasingly demanded that cans, glass and other throwaways be recycled. For many of us, recycling became a habit.

Recycling turns low-value plastic garbage into valuable materials: window frames, boards for siding decks and fences, pipes to replace copper tubing that thieves steal, toys and toothbrushes, plates and utensils, diapers and clothing, carpeting and lawn furniture, soccer fields, bottles, cabinets, and more.

Neither ExxonMobil nor any other company promoted recycling as a magic solution or cure-all. It's more expensive than virgin plastic, especially when transportation and sorting costs are factored in. Smaller items can clog sorting screens. Colored plastics have fewer recycling options than clear or white ones.

Most important, many types of plastics have little post-use demand or simply cannot be recycled. Others are integrated with electrical circuitry (motherboards and keyboards) or with paper or metal (laminates for food containers), making it impossible to separate and recycle them.

Thermoplastics can be heated, melted and reshaped or re-extruded into new products. These are the familiar #1 (PET) soda and water bottles, #2 (HDPE) milk and detergent containers, many #4 (LDPE) grocery bags and squeezable bottles, and some #5 (PP) yogurt and butter containers.

Thermoset plastics contain polymers that form irreversible chemical bonds that make strong products that cannot be remelted: vulcanized rubber for tires, Bakelite kitchenware, jewelry and circuit boards, epoxy resins, Duroplast car bodies and toilet seats, polyurethane cushions, insulation and windshields, et cetera.

Styrofoam cups and egg cartons cannot be recycled without (rare) specialized equipment and processes.

Moreover, even thermoplastics can be recycled only 2-3 times, before their polymer chains get shortened to the point where quality and durability become so low that the products are unusable.

(Newspaper, magazines, copying paper and Kraft paper bags have the same degradation problem: 6-7 trips to the recycler, and the cellulose fibers are too shortened, damaged and degraded to be reused. Steel, aluminum and glass, by contrast, can generally be recycled endless times.)

All these complexities explain why only a small fraction of plastics are recycled. ExxonMobil recycling 60,000,00-80,000,000 pounds of plastics per year may seem minuscule, compared to 73,000,000 tons of annual US plastic waste. However, it's equivalent to 430-570 offshore wind turbine blades (350 feet long; 140,000 pounds apiece) that only end up in Grand-Canyonesque landfills.

Plus, plastic wastes can also be converted into diesel, aviation and gasoline fuels, and even electricity.

An excellent solution is to turn plastics and most other garbage into electricity for our increasingly power-hungry society – especially as AI and data centers proliferate, and politicians mandate that we convert our gas stoves, ovens, furnaces and water heaters to electric models.

A municipal waste-to-energy (WTE) / resource recovery facility operated by Reworld/ Covanta performs these wondrous conversions just a few miles from my home. Enormous quantities of normally landfilled, nonrecyclable home, business, industrial, government and agricultural waste are dumped into a receiving area, sorted for unacceptable materials (eg, rocks), mixed thoroughly and emptied into the combustion chamber, where everything is burned with natural gas at 2000 degrees F, until it's totally combusted.

Process heat is converted to steam, to drive turbines that generate 80 megawatts of electricity, enough for about 52,000 homes. Since 1990, the plant's electricity has replaced the equivalent of some 2,000,000 barrels of crude oil each year. Dust and odor are contained within the facility; water from the wastes is recovered, treated and used as coolant; and air and water pollutants are kept well below EPA standards.

Even plastic-and-metal e-wastes (computers, monitors, keyboards, printers, and AI and data center machines) and "clean, green" energy equipment like solar panels can be "recycled" this way.

Enough iron, steel, aluminum, copper and other metals are recovered from the resultant ash to build 20,000 automobiles annually. The process also melts and recovers glass – and even recovers metals from e-wastes, light bulb bases, paper clips, staples, and metal bottoms from cardboard juice containers.

By the time the entire process is over, only nontoxic ash is left – about 5% of the original bulk mass of trash – and it gets used in cement and other applications or sent to landfills.

It reminds me of the old stockyard claim: The only part of the pig that isn't used is the squeal.

So I have a few questions for Mr. Bonta.

* If you banish oil and gas, where will plastics, paints, pharmaceuticals and other products come from?

* Which plastics and vital plastic products do you intend to eradicate? What will doctors, pharmacists, optometrists, computer and cell phone users, and other consumers do without them?

* Recognizing that California has closed most of its nuclear, coal and gas power plants; that its net-zero, all-electricity mandates will soon double the state's electricity needs; and that the state already imports one third of its electricity from neighboring states – why aren't you suing to fast-track WTE plants?

* Why aren't you suing Governor Newsom, President Biden, VP Harris, your state legislature and yourself for fraud and misrepresentation about green energy that isn't clean, green, renewable or sustainable?

It's time to recognize that "progressive" policies, mandates and lawsuits impose enormous costs on taxpayers, consumers and our environment – while politicians feed citizens a steady diet of lies.

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and therefore it is now a weak greenhouse gas. Its ability to warm the planet at higher levels of CO2 is very small.

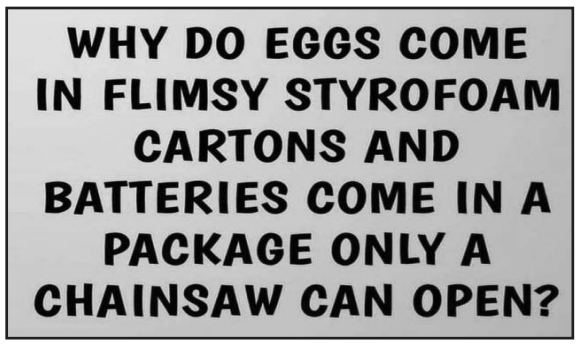
This also means that the common assumption that carbon dioxide is "the main driver of climate change" is scientifically false.

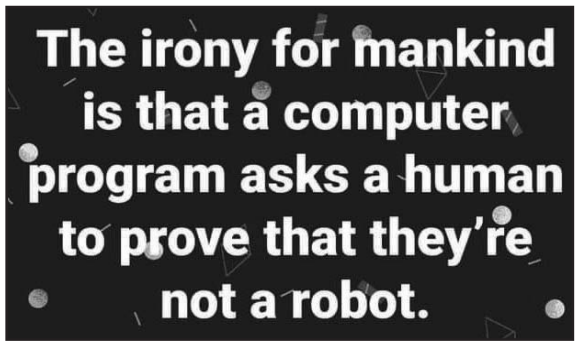
This study and the work of numerous other researchers show that if the science is settled it's not settled in the way climate alarmists claim or would embrace. If this research is correct, rising CO2 emissions can at most have a negligible impact on temperatures, while having a huge, beneficial impact on plant life.

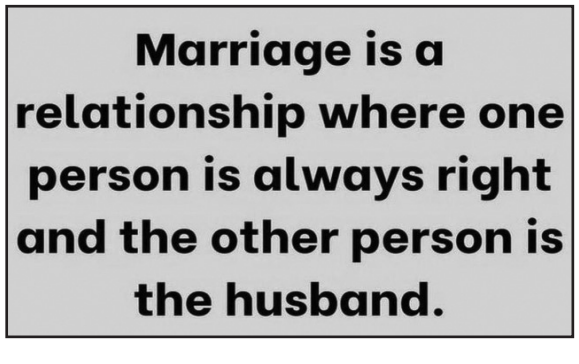
If CO2 isn't behind the recent modest increases in temperature, one must search for other causes, and one has recently been suggested in a paper published in the journal Geomatics.

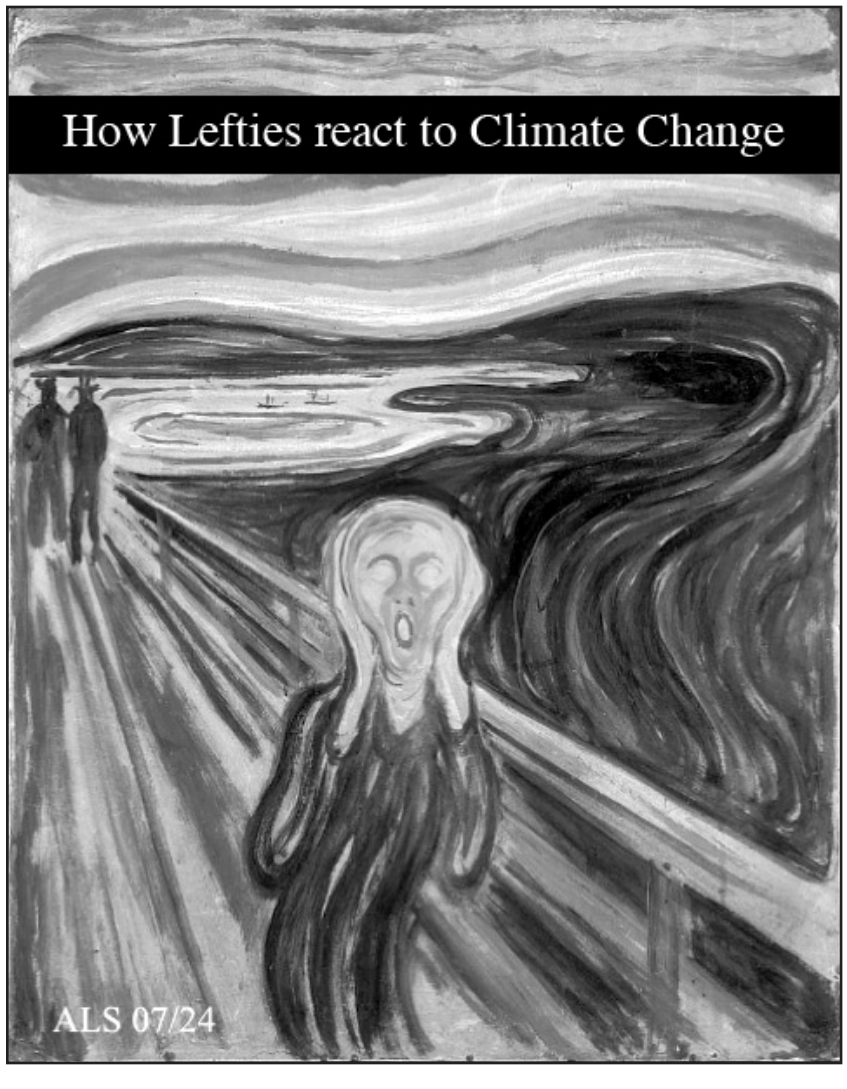
For that paper, researchers using satellite data and surface observations found a decrease in the Earth's albedo combined with variations in solar irradiance "explain 100 percent of the global warming trend and 83 percent of the [global surface air temperature's] interannual variability as documented by six satellite- and ground-based monitoring systems over the past 24 years."

According to this paper, a decrease in the Earth's albedo, a critical point ignored or misrepresented by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, has caused Earth to reflect less solar energy back into space and absorb more of it, accounting for the recent warming trend. Rising carbon dioxide concentrations have nothing to do with recent warming, according to this paper, which is consistent with the research indicating CO2 has reached or surpassed its radiation-effect saturation point.









SCIENCE & ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY PROJECT

The Week That Was November 9th, 2024

Quote of the Week:

"The greatest obstacle to discovery is not ignorance – it is the illusion of knowledge." — Daniel J. Boorstin, (1914–2004), American historian, the 12th Librarian of the United States Congress [H/t William Readdy]

Number of the Week:

254,000,000 to an inch: 10,000,000,000 to a meter.

This Week:

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

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

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

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

You can help in two ways:

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

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

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And thank you.

Scope: This Week begins with a discussion of what Richard Feynman called Cargo Cult Science. Roy Spencer discusses his efforts to justify the high temperatures recorded in 1913, at Greenland Ranch in Death Valley, California. Andy May discusses his exploration in determining if climate cycles are largely responsible for current temperature, rather than carbon dioxide (CO2). Kip Hansen demonstrates how a slight change in temperature in the initial conditions of a global climate model can produce dramatic changes in results. Charles Rotter discusses a paper by Demetris Koutsoyiannis who asserts that water vapor and clouds are far more important than CO2. The process of updating the HITRAN database is presented.

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Cargo Cult Science: In his famous 1974 commencement address at Caltech, Richard Feynman discussed natives in the South Seas who tried to duplicate an airfield in hopes of attracting airplanes to unload material goods they desired. Feynman said:

"They're doing everything right. The form is perfect. It looks exactly the way it looked before. But it doesn't work. No airplanes land. So, I call these things Cargo Cult Science because they follow all the apparent precepts and forms of scientific investigation, but they're missing something essential, because the planes don't land.

Now it behooves me, of course, to tell you what they're missing. But it would be just about as difficult to explain to the South Sea Islanders how they have to arrange things so that they get some wealth in their system. It is not something simple like telling them how to improve the shapes of the earphones. But there is one feature I notice that is generally missing in Cargo Cult Science. That is the idea that we all hope you have learned in studying science in school—we never explicitly say what this is, but just hope that you catch on by all the examples of scientific investigation. It is interesting, therefore, to bring it out now and speak of it explicitly. It's a kind of scientific integrity, a principle of scientific thought that corresponds to a kind of utter honesty—a kind of leaning over backwards. For example, if you're doing an experiment, you should report everything that you think might make it invalid—not only what you think is right about it: other causes that could possibly explain your results; and things you thought of that you've eliminated by some other experiment, and how they worked—to make sure the other fellow can tell they have been eliminated.

Details that could throw doubt on your interpretation must be given if you know them. You must do the best you can—if you know anything at all wrong, or possibly wrong—to explain it. If you make a theory, for example, and advertise it, or put it out, then you must also put down all the facts that disagree with it, as well as those that agree with it. There is also a more subtle problem. When you have put a lot of ideas together to make an elaborate theory, you want to make sure, when explaining what it fits, that those things it fits are not just the things that gave you the idea for the theory; but that the finished theory makes something else come out right, in addition.

In summary, the idea is to try to give all of the information to help others to judge the value of your contribution; not just the information that leads to judgment in one particular direction or another." [Boldface was italics in the original link.]

Climate scientist Roy Spencer is attempting to bring utter honesty to the US surface-air temperature records and is comparing the world record high temperature from Greenland Ranch/ Furnace Creek in Death Valley, California, with other stations nearby. Spencer states:

There are solid meteorological reasons why one can use fairly distant, higher-elevation stations to check Death Valley temperatures in July. (Remember, my formal training is as a meteorologist…

In simple terms, daytime temperatures during the warm season in dry, semi-desert or desert climates vary with altitude in a predictable and repeatable manner, and with little change over substantial distances. Evidence of this is shown in Fig. 1 [not shown here]. This is much less true during the cool season, at night, or during cloudy (or even rainy) weather. This makes Death Valley in July one of the best places on Earth for fact-checking of very warm daytime temperature values. This applies very well to the southwestern U.S. in the summer (at least before monsoon rains arrive), where a semi-permanent high-pressure ridge in May-July gets set up every year, with slowly subsiding (sinking) air producing mostly clear skies. This kind of weather feature has a large and uniform regional extent (unlike low pressure troughs, which can be sharp with strong horizontal temperature changes). This is related to something called the "Rossby radius of deformation ".

In simple terms, the warm, high pressure airmasses that settle in over the SW U.S. in July are spatially uniform, with strong daytime vertical mixing producing temperature lapse rates approaching the dry adiabatic value. This allows comparisons between temperature at stations up to (for example) 100 miles away. The big differences in temperatures between neighboring stations, then, are primarily due to altitude. Daytime temperatures in the summer in dry climates decrease rapidly with height, providing perfect meteorological conditions for doing the kind of comparison I'm describing here.

Spencer references the work of Bill Reid on unravelling Death Valley's 134°F (57°C) Temperature record. Earlier Reid wrote that the temperature record is not credible and suggested changes to Spencer's first post on his findings. Spencer is now reconsidering his earlier post. Will the 134°F (57°C) record hold to this analysis? Perhaps not, but TWTW must wait to see what develops. This is the type of utter honesty that is lacking in the data collection and climate modeling used by the UN International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and its collaborators.

Spencer stated his investigation was prompted by a suggestion by John Christy, the Director of the Earth System Science Center at The University of Alabama in Huntsville. Spencer is his colleague there. See links under Challenging the Orthodoxy.

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Natural Climate Change: In a post in WUWT, Petrophysicist Andy May examines some of the possible natural changes influencing Earth's temperature changes, contributing to climate change. In a post in his personal blog May discussed the January 2014 workshop held by the American Physical Society (APS) on the physical basis of climate change with atmospheric physics the predominant topic. May wrote:

"I was struck by the level of agreement on several key issues. First there is considerable uncertainty in the forcings, both natural and man-made. This means that the cause or causes of warming in the second half of the 20th Century are not known with any precision. Saying that man is responsible for more than 50% of the warming is not useful or defensible. We simply do not know, there is no observational evidence, and the models are not accurate enough to tell us."

The proponents of alarming climate change were Drs. Held, Collins, and Santer while the skeptics were Drs. Curry, Lindzen and Christy. Steven Koonin was the moderator.

[Separately, Koonin was disturbed by the procedures used by the IPCC in altering the high degree of uncertainty involved in IPCC modeling and its reports. In his book Unsettled? he stated he was: "shaken by the realization that climate science was far less mature than I had supposed." Among the points he lists that he discovered are:

The results from the multitude of climate models disagree with, even contradict, each other and many kinds of observations. A vague 'expert judgement' was sometimes applied to adjust model results and obfuscate shortcomings.

Government and UN press releases and summaries do not accurately reflect the reports themselves. There was a consensus at the meeting on some important issues, but not at all the strong consensus the media promulgates. Distinguished climate experts (including report authors themselves) are embarrassed by some media portrayals of the science. This was somewhat shocking.

In short, the science is insufficient to make useful projections about how the climate will change over the coming decades, much less what effect our actions will have on it."

Koonin stated he expressed his concerns in a Wall Street Journal editorial which he quotes in his book:

"Policy makers and the public may wish for the comfort of certainty in their climate science. But I fear that rigidly promulgating the idea that climate science is 'settled' (or is a 'hoax') demeans and chills the scientific enterprise, regarding its progress in these important matters. Uncertainty is a prime mover and motivator of science and must be faced head on."]

Andy May discusses that the IPCC and its collaborators do not accept solar variability as a primary cause of climate change. He lists what he thinks are the six best documented solar/ climate cycles plus the "Stadium wave" concept advocated by Judith Curry. The Stadium wave is primarily driven by ocean oscillations. Also, he gives an estimate of CO2 influence on

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Number of the Week: 254,000,000 to an inch: 10,000,000,000 to a meter. Wavelengths of light are measured in angstroms (Å). One Å is one-tenth of a nanometer and a nanometer is one billionth of a meter. There are 254,000,000 angstroms in one inch. Visible light ranges from 4000 Å to 7000 Å, most elements have atoms with radii ranging about 1 to 2Å. This is the scale in dealing with radiative transfer of electromagnetic energy (photons) to greenhouse gas molecules and these molecules radiating out energy (photons) in any direction. Can weather/ climate models on a scale of hundreds of kilometers properly incorporate concepts developed on this tiny scale?

If Green Energy is the Future, Bring a Fire Extinguisher

By Steve Goreham

A version of this article was recently published in The Wall Street Journal.

Alternative energy is exploding literally. Lithium battery fires are breaking out on highways and in factories, home garages, and storage rooms. The rise in battery fires is amplified by government efforts to force adoption of electric vehicles and grid-scale batteries for electric power.

Lithium batteries have high energy density, making them valuable for phones and portable appliances. But when they catch fire, these batteries burn with high heat and can even explode. That's why airlines prohibit lithium batteries in checked baggage.

On June 24, a battery factory in South Korea caught fire, triggering explosions and killing 22 workers. The fire broke out in Hwaseong at the Aricell plant, a maker of small lithium batteries for sensors and communications devices. Experts estimate that most workers were killed by toxic gases emitted by the burning batteries.

Scotland has suffered two major fires in battery recycling centers this year. On April 8, a large fire broke out at Fenix Battery Recycling in Kilwinning, North Ayrshire. More than 40 firefighters and personnel from six different agencies responded to the blaze, which burned for several days. The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service urged nearby residents to remain indoors with windows closed as long as two days after the fire started.

On June 23, a large fire broke out at the battery recycling treatment facility of WEEE Solutions in Glasgow. Eyewitnesses reported explosions, noises like gunshots, "steel flying everywhere," and a huge plume of black smoke. Ten fire trucks were needed, and the blaze lasted four days.

E-bike battery fires are now the leading cause of fires in New York City, with 216 fires last year. E-bike fires have become a serious problem in Australia, Canada, and other nations as well. Low-quality bike batteries self-ignite in first-floor storerooms, destroying the buildings above. Even high-quality batteries are prone to self-ignition after damage or when connected to a faulty charging system.

Lithium batteries have been used for the last 30 years in phones and small appliances. But the introduction of electric cars (EVs) after the year 2000 provided a massive increase in battery size. Lithium batteries for cars and trucks are

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temperature given in a paper in a 1906 paper by Svante Arrhenius and amplified in the 1908 book by Arrhenius Worlds in the Making: The Evolution of the Universe, in which he reduced the CO2 influence he estimated in his 1896 paper. In the 1908 paper Arrhenius realized that the influence of CO2 is subject to diminishing returns, and based on laboratory experiments is described by the binary logarithm (log 2 or the inverse of powers of 2). Arrhenius called this increase geometric progression. [The US EPA uses the 1898 paper as a justification for declaring CO2 is a pollutant while ignoring the 1908 book.]

May creates a multiple regression model with these variables to describe changes in version 5 of the Hadley Center-Climate Research Center temperature estimates from 1850 to 2024. The regression using the models alone with no CO2 has a high R-squared of 0.8523, an indication of how well the regression line approximates the actual data. It is called the coefficient of determination. May then applies the MODTRAN database for CO2 to the regression and finds a slightly better fit of 0.8548. In his conclusions May states:

"As usual in climate science (and statistical analysis) you can take away whatever you like from this analysis. Statistics and climate science are similar in this way, you can always generate a lot of discussion around either of them, and still know nothing."

See link under Challenging the Orthodoxy.

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Initial Conditions: One of the vexing problems in criticizing a specific global climate model by comparing the results with specific temperatures is the modeler's defense that the results for a specific time depend on the initial conditions. In his long essay posted on WUWT, Kip Hansen demonstrates how minor changes in the initial conditions can result in major variations in projections for major regions of Earth. Hansen states:

"What happened when Deser and Kay ran the Community Earth System Model (CESM) 40 times, repeating the exact same model run forty different times, using all the same inputs and parameters, with the exception of one input: the Global Atmospheric Temperature? This input was modified for each run by:

less than one-trillionth of one degree

or

< 0.0000000000001 °C

And that one change resulted in the projections for "Winter temperature trends (in degrees Celsius) for North America between 1963 and 2012", presented as images:

The images are of North America ranging from the far north getting much hotter and the US getting colder to central and western Canda getting hotter and eastern US and eastern Canada getting colder. Hansen writes:

"This situation cannot be obviated. It cannot be 'worked around.' It cannot be solved by finer and finer gridding.

Nothing can correct for the fact that sensitivity to initial conditions — the primary feature of Chaos Theory's effect on climate models — causes models to lose the ability to predict long-term future climate states."

Hansen further demonstrates the Chaos problem with early-cycle track guidance for Hurricane Rafael on November 6, 2024, at 1200 UTC. The hurricane was projected to go from Cuba to multiple places ranging from southeast Mexico to Tampa Florida. The chaos problem exists. Hansen concludes:

"This is not an easy topic. It produces controversy. Climate scientists know about Lorenz, chaos, sensitivity to initial conditions, non-linear dynamical systems and what that means for climate models. The IPCC used to know but ignores the facts now.

Some commenter here will cry that "It is not an initial conditions problem but a boundaries problem" – as if that makes everything OK. You can read about that in a very deep way here. I may write about that attempt to dodge reality in a future essay.

I will end with a reference to the eclectic R G Brown's comments which I sponsored here, in which he says:"

[The figure of a Feigenbaum tree is not shown here.]

"'What nobody is acknowledging is that current climate models, for all of their computational complexity and enormous size and expense, are still no more than toys, countless orders of magnitude away from the integration scale where we might have some reasonable hope of success. They are being used with gay abandon to generate countless climate trajectories, none of which particularly resemble the climate, and then they are averaged in ways that are an absolute statistical obscenity as if the linearized average of a Feigenbaum tree of chaotic behavior is somehow a good predictor of the behavior of a chaotic system! … This isn't just dumb; it is beyond dumb. It is literally betraying the roots of the entire discipline for manna.'"

And so, say I."

See link under Challenging the Orthodoxy.

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Water Vapor and CO2: Charles Rotter of WUWT cites a paper by Demetris Koutsoyiannis who asks: "Relative importance of carbon dioxide and water in the greenhouse effect: Does the tail wag the dog?" Rotter writes:

"In his paper, "Relative Importance of Carbon Dioxide and Water in the Greenhouse Effect: Does the Tail Wag the Dog," Demetris Koutsoyiannis explores the greenhouse effect's primary drivers, positing that water vapor and clouds vastly overshadow carbon dioxide (CO2) in terms of their contribution. Using a radiative transfer model (MODTRAN), Koutsoyiannis analyzes downwelling and outgoing longwave radiation and derives macroscopic relationships that express greenhouse gas effects quantitatively. His calculations suggest that water vapor and clouds contribute between 87% to 95% of the greenhouse effect, while CO2's impact is only around 4% to 5%. The findings also indicate that recent increases in atmospheric CO2, from 300 to 420 ppm, contribute negligibly—an effect quantified at just 0.5% for both downwelling and outgoing radiation."

The abstract of the paper states:

"Using a detailed atmospheric radiative transfer model, we derive macroscopic relationships of downwelling and outgoing longwave radiation which enable determining the partial derivatives thereof with respect to the explanatory variables that represent the greenhouse gases. We validate these macroscopic relationships using empirical formulae based on downwelling radiation data, commonly used in hydrology, and satellite data for the outgoing radiation. We use the relationships and their partial derivatives to infer the relative importance of carbon dioxide and water vapor in the greenhouse effect. The results show that the contribution of the former is 4% – 5%, while water and clouds dominate with a contribution of 87% – 95%. The minor effect of carbon dioxide is confirmed by the small, non-discernible effect of the recent escalation of atmospheric CO2 concentration from 300 to 420 ppm. This effect is quantified at 0.5% for both downwelling and outgoing radiation. Water and clouds also perform other important functions in climate, such as regulating heat storage and albedo, as well as cooling the Earth's surface through latent heat transfer, contributing 50%. By confirming the major role of water on climate, these results suggest that hydrology should have a more prominent and more active role in climate research.

As Rotter writes:

"However, Koutsoyiannis acknowledges that the hypothetical removal of CO2, often discussed in theoretical studies, lacks empirical backing, as CO2 has consistently been a part of Earth's atmosphere over geological timescales. He also contrasts the rapid turnover of water vapor with CO2's longer residence time, highlighting the latter's well-mixed nature across the atmosphere as a potential reason why its warming effects appear diffused.

Through his analysis, Koutsoyiannis calls for a reorientation of climate research, urging the scientific community to afford greater attention to hydrology and to reconsider CO2's central role in climate models. He concludes that the understanding of Earth's climate may be limited by the current emphasis on CO2 emissions, which he argues overlooks the nuanced and regionally specific effects of water vapor.

In sum, 'Does the Tail Wag the Dog?' is a critique of prevailing climate science paradigms, advocating for a model that recognizes water vapor and clouds as the foremost greenhouse agents while downplaying CO2's overall effect. Koutsoyiannis's paper encourages a shift in climate research focus toward hydrology and questions the mainstream positioning of CO2 as the cornerstone of climate change theory."

Clearly water vapor must be addressed in all models professing to consider the changing greenhouse effect with increasing CO2 concentrations, whatever the cause. The global climate models (general circulation models) do not address water vapor well. As Tim Palmer, a pioneer in the ensemble method of using these models stated in his book, The Primacy of Doubt, the influence of water vapor is added to the results of the models after the influence of CO2 is calculated. Thus, the influence of the combination of water vapor and CO2 is lost as well as the influence of the combination of water vapor and other greenhouse gases. See links under Challenging the Orthodoxy.

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Updating HITRAN: For the above discussion, the well-established MODTRAN database is used. However, as physicist Donald Rapp has said, the database is based on laboratory experiments that do not incorporate the changing atmosphere with increasing CO2. However, the HITRAN database does: From HITRAN online:

"HITRAN is an acronym for high-resolution transmission molecular absorption database. HITRAN is a compilation of spectroscopic parameters that a variety of computer codes use to predict and simulate the transmission and emission of light in the atmosphere. The database is a long-running project started by the Air Force Cambridge Research Laboratories (AFCRL) in the late 1960s in response to the need for detailed knowledge of the infrared properties of the atmosphere. A history of the HITRAN database has recently been summarized in the following article:

L.S. Rothman, History of the HITRAN database, Nature Review Physics 3, 302-304 (2021)

The HITRAN compilation, and its associated database HITEMP (high-temperature spectroscopic absorption parameters), are developed and maintained at the Atomic and Molecular Physics Division, Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics.

HITRAN online provides access to the latest version of the HITRAN molecular spectroscopic database.

Scientific Objectives

The simultaneous developments of high-resolution laboratory instrumentation (such as the Fourier transform spectrometer), the digital computer and storage, and sensitive detectors and the means to carry them on board high-altitude balloons and space craft provided the stimulus to create a machine-readable archive of the fundamental properties of molecular transitions. It was then possible to simulate transmission and radiance in the terrestrial atmosphere by applying known radiative-transfer equations. Thus, was born the original HITRAN molecular absorption line parameters database.[Boldface added]

The initial HITRAN was limited to the seven main telluric atmospheric absorbers in the infrared: H2O, CO2, O3, N2O, CO, CH4, and O2. The most significant of the isotopologues of these molecular species was also included. The initial HITRAN database included only the basic parameters necessary to solve the Lambert-Beers law of transmission, namely the line center of a transition, the intensity of the transition, and the lower-state energy. In addition, the air-broadened Lorentz width

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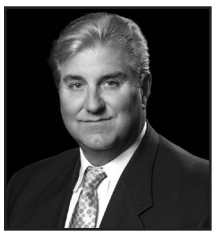

Republicans, Democrats and the History of Civil Rights

Part 1

By Gary Wickert

On July 2, 2024, America celebrated, without much fanfare or ado, the 60th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The media covered the legacy of former President Lyndon B. Johnson and the role he played in the passage of the Act at Johnson's presidential library in Austin. Never letting facts get in the way, the media continue to cast LBJ and the Democratic Party as champions of civil rights, noting that without LBJ's push to end legal segregation the legislation never would have passed. Racism, political correctness, and a civil rights struggle without end are all seemingly essential to the survival of the Democrat Party. But it was Dwight D. Eisenhower and Republicans who are to be credited with the advance of modern civil rights – not LBJ and the Democrats who fought it every step of the way. In fact, the depth of Johnson's strong opposition to civil rights is a convenient fact lost to political history. Honoring the success of civil rights in America and reminding ourselves how far we have come is important and laudable. Rewriting history is not.

As time shifts, so does the political landscape. Memories fade and history is rewritten for political purposes. It has been this way from time immemorial. The use of time is an extremely important tool for shaping public opinion. Nowhere has this been more successful than with the history of civil rights in America. The struggle for civil rights in America is storied and well-documented, yet its history is has been completely misunderstood, intentionally distorted, and rewritten for political expediency. You wouldn't know it from watching MSNBC, but throughout history it was been the Republican Party which has spearheaded and championed civil rights for both minorities and women, while the Democrat Party has fought and obstructed efforts to end segregation and discrimination.

Today, African Americans have stronger support for the Democratic Party than any group has for either party, voting 93% Democratic in the 2012 presidential election, 89% Democratic in the 2016 presidential election, and 87% Democratic in the 2020 presidential election. That such a high percentage of blacks have allowed themselves to be co-opted by a party that has oppressed them for nearly 150 years is a political mystery even the brightest minds have yet to figure out. All we can do is continue to emphasize the facts.

Civil War and Early Civil Rights Movement

The movement to extend equality to African-Americans began with and was the chief reason for creation of the Republican Party. Slavery ravaged the country during the 19th Century. In 1854, the Republican Party emerged for the sole purpose of combatting the Kansas-Nebraska Act, which threatened to extend slavery into the territories. With such a noble purpose, it took only six short years for it to land a president in the White House. In 1860, Abraham Lincoln, a Republican, ran and won election on an anti-slavery platform, and was bitterly opposed by the Democrats who supported slavery. The Civil War cost more than one million casualties and more than 350,000 deaths, but culminated in Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation and the Republican's 1865 passage of the 13th Amendment abolishing slavery. The 13th Amendment was passed with 100% Republican support and Democrat opposition so strong a movie was made about it. In 1866, after the war, Democrats defeated a Republican "40 Acres and a Mule" proposal for distributing land to former slaves. Republicans were able to pass the Civil Rights Act of 1866 – which conferred rights of citizenship on African-Americans – over the veto of Democrat President Johnson, who succeeded Lincoln after his assassination by John Wilkes Booth, a pro-slavery copperhead Democrat. In 1866, every Republican in Congress voted for and successfully passed the 14thAmendment, guaranteeing due process and equal rights to all citizens. Meanwhile, the 1868 Democratic National Convention inserted a clause in the party platform declaring the civil rights laws were "unconstitutional, revolutionary, and void."

In 1870, Hiram Revels and Jeannette Rankin, the first African American man and the first woman to be elected to Congress, were both Republicans. The Republican Party Platform of 1872 provided that "Neither the law nor its administration should admit any discrimination in respect of citizens by reason of race, creed, color or previous condition of servitude." The Democrat Platform of that same year called for "universal amnesty" for the South, and the first black Democrat wasn't elected to Congress until 1934.

Horrible things happened in the decades following the Civil War. Republican President Rutherford B. Hayes lost the popular vote in 1876 but struck a deal with Democrats by agreeing to withdraw federal troops from the South. The result was that many freed slaves who tried to vote in the South were beaten, jailed, and lynched by angry Democrats. Jim Crow laws passed in Democrat states and the Ku Klux Klan, established by Democrats, prevented thousands from registering. The original targets of the Ku Klux Klan were Republicans, both black and white. An estimated 3,446 blacks and 1,297 white Republicans died at the end of KKK ropes from 1882 to 1964. Republicans often led the efforts to pass federal anti-lynching laws but Democrats successfully blocked those bills. The first grand wizard of the KKK was honored at the 1868 Democratic National Convention.

President Hayes supported voting rights and education for young blacks throughout his term, but was opposed by Democrats. In his inaugural address, Republican President James Garfield said, "The elevation of the Negro race from slavery to the full rights of citizenship is the most important political change we have known since the adoption of the Constitution of 1787. No thoughtful man can fail to appreciate its beneficent effect upon our institutions and people." The Democrat Party remained racist and still opposed to emancipation, nominating and electing dozens of Ku Klux Klan members, passing Jim Crow laws, and successfully defeating the Republican 1890 Federal Election Bill (Lodge Bill) which would have ensured fair election and guaranteed blacks the right to vote in the South. Almost all blacks and freed slaves voted Republican. During a canvassing the state of Mississippi in support of the 13th and 14th Amendments, poll workers could find only one black, out of a population of 444,000, who admitted being a Democrat. African-Americans shouldn't be surprised that the current version of the "History" page on the Democrat Party website lists a number of accomplishments from 1792 through 1832, but then skips to the 20th Century.

....to be continued in the December issue



"Note: I've witnessed election fraud occur throughout my lifetime (especially after the electronic voting machines were introduced). The earliest documented example I know of was "Bleeding Kansas" (the event which arguably started the Civil War). There, as a compromise on the slavery issue, it was decided that the legality of slavery in Kansas would be decided by the settlers there. However, pro-slavery forces in Missouri crossed the border to flood the election with illegal votes, resulting in a pro-slavery legislature being elected (which everyone knew was due to fraud). Following this, that legislature outlawed any criticism of slavery, kicked the anti-slavery legislators out, and began arresting or covertly killing anti-slavery citizens. The anti-slavery forces that resisted this encroachment were labeled as insurrectionists. Before long, the pro-slavery government mobilized the army against them to eliminate everyone who would not submit to them (along with destroying pro-freedom newspapers). This spiraled into a year of violence (a mini-civil war), and less than two years after it concluded (but minor conflict still continued), the American Civil War began."



Weaponize Crime History

By Chris Kemble

We will never defeat the Left, until their lunatic ideology is rejected. The great Trump victory is a repudiation of obvious Biden/Democrat failures and Harris incompetence, more than a growing conservatism. Yahoo News identified Waukesha County as a weak link, and they are correct. The county has been moving left and did again in this election as the nation moved to the right. Milwaukee County continues to be an anchor on Republicans, even with the strong Hispanic shift to the right. Republicans were down 178,000 votes when Milwaukee finished counting. We lost another statewide race for the Senate and the governor is still a Democrat.

Since the Long March Through the Institutions started in the 1960s, pro-western nationalism has been under attack. Young people are indoctrinated in oxymoron multiculturalism, anti-western globalism, Howard Zinn revisionism, and revolutionary wokeism. So Republicans always start behind.

Crime should be the most winnable issue, especially in blue cities, yet Republicans endlessly fail. I saw two deputies running for office get beaten down; one forced out, the other fired. I saw a police chief go into hiding. But in the safe Republican strongholds the same poor campaigns are run. Waukesha Republicans just sent out an email to tell us that Democrats are soft on crime. Everyone already knows, and it does not move the needle. The Milwaukee GOP chairman said repeatedly that the focus is on getting out the Republican base. So you can expect that Republicans will not crack 30% in Milwaukee unless something changes.

When I was working for 'Eric Toney for Attorney General', people would scream that they will never support someone with the backing of the police. When I asked his campaign manager Barry Braatz and others, if they know why liberals think this way and how to combat it, I get no real answers. I told Eric Toney that I was getting messages from websites I had visited, saying corrections is racist, cruel, broken and must be abolished. These groups spend $350 million a year. I asked Eric what he knows about them; Sentencing Project, Prison Policy Initiative, Brennan Center, etc.; and the answer was not much.

Crime is the engine of progressive power to grow the government, for largess, for political gain and to attack the 2nd Amendment. Six decades of record crime, extortion, failure and cruelty are the results. Crime history is the sword and shield that can defeat it. The new website StopCrimeTosa.com is mostly easy to understand graphs. These graphs are found nowhere else, and are backed up by nationally and internationally published articles. When I showed the newest graph to the state GOP chairman and four district attorneys, they all said they had never seen a graph like it. Republicans do not weaponize crime history because they do not know it. You could be an expert, understand this better than most criminal justice professionals, by learning a little bit of history.

Something is Happening

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disinformation labyrinth. I would deeply appreciate your advice.

Sincerely, Baffled

Dear Baffled:

Sadly, your friends are very correct in their advice on the federal government's actions. Mr. Jefferson, the first Democrat elected president, clearly stated, "[citizens have] a right to nothing which another has a right to take away." He recognized, "The natural progress of things is for liberty to yield and government to gain ground." America is on the path to government mastership. The further down the path it goes, the less valuable its citizenship.

Long-time citizens grew up believing they had enshrined rights the government could not take away. Unfortunately, citizens must understand that in America's new political disinformation culture, the federal government firmly believes it is authorized to manipulate thinking to take your rights.

Baffled, please understand that life in America is a trade-off. The more the government gives you, the more rights you give up. The federal government has gone into a $35 trillion debt to keep Americans happy. Moreover, it has never asked any living American to pay a single penny of this debt. The feds have an open tab, and they unjustly push the debt incurred by their mismanagement onto future generations who have no voice in the process.

Just relax, Baffled, and stop stressing over change in society. Take comfort in the words of your possible new leader, Kamala Harris—Americans are "ready for a new way forward" and "ready to turn the page" on your outdated beliefs about citizens' rights to freedom of speech, press, religion, due process, and fair trials and the other gibberish in ancient documents.

The federal government corrupts words, so people believe something other than its true intent. Good examples are found on the U.S. Immigration Service website. It describes, "What are the rights and responsibilities of U.S. Citizenship?" It's a clever document that makes people feel good about the benefits of citizenship while opening the Southern border to criminal gangs, drug lords, and sex traffic.

Let's examine a few of its pronouncements and the actions taken by the government to control citizens.

Americans have the freedom to express themselves. Unfortunately, it is the first right the government must destroy to gain control over citizens. As recently as August 26, 2024, the head of Facebook ("FB") informed the House Judiciary Committee that the Biden-Harris administration repeatedly pressured FB for months to censor COVID-19 content so the government could control the narrative on the pandemic and the actions of citizens. FB bowed to its coercion by censoring content.

FB also admitted that the FBI had lied to it so FB would not report on the Hunter Biden laptop before the 2020 election. Polls show that had the FBI told Americans the truth about the laptop, 17% of Biden supporters would not have voted for him. Biden would have lost the election.

On Twitter (now X), Elon Musk allowed two investigative reporters to review company files and make public the government's interference with free speech. The reporters found that the government worked with Twitter executives to suppress right-leaning opinions and "boot then-president Donald Trump from the platform, so he could no longer speak to his 65 million supporters."

The federal government does not view free speech as irrelevant; on the contrary, it views it as threatening the government's authority over its citizens.

The freedom of religion is the second recognized right of Americans. During COVID-19, the federal government shut down places of worship, asserting it had the power to enforce valid emergency laws. While the need for safety measures was understandable, many citizens viewed the federal government's actions as an overreach of power. Since the federal government shut down most of society, it viewed the denial of religious freedom as a valid exercise of power, notwithstanding the Constitution. The federal government believes that as long as it regulates everyone, which is its goal, itis acting legally. Citizens should remember that there are 137 Emergency laws that allow a president to be a dictator at the time of their choosing.

Two excellent examples illustrate the biased horror government inflicts on citizens. Five conservative Americans were arrested and convicted of blocking the entrance to an abortion clinic. They are currently in jail and face a possible sentence of 11 years in prison and a $350,000 fine. The second example is a 34-year-old mother who is a member of the North Carolina chapter of Moms for Liberty, a group dedicated to defending their children from "woke" ideology. The FBI charged her for non-violently entering the Capitol on January 6, 2021 and peacefully remaining in the Capitol for 10-minutes. The FBI waited until 2024 to charge her so it could reintroduce the January 6th events in North Carolina, a swing state, before the election.

All Americans have the right to vote. Voting is the only direct right citizens possess to control their government. Voting and having a fair election in which each citizen's vote counts are entirely different situations. The powerful in the federal government, like the president and U.S. Attorney General Garland, view voter identification as discriminatory, burdensome, and unnecessary for a fair election. While voting by non-citizens is illegal under current law, it's impossible to protect a citizen's vote without requiring proof of citizenship. Without protecting citizens' votes, their votes are diluted by the votes of the illegal immigrants. If Garland places the entire might and resources of the federal government against any attempt by states to ensure fair elections, the right of American to vote is worthless.

The federal government views citizens as obligated to support and defend the Constitution in accordance with its view of the Constitution. Under current prosecutorial standards, citizens with differing opinions from the federal government, including parents speaking out at school board meetings, are considered terrorists, insurrectionists, or traitors. In 2020, however, the Progressive Left rioted and burned down large sections of twenty major American cities, and very few rioters were arrested. And those few arrested were bailed out of jail by the vice president's bail fund. Overall, during the period between May 25, 2020, and July 31, 2020, 8700 protests occurred across 68 major cities. These riots caused over $2 billion in damages and resulted in the death of twenty-five people.

Contrast these riots by the Left with the January 6th riot at the Capitol in support of Donald Trump. That riot lasted six hours and caused $1.5 million in damage to the Capitol. The riot was deemed an insurrection for political leverage, and more than 1,230 people were charged with felonies ranging from trespassing to seditious conspiracy. Over 700 of the rioters were sentenced to prison for between a few days and 22 years. Hundreds more are still in jail, without due process, awaiting trial. More tragic is that the U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia has pledged to indict all 2000 of the entrants before the statute of limitations expires. Contrast his reign of terror on the peaceful occupants of the Capitol with the fact that the U.S. Attorney prosecuted only one Hamas terrorist despite the many vicious attacks made on local police by Hamas.

The most egregious act of political manipulation comes from President Biden and the Department of Homeland Security. Their primary constitutional duty is to execute the laws of the nation. Yet, the president and Secretary of Homeland Security refuse to enforce immigration laws by inviting the world to enter in violation of federal law and stay at our expense, estimated to be $151 billion annually for public education, health care, food, shelter, and transportation.

As you can see, Baffled, words matter! Words are the primary way we describe our world. Words can persuade, inspire, hurt, or even deceive. In the political world, however, the government uses words to hide the true intent of its actions.

The dialogue in Alice in Wonderland perfectly captures the federal government's use of words.

"When I use a word," Humpty Dumpty said in rather a scornful tone, it means just what I choose it to mean –neither more nor less."

"The question is," said Alice, "whether you can make words mean so many different things."

"The question is," said Humpty Dumpty, "which is to be the master –that's all."

The only relevant question when evaluating the rights of citizenship is – who is the master? The Constitution is merely a piece of paper with value only when those charged with its protection honor and implement its intent. When words used by the government mean only what the government chooses the words to mean, the government is the master. President Biden has warned Americans several times and in similar language about challenging the government - "If you wanted or if you think you need to have weapons to take on the government, you [will] need F-15s and maybe some nuclear weapons? Biden has informed all Americans the federal government will use force, if necessary, to impose its will on

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The Dan O'Donnell Show

On a recent show Dan O'Donnell, or D.O.D, or my favorite D.U.D, was in search of someone to blame for the Eric Hovde loss in the US Senate race. He put the blame on those who voted for 3rd Party candidates but according to Dan should have voted for Hovde. He goes on to say that the Democrats actually funded these candidates, as a way to legally steal the election for Baldwin. I can see his point. The Democrats fooled their opposition into voting for THEM. D.U.D goes on to say, "…...her (Baldwin's) commercials were abject lies, they were LIES" and "……just the dishonesty, the dishonesty……" Maybe in light of the new TRUMP coalition those who did vote for 3rd Party candidates should re-evaluate.

But did this same phenomena go on in other key races in the State? Were other candidates covertly destroyed with "abject lies" and "dishonesty"? And by whom? Did D.U.D actively whine and complain about these flagrant acts of "dishonesty," or was he, WISN and iHeart Media a part of it? Were they motivated by MONEY rather than truth? Were they in on the "abject lies" from the start, or were they duped by Robbin' Vos and the "Republican Establishment"? Did the ad money from Wisconsinites for Liberty and other PACs blind them? Is the mantra of O'Donnell, WISN and iHeart "Money over Truth"?

GOOD JOURNALISM might have answered the questions from the last paragraph. I find it interesting that D.U.D.'s tunnel vision can pick out the ONE instance of "dishonesty" that gores his ox, but not see all of the rest that might fill his pockets.

So, what's it going to be Dan? Is the truth relative and only applied only where it is to your benefit? Or is truth absolute and applied to all? You can't have it both ways, Danny. You need to figure it out or you'll end up being the next Charlie Sykes.

Election Fraud and Cheating. Is it Easier to Fix Now?

Have no doubt. Election Integrity is STILL a BIG ISSUE in the backs of the minds of American Voters. If your vote doesn't count, if your vote can be stolen, if a group can "FIX" an election, do we still have a Nation at all much less the Constitutional Republic that was the design and dream of our forefathers? I think not.

During the 2024 Presidential campaign "election stealing" was not made an issue. In 2020 it was made to look political by both the left and right media. And the low-information public, right or wrong, saw it as that, a political issue. But that did not diminish its importance in the minds of that same public.

What about January 2025? Once Trump is inaugurated, does that take the political issue off of the table? Are there any political consequences to Trump exposing the truth of the 2020 AND 2024 elections? After all, his election results won't change. He can't be accused of trying to steal an election that he WON. He can only be viewed as trying to fix a corrupt system. And who would object to that? (The list is longer than you think.)

Fixing (I hate to use that word here) our ELECTION PROCESS can truly be framed as a non-partisan issue. Neither party wants the other side to cheat. The Public, especially those younger voters, the Joe Rogan clan, and those who went from Democrat to Trump want to know that their future elections are not pre-determined. It is clear to me that a vast majority of Voters either are, or could be with very little encouragement, strongly in favor of Election Process Reform. It will all be framed as the non-partisan, centrist issue it is. Momentum to get it done will be HUGE!!

Don't be fooled. There will be tons of opposition to any reform by those who are benefiting from the cheating. Watch for them to self-identify. The left won't be able to refrain from yelling and screaming and somehow making reform racist. The establishment right won't yell and scream. They will camouflage themselves in slime and work from within to keep fair elections from happening all while claiming to support reform. Hey Robbin.' How did your election go?

But can Election Reform be done? Yes. Should it be done NOW? HELL YES. The issue is ripe for the picking and, if necessary, it should be jammed DOWN the throat or UP some other body orifice of anyone, who is in opposition to it.

Wolf River Area Patriots

New London, Wisconsin

We are a non-partisan group of people from varied backgrounds who desire to be an effective part of the governing process while expressing our views to elected officials.

Our meetings are free and open to the public. We usually meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Washington Center, 500 West Washington Street in New London.

Visit **WolfRiverPatriots.com** for a calendar of upcoming events and links to voter information, allies, and research and commentary on important issues.

Find us on Facebook at "Wolf River Area Patriots" and use the "Contact" form on our website to send us an email.

Phil Kerpen has produced a graph showing the change in Donald Trump's margin of victory or loss from 2020 to 2024. The "Trump shift" in Wisconsin was only 1.4 percentage points, the fourth smallest of the 50 states. The "Red Wave" almost missed Wisconsin. We didn't do all that great… just enough to get 10 Electoral College votes.

The Harris campaign probably poured more money per voter into Wisconsin than nearly any other state. That's an excuse, not an explanation. The WI GOP fell on its face this year, raising a fraction of what the Dems raised, punished counties that opposed Speaker Vos on unrelated legislative matters, and was lukewarm at best toward Trump's candidacy.

Thank God for …

* county GOP organizations that stepped into the gap, raising money and organizing door knockers,
* Turning Point, Elon Musk, and some other national groups that poured tens (hundreds?) of millions of dollars into the ground game,
* thousands of long-time activists who served as poll workers and watchers, and
* Ron Heuer's Wisconsin Voter Alliance for exposing the role of Zuckerbucks in the 2020 election in Wisconsin and then getting the legislature to place a referendum on the ballot in April 2024 banning Zuckerbucks.

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Trump Margin, 2020 v. 2024

	2020	2024	Red Shift
California	-29.2%	-17.2%	+12.0%
New York	-23.1%	-11.5%	+11.6%
New Jersey	-15.9%	-5.0%	+10.9%
Maryland	-33.2%	-22.8%	+10.4%
Florida	+3.4%	+13.1%	+9.7%
Massachusetts	-33.5%	-24.7%	+8.8%
Illinois	-17.0%	-8.4%	+8.6%
Mississippi	+16.5%	+24.9%	+8.4%
Texas	+5.6%	+13.8%	+8.2%
Rhode Island	-20.8%	-13.5%	+7.3%
Connecticut	-20.1%	-13.4%	+6.7%
Tennessee	+23.2%	+29.7%	+6.5%
Hawaii	-29.5%	-23.1%	+6.4%
South Carolina	+11.7%	+17.9%	+6.2%
Nevada	-2.4%	+3.8%	+6.2%
Arizona	-0.3%	+5.5%	+5.8%
Idaho	+30.8%	+36.5%	+5.7%
Alabama	+25.5%	+30.6%	+5.1%
Alaska	+10.1%	+15.2%	+5.1%
New Mexico	-10.8%	-5.7%	+5.1%
Iowa	+8.2%	+13.2%	+5.0%
Virginia	-10.1%	-5.2%	+4.9%
Kentucky	+25.9%	+30.7%	+4.8%
New Hampshire	-7.4%	-2.8%	+4.6%
Michigan	-2.8%	+1.5%	+4.3%
Delaware	-19.0%	-14.7%	+4.3%
Montana	+16.4%	+20.3%	+3.9%
South Dakota	+26.2%	+29.9%	+3.7%
Vermont	-35.4%	-31.7%	+3.7%
Oregon	-16.1%	-12.4%	+3.7%
Louisiana	+18.6%	+22.0%	+3.4%
Ohio	+8.0%	+11.3%	+3.3%
West Virginia	+38.9%	+42.2%	+3.3%
North Dakota	+33.3%	+36.6%	+3.3%
Utah	+20.5%	+23.7%	+3.2%
Indiana	+16.1%	+19.2%	+3.1%
Missouri	+15.4%	+18.5%	+3.1%
Arkansas	+27.6%	+30.7%	+3.1%
Pennsylvania	-1.2%	+1.9%	+3.1%
District of Columbia	-86.8%	-83.8%	+2.9%
Minnesota	-7.1%	-4.2%	+2.9%
Nebraska	+19.1%	+21.6%	+2.5%
Georgia	-0.2%	+2.2%	+2.4%
Wyoming	+43.4%	+45.7%	+2.3%
Colorado	-13.5%	-11.5%	+2.0%
Kansas	+14.6%	+16.6%	+2.0%
North Carolina	+1.3%	+3.3%	+2.0%
Wisconsin	-0.6%	+0.8%	+1.4%
Maine	-9.1%	-7.7%	+1.4%
Oklahoma	+33.1%	+34.3%	+1.2%
Washington	-19.2%	-19.5%	-0.3%

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HOT JACK

And the Plot Thickens

As Robin (not that Robbin') might say, "Holy Crap, Batman!" "How bad is the Communist Chinese connection going to get"?

It's actually scary. And we're getting indications that the fear being projected is having its effect on a sleepless Robbin' Vos. One of those indications comes from (you'll never guess this) Sheridan WY and a radio show called **"Cowboy State Politics" hosted by David Iverson**. This is the HOT GOVERNMENT Rumble link for a part of Iverson's show:

The Silence of Wisconsin Media: Why Isn't Robin Vos' Alleged Ties to Communism Making Headlines?

The first question that should pop into your head is, "How does Robbin' Vos become the topic of conversation in Wyoming?" Apparently, they have their own connection to the SLLF and the Chinese Communists and it all ties back to Vos. Iverson brings up the 2020 visit of Secretary of State Mike Pompeo to Madison, WI, and his speech to the Wisconsin State Legislature, which I have referenced before. You will recall that Pompeo, **The Secretary of State of the United States**, made a special trip **IN THE MIDDLE OF THE COVID EPIDEMIC** to speak directly to the Legislature (**or one particular member thereof**) of a fly-over State and express his (**TRUMP'S**) concern over the covert infiltration of the CCP into the United States.

The Secretary of State is sent by POTUS to slap Vos on the nose with a newspaper? Really? What does that say about the importance of the whole CCP thing? Can you guess how many other speeches Pompeo (or any other Cabinet Secretary) made to a State Legislature that year? Or any year? HELLO!

What about Vos and his recent behavior? He seems awfully nervous and unsure. In previous campaigns he was aggressive and attacking in nature. Now he's almost cowardly, just trying to keep his head down as much as possible. Vos recently put out a video snippet, where he's actually holding a copy of **Bound to The Red Dragon**. He claims that "...it's all lies." Of course, it's not. Everything is documented. Vos then goes on to say, "I'm not a Communist." Yeah, and Richard Nixon said, "I'm not a crook" too.

Vos's behavior gives every indication that he's deathly afraid of something. Of what? Losing his Assembly seat? I don't think so. Even if that happens he can get a job on the board of Fox News (he knows a guy) and continue his work with the Communists. No. It has to be something more frightening. Could Vos be afraid of the CCP itself? Would public exposure of the CCP's activities and goals set their infiltration process back a hundred years? Can the Chinese afford to let that happen, or would they make "an adjustment" and cut their losses? I can see, where that "adjustment" might cause Vos to lose a little sleep.

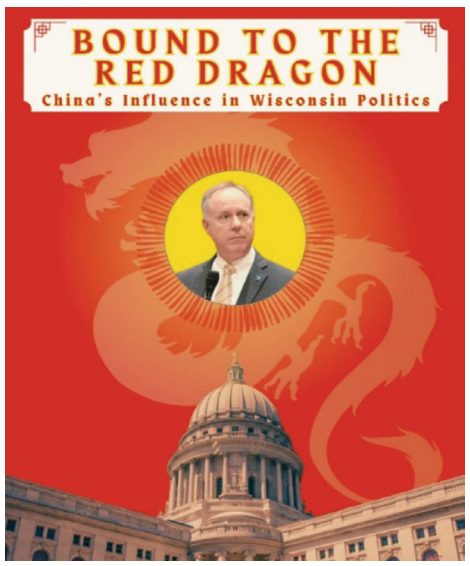
Perhaps Vos's only realistic option is to go to the Feds, spill his guts and beg for Witness Protection?

Good Luck, Robbin.' You may need it.

What Does YOUR Legislator Think About the Vos-China Connection?

By WCD Staff

During this past summer, a group of concerned patriots published a pamphlet called "Bound to the Red Dragon" dealing with speaker Vos's deep connections with China. The connections are well- documented, and the information provided in the pamphlet is accurate. Not Vos or anyone else has challenged the information. Although the pamphlet contains some disturbing revelations, no one seems to be concerned about whether or not these China ties rise to the level of conflict of interest at best or criminal activity at worst. Why is that? The media doesn't want to look into it and certainly the Republican Party doesn't want to look at it. It appears that it will be up to the citizens of Wisconsin to demand answers from their own representatives and senators about why their own elected officials haven't demanded that Vos provide some clear and concise answers.



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WCD - Legislator's bill of rights:



By Bill Savage

Starting in 2015, the Republican leadership in the legislature under Robin Vos turned sharply from working towards a consensus to get things done for the people of Wisconsin, to making money for leadership and their campaign coffers. The genesis of this trend was a bill to end the practice of requiring prevailing wage for Wisconsin's road projects. Prevailing wage requires road builders in Wisconsin to pay "union wage" for all road

projects in the state. The bill was sent to then Representative Andre Jacque's Assembly Committee on Labor, which Jacque was chair. Against Robin Vos's COMMAND, and yes command is the right term, Jacque gave the bill a hearing instead of letting it die per Vos's wishes. Let's remember that John Gard, a former speaker himself, was representing the road builders and of course, the inflated price tags on road projects benefited the industry greatly. After Jacque held the hearing, the die was cast, and the prevailing wage bill moved forward. Vos, who most likely lost out on a sizable check from the road builders, immediately removed Jacque from his committee and took away his staff. I remember visiting some offices informing the representatives that they cannot let this stand. I saw the writing on the wall. A bunch of sheep standing by while the wolf (how fitting a name) chewed on the carcass of a fellow caucus member for holding a hearing on a bill that eventually passed the Assembly unanimously. As a matter of fact, Vos included "ending prevailing wage" in his end of the session list of achievements!

Vos held a tight-fisted grasp on the caucus until the 2020 election when he tested his influence by immediately demanding an investigation into the 2020 election, naming Janel Brandtjen Chair of the Campaign and Elections Committee, and then throwing her under the bus. I might point out that Brandtjen had already publicly declared that she was convinced the election was severely tainted and most likely stolen when Vos appointed her chair of the committee. By March of 2021, the entire caucus voted yes on AR-15 which DIRECTED Brandtjen to investigate the election. After much evidence was uncovered, Vos began to step back from his support of the very investigation he initiated. In late May, early June of 2021, Donald Trump criticized the speaker for his inaction and the speaker flew to a Trump rally to assure Trump that he would have an audit and an investigation. Vos then hired former Justice Michael Gableman and gave him full authority over the investigation. When Gableman reached the same conclusion Brandtjen reached six months earlier, Vos fired Gableman. He literally fired both Brandtjen and Gableman.

When then Representative Tim Ramthun tried to decertify the what can only be described as the stolen 2020 election, Vos fired his staff. Vos also, in essence, fired Rep. Horlacher's staff along with Rep. Scott Allen's by removing their committees.

We are now at the end of 2024 and the four most conservative members of the "Republican" led Assembly have limited staff and no committee chairs. Those members are Wichgers, Allen, Behnke and Brandtjen. Furthermore, Vos rewrote the rules so that the one staffer that these representatives get is the lower paying "Legislative Assistant" or LA salary instead of the higher paying "Research Assistant" RA position. This was done to make it difficult for anyone who the speaker doesn't like to keep a staff member long enough for them to get to know the district and provide quality assistance to the people who need help from the representative.

NOTE: As of this writing, although the legislature is not in session, Speaker Vos has eight staffers, many making 100K or more.

The Assembly Rules allow ANY legislator to ask for "unanimous consent" to bring a resolution to the floor during a floor session. When Rep. Brandtjen tried to ask for that consent on AR-18, Vos, Kevin Petersen and the entire leadership team refused to recognize her right to do so. They silenced her voice and the voice of her constituents. There are well over 60,000 people in each of Wisconsin's 99 Assembly Districts and the elected representatives of those districts serve as the voice of those people in the Assembly. State Representative Scott Allen said it best, "each representative in this body has earned the right to stand up in this body and be heard on behalf of their constituents. When the leadership of this body prevents a representative from exercising that right, this body not only silences the voice of the representative, but the voices of the 68,000 people whom they represent". Well said Representative Allen!

Unfortunately, whether it is because of the vast amount of money involved, threats from leadership or just simple apathy from the caucus, we can no longer rely on Republican leadership in Wisconsin to exercise any level of restraint with the power they have been entrusted with. Our representatives need a Bill of Rights. The Bill of Rights should include:

- Any action that punishes (or affects) a republican legislator is voted on publicly.
- All non-freshmen get a full-time RA.
- Every non-freshman gets a committee chair. If there is a lack of committees due to large majorities then sophomores would draw numbers for the committee chairs.
- No Voice Votes.
- Leadership cannot ask for money.
- Leadership elections are open votes. Voters have a right to know who their representatives are handing a portion of their representation to.
- Every legislator is able to ask for unanimous consent to bring a resolution to the floor. NOTE: This policy already exists but Vos, August and Petersen violated the policy.
- Return power to the Committee Chairs. A Committee chair cannot be removed by leadership without an open vote by the caucus.

The WCD is open to suggestions from the readers. Feel free to email bill.savage62@gmail.com

Sounding the Alarm on Illegal Immigration and Refugee Resettlement

By Ron Branstner

Illegal immigration was one of the top issues in the 2024 presidential election. Donald Trump's strong stand on the issue contributed to his reelection, yet the topic is largely ignored by media in Wisconsin. Critics of the Biden administration's open border policies are smeared, ignored, and cancelled.

Ron Branstner, a long-time activist on immigration issues in the Minneapolis area and host of a podcast on Catching Fire News, is not deterred. On November 4 he rang some alarm bells during a Zoom session with concerned citizens in Appleton. The meeting was hosted by the Fox Valley Initiative, "a group of patriots interested in local, state, and federal issues that impact our lives."

In a long presentation filled with facts and figures, Branstner described the history of illegal immigration prior to the Biden administration, its relationship with the United Nations' Sustainability Goals, and the role played by nonprofit organizations in circumventing democratic processes. He ended by telling the audience what they can do to restore law and order in their communities.

The current immigration and refugee crisis began when the Obama administration changed the rules for refugee resettlement reporting and eligibility for asylum seekers. The plan was for Hillary Clinton to take office in 2016 and open the southern border to unlimited immigration, but the surprise election of Donald Trump delayed that plan for four years. Countries in Europe did open their borders in 2016 and as a result, their immigration crises are worse than in the United States.

Unlimited immigration is a tool used by the United Nations to achieve its 17 "Sustainable Development Goals," in particular Goal #10, reduced inequality. Remittances from immigrants to their families back in developing countries are used to redistribute hundreds of billions of dollars in wealth from rich to poor countries. The plan is working: Worldwide remittances now total $840 billion a year. Remittances to Mexico alone reached $61.1 billion in 2022.

This massive redistribution of wealth comes at the expense of local communities and workers in the United States. Immigrants qualify for a myriad of social programs and are assisted by 10 nonprofit organizations that are paid to facilitate their entry into the country and to sign them up for benefits. Rather than spend that money in the communities they now occupy, immigrants send much of the money back to their home country. This deprives local businesses of revenue while simultaneously placing rising pressure on local taxpayers to pay for the newcomers' free housing, education, health care, and food.

The federal government originally pledged to cover all expenses arising from refugee resettlement for three years. Today, they pay only for 90 days. While some immigrants and refugees do work and pay taxes, many either don't work at all or are paid cash "under the table" and avoid paying taxes. Researchers find that only highly educated and skilled immigrants pay more in taxes than the cost of the public services they use. The rest impose a net burden on taxpaying citizens.

Branstner said concerned citizens should first ask their congressmen to be their advocate and voice on this issue. He singled out Congressman Tom Tiffany of Wisconsin's 7th congressional district as a strong voice for his constituents on this issue.

Next, city and county elected and appointed officials need to be educated on the problem and asked to investigate, hold public hearings, and adopt resolutions insisting that their approval is required before any refugees can be resettled in their communities.

Branstner's third recommendation was to get local sheriffs involved. He said they are violating their oath of office by not arresting and acting with federal authorities to deport aliens who break laws and pose a threat to public safety. Most sheriffs fail to assert their constitutional authority to enforce the law regardless of what mayors, county executives, or state officials tell them to do.

Finally, Branstner said "the only way you can stop this is to reject federal grants that have sustainability provisions." Many communities accept grants from federal agencies with strings attached. Demand to see the full grant applications and agreements that local officials submit and sign, and protest loudly when their provisions usurp local control and violate your constitutional rights.

Ron Branstner can be contacted via the CatchingFireNews.com website. Catching Fire News is a project of the American Policy Foundation.

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Americans who believe they have constitutional rights.

Hopefully, I have given you advice that is worthy of consideration. Best wishes on your search to determine your constitutional rights under the current federal rule.

George

William L. Kovacs, author of Devolution of Power: Rolling Back the Federal State to Preserve the Republic. It received 5 stars from Readers' Favorite. His previous book, Reform the Kakistocracy, received the 2021 Independent Press Award for Political/Social Change. He served as senior vice president for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and chief counsel to a congressional committee. He can be contacted at wlk@ReformTheKakistocracy.com

Trump Victory

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vehicles.

Lower energy costs by ending the Biden-Harris anti-energy policies and removing the United States from the Paris Accord, the unfair and unnecessary global warming treaty.

Killing the Harris-Walz plan to massively increase federal taxes and spending benefits Wisconsin workers and businesses that must compete with foreign companies that pay lower taxes and domestic business that feed on federal subsidies.

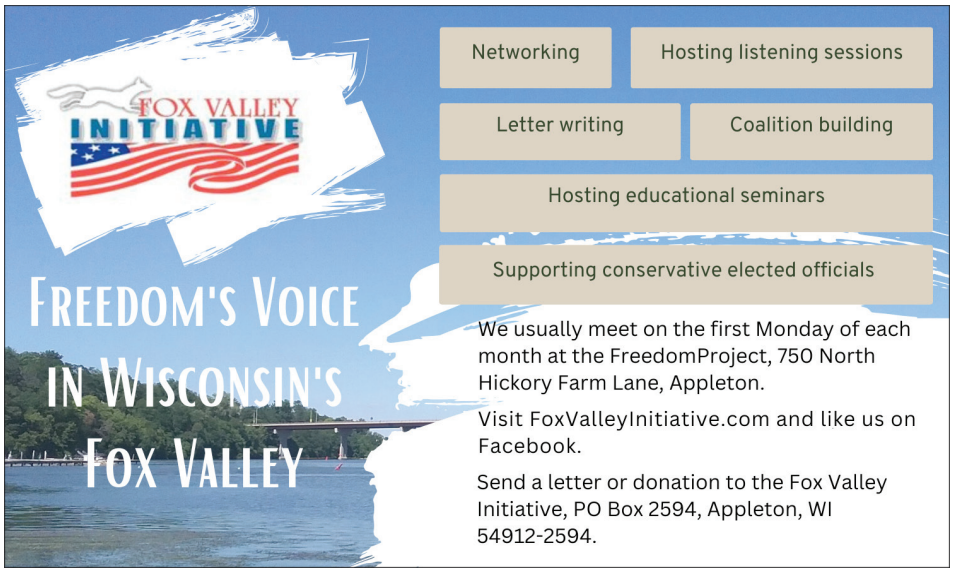
By reining in out-of-control federal entitlement programs, the Trump administration will increase workforce participation rates, increase productivity, reduce inflation, and restore the work ethic of working-age Wisconsinites.

Abolishing the federal Department of Education will bring to an end the invasion of Critical Race Theory, Diversity-Equity-Inclusion ideology, and LGBTQ propaganda in Wisconsin schools.

Election reform at the federal level will circumvent Governor Evers' repeated vetoes of election integrity legislation passed by the Republican legislature. It will restore same-day voting and paper ballots, ending the election shenanigans that caused a majority of Wisconsinites to believe the 2020 Presidential election was stolen.

Learn more about what Trump's victory means to Wisconsin by visiting the Wisconsin Patriots Toolbox at www.wipatriotstoolbox.com or contact the Wisconsin Conservative Coalition at www.Wi-cc.com.







Short Takes

By Ken Van Doren

To give without any reward, or any notice, has a special quality of its own.
-Anne Morrow Lindbergh

I used to sell furniture for a living. The trouble was, it was my own.
-Les Dawson

No spring nor summer beauty hath such grace as I have seen in one autumnal face. -John Donne

Nothing makes me so happy as to observe nature and to paint what I see.
-Henri Rousseau

I have come to believe that this is a mighty continent which was hitherto unknown. -Christopher Columbus

I prefer drawing to talking. Drawing is faster, and leaves less room for lies.
-Le Corbusier

The earth is the mother of all people, and all people should have equal rights upon it. -Chief Joseph

The love of gardening is a seed once sown that never dies. -Gertrude Jekyll

Love is the best thing in the world, and the thing that lives the longest.
-Henry Van Dyke

Work is accomplished by those employees who have not yet reached their level of incompetence.
-Laurence J. Peter

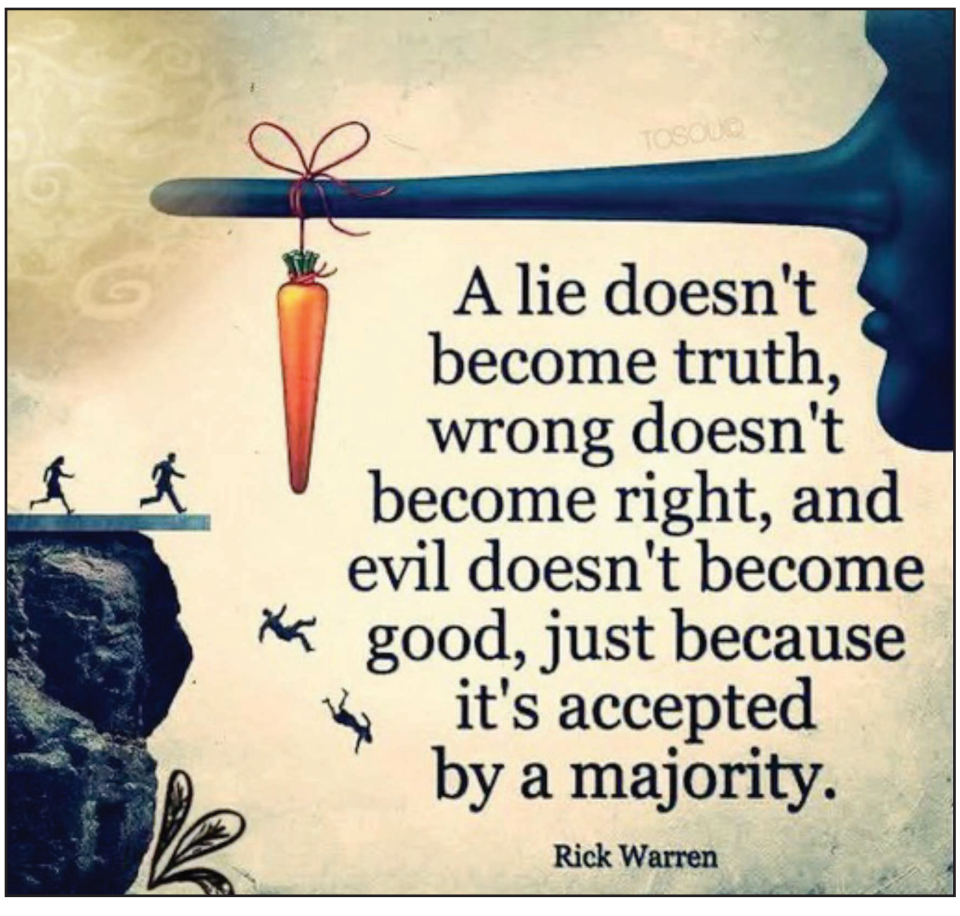
Personally I'm always ready to learn, although I do not always like being taught. -Winston Churchill

Keep your face always toward the sunshine - and shadows will fall behind you. -Walt Whitman

Wisdom to Live By

"As long as we have faith in each other, and trust in God, then there is no goal, at all, beyond our reach. There is no dream too large, no task too great."

~ Donald Trump



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Crossword Puzzler

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6. Top of the head
11. Fervor
12. In the direction of
15. Ring around the nipple
16. Haggard
17. Flee
18. Disgraced
20. A state of SW India
21. Footnote note
23. Beers
24. Prune
25. Countertenor
26. Smile
27. Make secure by lashing
28. Clairvoyant
29. Donkey
30. Closes violently
31. Cabaret
34. English county
36. Furrow maker
37. Baroque composer
41. Bumpkin
42. Fix
43. Reflected sound
44. Common people
45. Paw
46. Apothecary's weight
47. Hole-making tool
48. Books on unusual subjects
51. French for "Summer"
52. Fast
54. Pact
56. Ablation
57. Habitual practice
58. Tubular pasta
59. Tropical nut

DOWN
1. A short moral story
2. A Christian recluse
3. Pother
4. Soft drink
5. Historical periods
6. Flower part
7. Essential parts
8. Blown away
9. Legislation
10. Standalone computer software
13. Sags
14. Break
15. Pseudonym
16. A type of light exercise
19. Abrasive
22. A heavy damask
24. Groused
26. A measuring instrument
27. Grippe
30. Sleigh
32. Bother
33. Condominium
34. A brief period of precipitation
35. Peak
38. Land
39. Personal property
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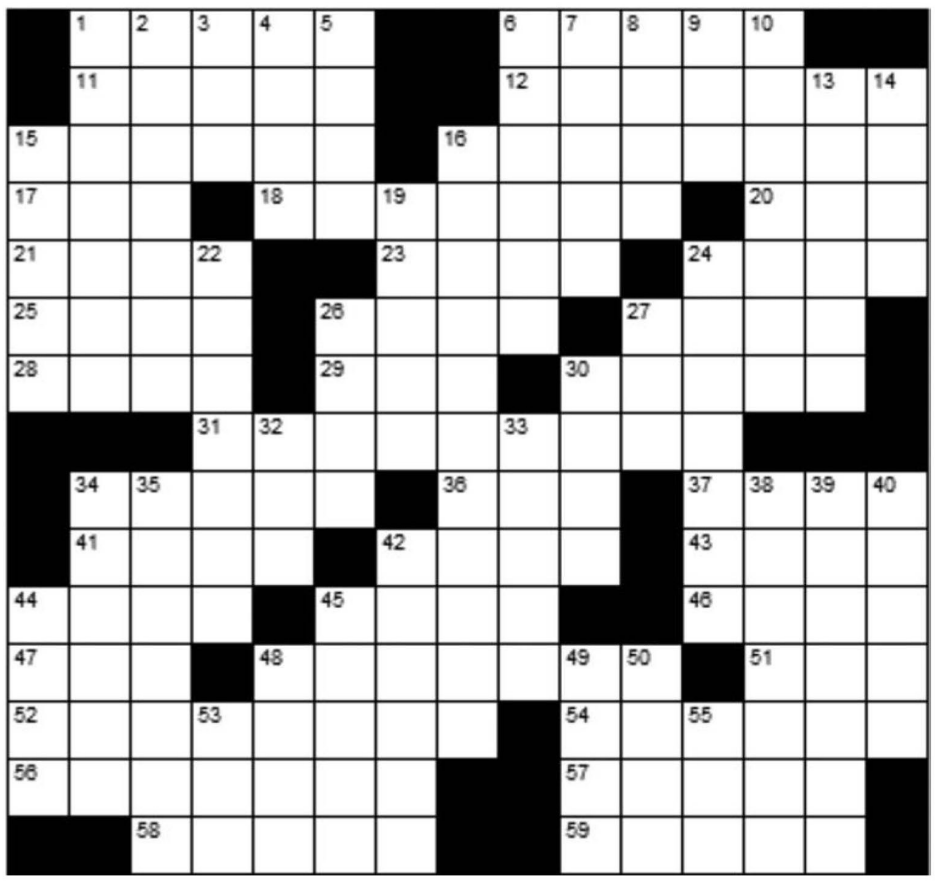

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Greens detest 'little guys' who get in their way

Rural and coastal little guys delay and block massive 'green' energy projects

By Paul Dreissen

Environmentalists insist they love "little guys." At least in the abstract, until those folks get in the way, raise inconvenient questions, or try to block "renewable energy" projects intended to "save the planet" from "manmade climate cataclysms."

Then the little folks learn the environmentalists are really working with (and for) Big Wind, Big Solar, Big Utilities, Big Finance, powerful politicians and crony bureaucrats – the Climate Industrial Complex. Stand in its way, and farm families, small rural communities and even Native American groups can face protracted, expensive battles. But they often emerge victorious.

Energy analyst and journalist Robert Bryce reports that these little guys have rejected or restricted 735 US wind and solar projects since 2015, including 58 solar and 35 wind proposals so far this year. Transmission line, grid-scale battery and other plans also face growing resistance.

Rural Americas don't want these huge installations destroying traditional ways of life, hurting property values, raising electricity rates, wrecking vital croplands and habitats, ruining scenic vistas, killing birds, bats and other wildlife – and creating serious fire and toxic gas risks from lithium-ion electricity storage batteries.

They don't want their countryside dotted with huge landfills, piled high with billions of tons of broken, storm-destroyed and obsolete solar panels, wind turbine blades and other renewables trash.

The number and scale of many proposed projects is daunting – and the Complex's dream of "transitioning" the entire United States from fossil fuels to an all-electric energy, transportation and industrial system would require vastly more.

Before being scaled back in a failed effort to reduce local and state opposition, the Lava Ridge Wind Projectwould have installed 400 huge turbines on some 200,000 acres of federal land in Idaho. That's 310 square miles; 5.5 times Washington, DC. Most of its output would go to California, which already imports nearly one-third of its electricity.

The Koshkonong solar project near Christiana, WI would cover 6,400 acres (10 sq mi) and put a 667-MWh battery storage system near a local elementary school.

The Biden-Harris plan for 30,000 megawatts of offshore wind energy translates into 2,500 12-megawatt turbines rising 850 feet above the waves. But all those turbines wouldn't provide enough electricity (31,541 MW) to power New York State on a hot summer day, if the wind is blowing.

The state's plan to spend $2 billion for 24,000 MWh of backup batteries for windless/sunless days would provide enough electricity to run the state for barely 45 minutes! Sufficient batteries would cost trillions.

Each offshore blade is 350 feet long and 140,000 pounds; 2,5000 turbines would mean almost 500 miles of blades weighing 1,050,000,000 pounds! Imagine cleanup and landfill costs after a major hurricane.

And yet a 2020 Princeton University report called for massively expanding US wind and solar capacity, to fight climate change and rebuild America.

However, as Mr. Bryce points out, those plans would require solar projects blanketing an area the size of Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut combined – plus wind installations sprawling across lands equal to Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky and Tennessee!

That's without factoring in wind and solar power needed to charge grid-scale backup batteries to store enough electricity to power America for even a day or week of windless, sunless days.

Other projects are equally enormous, expensive and fanciful.

Summit Carbon Solutions wants to build a pipeline to carry carbon dioxide from 57 ethanol plants in five states – and inject the CO2 into geologic formations beneath North Dakota. Summit can provide no guarantees that the pressurized gas will stay in the ground, and not erupt suddenly and violently, killing wildlife and people by rapidly replacing breathable air – as a natural CO2 reservoir did at Cameroon's Lake Nyos in 1986.

The cumulative impacts of all these wind, solar, battery, transmission line and other projects would be incalculable – on lands, wildlife, families, budgets and human health.

Adding to the cost, construction and raw material requirements, home, neighborhood and regional grids would have to be expanded and upgraded to handle the ballooning electricity demands, and the surges and plummets associated with unpredictable, weather-dependent wind and solar power.

All this is irrelevant to Climate Industrial Complex members, who want to virtue-signal and extol the "pivotal role" they are playing in driving America's "renewable energy transformation," meeting arbitrary greenhouse gas emission reduction targets, and preventing "climate catastrophes."

Property rights advocate Tom DeWeese says concerned citizens can fight back by asking tough questions about these policies and projects. For

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10,000 times as large as phone batteries.

On August 19, a Tesla semi-truck crashed into trees along Interstate-80 in California. The crash ignited the truck's large lithium battery. Firefighters tried to extinguish the fire with thousands of gallons of water but were forced to let the fire burn itself out. The interstate was shut down for 15 hours. The California Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation passed last year requires all new heavy trucks to be zero emissions vehicles, which practically means electric trucks with batteries prone to fire.

Automakers have been wrestling with lithium battery fires for more than a decade. Alfa Romeo, BMW, Ford, General Motors, Hyundai, Mercedes-Benz, Porche, Tesla, and other manufacturers have recalled millions of EVs because of battery fire problems. Batteries can self-ignite while the vehicle is in motion, when connected to a charger, or even when sitting idly in a parking lot. EVs prone to self-ignition have been prohibited from parking at West Coast parking lots.

In August, a Mercedes-Benz EQE that had been manufactured in China burst into flames in a parking garage in Inchon, Korea. The EV had been parked in the garage for several days and was not charging at the time. The resulting inferno destroyed or damaged 140 vehicles.

On August 24, a fire broke out in the outside parking lot of electric truck manufacturer Rivian in Normal, Illinois. More than 50 trucks were destroyed. The same plant also reportedly suffered three other battery fires in the last year and three more fires in 2021-2022.

How are governments responding to the rash of lithium battery fires? They are doubling down, promoting the use of even larger, grid-scale lithium batteries as part of efforts to transition from coal, oil, and natural gas to wind and solar energy.

Grid-scale batteries are viewed as the solution to wind and solar intermittency, meant to store excess electricity when wind and solar output is high, and then release electricity when wind and solar output is low. But the number of grid battery fires is growing, and grid batteries are hundreds of times larger than EV batteries.

On July 26, a grid battery carried on a truck ignited after a crash on Interstate 15 near Baker, California. The battery was 20 feet long and weighed 75,000 pounds. I-15 was shut down for 44 hours as firefighters worked to put out the blaze. Hundreds of motorists were stranded in the desert in 100-degree heat. Ambulances, medical teams, and fuel and water were dispatched to the site to help stranded motorists.

On May 15, the Gateway Energy Storage facility using lithium-ion batteries caught fire near San Diego, California. Firefighters managed to get the blaze under control in 24 hours, but it then re-ignited twice more and burned for a total of 11 days. Evacuation orders to residents were issued and cancelled periodically, depending on the fire status. The Gateway facility was the largest of its kind when constructed in 2020.

Vice President Kamala Harris recently announced $1 billion in grants for electric school buses. If a diesel bus engine catches fire, the driver can usually put it out with a fire extinguisher. But this is not possible with electric buses, which explode when they catch fire. Let's hope we're not headed for fire explosions in electric buses full of children.

The world faces an epidemic of lithium battery fires. If government leaders continue to push lithium batteries and the green energy transition, battery fires will soon be coming to a location near you.

Steve Goreham is a speaker on energy, the environment, and public policy and author of the bestselling book Green Breakdown: The Coming Renewable Energy Failure.



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A win on wind for energy and whales

By Craig Rucker

The Department of Transportation said no to funding a ridiculous plan to erect massive floating wind turbines off the coast of Maine.

This is great news for everyone who cares about reliable energy, the beautiful Maine coast, our fisheries, and marine mammals such as the highly endangered Right Whale.

CFACT has been in the forefront of the effort to expose the folly of this floating wind foolishness. CFACT scholar David Wojick's reporting has been pivotal.

Bonner Cohen reports at CFACT.org that in addition to the impracticalities and environmental threats floating wind represents, ratepayers would have to pay 50% more for the electricity they produce than fixed wind turbines, which are expensive enough already!

State Representative Regan Paul led the fight to protect the Maine coast from floating turbines. It has been an honor to work with her.

Every victory counts, but the corporations seeking to cash in on billions of Biden-Harris climate cash will be back.

Fortunately, America is waking up to Biden's big wind mistake.



President Trump's victory will confront UN with climate and energy reality

By Craig Rucker

President Trump's landslide victory means climate and energy reality are back and here to stay!

The moment is now.

CFACT is on the ground at COP 29, the big UN climate summit in Azerbaijan.





The assembled delegates, bureaucrats, climate pressure groups and profiteers are in shock.

In his first term President Trump withdrew the U.S. from the Paris Climate Accord. He is poised to do so again.

Politico reports that, "once Trump takes office in January, he could file a request to the U.N. to withdraw from the agreement again. It would take a year for that move to take effect under the terms of the pact, not the three years it did previously."

That's right, President Trump could see America unbound by the Paris Climate Accord as soon as 2026.

Marc Morano is with CFACT's delegation here in Azerbaijan. Marc appeared on Fox and Friends to proclaim the good news that President Trump "will pull the UN climate agenda down."

The United States is poised for an energy renaissance.

This is tremendous news, not only for Americans, but for everyone depending on American prosperity and to promote freedom and bring peace through strength.

CFACT's delegation is your eyes, ears and voice at the UN climate conference in Baku, Azerbaijan.

This is going to be exciting.

Expect Trump victory to turn UN summit anti-climatic

By Craig Rucker

You can't make this stuff up!

In a major embarrassment for the UN climate regime the president of Azerbaijan, Ilham Aliyev, took the stage at COP 29 and UN climate regime descends into farce as host president calls oil and gas gifts from Godproclaimed oil and gas to be gifts from God. WATCH NOW AT CFACT.org.

That's not exactly how the Left's climate narrative is supposed to go.

CFACT's delegation is at UN COP 29, the biggest UN climate conference of the year. Azerbaijan is this year's host country.

Aliyev also denounced what he called the "fake news" media for hypocrisy in labeling his country a "petro state," while the United States and Europe produce many times more oil and gas than his nation. He also told the assembled conference delegates that Azerbaijan's greenhouse gas emissions (if that's your thing) are tiny when compared to other nations and the world.



The UN climate process has degenerated into farce, although it remains an incredibly expensive farce.

The Wall Street Journal called for this to be the last UN climate conference, writing that:

"The real joke of these summits is that so many people still take them seriously. Whatever one thinks of the arguments surrounding climate change, there won't be a material reduction in global carbon emissions until China, India and other developing countries—such as, say, Azerbaijan—agree to sacrifice their economic growth on the altar of Western green fixations. This isn't happening in practice, and Mr. Aliyev's comments suggest leaders of those countries feel less pressure to pretend.

It makes you wonder if COP29 may be the last time anyone tries to organize a spectacle like this. The world should be so lucky."

The UN climate regime is indeed faltering. President Biden skipped COP 29 as did many other world leaders.

I told OAN News that, "you don't see a Macron here, you don't see a Justin Trudeau here, you don't see leaders of the various western countries because they would be the ones giving out the money. What you do see at COP 29 are leaders from a number of developing countries looking for money."

Donald Trump's victory poses a major challenge to the UN and the climate Left.

While there is plenty of wailing and gnashing of teeth from the usual suspects, you'd be surprised how many delegates and attendees here at COP 29 are quietly (sometimes not so quietly) cheering America on for our election results.

As I told OAN, many representatives of the developing world think it is crazy to talk about giving up private automobiles, abundant electricity and eating meat. They want a high living standard for their countries. They view President Trump as the leader who can restore sanity to climate and energy policy.

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example:

* What benefits has our community gotten from the massive solar and wind farms we already have? From the taxpayer subsidies and rate hikes we already have to pay? What benefits will we receive from the huge new projects you are promoting now?

* Why are you trying to end local land use controls, use eminent domain to take our property, and destroy small local and minority businesses to build these enormous projects?

* How will ruining our wild and agricultural areas, killing wildlife and reducing our living standards reduce global greenhouse and "save the planet," if China and India alone emit 38% of the world's greenhouse gases (versus 11% by the USA) and are building new coal-fired generating plants every week?

Proud, principled, vocal resistance is essential, if citizens are to defend their jobs, lands, health, living standards and freedoms.

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Texas AG Paxton Sues Third Trans Doctor



Dr. M. Brett Cooper

By John Leake

KERA News—NPR for North Texas—just published a thorough report on Texas AG Ken Paxton's lawsuit against yet another UT Southwestern doctor for prescribing hormone treatment to minors in violation of the state's ban on gender-affirming care.

Paxton accuses Dr. M. Brett Cooper, an associate professor of pediatrics at UT Southwestern Medical Center who also practiced at Children's Medical Center Dallas, of prescribing various levels of testosterone cypionate to 15 patients between the ages of 14 and 17. Most patients listed in the lawsuit were between 16 and 17 years old.

In the 34-page lawsuit filed in Collin County, Paxton calls Cooper a "scofflaw" and "radical gender activist" — a reprisal of similar labels he used in his first two lawsuits against Dr. May Lau of UT Southwestern and Dr. Hector Granados of El Paso.

Paxton has said the state "is cracking down" on doctors who provide treatment to children experiencing gender dysphoria despite the state's ban, which took effect Sept. 1, 2023. The law calls for the Texas Medical License to revoke the medical licenses of physicians who violate it.

Paxton said Cooper has prescribed hormone treatment to patients as recently as Sept. 25, and that patients filled prescriptions as recently as Oct. 8.

"Despite the enactment of the law, Cooper continues to prescribe and distribute cross-sex hormones to his minor patients for the purposes of transitioning their biological sex or affirming their belief that their gender identity or sex is consistent with their biological sex," he wrote in the suit.

Paxton also accuses Cooper of misrepresenting diagnoses and billing codes through diagnoses such as "precocious puberty" or "endocrine disorder" to treat patients for gender dysphoria.

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gradually, transitions to using its newfound power to steal wealth from others until eventually, the foundation which underlies the empire (e.g., its ability to create wealth) becomes unstable, the empire crumbles and its replaced with a new empire in its ascendancy phase.

While the above is a simplified description of wealth accumulation, I believe this paradigm very much describes the current state of our society. For instance, many of our institutions have transitioned from having to earn their value to simply being given it either through government subsidies (e.g., a key reason why education is so bad now is because the government gives unconditional student loans to everyone to attend college which in turn incentivizes colleges to focus on retaining as many students as possible rather than on ensuring they get a worthwhile education) or by them having a market monopoly that prevents competition from forcing them to produce something of value.

One of the best illustrations of this has been the relentless promotion of diversity equity and inclusion (DEI), where rather than selecting applicants or employees on the basis of merit, it's done on the basis of their race (or sexual orientation) and their commitment to social justice. Because of this, many corporations and institutions are producing lower and lower quality outputs, but thus far they have gotten away with it due to the monopoly they (and by extension the US dollar) have.

Medical Monopolies

Consider that as the years have gone by, medical education has had a greater and greater focus on DEI. Because of this, I have seen numerous unqualified diverse applicants be admitted to medical school over more qualified non-diverse applicants, and numerous poorly performing diverse applicants be retained by their medical schools so that the graduating class has diversity. Despite the fact this lowers the quality of the graduating class, nothing has been done to stop it as the accreditors place immense pressure on the medical schools to maintain DEI in their classes.

Likewise, originally, medicine "earned" its reputation on doctors being the pinnacle of what society could produce. However, as the years went by and a medical monopoly was established based on the prestige afforded to doctors, medicine became more and more about forcing doctors to follow standardized protocols (that could not get to the root of each patient's issues but could sell a lot of products for the medical industry). As such, having substandard medical graduates isn't actually an issue for the medical industry because they simply are cogs in a system where there's now minimal room for doctors to make independent decisions.

If you take a step back, it's clear our medical system has failed disastrously as the cost for it keeps going up (on average 4.8% per year), but the quality of care gets worse (e.g., despite spending far more than any other country, currently we rank 69th in healthcare outcomes)

Most versions of these charts start in 1970, which I suspect is done to hide what happened immediately prior to that.

I would argue that this trend is a result of the fact there is no incentive in medicine to produce a good outcome (e.g., consider how many diseases like Alzheimer's we've spent billions on research for over decades yet still have no cure for—despite proven ones already existing, and how many diseases we manage with decades of costly therapies which do very little and often create far more problems). Rather, the "incentive" in medicine is to produce expensive products that can get an approval to be sold within America's medical monopoly, which lobbyists can then get insurance companies to subsidize.

To a large extent, I believe this resulted from a misguided attempt by Congress in 1962 to prevent toxic drugs from entering America where they not only gave the FDA the power to block anything they deemed unsafe, but also gave the FDA the discretion to determine what constituted a pharmaceutical being "effective." In turn, the FDA decided that extensive and costly (and not necessarily relevant) data needed to be compiled, which resulted in the cost of drugs skyrocketing and the number of new drugs reaching the market grinding to a halt.

Note: as best as I can tell (as I have to infer the number from incomplete data), the 1962 law caused the cost of bringing a drug to market to go up roughly 1000 times and take almost 10 times as long.

This was a huge problem as (due to the immense cost of developing new drugs) it effectively created a "pay-to-play" system that:

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•Encouraged pharmaceutical companies to pursue drugs that were likely to get approved (e.g., by being very similar to an existing drug or by having a very minor specific benefit that could be "proven") rather than maverick ones that could significantly improve the standard of care (particularly since doing so would displace other costly drug franchises and hence motivate their manufacturers to lobby against the novel drug's approval).

•Changed the pharmaceutical business to revolve around sales rather than drug efficacy, as this was something that could be reliably implemented (regardless of how ineffective or unneeded the drug was) and hence made the business remain sustainable.

•Incentivized the pharmaceutical companies to spend a lot of money eliminating "unapproved" competitors from the marketplace (e.g., by lobbying the government to target those who didn't pay to play).

Note: I tried to summarize the corruption that pervades the medical regulatory process here (e.g., the NIH invested 162 million into remdesivir, and then the panel that was appointed to chose the COVID-19 treatments was comprised of people who'd taken money from remdesivir—and not surprisingly kept on voting for it to be the treatment for COVID-19 despite it being far more unsafe and ineffective than the off-patent options) .

In turn, if you compare the pre-1962 era to now, there are far fewer drugs or medical therapies entering the medical field that change the practice of medicine or significantly improve healthcare outcomes. At the same time, many (if not far more) dangerous drugs are hitting the market. As a result, many of the therapies we use (e.g., numerous remarkable cancer therapies) actually were developed prior to the 1962 law being passed—which is insane as the scientific capabilities we have now are incomparable to what existed back then and hence should be producing far more impressive medical treatments and tech now.

Likewise, the key point I've been trying to illustrate with DMSO is that not only does it produce dramatically better results for illnesses than almost any therapy we've developed in the 63 years since it was discovered, but the results it produces are immediate and obvious (which is why it spread like wildfire across the country and such a national uproar occurred when the FDA banned it).

Because of this, I believe that the FDA's primary responsibility should be to regulate safety, not efficacy (unless the drug is so dangerous it needs to have a clear benefit to justify its risk) and that the market should then select for the most effective therapies because patients will rapidly adopt the things that work and reject the ones that are ineffective. However, rather than do that, a very creative ideology has been erected that tells us we can't trust our own "biased" observations and instead must let "the science" tell us what is safe and effective.

Note: the 2018 Right to Try Law was an attempt to fix this issue by allowing patients in certain cases to take medications that had only undergone safety but not efficacy testing (but unfortunately did not go far enough to actually address this issue).

In DMSO's case, this logic is particularly astounding as the FDA was confronted with thousands of cases of people, who within minutes had their issues (e.g., decades of chronic pain or a recent sprain) improve from DMSO, yet in each case, claimed those improvements were "anecdotal" and likely instead were due to the placebo effect or would have happened anyways.

Note: in 1899, allopathic (conventional) medicine was rapidly falling out of favor due to it being unsafe and ineffective). The American Medical Association (AMA) decided to rescue allopathy by unconditionally promoting industry products (e.g., cigarettes) in return for cash, using the media to aggressively go after every competing school of medicine (e.g., by labeling them as quacks) and blackmailing each new medical product to sell out to them or be branded as quackery. Due to the media's complicity, this worked. Before long, numerous promising therapies (that owing to their remarkable results were rapidly being adopted across America) were told they could either sell their rights to the AMA or be buried—and then, again and again, were systematically canceled. (e.g., I've summarized how the AMA did this to ultraviolet blood irradiation once hospitals across America began using it to rescue numerous hopeless cases and how they likewise they did it to the cancer cure Krezbiozen—but sadly there are many other examples too, the most recent of which was the AMA attacking ivermectin's use for COVID-19).

Media Monopolies

As the years have gone by, the mainstream media has been gradually transformed from something that tried to inform the public about topics the government didn't want the American people to know about (e.g., Vietnam's Pentagon Papers) to a state mouthpiece which only presents the political establishment's talking points.

In my eyes, one of the most significant changes was Clinton, in 1997, legalizing television pharmaceutical advertising (something that every other nation except New Zealand has banned). This allowed the pharmaceutical industry to become the largest television advertiser and then leverage that sponsorship to have television stations no longer expose the dangers of pharmaceutical drugs. In turn, over the years I've heard numerous journalists testify that once this happened they stopped being able to air criticisms of pharmaceutical products (e.g., Sharyl Attkisson provided one of the most clear-cut illustrations of this in her memoir, and here RFK Jr. shares how his friend, the CEO of Fox News [along Jake Tapper of ABC News], wanted to air RFK's program on the dangers of mercury in vaccines but nonetheless was forced to not to air it).

Likewise, here Megyn Kelly discussed with Nicole Shanahan how the leaders of our regulators are now throughly corrupt (making them sabotage public health rather than uphold it) and how on television, she was banned from ever airing any criticisms of vaccines:

In turn, there is a remarkable contrast in what was aired on American television before and after the 1997 advertising change went into effect, as beforehand, serious exposés on the danger vaccines would occasionally be aired on national television, whereas now, despite the majority the Americansbeing outraged over the wave of injuries (and deaths) from the COVID vaccines, excluding a few mentions by Tucker Carlson (e.g., this segment that aired immediately before he was taken off air) nothing has appeared in

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Artificial Intelligence in the Censorship Era

By Brandon Semrow

On July 29 Heritage Minister Pascale St-Onge announced that the government of Ottawa is providing $300,000 to researchers at Université de Montréal to develop an AI tool to help detect disinformation online. The idea is that "This technology will help implement effective behavioral nudges to mitigate the proliferation of 'fake news' stories in online communities" as reported by The Epoch Times. This bold authoritarian move naturally raises concerns about to what extent the censorship will go, especially as Neuralink and other brain computer interface (BCI) technology increasingly become a reality in our lives.

On Monday, December 27, 2021, Australian man Phil O'Keefe, a 62-year-old ALS (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis) patient was the first person to post a tweet using only his brain, through Synchron's brain-computer interface, as reported by techtimes.com. Unlike Neuralink, there was no need to drill a hole in his skull, as they were able to implant the chip in his brain by going in through a carotid artery.

The long term goal of BCI technology is not just to help people that have major life altering disabilities. The idea is that eventually every human being will have a chip in their brain so they can directly interact with machines. This is part of what is known as the Fourth Industrial Revolution, the merger of biology and technology. Klaus Schwab, founder of the World Economic Forum has stated his desire for every human being to have a brain chip by the year 2030, at which time everything you think, dream, or imagine would be recorded! He even hopes for a future where governments will have the ability not only to monitor your thoughts, but also to edit the thoughts that the government views as bad or undesirable!

In June 2019, the United Nations entered into a strategic partnership with the World Economic Forum called "The United Nations -World Economic Forum Strategic Partnership Framework for the 2030 Agenda". In the fourth key focus area titled Digital Cooperation, it states, "Collaboration between the UN and the Forum to meet the needs of the Fourth Industrial Revolution will seek to advance global analysis, dialogue and standards for digital governance and digital inclusiveness; and promote public-private partnerships to address global reskilling and lifelong learning for the future requirements for work and preparing the world's 1.8 billion young people for this transition."

As stated above, a key aspect of implementing the Fourth Industrial Revolution is Public Private Partnerships, which is essentially a merger of state and corporate power. There are currently hundreds of corporations and nonprofits that are partners with the World Economic Forum, which could eventually make certain aspects of the Fourth Industrial Revolution unavoidable in everyone's daily life.

For years, digital data has been a multibillion-dollar industry. Advancements in technology have made it possible to find information that at one time used to be private. For example, the website fastpeoplesearch.com buys the data necessary to make it possible to find someone's cell phone number for free. With BCI technology, the same concept could potentially be used to mine brain data and create "thought logs". This would allow anyone the ability to peer into someone else's brain and reveal the most private kinds of personal information, simply by downloading an app!

Digital data is already used for political and commercial marketing purposes. Every time we download an app, click "agree" to terms of service, or use a loyalty rewards card, our data is being collected and sold. BCI technology could lead to a world where political polling is done based on brain data. Currently, social media is monitored to measure real time reactions to a State of the Union speech or a political debate. If the WEF is successful, there could come a day where this could all be done with real time data collected directly from people's brains! This scenario would inevitably lead to a world where custom AI ads are generated based on each individual person's thoughts. Big tech has already been able to manipulate political information to influence election outcomes. This will only broaden their power and influence and tighten their grip over our political process.

In this vision of the future, everyone would likely be given a brain score based on the data collected from their thoughts. It is almost certain that in the same way that big tech manipulates data for political purposes, the scoring would be rigged to favor implementation of the "sustainability" goals of Agenda 2030, which the World Economic Forum and their hundreds of private sector partners are working together to implement. These goals include global redistribution of wealth, universal health coverage and strengthening the World Health Organization, affordable vaccines for all, complete free, equitable and quality primary and secondary education, global citizenship, universal access to sexual and reproductive health, integrated and sustainable human settlement planning and management in all countries, adaptation to climate change, a multilateral trading system under the World Trade Organization, broadening and strengthening the participation of developing countries in the institutions of global governance, promote the rule of law at the national and international levels, as well as several others.

Recently Jordan Peterson, political commentator and professor emeritus with the University of Toronto psychology department, was "ordered by the College of Psychologists of Ontario to undergo a coaching program on professionalism in public statements" due to his "online commentary directed at politicians, a plus-sized model, and transgender actor Elliot Page, among other issues" according to CBC news. Even worse, in England, several people were recently jailed for supposedly inflammatory posts that they made on social media. If the Fourth Industrial Revolution is allowed to prevail, having thoughts that go against the "progressive" politically correct globalist 2030 Agenda could potentially dictate things like your ability to get or keep a job, or even to patronize certain businesses. Worse yet, you could end up in some sort of "brain retraining" camp, or even in jail, not only for having unapproved thoughts, but it is possible that algorithms will be used to do "predictive policing" based on how likely you are to commit a "thought crime" in the future! In this dystopian scenario, the 5th Amendment right to not incriminate oneself could potentially be thrown out, as data from your own thoughts would be used against you!

There are inevitably endless billions of dollars to be made in the field of brain data, with technocratic rule by "experts" the unfortunate likely end result. The Fourth Industrial Revolution could make prominent strides through bold initiatives where companies require their employees to get brain chipped. Society could also gradually be made to fall in line in the same way that things like face ID and digital payments currently make our lives more convenient. The day could eventually come where it is almost impossible to function in society without a brain chip, just like it is currently almost impossible to function in society without the internet. Are you prepared for the day when your life could be permanently altered and your ability to live freely called into question, just because according to some big tech algorithm, you thought the wrong thought?

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the mainstream media.

In contrast, consider for instance, this scathing 60 Minutes program on the government's role in the 1976 Swine Flu Vaccine disaster (which injured far fewer Americans than the COVID vaccines):

Or this 1982 NBC program on the dangers of the DPT vaccine (which frequently caused brain damage and infant deaths):

Or this 2002 CBS program about the significant risks and questionable benefits of Bush's plan to vaccinate America for smallpox "terrorists were going to unleash upon America" (which before long was canceled because it caused too many injuries—but nonetheless featured many of the same vaccine promoters we saw 20 years later during COVID-19).

Note: one of the most amazing things about this sales campaign is that it featured the line "their sense of urgency is, they don't want their children getting destroyed the way the World Trade Center was destroyed," and mainstream networks aired it.

Similarly, in a recent article, I also included a 60 Minutes program that aired in 1980 about the miraculous benefits of DMSO that exposed the FDA's unconscionable decision to stonewall it for decades and a 1964 television program about how they did very something similar to a remarkable cancer treatment promoted by the most one of the most prestigious doctors in America (e.g., the AMA sent him as their representative to Nuremberg and he co-wrote the Nuremberg code).

Note: there is more and more public awareness about the problems with the pharmaceutical industry being allowed to pay off the mainstream media into not covering the dangers of their products (e.g., recently Joe Rogan discussed this problem with JD Vance), and a real chance this may at last change in the near future.

Overturning Monopolies

With both the mass media and the medical industry, a very similar pattern has occurred. Initially, they had immense trust from the public that they to some extent had earned, but gradually, they shifted from producing results that made the public want to support them to simply trying to enforce their monopolies. As such, as the years went by, dissent against them gradually increased, which in turn was met with harsher and harsher monopolistic tactics—which in many cases ultimately backfired (e.g., the suppression of effective COVID-19 treatments and mandating dangerous and ineffective vaccines has made a large segment of America no longer trust the medical system or the media that relentlessly promoted these talking points).

Because of this, those industries have effectively been stuck in a downhill spiral where to cover up the loss of trust which results from their lies (e.g., the COVID vaccine mandates were justified by the fact the vaccines would prevent you from getting COVID or giving it to anyone), they have to make even more audacious lies, and in time, the absurdity of those lies eventually hits the point each successive one makes the public trust them even less

Note: I believe the hostile media coverage Trump received throughout his presidency was the primary factor responsible for this rapid decline in public trust in the media, and had it not cemented that mistrust in the public, the global resistance against the COVID-19 vaccine mandates would have likely never occurred—which again illustrates the downhill spiral the propaganda apparatus has found itself trapped within.

In my eyes, one of the most remarkable illustrations of this came from the Washington Post's recent decision not to endorse a candidate for president because its owner (Jeff Bezos) overruled the paper's left-wing editorial board. This in turn, led to three editors resigning and a wave of subscribers canceling, after which Bezos published an editorial that stated he did not think an endorsement was appropriate because it would not have a meaningful influence on the election (e.g., the only people who would listen to it were people who were already voting for Harris). Rather, it would further erode the public's trust in the paper's objectivity, which was a bad idea since public trust in the mainstream media was now at a record low.

What I found fascinating about this (reasonable) position was that it received 25,000 comments, and in the couple hundred I skimmed, they were allincredibly hostile toward Bezos's position. Four days later, the Washington Post then aired one of the most remarkable media exchanges we've seen in recent memory:

Note: I've witnessed election fraud occur throughout my lifetime (especially after the electronic voting machines were introduced). The earliest documented example I know of was "Bleeding Kansas" (the event which arguably started the Civil War). There, as a compromise on the slavery issue, it was decided that the legality of slavery in Kansas would be decided by the settlers there. However, pro-slavery forces in Missouri crossed the border to flood the election with illegal votes, resulting in a pro-slavery legislature being elected (which everyone knew was due to fraud). Following this, that legislature outlawed any criticism of slavery, kicked the anti-slavery legislators out, and began arresting or covertly killing anti-slavery citizens. The anti-slavery forces that resisted this encroachment were labeled as insurrectionists. Before long, the pro-slavery government mobilized the army against them to eliminate everyone who would not submit to them (along with destroying pro-freedom newspapers). This spiraled into a year of violence (a mini-civil war), and less than two years after it concluded (but minor conflict still continued), the American Civil War began.

Astroturfing

One of the most common tactics the propaganda apparatus uses to gaslight the population is to flood them with messaging that implies anyone who questions the narrative is insane and completely alone, as this is a fairly reliable way to bully the population into compliance (alongside making public examples of anyone who speaks out). In turn, again and again, we'll see any widely used media platform gradually get monopolized so it can only present the orthodoxy's narrative (and simultaneously have it be put on a pedestal by all the other monopolized news sources). Hence, it becomes harder and harder to find the kernels of truth we need anywhere (e.g., most recently we've seen this with Google and Facebook's relentless censorship).

More importantly, this principle doesn't just apply to the standard media. For example, the academic publishing industry is essentially monopolized and will not publish anything that threatens the pharmaceutical industry's interests—but simultaneously, any journal that does is immediately attacked as being an

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Will Trump Unify? Will His Detractors Allow It?

By Bill Savage

There's certainly plenty of people on both sides of the aisle talking about unifying the country. Many on the left are now praying that the man that they vilified for four years will be some saintly individual who will just simply forgive, forget, and move on. It appears that Trump might just once again let bygones be bygones (remember he didn't pursue charges against Hillary Clinton who clearly violated the law by destroying evidence). Trump might move on, but his supporters will not. Not automatically, the left needs to set the record straight. He didn't call white supremacists "good people", he didn't call our military vets "losers and suckers", he isn't going to let women die in the street for lack of health care, and he didn't orchestrate a "insurrection" on January 6th. We aren't looking for revenge, we're looking for justice. He needs to start with the political prisoners from January 6th. Every prosecutor that brought the false charges, every Judge who allowed a tainted jury to find them guilty, every jailor who violated their rights, and every lawmaker who sabotaged the Jan 6 hearings (especially Liz Cheney) needs to be imprisoned for a long time. A real long time… And no Mr. President-elect, Liz Cheney hasn't been through enough. Not by a long shot. Will the Democrats continue to allow their friends in the media to continue the lies and deceit? Will the media acknowledge that there's a crisis at the border? Will they admit that the attack on fossil fuels has significantly added to inflation, the inflation caused by spending the country into what could very well be a major depression? Will the left now see that the American people want someone to fix the economy, not transgender children? It doesn't seem like they are. We suspect the fight will continue.

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was included as well as the unique quantum identifications of the upper and lower states of each transition.

Before long, the objectives of HITRAN greatly expanded. The spectral range of applicability soon covered the microwave through visible region of the electromagnetic spectrum. In terms of physics, which meant transitions of pure rotation as well as ro-vibration (and even some transitions between different electronic states). The applications also went beyond the simple atmosphere, and many molecules were added that represented trace species in the atmosphere and pollutants in the troposphere. More recently, HITRAN has served the planetary atmospheres community. As a result, the transitions in the database have incorporated more basic parameters, especially those that allow simulation of collisional broadening of spectral lines.

The current and planned remote-sensing satellite missions had also put new demands on HITRAN for precision and accuracy. The line positions and intensities are being acquired at unprecedented accuracy."

The high-resolution HITRAN database is updated frequently, and is the most current available for describing the changing atmosphere. Using this database, the important influence of water vapor on Earth's temperatures and on other greenhouse gases is calculated by van Wijngaarden and Happer in "The Role of Greenhouse Gases in Energy Transfer in the Earth's Atmosphere" They clearly state that their work is based on clear skies. They are working on a theory of clouds, which is an important gap on understanding the influence of atmospheric gases on Earth's changing temperatures. See links under Challenging the Orthodoxy – Radiation Transfer.

HOT JACK

Trump 2024. Has Politics Changed? And What Does It Mean?

Is the WAY that DJT won the 2024 election an indication that America's political landscape has changed? In the past the biggest influencers of politics have been (in no particular order) the A-Zero-C. Dems, "Establishment" Dems, the "Patriot" Republicans, the "Establishment" Republicans, the leftist media and the right-wing media. But all of this seems to have fallen apart without the realization of that disintegration by any of the above-mentioned participants. Could it be that they all were paying so much attention to their own petty little goals that they failed to see what was going on right in front of them?

Was Trump the only one to clearly see not only the issues most dear to the Nation, but also the methods of communicating to those who actually voted? There is evidence of this in the analysis of the electorate breakdown. Millions of votes, who had previously gone Democrat were cast for Trump and this clearly swung the election. WHY? Did the Nation take a sudden swing to the right, as a lot of the idiot media seem to conclude?

Anyone who has been paying attention, and that may not be many, will know Trump is not a Conservative. Yet, he got the full support of the "Right." Neither is Trump a Democrat, as represented by today's Democrat party. Yet millions of people, who consider themselves to be Dems, voted for him. The whole Trump coalition was a combination of the non-establishment right, traditional Democrats and younger voters, those who were experiencing their first or second Presidential election. It seems to have made the "establishment" section of BOTH parties irrelevant. Isn't that refreshing? But what does it all mean?

Has politics changed away from R vs D? Is Trump a true Moderate? If so, what is the 2024 meaning of "Moderate"? Does "Moderate" mean drawing support from both Republicans and Democrats, or can "Moderate" be defined by the issues on which Trump ran? Close the border? Strong economy? No useless foreign wars? Drain the Swamp? "Make America Great Again"? Was MAGA the greatest campaign slogan of all time? Excluding the far left of the Democratic Party and the media, who doesn't want American to be Great?

Has politics changed? That remains to be seen. Trump's actions over the next TWO years will tell the tale. If he refuses to listen to idiots and sticks to his agenda as promised, the 2026-midterm results will be a big clue.

Buckle Up! It's going to be a bumpy ride.

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dedicated medical people who gave me another chance to do something more with my life, and the loving family and friends who had supported waning hope.

I came away from that dark time with deep resolve to recognize, appreciate and live each day forward as a precious gift not to squander on debilitating doubt or surrender to helpless fear.

So yes, the recent presidential and congressional election results evoke very much that same personal reminder – relief that the country will indeed survive an aggressive cultural and economic malignancy thanks to a solid majority of people who kept faith with their ballots despite polls indicating bad outcomes.

A decisive electoral and popular victory has restored confidence that America would remain a sovereign nation defined and protected by a secure border that is open only to immigrants who share its core values and commit to abide by its foundational structures.

Ongoing existence of sanctuary states and cities for millions of entirely unvetted residents from more than 180 countries – including numerous adversarial world regions – was firmly rejected as a top priority issue superseding rights and protections of citizens.

Deliberate federal interference with border agents' abilities to block drug and sex trafficking cartels along with an invasion of violent gangs from entry has finally been deemed unacceptable.

Free food, lodging, health care and education incentives for illegal migrants were determined to be similarly irrational, particularly at a time of inflationary economic distress heavily attributable to profligate government spending.

Predominately Democrat state and municipal soft-on-crime policies including cashless bail, no-charge shoplifting, and police defund movements that incentivized and institutionalized societal lawlessness are about to end.

"Lawfare" became a primary new weapon against political opponents.

First, Democrats secretly had the FBI investigate Donald Trump's campaign and legally intimidate advisors while covering up laptop record evidence of expansive Biden family corruption throughout the 2020 presidential campaign.

They most fortunately failed to impeach Trump twice…once for simply inquiring into national security risks concerning then- V.P. Biden's threat to withhold a billion dollars of Ukraine military aid unless they fired the prosecutor who was investigating a company that was employing his son.

A second sham impeachment attempt involved partisan Capital riot congressional kangaroo court hearings that disallowed opposing testimony and cross examination of witnesses while omitting President Trump's crucial admonition that protestors should go forward peacefully and make their voices heard.

These blatant injustices were followed by the armed early morning Aug. 8, 2022 FBI raid on former President Trump's private Mar-a-Lago residence in search of unauthorized classified documents he was authorized to retain while later showing no interest in those found at multiple Biden properties including his unsecured garage.

Then came seemingly endless federal and municipal lawfare indictments transparently aimed to render their leading political nemesis ineligible to run for office again through all underhanded political devices possible: ineligible removal from state voting rolls, confiscation of property and bankruptcy attempts, multiple-jurisdiction mandated court appearances to interfere with campaign events, and even attempts to jail him.

Thankfully such desperate efforts not only failed to destroy Trump, but along with two assassination attempts, energized and expanded his support base and congressional coat tails, especially among a consequential new majority of successful GOP Senate candidates.

This writer is enormously relieved and grateful that Democrat threats to kill Senate filibuster rules requiring a 60-vote supermajority for major legislation passage are no longer plausible.

This means, for example, that far-left party domination won't empower them to pack the Supreme Court with heavily partisan constitutionally revisionist judges and grant statehood status to reliably Democrat-voting District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

A GOP Senate – possibly House as well - will pave an open road forward for legislative and budgetary initiatives to restore and build upon Trump's previous four years of achievements: a thriving economy, energy independence, border security, and proven global leadership to deter and address foreign exploitation and aggression.

The 47th American president will be supported by a remarkably accomplished and dedicated talent pool: including his vice president pick Senator J.D. Vance, former Democrats Robert F. Kennedy Jr. and Tulsi Gabbard as key transition team members, entrepreneur Elon Musk to cut government waste, and others too numerous to list.

Yes, there are countless reasons for cheerful optimism in their communal company along with great relief and gratitude.

As for others, and with special contempt for neo-Marxist's who work to divide and conquer the country according to a color and gender paint-by-number playbook and poison innocent school children with sexually age- inappropriate and unpatriotic propaganda, I have two other words.

Go away!

Get lost now among the time-trampled ashes of past tyrannies.

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Why Do We Even Have Elections? Why Don't We Just Let The Media Choose?

By I & I Editorial Board

We've become accustomed to Democratic Party operatives thinly disguised as journalists smearing, slurring, slamming, and lying about Republican candidates. They don't want voters to know the truth. They're not objective purveyors of the facts but rather political players who want to have the power to pick the winners of every election.

Some years ago, while at the University of California, Los Angeles, economics professor Timothy Groseclose wrote a book that showed Democratic candidates start their campaigns with significant leads over their GOP candidates due to media preference.

In "Left Turn: How Liberal Media Bias Distorts the American Mind," Groseclose, now at George Mason University, demonstrated how that bias could be measured. "He is so numerate," economist David Henderson wrote in a review, "that he makes clear with the data just how extreme the left-wing bias is."

It's possible that the hole Republicans have to start in is even deeper than it was when "Left Turn" was published in 2011.

The media are so invested in Democrats, through their votes and their campaign donations, and through their hard-left ideology, that they don't want voters to determine the outcomes of elections. They want to be the power brokers who coronate the kings and queens of our executive and legislative bodies.

The partisanship is obvious, and it goes beyond the opinion pages and the unprincipled pundits who continuously screech on television. What is supposed to be straight news is so laced with fabrication and half-truths meant to mislead, that it is, as New York Post columnist Michael Goodwin has noted, "indistinguishable from propaganda."

If the news gatherers and disseminators were to come out and admit their bias and declare the press a wing of the Democratic Party, it would be acceptable. But they continue to lie, to portray themselves as objective arbiters. This is a clear violation of ethics and a breach of the public trust. It's election interference.

None of this is new. More than 50 years ago, the late columnist Edith Efron wrote "The News Twisters." She looked at coverage of the 1968 presidential election and documented the extreme bias in the press. Her research showed "that while coverage of Hubert Humphrey was almost equally balanced at 8,458 words pro– and 8,307 words anti-, coverage of Richard Nixon was 1,620 words pro– and 17,027 words anti-, an incredible anti-Nixon ratio of over 10 to 1," says a review from the March 1972 issue of Commentary.



The routine is, however, growing old – and might be nearing its end. The legacy media know that they're losing their power and influence because they have ruined their credibility with their overt cheerleading for the Democrats. They're therefore working this election particularly hard to leave one final stain on our political affairs.

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"uncreditable source" (and often effectively buried since Pubmed, the source almost everyone uses to find journal articles, won't index any articles from the journal). As a result, it's often immensely difficult to find research that actually answers what I want to know about a topic, and I have to make use of a lot of creative approaches to find it.

Note: one of my simple rules for evaluating academic publications (which I detailed further here) is to take findings they report which agree with the prevailing narratives with a grain of salt, whereas if they report something I would not expect a journal to want to publish, I place a heavier weight on them (as in almost all cases, those claims are held to a very high standard of proof and an immense of work went on behind the scenes to get the journal to be willing to publish them).

On the internet, a different tactic is taken to flood the audience with a specific message—ban or censor any account that posts information that challenges the prevailing narrative, while simultaneously mobilizing large numbers of accounts to (which are often bots or a group working together in coordination) all work together to push a very specific message.

This tactic is known as "astroturfing" (in reference to making large amounts of fake grass), and if you have a basic sense of pattern recognition, it's very easy spot (e.g., I could immediately tell that vaccine injuries were being censored and astroturfed away even though it took months for proof this was occurring to emerge). In turn, when you are on a media platform (e.g., Wikipedia) that is astroturfed, you essentially can only use it for the information you don't expect would be worth anyone's time to astroturf (e.g., concise explanations of well-accepted scientific principles), whereas for everything else, the only value it has is to inform you of what the orthodox position on an issue is—not what is actually true.

Note: search engines like Google do a related form of astroturfing by primarily showing websites they know consistently support their biases.

In turn recently, two of the best proofs I've seen that astroturfing is a widespread phenomenon emerged:

•First, a group was created by the Harris campaign, which would flood large numbers of Reddit pages every day (and Twitter community notes) with messaging that supported Kamala's campaign, after which someone who joined that group leaked everything in their private server, clearly and and unambiguously proving that the Harris campaign astroturfed a lot of the content being seen by the users of Reddit. This is important because while many users on Reddit suspect much of the platform is astroturfed (due to the widespread biases that occur there), this is the first time I've seen it so concretely laid out.

•Second, a large part of Harris's campaign materialized out of thin air from the entire media apparatus collectively, suddenly saying she was a fantastic candidate. Over the last few days, influencers (e.g., this one, this one, and this one) have come forward with proof showing that the Harris campaign offered them a lot of money (they rejected) to post favorable content about Harris. Likewise, a key part of the Harris campaign strategy has been to have celebrity musicians perform concerts at campaign rallies (so people want to attend) that are juxtaposed with the celebrity endorsing the Harris.

On Friday, something remarkable happened—Rapper Cardi B (who a year ago had stated she would not endorse a president because she could not support America funding two overseas wars) headlined for Kamala Harris. However, at the start of her speech, the teleprompter broke, leading to her stumbling for 90 seconds (utterly unsure of what to say), after which a cell phone was rushed to her, and she read her entire speech (which was written to sound like it was her authentic voice) off of the cell's screen.

In my eyes, this is noteworthy because it's essentially the most straightforward proof I've ever seen that many of the things experts and celebrities say are astroturfed and completely fake.

Note: similarly, a massive issue with journal publications is that pharmaceutical companies will often write ghost-write scientific articles and then pay "expert" academics to put their name on the papers as its "authors" and thereby lend significant credibility to what would otherwise be rightly dismissed as biased marketing.

Monopolies vs. Value

As you take a step back and consider each of the above examples, you will see that each one keeps raising a similar question. How can we be generating wealth if so much of our resources are devoted to creating garbage that only exists to manipulate people and maintain an inferior product's monopoly rather than actually creating things of value that people would want?

Note: to illustrate, America now spends almost 1 trillion dollars each year on research and development, yet much of that goes into "non-threatening" topics that have minimal actual value to the country.

Bill Gates for example, epitomizes this principle, as once he created the Windows operating system, he rapidly moved to prevent competing software companies (with better software) from using Windows. Since this monopolistic behavior was illegal, Microsoft was sued for antitrust violations. Throughout the court process, Bill Gates was revealed to be a nasty individual who was doing everything he could to bury his competitors. To address the negative public perception of him (at the time, he was one of the most disliked individuals in America), Gates founded the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to recast himself as a philanthropist, and through this PR stunt was able to successfully remediate his public image.

Since that time, he continually repeated these same tactics. He gradually monopolized the field of public health (e.g., he changed public

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Puzzle Answers

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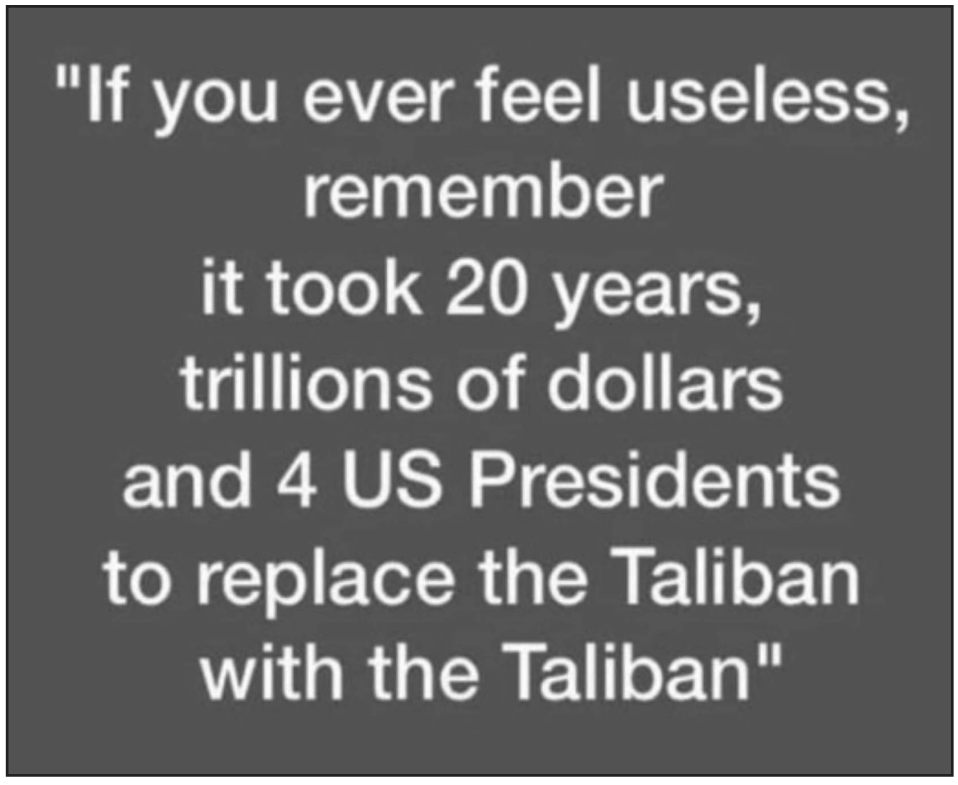

The Election of Grace

Part 1

By Matt Warneke

Saul of Tarsus roamed the earth 2,000 years ago. He began his Jewish life in a Roman province and was given a formal education in Pharisaic training. As his career advanced, he became zealous with respect to his Judaism and began persecuting believers of a new religion. He was a witness to the stoning and death of Stephen, an innocent man practicing his freedom of speech.

Following this tragedy, Paul was on the road to Damascus with orders from Jerusalem to persecute more people and was literally blinded by a light. This supernatural experience ushered in future missionary journeys around the Mediterranean and laid the foundation for his ultimate purpose in life as one of the most accomplished evangelists.

His words "the election of grace" in Romans 11:5 are preserved in history. The word "election" had another meaning, "the chosen ones" or believers who had strong faith and hoped for a better life and the coming of a messiah. This was a very small group of people spread out over a large area. They were persecuted by many over a long period of time, but persevered, thrived and grew into Christianity as it is today.

The light which blinded Saul transformed him, and days later when his vision was restored, he began his transition into the apostle Paul. The event was not just a physical miracle that regained his sight, but also a spiritual awakening to many basic truths that had been concealed over his lifetime.

At the time of Paul, the Romans occupied Judah, conducted periodic census of the Jewish population, and levied heavy taxes on them and imposed restrictions on their basic freedoms. Jewish political and religious leaders served as intermediaries between the people and the Roman government. Many parallels to that period can be drawn today.

Paul's experience is captured in scriptural and gospel reference to passages regarding hearing but not understanding, and seeing but not perceiving. This is a repeating theme going back in history to Moses and the Egyptians with God hardening the pharaoh's heart and mind. A direct correlation can be made with the recent election and many Democratic voters who were loyal to a failed administration with no policies or plans to change the course.

Even the frustrations of regular working-class Americans could see through the nonsense. Add to that the gradual escalation of censorship, misinformation, disinformation along with the manipulation of data and facts by MSM and Big Tech. A large proportion of citizens wanted significant change, but others remained in a deep sleep with regards to what was really going on.

Those awake could see that this was not an election between Democrats and Republicans, but rather one between the Deep State and freedom-fighting, Constitutional-loving American Patriots. Many deep state followers remain in a deep state of sleep. Many of them may not even know who they are following. Despite the lack of both leadership and meritocracy in the country the past four years, many people are unable to grasp the absolute corruption of our government agencies or perceive the words of division.

This was on full display leading up to the recent election. The MSM public outcry this past week verified their complete obstruction of the will of the people following the overwhelming GOP victories in the House, Senate and Executive Office through both popular and electorate votes. Once the magnitude of the Democrat Deep State election fraud is exposed, they will soon realize how large a gap actually exists between the two parties. This will truly be the Great Awakening despite pleas from those that indicate they were under Trump Derangement Syndrome.

Allow us to focus on just one of the key political issues leading up to the election… MONEY. Let us ponder over the last 4 years and the flip of the economy from growth to rapid decline with excessive inflation (i.e. blind taxation). The tyranny of taxation and interest fees upon We The People (WTP) was no different than the British throne's banking system and control over the 13 States in 1776. Many people are drawing a correlation between this and the 13 richest families in the world (aka the Deep State).

Ask yourself the following questions. How much money has the Deep State manipulated through decades of taxation, interest fees and war? Are they responsible for overtaking control of the Democratic Party as well as Big Pharma, FBI, CIA, DHS, DOJ, CDC, ICE and other 3-letter acronym agencies? Will they be held accountable for their mischief and atrocities?

When considering all of this information, realize how Paul's message from 2,000 years ago is applicable to this period we're living through when he wrote the following excerpts in Romans:

13:3 "For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil…do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same" – Joe Biden's complete ruin of our economy and Kamala Harris' open border policies are not good. Neither was Anthony Fauci's entire career and becoming the highest paid government official. I know someone who may think of them as hypocrites. These individuals do not deserve any praise, but should be investigated for oversight of unconstitutional actions impacting American's health, wealth, and quality of life.

13:8 "Owe no man anything, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law" – The Deep State's control over the Federal Reserve and Central Bank is a downward spiral for average Americans to be slaves of debt through taxation and interest payments. Free us from this burden and promote brotherly and sisterly love. Let us turn away from their system and unite as fellow Americans living in harmony.

13:11 "And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed" – For those who survived COVID, this was the initial period of the great awakening after a pandemic was used to steal an election, and many of our very own medical professionals turned their back on their Hypocrattic Oath to humanity. The newly elected GOP President along with the Cabinet, House and Senate will be our earthly saviors from the Deep State.

14:13: "Let us not therefore judge one another anymore: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumbling block or an occasion to fall in his brother's way" – COVID, Russia gate, the Hunter Biden Laptop, Ukraine War, egregious lawsuits, and assassination attempts were all stumbling blocks upon Americans and the world. Allow us to take a new path to prosperity and peace.

15:5 "One man esteemeth one day above another: another esteemeth every day alike. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind" – It is high time to loosen the governmental noose (i.e. the restrictions and regulations on WTP). Let Meritocracy return to our country in order to Make America Great Again.

16:17 "… mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them" – Karl Marx, a despicable human being, created socialism as the introduction or "warm-up act" to communism. Since they were unable to defeat American capitalism directly, they altered their game plan to infiltrate America from within. Let's not avoid them, but expose them and hold them all accountable for their actions.

Recent proponents of the invasion of the U.S. include the Bush's, Clintons, Obamas, Bidens and Harris. They all chose to use war as a means to obfuscate the world into countless loss of human life while profiting from the war machine. Trump chose peace. Our country just avoided Kamala as Commander in Chief. Her father is an advocate and instructor for socialism. Whew! That was a close one.

16:18 "For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple" – Many of those referenced above in 16:17 are guilty of lies, repeated mantra, and most recently word salad. They are in the process of being exposed and may resort to creating havoc to our country or world for their survival. The Patriots know their plans and will do everything possible to protect WTP.

16:19 "For your obedience is come abroad unto all. I am glad therefore on your behalf: but yet I would have you wise unto that which is good, and simple concerning evil" – Most men and women of all races, creeds and color have an innate urning to do what is good. America and many other countries around the world have become mixing pots where our nationalities and characteristics are simplified. We yearn for basic freedoms such as life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness…the America dream. Let us love our neighbors and move on.

Considering the information presented by Paul, I would presume that most people would agree with most of his remarks which I will refer to as Paul's 8 directives. They would prefer to choose unity, rather than resentment and division. This is mandatory for our nation to move on.

I'll leave you with this simple prayer of Paul's from Romans 10:1. "Brethren, my heart's desire

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mandates, forced closures, and finally the unconscionable forced shots that have no only killed and wounded many but demoralized and subjugated the population in ways that can only be compared with wartime conscription.

As regards Trump himself, what we've seen emerge since then is a changed man in many ways, or so it seems. He has new appreciation for the wicked power of the deep state and the toxicity of lawfare of which he is a main victim. The kinds of people he has gathered around him, including RFKJr and Elon, is also encouraging.

At the same time, I've changed too on many topics on which I thought I had settled opinions.

On nationalism, I had never imagined the conditions in which that impulse would favor rather than oppose liberty, and amount to a form of decentralization from what is called globalism. The Covid response was largely dictated (from Feb 26, 2020) by the World Health Organization, which is mostly funded privately as a corporatist racket pushing pharmaceutical products. This is why the Covid response was the same the worldover (but for three nations). Even the CDC claimed to defer.

And that's just the start of it. It's true for censorship and financial power too: both are global initiatives pushed by corporate elites, as we see in Europe. The treatment of Elon Musk for daring to permit speech is indicative: they really want to turn the Internet into a curated information machine controlled only by stakeholders. I'm not making this up. This is what they say!

Indeed, the problem is even deeper. There is a machine being built globally that necessarily disenfranchises voters the world over. Once they have power, democracy is at an effective end, which means that citizens no longer have any possibility of influencing the shape of the regime under which they live.

Nationalism in this case means taking back power from usurpers. (Generally speaking, as I've long written, whether nationalism is good or bad for liberty depends on circumstances of time and place.).

On the matter of immigration, I never imagined that I lived under a regime that would deploy the free movement of peoples as a weapon of vote manipulation and power consolidation. Voters in the UK saw it, and Murray Rothbard saw it as a possibility as early as 1993 but I couldn't imagine it.

I was wrong. It became our reality. The liberal and broad-minded impulse to welcome strangers has been weaponized as a vote-getting scheme operated at taxpayer expense. This has nothing to do with freedom and everything to do with the aspiration for a one-party state and premeditated demographic upheaval to break up opposition to state consolidation.

On matters of trade, I'm with Rand Paul in opposing tariffs as industrial protection. That said, the loss of domestic manufacturing is driven in part by a bad monetary system that broke all monetary settlement mechanisms that had smoothed trade in the 19th century and replaced it with a one-way industrial policy that came at the expense of the citizenry.

It has become clear, in addition, that the longing for a system of fiscal financing via tariffs rather than income taxes is on the table, as in the 19th century. That would certainly amount to an improvement over the current system. If that kind of nostalgia drives Trump's tariff push, there is some basis for it and not automatically a form of what I feared the most.

The number one shift I've undergone in my thinking concerns the source of the real problem in the US. It is not the politicians elected by the voters as such but the permanent state structures that exist on three levels: shallow, middle, and deep. The consciousness of this is as new as it is ominous.

The deep state refers to the intelligence community which very obviously exercises massive power not only internationally but domestically as well. I'm not sure I was fully aware of that.

The middle state is the civilian bureaucracy, some 2 million strong plus 400 agencies that imagine that they are the real and permanent rulers of America.

The shallow state is the retail end of this machine: the media, the medical systems, the tech companies, and the corporate structure itself whether it controls advertising or philanthropy or banking or financial markets. The corruption is deep and wide.

There is only one way to break up this wicked cartel: with executive, legislative, and judicial action. The Trump forces have a bead on this, in part because his last term was utterly foiled by this machinery.

We've never had an incoming administration so finely focused on the real problems and floating real solutions to actually save freedom in this generation from utter destruction.

Of course it might not go well: usually politics betrays us. But this much I know: we cannot endure four more years of where things are headed now. Everything we love is being lost.

Most Americans have a simple demand: we want our lives back. It's that simple. We don't even need to take recourse to far-flung ideological precepts to understand it. We need only draw on moral intuition and what we remember (if we can) of what normal life should be like.

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and prayer to God is that you might be saved. For I bear record that people have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God and to everyone that believeth."

Perhaps Paul was not referring to "election" as in the political context after all. After taking on the guilt and shame of persecuting and murdering religious opponents, perhaps Paul found the true meaning. Maybe we can too.

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New Tax for Racine County

Recently **THE RACINE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** voted to INFLICT a new tax on the people of Racine County. Of course, the reasoning (lie) put forth to the people was to fund the Sheriff's Department. A noble and justifiable cause to be sure. Did you ever notice that there is always a "noble and justifiable cause" to tax more and spend more? Of course, there was no effort to cut spending in other areas. There was no effort to reduce the size of their fiefdom and loosen the yoke around your necks just a little. That would require both guts and effort.

Yes, the government has a cancer imbedded within it that will always want to grow. We are all aware of and repulsed by it, yet we don't scream loudly enough to get the attention of those we vote for. While that's a given, it is not the topic of discussion for today.

Today it is about the **DISHONESTY** of those you vote for.

Today it is Racine County. Tomorrow it will be Waukesha County. Every County in the State either has or will soon have a SALES TAX. Why? The Boards will argue that they need the cash.....more of your money. See paragraph one. This applies to all Wisconsin Counties. But that's not the real reason that they want a SALES TAX. If it were about the money, they could easily increase your property tax levy. (and that tax is deductible on your federal taxes).

But no. They can't do that. Because they can't fool you that way. You see your total property tax every year. You pay attention to it. You complain about it. LOUDLY. Every time they refuse to be fiscally responsible they would have to make a special effort to increase your property tax AGAIN. And you would scream.

Enter the SALES TAX. Sure, at first the Board will take a little heat from those few who are paying attention. But then, nothing. The tax just fades away. You will never notice 0.50% added to the bottom of your sales receipts. Easy Peasy. And when they spend that, what will they do? Increase the rate to 0.9%. To 1.5%. To 2.5%. And on and on. Hardly a word will ever be heard in protest.

Do you remember Bill Clinton? Do you remember his mantra being, "How can we fool them today?" You were fooled again.

If this one instance isn't enough to piss you off, think back to how many times every form of government has lied to you in this manner.

Pissed yet?

Active Patterns

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children, and the same tribe would come back to fight the Romans a couple generations later. The Romans weren't reproducing. So, the enemy was proliferating, and Rome was running out of Romans. The Roman Empire in the West collapsed in 476AD. Several hundred years before, Sparta ran out of Spartans, every time they fought a battle, they couldn't replace their losses, and after 371BC they became a second tier City-State. Today Europe is not replacing their population, and Europeans are not procreating. Muslims have moved in to fill the vacuum, they are reproducing and they are taking over. Similar patterns are occurring in America.

Women who marry young can have large families and women who marry later cannot. Many older couples, I mean those born before WWII were married at 18. The children were born one every year or two for five or six children. Then as the couple aged, children were more spaced apart, as miscarriages, still births, and handicapped babies started occurring. I was married later in life, at age 33, and my wife is older than I am. Our age caught up to us, we are among the many childless couples in America. Now many childless couples are so on purpose, but for some, it is their age catching up with them. There are several Christian men I know who were never married, because Christian women said no to their proposals, and married unbelievers. This behavior is the single greatest reason why Christians are now minorities in their own country.

Nations ruled by men conquer nations ruled by women. When women usurp authority, they stop guiding the family, and they usually stop bearing children. Another phenomenon happens, the men become weak, soft and irresponsible. Sodomy proliferates. Another trend is that women in power tend to conciliate the guilty. That trend may by a blessing for a 3yr-old child committing an act of rebellion, but not a 35yr-old criminal. "Matriarchal Hells," as my Pastor calls them, are hellish indeed, but they are temporary. Communities where families are led by single mothers are impoverished indeed.

All these trends have destroyed America. The family has been weakened, many people come from broken homes. Many people have a concept of family that consists of "boyfriend/girlfriend" rather than "husband and wife." The Islamic world now sees the West, as a civilization on the ropes, with no fight left in it, ready for conquest. The Communist Chinese see us in a final "decadent state of capitalism" ready to implode. They see Christianity as a religion of women, and weak men, which they are emboldened to eliminate. If America's enemies were encouraged to act out under a senile Joe Biden, they will more emboldened if we are led by a woman President.

One Nation Under God

Your Church's Pro-Life Statement

"If men strive, and hurt a woman with child, so that her fruit depart from her, and yet no mischief follow: he shall be surely punished, according as the woman's husband will lay upon him; and he shall pay as the judges determine. And if any mischief follow, then thou shalt give life for life, Eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, Burning for burning, wound for wound, stripe for stripe." Exodus 21:22-25

By Riley J. Hood

Today, most churches prolife statements are gathering dust. Most churches prolife statements were adopted in the late 1980's and early 1990's and they usually read, "Abortion is murder, except in the cases of rape, incest or life of the mother." Of course, sermons on abortion were rare, and protests were discouraged. Maybe once a year a speaker from a Crisis Pregnancy Center would give a talk about how they help women choose life, and how "adoption is the loving option." That is where their commitment ended.

So where did churches get their pro-life statements from? Roman Catholics are supposed to be Pro-Life from their Teaching Magisterium, and yet their statements mirror Evangelical churches. Evangelical Churches are supposed to be Biblical, and yet in the Bible there is no exceptions for aborting any preborn baby in Scripture, especially Exodus 21:22-25.

These statements originated with the GOP. In 1980 it was quoted by George H. Bush, and National Right to Life dubbed him, "98% Pro-Life," thus the mudslide began. During the Reagan years, so-called Christian lawyers told Pastors and Church leaders that if you adopt the GOP statement, you can be pro-life and have your 501(c)3 IRS exemption.

I can personally attest, during my 30yr involvement in the Constitution Party, that we had constant conflicts from Mormon cultists, over "their church's" pro-life position. While I was in the Constitution Party, the Party Platform was 100% Pro-Life, and yet Mormon after Mormon said they supported exceptions, because "their Church" did. I would answer, "Then get you're your church's endorsement and support for your candidacy, because you do not have ours." Where did the Mormons get their pro-life statement? It wasn't from the Book of Mormon, or any other of their sources. It was from their "apostles" at the time voting to adopt the GOP statement.

Since July, the GOP has walked back their Pro-Life statement, to almost meaningless. It mirrors the lack of commitment displayed by that party for over 40 years. While their old statement collected mold in a back room, they opened their "big tent" and welcomed in pro-aborts. The platform was there to allow pro-lifers to delude themselves that by supporting the GOP, and a few pieces of "exceptions legislation" they were saving babies. At the GOP National Convention, pro-lifers, who are about 8% of the population, were disabused of that notion. The only Party left in America that is prolife in any sense is the Constitution Party. However, after the death of Howard Phillips, I have seen certain persons there sweep abortion under the rug, and minimalize their commitment, to the point where it was not front and center, but sitting in file on their platform page.

So, what about your Churches Pro-Life Statement now? Are you going to water God's commandments against murder down some more? Craft a set of millennial excuses, such as blather about "the will of the people" or "states rights" like the GOP has done? Or are you going to become "prayerfully pro-choice" like the mainstream apostate protestants have? I am not hopeful that most churches will do the right thing, seeing as they have had 40 years of practice being cowardly, evasive, and full of excuses. But maybe with your efforts your church can be different, and take a godly stand, upon Holy Scripture, regarding your preborn neighbor.



God's Only Begotten Son

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16

By Riley J. Hood

In 1978 the New International Version was printed. One of the Old Testament translators was a known sodomite, Marten Woodstra. The lesbian Virginia Ramey Mollenkott was on the style committee. Another person on the style committee was Elizabeth Elliot, who is a conservative woman. (Elizabeth was the wife of missionary/martyr Jim Elliot.) The woman dominated style committee started substituting "love" for words translated as "charity" and "mercy" in the KJV. As bad as that is, far worse is changing "only Begotten Son" into one and "only Son."

The term "only son" was used referring to Isaac when God spoke to Abraham. Genesis Chapter 22:1-2 "And it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, here I am. And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of." The phrase "only son" is repeated several verses later, in Genesis 22:10-12. "And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son. And the angel of the Lord called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here am I. And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou anything unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me." The phrase is repeated again in verse 16, "And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the Lord, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son:" Only in Hebrews 11:17 is Isaac referred to as Abraham's only begotten son, "By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son," which of course is a theological term, as Abraham fathered Ishmael with Hagar, and other children with Keturah.

Contrast Isaac, who is a type of Christ with the actual Christ. Jesus said of himself to Nicodemus, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16 The Gospel of John uses "only begotten" several times. "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth." John 1:14 "No man hath seen God at any time, the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him." John 1:18 "He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." John 3:18

Psalm 2, spoke of God's only begotten Son, in verses 6 and 7, "Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion. I will declare the decree: the Lord hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee." The Apostle Paul's words are recorded in Acts 13:33, "God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he hath raised up Jesus again; as it is also written in the second psalm, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee."

The Book of Hebrews refers to Psalm 2, in Chapter 1:1-5, "God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high: Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?" Another reference is made in Hebrews 5:5, "So also Christ glorified not himself to be made an high priest; but he that said unto him, Thou art my Son, today have I begotten thee."

Now, the term only Begotten Son isn't the only way the Bible reverences Christ Jesus our Lord, "well beloved" is how God the Father spoke of Jesus at his baptism in all four Gospels. The term, "beloved Son" in used by God the Father at Christ's transfiguration, in Matthew 17:5, Mark 9:7and Luke 9:35. Now, I know most Christians don't mean it, or realize it, but our easy familiarity with Jesus is causing us to lose our reverence for Him. Using terms like Only Begotten Son, and Our Lord Jesus Christ help us keep in tune with the fact that yes, because He is our Savior, yes He is our Brother, but always Jesus is God the Son, the Second Person in the Trinity.



VOICE OF JERUSALEM

Long Term consequences of U.S. Intel Leaks

By Caroline Glick

On Wednesday, Fox News and The Jerusalem Post ran stories based on a report from Kuwait's Al-Jarida newspaper claiming that the U.S. had revealed to Iranian authorities the identities of 10 Mossad agents in Iran who allegedly were involved in the July 31 assassination of Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh.

Al-Jarida claimed its report was based on information provided by a member of Iran's Supreme National Security Council. The alleged source told the Kuwaiti paper that U.S. officials had visited Iran secretly after the assassination with the goal of appeasing the regime. They told their Iranian counterparts that Israel had not informed them of its plans to kill Haniyeh and proceeded to provide them with the Mossad agents' identities.

On Thursday, Fox News deleted the story and the Post updated its report. The updated article led with the news that the U.S. National Security Council denied the Kuwaiti story.

On Wednesday night, I shared the Post report on my X account. My post received well over one million views. Following the Post's publication of its revision and Fox's deletion of its initial report, I deleted my post and shared the Post's revised story.

Given the severity of the charge, why were Fox News and the Post so quick to report the Al-Jarida story? Why was my initial inclination to lend credence the report? The answer, in short, is that the Biden-Harris administration, like the Obama-Biden administration before it, has a track record of leaking Israeli operations in Iran.

Consider just a few well-known and widely reported examples.

In May 2022, senior IRGC commander Sayyed Khodei was killed by gunmen outside his home. The gunmen escaped the scene on a motorcycle. According to Israeli officials, Khodei served as deputy commander of IRGC Unit 840 and was involved in planning cross-border plots against foreigners, including Israelis. At the time he was killed, Khodei was reportedly planning the assassination of French Jewish philosopher Bernard-Henri Lévy.

To avoid the prospect of retaliation and escalation, Israel did not claim responsibility for the strike. But Biden officials told The New York Times that Israel had killed him. The operation was carried out during Naftali Bennett's premiership and Bennett and his associates were reportedly angered by the administration's move, which raised the prospect of increased Iranian violence against the Jewish state.

On April 12, 2021, Israel bombed the electricity line serving the uranium enrichment facility at Natanz and so rendered the entire installation nonfunctional. The operation was considered the most substantial act of sabotage Israel had yet carried out against Iran's nuclear sites. It took place a week and a half after the Biden administration had inaugurated its negotiations with the Iranians towards reinstating the 2015 nuclear deal.

Still led by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu at the time, Israel opted to wait until two hours before the operation to inform the administration of its plans. Netanyahu's decision reportedly owed to his fear that President Joe Biden or his advisers would leak the planned mission to the media to prevent it from taking place.

Netanyahu's fears of U.S. leaks were based on his experience with the Obama administration.

Throughout Barack Obama's two terms in office, his administration routinely leaked information about Israel's operations and planned operations in Iran and Syria. The administration's leaks undermined Israel's efforts to block Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons and endangered its bid to block Iran from transferring advanced weapons to Hezbollah terror forces in Lebanon.

Highlights (or lowlights, as the case may be) of the leaks by the Obama administration revolve around its successful effort to block Israel from attacking Iran's nuclear installation at Fordow in 2012.

On March 29, 2012, Foreign Policy magazine reported that Azerbaijan had agreed to permit Israel to launch a strike against Iran's nuclear installations from its air bases. The same day, Bloomberg reported on a congressional report that claimed it was futile to attack Iran's nuclear installations because "Iran's nuclear installations were so dispersed that it is unclear what the ultimate effect of a strike would be."

The Foreign Policy report quoted a U.S. intelligence officer saying, "We're watching what Iran does closely … But we're now watching what Israel is doing in Azerbaijan. And we're not happy with it."

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The Hamas-Hezbollah-Iran-UN Axis of Evil

Incredibly few Palestinian civilian casualties in Israel's war of survival – yet only Israel is condemned

By Paul Dreissen

On October 7, 2023, Hamas butchered 1,200 innocent people, maimed 5,400, kidnapped 250, and drove tens of thousands out of southern Israeli towns. The next day, to show solidarity with Hamas, Hezbollah began launching rockets, missiles and drones into northern Israel, driving 80,000 from their homes.

Israel's war rages on, against Hamas and Hezbollah, ISIS, Houthis and their Iranian theocracy puppet masters. It is a conflict that Israel did not start and did not want, a war for the Jewish state's very survival. It was preceded by suicide bombings and other deadly attacks by Palestinians going back many decades.

Hamas leader Sinwar is now dead. So are Hezbollah leader Nasrallah, his successor, the successor's replacement, his successor and dozens of other top terrorists. But Hezbollah still demands "appropriate and suitable" terms for ending the conflict.

A Lebanon ceasefire might happen, if a new American proposal is accepted, under which US, EU and UN "partners" would (finally) enforce 2006 UN Security Council Resolution 1701, requiring that Hezbollah disarm, withdraw north of the Litani River, and let the Lebanese government govern.

President Biden wants to "move on" to other matters. VP Harris says "de-escalation" is essential. They want a ceasefire, and Palestinian statehood that may be less likely than ever, because Israeli trust is gone.

However, Donald Trump's resounding reelection is already making Iran less relevant. It may make Hamas and Hezbollah more open to a cessation of hostilities, release of still-living hostages, and even a long-term, wide-ranging peace agreement ... though at this point largely on Israel's terms.

Meanwhile, Hamas, Hezbollah, Houthis and Iran continue to target any Israelis unlucky enough to be in blast zones – with few condemnations or repercussions from the UN, US or anyone else.

The Hamas war is the most dangerous and complex urban warfare imaginable. It's horrific for anyone caught in target zones or crossfires. And yet Israel is condemned for crimes against humanity for attacking Hamas and Hezbollah ambush sites, weapon and missile storage depots, terror tunnels and strongholds that were deliberately built in and under homes, schools and hospitals to deter attacks or maximize civilian casualties.

Even Israel's brilliant booby-trapping of Hezbollah pagers and walkie-talkies probably was labeled a war crime.

Meanwhile, Russia continues targeting Ukrainian schools, apartment buildings and hospitals, maiming and killing civilians – with few or no condemnations or repercussions.

Civilian death tolls in Gaza and Lebanon are a fraction of noncombatant casualties in other recent wars – Afghanistan, Africa and Ukraine, Syria, Iraq and Yemen, for example. US, UN and allied forces often killed nine civilians for each combatant. In Gaza and Lebanon, fewer than two civilians died per combatant, because Israeli Defense Forces take "more measures to avoid civilian harm than virtually any other nation that's fought an urban war."

Israel was also condemned for kicking the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestinians out of Israel, because UNRWA employed terrorists who participated in the 10/7 massacres and helped kidnap Israelis; indoctrinated children to be terrorists; aided and sheltered Hamas; funneled food, water, concrete and other resources to the terrorists; and concealed weapons and explosives in UNWRA facilities.

President Biden and the US State Department are "deeply concerned" that this decision could prevent humanitarian aid from reaching people, even though the IDF and other aid agencies are more than capable, and pictures and videos prove UNRWA employees committed multiple crimes.

Norway has asked the UN General Assembly to request an International Court of Justice "advisory opinion" outlining Israel's supposed "obligations as an occupying power to facilitate humanitarian assistance" to Palestinians. The US says it "categorically rejects" any Israeli actions that could lead to the "forced relocation" of Palestinians from Gaza

Why haven't Norway, the US, UN or pro-Hamas mobs sought similar legal opinions regarding Russia's obligations toward Ukrainians – or regarding other horrific international conflicts?

Years-long war in Sudan has killed well over 60,000 people, forced millions to leave their homes, added another 135,000 to the refugee stream just since late October, and created the "world's worst current hunger crisis." And yet these "human rights advocates" have said virtually nothing.

Similar stony silence reigns regarding butchery in Nigeria, where Islamist "jihad and genocide" have slaughtered 150,000 Christians since 2009 and driven millions of refugees into neighboring countries. Some bizarrely blame resource scarcity, eco-violence and climate change for the slaughter.

During Israel's 1948 War of Independence, some 750,00 Arab people fled or were forced to flee the new nation. Their six million descendants now live Israel, Gaza, the West Bank, Jordan, Syria and other places, largely assisted by UNRWA. They are still considered "refugees," with a "right of return" to what is now Israel – the only people in history with such status.

Most Holocaust survivors (perhaps 3,000,000 of 9,000,000 pre-WWII Jews) had no desire to remain in Europe; they emigrated to Israel and other countries and started new lives and families. Most who tried to enforce their "right of return" to their pre-war homes were murdered or driven away. On November 8, Islamist mobs hunted and attacked Israeli soccer fans in Amsterdam.

Israel's creation also resulted in 850,000 Jews being forced to leave their centuries-long homes in Muslim countries across North Africa, through the Middle East to Iran and beyond. They received no UN help.

This October, Israel finally responded to Hezbollah's ongoing attacks – and its preparations for Hamas copycat massacres via tunnels similar to those in Gaza. IDF targeting of Hezbollah headquarters, war rooms, and stockpiles of weapons and explosives, rockets and missiles in populated areas damaged parts of Beirut and southern Lebanon, displaced more families, and killed terrorists and civilians.

US Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen and other finance ministers sent a letter to Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu, warning that the West Bank's economy could collapse if Israel doesn't extend a waiver allowing Israeli and Palestinian banks to continue cooperating in disbursing international financial support. The Palestinian economy faces "systemic collapse" if action isn't taken immediately, they claim.

Israel's economy has also been battered, but the ministers said nothing about that.

The US, UN and EU are further outraged that Israel wants the UN Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) to move out of its forts, to safeguard its "observers" from air and ground actions in active combat zones. UNIFIL rejected the demands.

UNIFIL has been deployed in Lebanon since 1978, supposedly to prevent Hezbollah having an armed presence south of the Litani River. However, it studiously saw nothing, said nothing, reported nothing and did nothing to prevent Hezbollah from building terror tunnels, sniper positions, missile launch pads, munitions depots and more within a hundred yards of UNIFIL positions along the Israeli border.

These travesties, threats and hypocrisies must end. The wars on Israel must be brought to a close and the hostages returned – but only with the dismantling of Hezbollah and Hamas forces that still promise to wipe Israel off the map. Thankfully, the election of Trump 47 may make all that more likely than ever.

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Israel's veteran military affairs commentator Ron Ben-Yishai, in a column in Ynet, expressed outrage at the U.S. leaks. Accusing Obama of "betraying Israel," Ben-Yishai fumed, "This 'surgical strike'" of leaks is undertaken via reports in the American and British media, but the campaign's aims are fully operational: To make it more difficult for Israeli decision-makers to order the IDF to carry out a strike, and what's even graver, to erode the IDF's capacity to launch such strike with minimal casualties."

The leaks weren't only geared towards preventing an airstrike or commando raid on Iran's installations. They were directed as well against Israel's efforts to undermine the Iranian nuclear program through cyberwarfare and other forms of sabotage.

On June 1, 2012, the administration leaked the Stuxnet cyberwarfare program to the New York Times. Stuxnet was a top-secret cyber worm developed jointly by the United States and Israel. Beginning in 2010, it was used to sabotage Iran's main centrifuge production site at Natanz. The Times reported that in 2012, Obama was outraged because Israel had modified the cyber worm and allegedly sought to expand the use of the cyberweapon to other Iranian installations including economic infrastructure.

The Times's story quoted one of Obama's briefers telling the then president, "We think there was a modification done by the Israelis." After Obama questioned the officials, then-Vice President Joe Biden expressed outrage. Biden "fumed, 'It's got to be the Israelis. They went too far.'"

The Stuxnet leak wasn't a one-off. Two weeks later, the administration leaked details of another joint U.S.-Israel cyber tool called "Flame," to The Washington Post. Flame was reportedly developed for spying on Iran's nuclear program.

The Post reported that "the United States and Israel jointly developed a sophisticated computer virus nicknamed Flame that collected intelligence in preparation for cyber-sabotage aimed at slowing Iran's ability to develop a nuclear weapon."

Then there was Syria. More or less at the outset of the civil war in 2011, Israel began carrying out operations in Syria to block Iran's efforts to transfer advanced weapons, including guided missiles to Hezbollah terror forces in Lebanon. Israel made it a point never to acknowledge its operations so as to minimize pressure on Syrian President Bashar Assad to retaliate.

Beginning in 2012, as the Obama administration opened covert nuclear talks with Iran, Washington began leaking information about the Israeli strikes to the media to undermine them and deter Israel from intensifying its operation. For instance, on July 5, 2013, the administration told The New York Times that Israel was behind a strike on a shipment of a P-800 Yakhont surface-to-sea missile system at Latakia.

In a long analysis of Obama's Iran strategy published in 2015, former Bush National Security Council director Michael Doran argued that Obama chose to shield Assad from efforts to overthrow him to ingratiate himself with the Iranian regime, which, he claimed, rightly viewed the Assad regime as an "Iranian equity."

Israel's relations with the U.S. reached new lows in 2013-2015 as U.S. nuclear talks with Iran went into high gear. The talks and the agreements they produced served to legitimize Iran's nuclear weapons program and ultimately provided Iran with a windfall of cash and a glide path to a nuclear arsenal by 2025. In other words, the nuclear talks, and the deals they produced, constituted a strategic betrayal of Israel by the Obama administration.

In October 2022, The Wall Street Journal reported that in 2012, while keeping Israel in the dark about his nuclear talks with Tehran, Obama had U.S. spy agencies conduct aggressive espionage against Israel's military bases and eavesdropped on secret communications by Israeli leaders to prevent Netanyahu from ordering a military assault on the Fordo installation in Iran.

Currently, the Biden administration is deploying a second naval carrier group to the region amid growing fears in Washington that Israel may strike Iran's nuclear installations ahead of or in the aftermath of an Iranian strike on Israel. In a similar fashion, Obama ordered a second U.S. aircraft carrier to the region in 2012, amid fears of an impending Israeli strike on Fordo.

In 2013, National Security Agency defector Edward Snowden revealed that the U.S. was eavesdropping on foreign allied leaders including German Chancellor Angela Merkel, French President François Hollande and Netanyahu.

Chastened, Obama pledged to end the practice. But insofar as Israel was concerned, far from ending the espionage, he stepped it up. In a stunning exposé in December 2015, months after the nuclear deal was approved in Congress, The Wall Street Journal revealed the extent of NSA spying on Israel.

In its zeal to uncover Israel's moves to undermine the nuclear deal Obama had negotiated with Iran, Obama's National Security Agency intercepted communications between Israeli officials and American Jewish leaders as well as members of Congress and transferred the information to the White House.

The aggressive spying was illegal because it effectively involved spying on American citizens and lawmakers. The unprecedented move showed that the Obama administration viewed Israel's determination to prevent Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons as the major threat to its primary foreign policy goal—realigning the U.S. towards Iran and away from Israel and the Sunni Arab states by engaging in nuclear appeasement of Tehran.

During the Trump presidency, intelligence cooperation between Israel and the U.S. reached unprecedented levels of openness and intimacy. But due to his experience with the Obama-Biden administration, when Biden entered office, Netanyahu reportedly ordered Israel's spy agencies to curtail intelligence sharing with their U.S. counterparts.

This policy was abrogated during the Bennett-Lapid government's 17-month tenure. Acting at the urging of the Biden administration, upon entering office in May 2021, Bennett reinstated the intelligence sharing. And as the U.S.'s leak of Israel's role in Khodei's assassination in May 2022 made clear, the Biden administration returned the favor by reinstating Obama's practice of leaking Israeli operations that were believed to endanger its efforts to appease Iran.

In all likelihood, the Al-Jarida report was indeed false. The implications of the report—that the U.S. would facilitate the roundup and all but certain torture and murder of Mossad agents by the regime in Iran in the middle of a major war—are simply too extreme to countenance. The rupture such a hostile move would cause to U.S.-Israel intelligence ties would be too severe for even a hostile administration to accept. Even worse from a U.S. perspective, such a step would undermine the credibility and trustworthiness of U.S. intelligence agencies in the eyes of partners and agents worldwide.

All the same, both the Obama-Biden and the Biden-Harris administrations' records of bad faith towards Israel on issues related to Jerusalem's efforts to block Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons make it difficult at first blush to dismiss reports like Al-Jarida's as disinformation.

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health from helping people's legitimate needs to selling as many vaccines to them as possible and replacing their sustainable farming with corporate agriculture that requires continually buying expensive agricultural products).

Likewise, during COVID-19, his network bought out major media stations around the world, Gates was able to dictate the global COVID-19 response, and simultaneously, he made "remarkable" investments as a result of how the COVID-19 response played out (e.g., Pfizer's vaccine was developed by BioNTech, a company Gates invested 55 million into two months before COVID-19 emerged in China and then made at least 500 million off of).

In short, Gates was able to leverage his monopoly to make a vast amount of money off of a technology which was incredibly unsafe and ineffective (and would not have ever been approved had there not been immense political pressure behind it). More importantly, it not only didn't work, but also has been immensely costly to the world (e.g., in America alone, it's killed hundreds of thousands of people, disabled more than a million, and likely cost America well over 100 billion dollars).

In short, as he has done throughout his career, Gates leveraged his monopoly to extract wealth from everyone else rather than create something of value.

Elon Musk

I (and many others) have noticed that autistic individuals (e.g., those on the spectrum) often have the ability to see things for what they are (and say as such) rather than feel compelled to alter their perceptions to agree with what the herd does. As such, they are much harder to manipulate with the current propaganda model. In turn, as I began noticing how Elon Musk would consistently have that way of looking at the problems we faced, I checked if he was, and found out he'd publicly admitted it:

Additionally, in this talk it's emphasized that:

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