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How A Handful Of Democrats Shut Down A Nation

By Gary L. Wickert

The federal government was recently shut down for longer than any other time in history because Congress failed to move forward the legislation necessary to keep federal agencies operating. A clean continuing resolution—one that would maintain funding at the levels established under the Joe Biden administration—was approved by a bipartisan majority in both the House and Senate, yet the Senate still could not advance it because it fell short of the sixty-vote threshold needed to overcome a filibuster.

In this case the impasse was driven not by a broad stalemate between parties, but by a relatively small group of Senate Democrats who are refusing to join the vote. Their refusal effectively functions as a filibuster. Because of the Senate's rules, even when most lawmakers support reopening the government, the minority can block the measure by declining to vote for cloture.

The dissenting Democrats did not permit the funding

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COP-30 insanity vs the global tide of climate and energy reality

Climate grifters heading to Brazil for November 10-21 climate gabfest face new challenges

By Paul Driessen

The 30th Conference Of Parties (COP-30) is in full tirade down in Belém, Brazil. Many of the 50,000+ attendees arrived via the sleek private jets they always take to planet-saving climate conferences. To make travel from the airport to the host city easier, Brazil felled some 100,000 rainforest trees and worse scandals to build an oil-based asphalt highway. They'll chatter endlessly and devour mountains of meat.

These Terra do Brasil rainforests are also where illegal loggers go for "at least half of the balsa wood" used as the core of wind turbine blades – to save the planet, of course.



But lest these inconvenient facts – or President Trump trashing the COP and climate agenda before the UN General Assembly – get excessive attention, climate alarmists and their grifter allies have been busy

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Coal and sanity rushing back through sound science

By Kathleen Marquardt of the American Policy Center

The Department of Energy is doing something smart for a change. They just announced that they want to restore coal plants across the nation "for up to $100 million in federal funding." That sounds good to me – real energy, and maybe some will come from where I live – in Coalfield. The people here could use it.

In April, in an Executive order "reinvigorating America's beautiful clean coal industry" it was announced:

President Trump believes that coal Requires agencies to rescind any agency policies that seek to transition the Nation away from coal production or otherwise establish preferences against coal as a generation resource.



Directs CEQ (Council on Environmental Quality)to assist agencies in adopting coal-related categorical exclusions under NEPA National

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Beglinger Blast....Who Do You Believe?

"It must be remembered that there is nothing more difficult to plan, more doubtful of success, no more dangerous to manage than a new system. For the initiator has the enmity of all who would profit by the preservation of the old institution and merely lukewarm defenders in those who gain by the new ones." -Niccolo Machiavelli

By Joan Beglinger

You can slap a coat of paint on a dilapidated old house and create the illusion you've done something; but the rotting boards are still there and the foundation is still crumbling. You've only delayed the inevitable. If you want to build something sustainable, you have to do it right; not easy.



Donald Trump was elected to a second term as President to make sustainable, structural changes to a federal government that hasn't worked for the

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Big Ag Sees 'Win-Win' as Farmers Feed Leftover Candy to Livestock

Candy companies overproduce sugary treats and farmers feed the leftovers to livestock, claiming it's a "sustainable" solution. Critics argue the practice benefits corporations financially while masking the systemic issues of excess production, cheap corn subsidies and an unhealthy food system.

By Jessica Scott-Reid

American consumers are expected to spend over $13 billion on chocolate and other types of candy for Halloween this year, but even at that rate, candy companies end up with a surplus.

The leftovers end up in some interesting places, including farms, where some farmers feed the candy to their animals. Chocolate and other treats that can't be sold, or candy bits leftover from production, are sold to meat and dairy producers, who in turn add them to their

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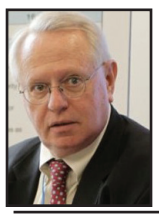
Section 230 Immunity, Defective Design and Trial Lawyers (Part II)

By William L. Kovacs



The federal government has let the animal spirits of the social media industry run wild by giving it Section 230 immunity for the harm it causes to young children, i.e., anxiety, depression, addiction, sleep disruption, and cyberbullying. Refusing to enforce the ban on TikTok until the President's friends can acquire it is further proof of the industry's privileged status with the federal government.

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Thank You Founding Fathers for Religious Liberty

By Matt Warneke

In 1790, George Washington wrote a letter to a group of Jewish-American colonials in Rhode Island welcoming them and their rich history of monotheism to the USA. The founding fathers learned many lessons from their early encounters with the British. This led them to structure the constitution and bill of rights for maximum protection of our citizens and future.

They realized the importance of reviewing the successes and failures of past empires such as the Hebrews, Greeks and Romans in order to form a more perfect union in a way to safeguard We the People from excessive exposure to

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NY's Marxism Experiment: Economic Wipeout or Wakeup Call?

By Larry Bell

In case you imagine that you just woke up after a very scary belated Halloween-induced nightmare, no . . . it really happened!



A 34-year-old Marxist with no business experience just became mayor of New York, our nation's largest city and leading world capitalist citadel along with its adopted $116 billion 2026 budget.

Be warned that although Mayor Zohran Mamdani brings lots of fresh new ideas about ways to spend that

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Steve's Say . . . Everything Makes Sense When You have All the Pieces and Know Where They Fit



So many times we find ourselves remarking, "That makes no sense!" Or "How could that happen?" Rhetorical comments indeed, but asked by our inner selves seeking to find out truth. And that's not a bad thing. Don't believe anyone telling you otherwise.

Asking questions when you don't understand something or an event presents a logical paradox is not only not wrong, but essential in uncovering truth. Be wary of anyone trying to stifle your inquiry into any issue. At best they're covering their lack of knowledge or willful ignorance, or they are covering up some kind of involvement or support for the outcome.

When I learned in 2nd grade the "accepted" media narrative of how US President John F. Kennedy was assassinated, I didn't buy it. It didn't make sense to me as a second grader. How could one guy come up with this perfect plan, with the perfect opportunity to murder arguably the most secured individual on the planet? And then after he's caught, we're supposed to believe that this guy Jack Ruby (actual named Rubinstein, a mobster) walks into the police station and shoots the assassin dead. Really? The assassin of the leader of the "free world" is left vulnerable to some guy walking in off the street and shoots him dead. Quite convenient, if you have something to cover up.

The official narrative constructed and orchestrated by whomever into the corporate media broadcasts of the day began immediately. Then Gerald Ford and the Warren Commission whitewashed that narrative into "fact," fully intending to stifle any debate or further inquiry into the JFK assassination. The CIA invented the pejorative "Conspiracy Theorist" to tag anyone questioning that narrative as some kind of kook. Finally, lionizing the victim encapsulates that individual into an immortal status of guarded sanctity. Anyone questioning anything to do with their death mars the purity of their selfless sacrifice.

This "lone gunman" parade of assassins of high profile political and social figures marched on with the MLK murder in April 1968 followed closely by the RFK assassination in June. The failed attempt on Gerald Ford and then Ronald Reagan again displayed this same narrative. Even the assassination of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin in November of 1995 followed this script.

And the same illogical and inconsistent story, that steaming, putrid pile of horse hockey keeps being force fed to the public through the now exposed and disgraced Fake News Media. Candidate Donald Trump gets shot at and wounded at a rally in Butler Pennsylvania by a "lone gunman" on a nearby rooftop everyone in the world saw perched there ahead of time with a direct line of sight to the stage. Does that make any sense? And after the shots are fired and they shoot the "lone gunman," someone, apparently with authorization, hoses down the roof and completely destroys the crime scene. What? And within a week this "story" disappears from all corporate media and we've heard nothing since.

What about that guy at Mar-A-Lago in the bushes with a gun? What was that all about and where did that go?

And then there's the Charlie Kirk murder. A rerun of the Trump-Butler scenario with a slight twist to apparently make this tale more believable. "Lone gunman" on the roof, caught on camera, makes a perfect shot through the neck without obliterating Kirk's body, Charlie's body whisked off-scene, cameras immediately removed, and crime scene washed down and cemented over within 2 weeks. No autopsy. No ballistics. But conveniently the "lone gunman" confesses everything to his trans sex playmate on social media so there can be no doubt that this case is closed. Done. Gone. Finished.

We Baby Boomers learned from the detective dramas of the '70s that a 1st degree murder conviction requires proof of three elements: Motive, Means and Opportunity.

Motive generally stretches across many suspects. For example, in the JFK assassination, the CIA, the Mossad, the Fed and Organized Crime all had solid motives to see JFK eliminated. He vowed to bring down the CIA, wrote a very terse letter to David Ben-Gurion, the Israeli Prime Minister at the time, denouncing their "secret" nuclear weapons program and also his administration was about to require AIPAC to register as a Foreign Agent. The silver certificate challenged the Fed authority over US currency and his commitment to cutting income taxes would greatly cut into their power. And even though JFK's presidency supposedly came from organized crime tampering in Chicago, by 1963 many mobsters wanted him gone. So that's quite an array of powerful enemies who want to see you exit the stage.

So suspects with solid motives in high profile assassinations tend to be plentiful. And I believe most people would agree the above mentioned suspects all had suitable means by which this assassination could be accomplished. So now we get to the hard part - opportunity.

High profile political figures require high profile security. All such people will have powerful enemies willing to eliminate them. But opportunity, that requires careful and generally long-term planning. Execution must be quick and flawless, and a patsy with some "believable" narrative must be burned into the public psyche to keep the truth hidden. Most times this process also includes what appears to be an obvious "real" story for the "conspiracy theorists" to eat up to keep them away from the truth. For example, the death of Jeffery Epstein in the New York prison by hanging seems especially unbelievable to most, since all the cameras just so happened to not work at that moment with all the guards asleep at the switch. Most of these "conspiracy theorists" think the Clintons or some other powerful people with lots to lose were able to execute a hit on him in there. I've concluded that both of these scenarios lack crucial connecting pieces to truly make them viable, though I, like most, certainly don't have the most integral knowledge of the specific details which could fit things together. I believe the truth lies far away from either of these conclusions.

No, when things don't add up, when a narrative clearly lacks a unity and coherence of logic, we need to be skeptical. The above paragraph, which demonstrates the difficulty creating an opportunity to perform such a brash and heinous act, leads me to the logical conclusion that all assassinations require some insider betrayal. To breech the immensely tight security of the President of the United States ought to require insider involvement, or else our security apparatus is ridiculously inept. Since when did incompetence become an excuse or justification for *continued on page 10*

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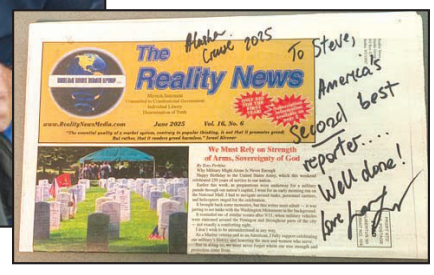

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Trump, Meloni, Milei Say UN Climate Scam Must Go

By Dugan Flanakin

President Trump was not a happy camper when he stepped off a faulty escalator on his way to address the United Nations General Assembly recently. By the time he had finished speaking, many in that self-important assemblage were in an even worse mood.

Trump was not the only world leader firing bullets into the UN's climate and environmental policies that heretofore have been deemed sacrosanct but are now exposed as economy killers. While China is not subject to the UN's meddling scrutiny, Europe and Africa (and the U.S.) are.

While Trump devoted the bulk of his address to foreign policy and immigration issues, he eventually turned to focus on energy. Trump called renewables "a joke" and said they don't work and are too expensive – and inadequate to fire up the plants modern nations need.

Trump scolded the UN assemblage for not recognizing that China has been playing Western nations as fools by selling Chinese-made wind and solar while building coal and natural gas plants to power the bulk of their industrial sector. "They use coal, they use gas, they use almost anything, but they … sure as hell like selling the windmills."

Many countries in Europe are on the brink of destruction because of the green energy agenda, Trump said. Germany had gone far down the green energy path, shuttering coal and nuclear power plants while buying oil from Russia. But Germany's new leadership has retreated towards fossil fuels and nuclear and opened a lot of different plants, energy plants, energy-producing plants, and they're doing well, he added.

The Germans have finally realized that going all green was a disaster – that "all green is all bankrupt. That's what it represents," he said. By contrast, the United Kingdom once was a great oil producer – thanks to North Sea oil. But today, oil production is so highly taxed that no developer, no oil company can go there, even though there is a tremendous amount of known oil and even more that has yet to be found.

Trump was not done.

He recalled that in 1982, the UN Environment Programme's executive director predicted that by the year 2000 climate change would cause a global catastrophe as irreversible as any nuclear holocaust. Another UN official in 1989 said that within a decade entire nations would be wiped off the map by global warming. These same people just a few years earlier had claimed that global cooling would kill the world.

To Trump, "climate change" is the greatest con job ever perpetrated on the world.

Stupid people at the UN and elsewhere made faulty predictions that left their nations with no chance for success. Nations that do not disavow the green scam will ultimately fail. The "carbon footprint," he added, is "a hoax made up by people with evil intentions." For example, President Obama talked a lot about carbon footprint when not flying to Hawaii to play a round of golf.

He scoffed at Europe for bragging about reducing its carbon footprint by 37% – at the cost of factories closed, jobs lost, and downward-spiraling economies. Well, whoop-te-do! China now produces more carbon dioxide than the rest of the world's developed nations combined – and global carbon dioxide has increased by 54%.

Brutal UN-backed green energy policies, Trump said, have done nothing to clean the air but have instead redistributed manufacturing and industrial activity away from developed countries that follow insane environmental rules to polluting countries that ignore those rules – and they are the ones making a fortune. Meanwhile, European electricity bills are four to five times those in China and twice to three times higher than in the United States.

The results are striking. While air conditioning has helped lower heat-related deaths in the U.S. to just 1,300 a year, Europe loses more than 175,000 annually to overheating – all in the name of pretending to stop the global warming hoax. It is high time, Trump said, to stop the scam. Nations must stop inflicting pain on their citizens while radically disrupting their own societies.

Italian President Giorgia Meloni, after calling for widespread

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Trump's Climate Folly — or Solid Climate Science?

By David Legates

A recent article in The New York Times described a major report issued by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine. The report detailed that carbon dioxide, methane, and other planet-warming greenhouse gases are threatening human health. Its tone implies that this is the strongest evidence to date. But is it?

Back in 2009, the Environmental Protection Agency issued a rule, and a report to go with it, that greenhouse gases pose a public threat to health and welfare and, as such, should be regulated under the Clean Air Act. Armed with this hammer, both the Obama and Biden administrations set strict limitations on greenhouse gas emissions from cars, power plants, and industry. Since then, we have been saddled with electric vehicle mandates, the closing of coal-fired power plants, and the need to import vast quantities of rare earth minerals, solar panels, and wind turbine parts to facilitate a transition to so-called "renewable" wind and solar energy — which is neither clean nor green.



That report is now 16 years out of date. A new report was written for the EPA, but Administrator Lee Zeldin chose to ignore it. The Department of Energy elicited a report, written by five distinguished climatologists and economists — John Christy, Judith Curry, Steve Koonin, Ross McKitrick, and Roy Spencer. But that report was challenged by the Union of Concerned Scientists and the Environmental Defense Fund, who contend that the commissioning of the five scientists violated the Federal Advisory Committee Act. Subsequently, Secretary Chris Wright chose to disband the working group.

As usual, everything you read in the media is focused on partisan politics. The New York Times argues that the original 2009 report was correct and that its forecasts for a bleak future with rising temperatures and environmental disasters have indeed come true. The climate models are exonerated, the Times claims, and climate change is indeed much more of a danger now than it was back in 2009 when the EPA found greenhouse gases endangered the lives of everyone on the planet.

But I have read both the original 2009 report and the report issued by the Department of Energy. The Times pretends that the DoE report simply parrots the Trump administration's party line. On the contrary, the DoE report is replete with citations from across the literature. This is the dirty little secret about climate change — you are told the science is settled and that the literature reflects one voice on climate change. The

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Net Zero Wind and Solar Buildout Needs Huge Amount of Land

By H. Sterling Burnett

New research published in the journal Nature confirms what The Heartland Institute and our allies in the free-market environmental community have long argued: wind and solar power have low power density and thus impose huge environmental footprints. The new study acknowledges the environmental footprint of wind and solar is even larger than industry promoters have admitted. As a result, to reach net zero with wind and solar as the primary sources of electric power will require the transformation of a large swath of agricultural land and wildlands into industrial power sites. The report from researchers at the U.S. Department of Energy's Pacific Northwest National Laboratory in Washington state found a high-renewable scenario will require a lot more land, much of it on or near undeveloped or wild areas, than a plan for less wind and solar incorporation into the grid. They write,

Expanding United States electricity infrastructure to meet growing demand could require extensive power plant development footprints and land use conversion, depending on the mix of generation types chosen. Understanding where future power plant sitings are likely to take place and identifying potential conflicts and land-use tradeoffs will be key to identifying feasible and affordable investments and evaluating regional planning coordination needs. Here we use an integrated modeling framework that combines capacity expansion planning, hourly grid operations, and geospatial techno-economic analysis to develop projections (2025-2050) of power plant sitings in the Western United States (US) . . . for a business-as-usual scenario and a high renewables penetration scenario. We find that 30% more land will be needed in the high renewables scenario as compared to business-as-usual, and that 75% of that development is projected to be located within 10 km of natural areas.



It is important to note that even the "business as usual" capacity expansion scenario assumes wind and solar power will be the dominant new sources generating electric power in the United States. "Results from the capacity expansion analysis show that approximately 85% of new power capacity deployed in the Western US by 2050, under either a high renewables or business-as-usual scenario, will consist of solar photovoltaics (PV) and onshore wind," says the study. This analysis seemingly ignores the fact that the Trump administration is rapidly cancelling wind and solar projects and funding for associated infrastructure and technologies while pushing new nuclear and natural gas and keeping existing coal operational. The researchers' entire analysis seems to assume the trend that began under Obama and expanded under Biden will continue in the future, regardless of current policies and the preferences of Trump's successors as president. Presidential administrations after Trump might continue or expand on his efforts rather than going back to the energy policies under the net zero goals of previous democratic administrations. Those questionable assumptions aside, and after accounting for assumed existing and modeled environmental and development exclusions, the study found under the business-as-usual scenario (which I would consider an exceedingly high, unjustified expansion of wind and solar power) new wind and solar will require more than 23,333 square kilometers (km2) of land, more than 9,010 square miles. And that's the low-penetration,

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Majority of Young Likely Voters Want Democratic Socialist to Win the White House in 2028

By Christopher Talgo

42% of likely voters aged 18-39 who identify as conservative want Democratic Socialist to win presidency Parents and online videos or podcasts are most likely to influence young Americans to support democratic socialism 52% said their teachers or professors favored democratic socialism when they attended school

SCHAUMBURG, IL (November 17, 2025) – A stunning new poll by The Heartland Institute's Glenn C. Haskins Emerging Issues Center and Rasmussen Reports reveals that 51% of young Americans who are likely to vote in the next presidential election would like to see a democratic socialist in the Oval Office. The survey found that nearly three-in-10 young Americans who voted for President Trump in 2024 would prefer a democratic socialist win the presidency in 2028.

The survey, designed by The Heartland Institute, included 1,496 likely voters aged 18-39. It was completed on November 2, 2025.

Democratic Socialism Goes Mainstream: Nearly 60 percent of those aged 18 to 24 and well north of 50 percent of those aged 25 to 29 expressed their support that a democratic socialist win the 2028 presidential election, including about a quarter of self-identified Republicans and 42% of moderates. Those earning less than $100,000 per year and those earning $200,000 or more also voiced strong support for a democratic socialist in the White House whereas the only income cohort to oppose this scenario are those earning $100,000 to $200,000 annually.

Changing Young Minds: Parents (27%), online videos or podcasts (17%), and books (7%) were the most influential sources cited by respondents in their support of democratic socialism. More than half (54%) said their parents or guardians were favorable toward democratic socialism to the best of their recollection when they were growing up. Again, there was a strong correlation between those earning less than $100,000 and those earning $200,000 or more per year who say their parents favored democratic socialism whereas middle-class households were less likely to champion democratic socialism to their kids. Unsurprisingly, more than half (53%) said the majority of news and media they consume portray democratic socialism in a favorable light while only 14% said the news and media present a very unfavorable view.

Schools and Churches Push Democratic Socialism: Overall, more than half of young likely voters (52%) said their teachers or professors held a favorable view of democratic socialism. Less than a quarter said their teachers or professors held an unfavorable view. Among all age groups, a solid majority said their teachers and professors generally favored democratic socialist principles in the classroom while only those in the 35-39 cohort felt otherwise, albeit only 49%. In churches, according to those who attend, more said their church portrays democratic socialism favorably (33%) versus 28% who said their church portrays it unfavorably.

The Glenn C. Haskins Emerging Issues Center serves as the "tip of the spear" in identifying and confronting the underreported challenges that threaten American sovereignty, individual liberty, and free-market capitalism. The EIC brings these emerging threats to the forefront of public and political awareness, empowering citizens and policymakers alike to act in defense of freedom and a thriving free-market society.

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

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"It is hard to believe that a solid majority of young Americans think democratic socialism is the answer to the deep-rooted economic problems they face given that socialism has utterly failed to uplift the downtrodden every time and place it has been implemented. However, when they grow up in an environment surrounded by adults who champion democratic socialism, it starts to make sense. The rise of social media and soundbite news has only made the situation worse because these superficial sources perpetuate the myth that democratic socialism is vogue, feasible, and morally righteous."

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reform of "outdated" UN conventions, turned to assault "30 years of 'blind-faith globalization' [in which] things have not gone well, and things could get worse. " The UN must halt its "unsustainable green plans in Europe and the West, which are leading to deindustrialization far soon than decarbonization."

Unsustainable environmentalism, she said, has destroyed the automobile sector in Europe, created problems and job losses in the U.S, and depleted knowledge while not improving the health of the planet (or its people). This is not to deny that the climate changes but to affirm reason, which calls for "gradual reform instead of ideological extremism" and keeping humanity at the center.

Argentina's President Javier Milei also accused the UN leadership of "overreach" and slammed the 80-year-old body as a "supranational model of governance led by international bureaucrats who seek to impose a particular way of life on the citizens of the world." He urged member nations to reject the UN's overreaches that they justify by proclaiming "noble agendas."

"We have gone," he said, "from being an organization that aimed to mediate peace among equals to one that seeks to dictate what each nation-state and individual must do across the various corners of the globe." Instead, he urged the UN to return to the immortal principles that uphold the dignity of life, freedom, and property of all individuals under the rule of law."

By contrast, most African leaders – whose nations bear the brunt of anti-development UN policies that punish them for relying on fossil fuels for income and energy – gave lip service to the UN climate agenda. But Sen. Heineken Lokpobiri, Nigeria's Minister of State for Petroleum Resources, called on global investors to seize emerging opportunities in his nation's rapidly transforming oil sector.

Lokpobiri, in his keynote speech at the U.S.-Nigeria Council's session on oil sector collaboration (held on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly), praised his nation's "strong reforms, enhanced production capacity, and regional influence as key drivers of growth."

"At the heart of Nigeria's renewed energy agenda is a clear and deliberate policy direction: to open our oil sector to deeper, smarter, and more strategic partnerships," the Minister stated. "The time to invest is not just now — it is ripe." Lokpobiri affirmed that Nigeria would continue to leverage its fossil fuel reserves to finance its energy mix while adhering to international climate agreements – a sop deemed necessary to pacify the anti-fossil-fuel UN environment ministry.

The Africa Petroleum Producers Organization was hosting its first Energy Investment Roundtable to spotlight Africa's energy potential and catalyze international investment into the continent's evolving energy sector. Given Africa's immense shortage of affordable (or even available) electricity, sustainable energy development there means bringing lights and power to six hundred million Africans for the first time – a goal all too often ignored by UN bureaucrats and other promoters of the green agenda.

Led by President Trump, the UN got its first taste of reality in a long, long time.

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truth is, however, that many uncertainties and qualifications abound in the published, peer-reviewed literature. The so-called "consensus" simply does not exist. As Steven Schneider famously quipped in 1989,

So, let me give you my take on that 16-year-old Endangerment Finding.

First, it must be noted that carbon dioxide is directly responsible for enhanced plant growth, increased agricultural productivity, and a global greening of the planet that NASA has estimated amounts to the equivalent of twice the leaf area of the continental United States. Moreover, enhanced carbon dioxide leads to a dramatic increase in the optimum growth temperature and causes the world's plants to grow in a more water-efficient way.

Carbon dioxide is also a greenhouse gas that leads to a warming of the atmosphere, most notably the lower and middle troposphere. However, recent studies have shown that the effect of a doubling of carbon dioxide is on the order of 1 to 1.5°C of warming, not the 1.8 to 5.7°C suggested by most modeling studies. Climate models largely overstate historical and future warming due to (1) their over-sensitivity with respect to a rise in temperature resulting from an increase in carbon dioxide and (2) their use of overly unrealistic — indeed, exaggerated — carbon dioxide emission scenarios determining future carbon dioxide concentrations.

The key question that must be addressed is, "How will carbon dioxide cause changes in climatic processes that lead to the greatest loss of life and cause the most economic damage?" Long-term data do not exhibit significant changes in extreme weather events in the United States, which include droughts and floods, hurricanes, tornadoes, and wildfire activity. In addition, no indications exist that any of these events are likely to increase significantly because of increases in carbon dioxide. The rise in sea levels has continued since the demise of the last Ice Age, with past increases far exceeding the current rate. It is expected that sea level will continue to rise for the remainder of this century at the same rate it rose during the 20th century, as no significant acceleration has been observed.

Assessing small trends and patterns in climate variables is a difficult challenge. Climate varies for numerous reasons, including natural processes, solar activity, and chaotic turbulence. Our observational network is woefully biased, with more observations located in middle latitudes, lower altitudes, wetter climates, near the surface, and largely where people reside. Moreover, this network has changed over the years, with new instrumentation and platforms (for example, satellite and radar); stations being initiated, discontinued, and moved; and variations in observation times and procedures. Climate models suffer from a myriad of issues related to their inability to adequately describe an unknown and complex climate system that varies on spatial and temporal scales that the model simply cannot resolve.

This leads to the conclusion that warming arising from anthropogenic carbon dioxide increases is not likely to have the impact suggested by the EPA's 2009 Endangerment Finding. Adaptation is preferable to expensive and potentially useless or, worse yet, detrimental mitigation, particularly because rising carbon dioxide concentrations are likely to have a potentially beneficial impact on the Earth's climate.

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business-as-usual case. The high wind and solar scenario will require an additional 7,000 km2, or 2,703 square miles of land. And to be clear, this does not include the indirect land footprints of mining for rare earth elements and critical minerals needed for wind and solar, spacing between panels, or the land needed for the expanded transmission grid. In addition, this analysis just covers expansion in the western United States, where sunlight and wind in some areas are more favorable for wind and solar development than elsewhere in the country, where electricity demand is also growing. The footprint of the anticipated growth in wind and solar facilities alone is greater than the size of New Jersey and close to the size of Connecticut, Delaware, and Rhode Island combined. Other analyses suggest the land footprint of wind and solar to meet net zero goals is even larger. A June 2025 report from the Center of the American Experiment found the low energy density (the amount of energy produced by volume or mass, in this case land space required to produce a megawatt of power) means that,

wind turbines and solar panels need at least 10 times as much land per unit of power produced as coal- or natural gas-fired power plants. To generate the same amount of electricity as a 1 GW nuclear plant, which occupies approximately 1.3 square miles, one would need between 45 and 75 square miles of solar panels or between 260 and 3,360 square miles of wind turbines. The latter is larger than the combined areas of Delaware and Rhode Island. If the U.S. relied entirely on wind turbines for electricity, it would need about twice the size of the state of California [to generate enough electricity to satisfy American needs].

An earlier analysis produced by The Heartland Institute found replacing the amount of power produced by fossil fuels and nuclear in the United States in 2019 (eight billion MWh each year, not accounting for any growth in demand) "with solar would require completely blanketing 57,048 square miles of

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Environmental Policy Act).

Seeks to promote coal and coal technology exports, facilitate international offtake agreements for U.S. coal, and accelerate development of coal technologies.

Calls for the Secretary of Energy to determine whether coal used in the production of steel meets the definition of a "critical material" and "critical mineral" under the Energy Act of 2020, and if so, add it to the relevant lists.

Pushes for using coal to power new artificial intelligence (AI) data.

Coalfield was once the largest town in the county. When coal was killed, it shrunk so badly that it is now too small to even have a Post Office. Our mail is addressed to the next county over. We have two gas stations a Dollar Store, and a lot of empty buildings that were once active businesses. Hopefully, soon they will be again.

• President Trump believes that coal is essential to our national and economic security.

The coal industry supports hundreds of thousands of jobs and adds tens of billions to the U.S. economy each year.

America's coal resources are vast, with a current estimated value in the trillions of dollars.

Coal-fired electricity generation is cleaner than ever, yet the previous administration waged war on coal.

Coal will be critical to meeting the rise in electricity demand due to a resurgence of domestic manufacturing and the construction of AI data processing centers.

Supporting our coal industry will increase our energy supply, lower electricity costs, stabilize our grid, create high-paying jobs, support burgeoning industries, and assist our allies.

Thankfully, President Trump realized that to achieve his goal of bringing back cheap energy, he first needed to deal with Agenda21/2030, the roadblocks to the sound science of clean energy. He needed to rid us of these phony programs designed to deny sound science and shut down free markets. In other words ignore common sense and follow Marxism into the ovens of hell.

President Trump: "We will develop the liquid gold that is right under our feet, including American oil and natural gas and we will also embrace nuclear, clean coal, hydropower, which is fantastic, and every other form of affordable energy to get it done."

This Executive Order builds on actions President Trump has already taken to bring Americans the lowest-cost energy and electricity on earth. This includes:

Withdrawing from the Paris Climate Agreement.

Revoking Biden executive actions that hampered American energy production.

Thankfully, the President realized that to achieve his goals he by:

Terminating the Green New Deal.

Unleashing Alaska's extraordinary resource potential.

Declaring a national energy emergency.

Reversing the pause on liquefied natural gas (LNG) export permits.

Cutting red tape to speed up the Federal permitting process.

In his "Energy Literacy Newsletter", Ronald Stein, Energy consultant for the Heartland Institute notes:

Today oil, coal, and natural gas are the basis of over 80% of all global demand for the products and transportation fuels that did not exist before the 1800's.

Today, policymakers setting "green" and "zero emissions" policies are oblivious to the reality that electricity came about AFTER the discovery of oil. Without oil, there would be no products like wire, insulation, and computers to generate electricity!

So-called "renewables, ONLY generate electricity but CANNOT make anything. In addition, everything that NEEDS Electricity is made with petrochemicals manufactured from crude oil, coal, or natural gas.

Stein continues:

The high price of electricity from wind and solar deployed at society-scale illustrates an important cost of supply principle. Because everyone needs affordable and reliable energy—whether the products made from oil, electricity, gasoline, diesel, aviation, or heating fuel—the higher the overall costs, the more damaging it is proportionally for those who can least afford it.

With this, it looks like we are finally back to sound science, reason, and logic – things that our government had locked in the closet but forgot to throw away the key. Thank you, President Trump for digging until you found – and made good use – of it. My town may never get back to what it once was, but, if coal comes back to Coalfield, the people can begin to grow a real town again. And that goes for so many good places across the nation.

Let's see the sheep become lions!

SCIENCE & ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY PROJECT

The Week That Was November 15th, 2025

Quote of the Week:

"I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work."
— Thomas Edison

Number of the Week:

Daily Variation of 80 to 100 degrees C (144 to 180 degrees F)

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 TWTW begins with a discussion of false precision by Ivor Williams. Then TWTW presents an essay by Meteorologist Anthony Sadar on how ignorance is used to spread fear of climate change. TWTW offers further thoughts on why some people change their thinking about climate change, what is meant by tipping points, and issues regarding COP-30. This TWTW concludes with Bjorn Lomborg's view of the "green transition" in China.

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False Precision: The 2008 publication of the Nongovernmental International Panel on Climate Change (NIPCC) "Nature, Not Human Activity, Rules the Climate" raised an important issue that remains today: The global temperature record is unreliable. There was no standardization of instruments, time of recording, duration of the reading, and assurance of adequate coverage. At the time, an instrument in every one of the 2,592 grid boxes of the globe, each covering 5-degree latitude and longitude was ideal. At no time has even 50% of the globe been covered, and coverage peaked in the 1970s with 46% coverage. From there it went down to about 23% in the 1990s. There was no adjustment for the urban heat island effect and other local effects.

Yet organizations such as the Met Office (UK) and the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) continue to use surface-air temperatures dating back to 1850 as if they are reliable. In 1900 about 300 grid boxes were covered, less than 12%. These were mostly in the US and Western Europe and major cities in colonized parts of the world. There was little coverage elsewhere, particularly in the Southern Hemisphere.

Writing in WUWT, Ivor Williams (no bio given) brought up the issue in his essay "The Curious Case of the Missing Data." Williams begins his essay with [links omitted here but are embedded in the post. Boldface added.]:

"I shall end with two unanswered questions. The reason for that lies in a story with eight decimal places of recondite mystery and scarcely believable deductions. One last glimpse of reality: the mean temperature of the world at the moment (early November) is hovering around 14 deg C, which is never used because it does not convey a sufficient element of danger in the global warming message. Fourteen degrees Celsius or fifty-seven Fahrenheit are not messages of imminent doom. Either one is the annual mean temperature of Bordeaux, San Francisco, or Canberra.

Therefore, the Wise Ones have decided that any global temperature given to the masses must always be shown as a difference from the mean of the half-century 1850-1900, which, they say, is representative of our world in smoke-free pre-industrial times. That period also happens to be towards the end of the Little Ice Age, which, the Met Office says, had 'particularly cold intervals beginning in about 1650, 1770 and 1850.' Cold spell beginning in 1850? Interesting.

Thus it was that on 10 January this year the Met Office told us that 'The global average temperature for 2024 was 1.53±0.08°C above the 1850-1900 global average,' This is an extraordinarily accurate figure but the World Meteorological Organization has much the same: 'The global average surface temperature [in 2024] was 1.55 °C … ± 0.13 °C … above the 1850-1900 average, according to WMO's consolidated analysis.' Ignore the scarcely believable accuracy of those second decimal places, there's worse to come.

The obvious question is: Why were those fifty years chosen as the fundamental reference period? The answer is easily found: 'Global-scale observations from the instrumental era began in the mid-19th century for temperature,' says the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) in their Fifth Assessment Report (Section B, page 4.) An associated IPCC Special Report (FAQ1.2 para 4) explains that 'The reference period 1850–1900 … is the earliest period with near-global observations and is … used as an approximation of pre-industrial temperature.' Note the categoric statements that sufficient data is available in that nineteenth century fifty-year period to calculate the global mean temperatures.

In 1850, may I remind you, Dickens was writing David Copperfield, California was admitted to the Union as the 31st state and vast areas of the earth were still unexplored. 1900 brought the Boxer Rebellion (China), the Boer War (South Africa) and the Galveston hurricane (USA). There were still quite large areas awaiting intrepid explorers.

I was curious about how in olden times those global temperatures were actually measured, but after a painstaking search of websites and yet again proving that AI-derived information can be both wrong and misleading, I turned in despair to the Met Office enquiry desk. Their reply was long and very detailed. No actual data, but several clues as to where to search. Very interesting clues.

The IPCC report above claiming 'global-scale observations' is obviously true, because the World Meteorological Organization has a comprehensive graph showing six different global mean temperature measurements of the difference from the 1850-1900 period. But a link 'Get the data' on the same page leads to the following curious table of the Met Office anomalies:

1850: -0.1797 1851: -0.0592 then every year to 1899: -0.0128 1900: 0.1218 then every year to 2023: 1.4539 2024: 1.5361 There is even more accurate Met Office data from the past, this time anomalies relative to the 1961-1990 period but this time totally unbelievable, all from HadCRUT5.1.0.0, Summary Series, Global, CSV file, Annual.

1850: -0.42648312 1851: -0.2635183 then every year to 1899: -0.34430692 1900: -0.2301605 then every year to 2024: 1.1690052"

TWTW comment: It is highly questionable whether we can accurately calculate the average global surface-air temperature to one degree today, yet the Met Office can calculate a deviation from it to 8 decimal places in 1899? Williams goes through estimates of the world coverage in the past and concludes with [Boldface added]:

Those graphs show that even by 1900 only about 15% of the earth had recording stations. And the 1850 data is apparently extracted from only around 4%.

How can world temperatures be measured that accurately with such an impossibly small amount of data – almost nothing from the oceans and most of the rest from North America and Western Europe?

It wouldn't really matter except for someone having decided that current global mean temperatures should always be shown to the worried world as anomalies compared with the 1850-1900 data, which is itself possibly a cooler climatic period. The intention must be to demonstrate clearly that there is no doubt that we are indeed warming up dangerously, and if we don't do something about it soon it will be too late and don't say we didn't warn you.

But, and this is one huge 'but', how can the 1850 mean global temperature be recorded, for instance, as -0.1797 deg C less than the mean of 1850-1900, when it seems that reporting stations covered only about 4% of the earth at that time? And why to a totally unrealistic ten-thousandth-of-a-degree?

I did warn you this would end with two unanswered questions, and here they are, both about that fifty-year 1850-1900 period:

Where can we consult the actual original global data?

How were those incredibly accurate anomaly figures calculated?"

The post promoted an interesting discussion including that 1850 was about the time of the end of the Little Ice Age, perhaps Earth's coldest period in the last 10,000 years. See link under Challenging the Orthodoxy – NIPCC for the NIPCC report and link under Challenging the Orthodoxy for "The Curious Case of the Missing Data."

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Using Ignorance to Spread Fear: Meteorologist Anthony Sadar has long used atmospheric modeling. In "Frightening Climate Story Lacks Depth of Climate Knowledge" to be published by the Journal "Science of Climate Change," Sadar describes the differences between what he does *continued on page 7*

Number of the Week: Daily Variation of 80 to 100 degrees C (144 to 180 degrees F) According to Grok.com, the daily range in temperature change at the equator on Mars varies 80 to 100 degrees C (144 to 180 degrees F). The day-night temperature range depends on its distance from the Sun. The orbit of Mars takes 687 days; the orbit of Earth takes 365.25 days. But the daily rotations of both are approximately the same. One solar day of Mars is about 24.6 hours, about 40 minutes longer than a solar day on Earth.

By contrast, the mean daily maximum of Manaus, Brazil is around 31.4°C (88.6°F) with 1 or 2 degrees C variation through the year. The mean daily minimum is 23.5°C (74.3°F), with little variation throughout the year. Manaus is located on the Negro River in northwestern Brazil with an elevation about 92m (302 feet). It is close to Earth's equator with a latitude of 3.1° S. It is deep in the Amazon about 900 air miles from the Atlantic Ocean with no interfering mountain range.

The atmosphere of Mars is about 95 to 96% carbon dioxide, and it has tiny amounts of water vapor and methane. Earth's atmosphere is about 100 times thicker than Mars. Greenhouse gases in Earth's atmosphere, primarily water vapor and secondarily carbon dioxide, slow the nighttime cooling.

Comparing the wild swings in daily temperature at the equator on Mars with the minimal swings in daily temperature near the equator on Earth, one can assert, with physical evidence, that the greenhouse effect stabilizes Earth's temperatures rather than disrupts it. The claim that adding CO2 to Earth's atmosphere will disrupt climate has no physical evidence.

Tiny Gas, Tiny Threat: Why Methane Emissions Don't Warrant Regulation

Original article by W.A. Van Wijngaarden and Will Happer of Methane and Climate (co2coalition.org)

Five Key Bullet Points

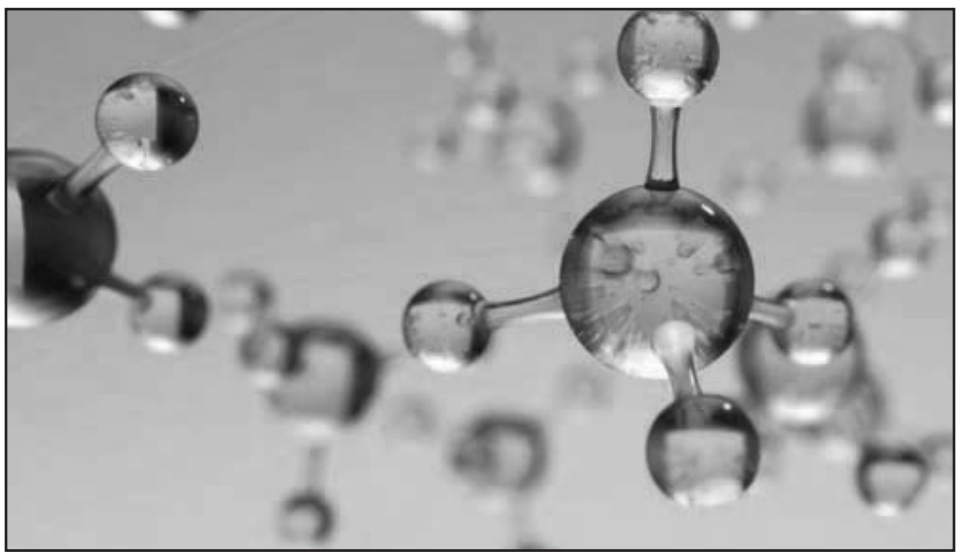
1 Methane's Limited Impact: Atmospheric methane (CH4) contributes to radiative forcing at ~30 times the per-molecule rate of CO2 due to CO2's saturated absorption bands, but CH4's much slower increase (0.0076 ppm/year vs. CO2's 2.3 ppm/year) makes its annual forcing contribution only one-tenth that of CO2, totaling ~0.05 W m²/year combined.

2. Projected Future Forcing: If trends continue, CH4 doubling (from 1.8 ppm) over ~270 years would add just 0.8 W m² to forcing—negligible compared to total midlatitude forcings of 120–140 W m²—while CO2's faster rise yields ~10x more over 50 years (2.2 W m² vs. 0.23 W m²).

3. Greenhouse Gas Dynamics: Radiative forcing depends on altitude-varying temperature profiles and gas concentrations (e.g., water vapor dominates but condenses; CO2 is uniform; CH4 oxidizes in the stratosphere); without greenhouse gases, surface temperatures would be ~24–30°C cooler.

4. Temperature Response: Instantaneous forcing changes from gas increases lead to modest warming (e.g., ~0.011°C/year from CH4+CO2 trends), amplified slightly by feedbacks like water vapor increases, but models overestimate due to subjective adjustments; no justification for "climate crisis" from CH4 or N2O.

5. Policy Implications: Harsh methane restrictions (e.g., from agriculture, natural gas, or landfills) are unwarranted, as CH4's effects are "irrelevant to climate"; benefits of rising CO2 for photosynthesis outweigh concerns, per CO2 Coalition analysis.



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and global climate modeling. He writes [Boldface added, citations are not included here but are in the text]:

"Atmospheric modeling is typically of the mathematical kind. Such modeling involves sophisticated equations which necessitate assumptions and limitations and contain measured and approximated input quantities.

Most of my forty years of professional practice encompassed mathematical modeling of the dispersion of air pollutants. The air pollution models combined sources of contaminants (industrial smokestacks) with adverse weather conditions (stagnant air) and critical receptors (vulnerable communities) to produce a reasonable estimate of worst-case air pollution impacts.

This sort of modeling focused on predicting harmful effects over relatively short time frames (hours to one year) and on tight space scales (dozens of square meters to several square kilometers).

Compare this example of small-scale weather simulation to its large-scale global climate analog.

Both modeling methods attempt to faithfully replicate reality. And as understanding of the atmosphere increased and computer capacity expanded, both methods yielded dramatically improved outcomes. Both rely on careful, unbiased observations and interpretations of adequate scientific data. And both produce useful results to guide decisions involving public health and safety. These are some of the positive portions of modeling.

There are some negative parts.

Models typically lack adequate spatial resolution to capture small but potentially critical aspects of the atmosphere. Spatial inadequacy includes not just horizontal stretches across the earth's surface but its vertical expanse as well. And, within this three-dimensional space, constant changes are occurring with temperature, moisture, wind, pressure, and energy.

Lack of complete information and knowledge of the chemistry and physics of the air leads to serious uncertainties of future conditions. This is true for small-scale air-pollution modeling and even more so for global climate modeling. The atmosphere is inherently complex as is its modeling and the increase in time and distance affects forecast accuracy.

Yet, although changes that occur in the atmosphere occur in three dimensions, so much thinking on climate change happens on a two-dimensional level.

Certainly, academic and government studies delve into the dimensional complexity of the airy environment, but the study results seem to be delivered and interpreted in a simplistic way. Take climate conclusions derived from the U.N. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report. The IPCC report is the bible of climate change collective wisdom, and its latest edition is the Sixth Assessment Report (AR6).

The synthesis of the full lengthy report to AR6 was released March 2023. And even though there are thousands of pages of mainly technical material including peer-reviewed references in the full multi-year state-of-the-science AR6, the relatively brief synthesis is typically heavily influenced by politics, highlighting the governmental portion of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

From the skewed IPCC synthesis reports and similar politically biased narratives, many in the public, politicians, and news media conclude:

The Earth's air temperature is rising to dangerous levels; this rise is mainly due to increasing levels of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere; the release of carbon dioxide by burning fossil fuels must end, as soon as possible; without cessation of fossil fuel use, much of life on Earth will die.

Some form of this 'settled science' diatribe has been repeated almost ad nauseum for decades. Schooling from K-16 and into graduate education has been saturated with this mantra. Nevertheless, the reality of atmospheric science is far from this 'two-dimensional' thinking. What is actually known is not so simple nor settled.

Like the air itself, a third dimension must be added to common climate-change thinking that includes the depth of the atmosphere.

This expanded, three-dimensional perspective derives from atmospheric modeling which is used to explore the dynamics of the global air and to forecast its future conditions. But even sophisticated mathematical climate modeling still lacks sufficient equations to match actual climate conditions.

The mismatch between model output and reality is recognized in A Critical Review of Impacts of Greenhouse Gas Emissions on the U.S. Climate, a July 2025 US Department of Energy report authored by five accomplished professionals in the fields of atmospheric science, physics, and economics. Although this document is facing challenges, its section on the 'Vertical temperature profile mismatch' alerts the reader not only to the dramatic mismatch between model results and actual measurements, but also the fact that the atmosphere is three-dimensional and more complex than most people realize. Thus:

The atmosphere's temperature profile is a case where [climate] models are not merely uncertain but also show a common warming bias relative to observations. This suggests that they misrepresent certain fundamental feedback processes' (US DOE, 2025).

My own peer-reviewed research which included 30-years (1991 - 2020) of low-level temperature conditions derived from southwest Pennsylvania twice-daily balloon-launch data confirms that changes in the lowest layer of the Earth's air defy incontrovertible conclusions. My study investigated atmospheric changes that impact the dispersal of air pollutants near the ground (Sadar, 2022, with additional discussion in Sadar, 2024).

These changes also relate directly to climate change mechanics because changes to the trends in near-surface temperature along with moisture content have a profound effect on the Earth's hydrologic (water) cycle.

Notably, perhaps the most uncertain of the feedback processes mentioned in the Critical Review is related to the water cycle.

Water, in all its forms -- as solid ice and snow, as liquid cloud droplets, precipitation, and fog, and as invisible vapor -- continuously cycles its modes and in the process absorbs or releases energy. Water vapor and clouds account for most of the greenhouse effect.

In the recent book Climate and Energy: The Case for Realism, one of the US DOE Critical Review authors, climatologist Roy Spencer, noted that precipitation processes that restrict the accumulation of water vapor in the atmosphere: [Boldface was italics in original.]

'are not known in enough detail to predict how the weak direct-warming effect of [carbon dioxide] will be either amplified or reduced by precipitation limits on water vapor. Climate models only crudely represent the conversion from water vapor to precipitation…. The actual physics that will determine how precipitation will change with warming are not even understood, let alone represented in climate models' (Beisner et al., 2024).

Clearly there is still a lot to be investigated about the workings of the atmosphere. And nuanced science must continue to be disseminated and understood regardless of politicized storylines that imply [apply?] two-dimensional simplicity to the three-dimensional complexity of the climate.

Regardless, models as sophisticated tools in the scientist's toolbox are enormously beneficial. Air dispersion models have helped us to understand and reduce air contaminant concentrations. Climate models have greatly improved awareness of atmospheric dynamics and potential long-term changes.

This critique does not denigrate atmospheric modeling in any way or at any level, small or large. Rather it is more of a cautionary tale to reduce bombastic certitude and to add much-needed humility to the quantitative and qualitative analysis of the atmosphere. In the real world of heat and humidity, wind and pressure, land and sea, mountain, and valley, no one knows with sufficient clarity the end of the climate story or even its subsequent chapters in the decades ahead.

As the saying goes, 'there are two sides to every story.' For the longest time, the scary side with a cacophony of climate calamity had been the one pandered to students and the general public. But now it appears that, to the betterment of science and the serenity of society, the other side -- a less frightening, more realistic side -- of the complicated climate story is being given a fair public hearing."

Sadar reinforces what others have stated: that as presented to the public, atmospheric modeling is too simplistic to make long-term forecasts or to be used for policy purposes. It does not even get the water cycle correct. In terms of keeping Earth warm enough for plant growth, water vapor is the most important greenhouse gas. Add to this the problems of understanding cloudiness, turbulence, and chaos theory; that the initial conditions of the model must be exactly right, if not, small errors will grow exponentially. These practical limits to climate modeling are far too often ignored in press releases and public claims by climate modelers.

See link under Challenging the Orthodoxy and link under Models v. Observations a link on clouds.

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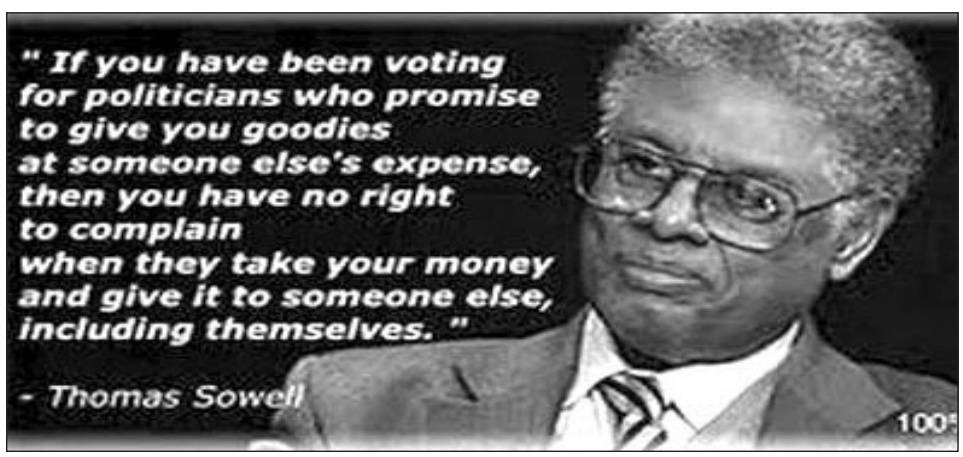

Depression to Depressing: Food Stamps in America

By Brooke Brandtjen

The food stamp program began during the Great Depression as a way to help both families who were struggling with malnutrition and farmers overwhelmed by their own agricultural surplus.

This is an important distinction, because it shows that the purpose of the program was twofold. It was not merely a handout system to those who couldn't be bothered to find a job. Although the federal government was arguably overstepping its boundaries, it was trying to find a solution for two affected parties.

The government would buy up farmers' extra inventory and distribute it to the American families who were unable to find jobs or feed their families. The program was known as the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1933. It launched due to a present, looming threat, whereby millions of people faced starvation and illness. They scrimped and saved, yet were unable to provide for themselves despite their best efforts.

Using food stamps was a source of shame. People saw it was a sign of insufficiency and an admission of their desperation. Although the Depression was caused by forces outside of their control, they were raised to believe that they should be independent. People were embarrassed to use food stamps.

Many believed that the aid should be repaid. They didn't want a government handout, but merely required a "hand-up" in their time of need. The original food stamp program tried to alleviate some of the personal shame associated with federal handouts by requiring the stamps to be purchased with the recipients own money. This was an intentional feature of the program.



It helped reinforce the notion that this was the last hope for people, not a source of entitlement. Even then, only 4 million people were ever actively enrolled in the program during its original inception (only 3% of the 122 million American citizens).

In 2025, roughly 12% or 42 million people are on EBT. About 21% of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) recipients will use the program for longer than two years.

The mark of a failing society can often be measured through how the citizenry interacts with its government. During the Great Depression, people didn't want the government to lift them up. They knew that hard work and self reliance would usher in a lasting prosperity. The food stamps they purchased were a lifeline during one of the country's most difficult periods.

Whether or not the federal government overstepped its boundaries is important to discuss a century later. At the time, it was designed to reinvigorate a failing agricultural system while supplementing a physically ill country.

Today, our country is ill – not in spite of the government – but because of it.

When the Great Depression ended during the industrial boom of World War II, so did the food stamp program. Lyndon B. Johnson revived it with the Food Stamp Act of 1964. Johnson enacted it as a way to wipe out poverty and make sure that no children went hungry. His "noble cause" quickly diverged into dangerous federal overreach.

The Great Depression was a period of severe hardship for the entire country, and conditions were dire enough to declare a state of federal emergency.

On the other hand, the mid-1960s, when Johnson enacted the act, was a period of economic prosperity. The program was initially intended to distribute excess food products back to the people who were starving.

However, this leveling of the playing field wasn't integrated into Johnson's vision. Instead, he allowed all products (Apart from alcohol and some imported foods) to be purchased, not only government surplus products. Over time, even those few restrictions on imported foods would be lifted.

The program became permanent. Food stamps stopped being a last hope and started becoming a safety net. They would become overused and abused. They would lose their embarrassing reputation. The generation of food stamp recipients who valued their independence were gone. They were replaced by generations of SNAP recipients who were anxious and occasionally boastful about their ticket to a free meal.

Our culture celebrates the grift. Elbow grease is a thing of the past. Modernity calls upon underhanded, systematic misuse. It praises laziness and cries for equitable outcomes. There are people in the country genuinely suffering because their economic circumstances make it difficult for them to afford food. However, the program reflects a country that doesn't want the burden of work but wishes to reap its benefits. Inflation is high and times are tough, but this is not 1933.

And you best believe that those living in the shanties of Hoovervilles weren't buying cases of Coca Cola … and Coca Cola didn't have 25% of their annual sales subsidized by food assistance programs.

What was designed to save the sick is being used to bludgeon the poor. America is too great to keep its people on a form of perpetual life support.

"When people are presented with the alternatives of hating themselves for their failure or hating others for their success, they seldom choose to hate themselves."
-Thomas Sowell

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bill to pass unless it included policy riders focused on health-are, specifically extending the "enhanced" premium tax credits under the Affordable Care Act (ACA), broadening eligibility to higher income brackets, preventing future reductions, and protecting insurance premium stability. These demands have little to do with keeping the government open, yet they are being used as a veto lever. Because of the filibuster, just a handful of senators can effectively hold the government hostage until they get what they want.

The Heritage Foundation called out this exact behavior when it condemned the shutdown triggered by Democrats' rejection of a continuing resolution, calling it "dangerous … putting politics over people and holding the government hostage to force through their … wish list." The statement argued that a clean bill was available, but a few Republicans and Democratic leaders preferred derailment over compromise.

This is not the first time the United States has seen shutdowns driven by obstruction rather than broad legislative disagreement. Since 1980, the U.S. has experienced dozens of funding gaps, and about 20–21 federal shutdowns in the modern era. shutdowns were short and rare. For example, the first such modern shutdown occurred in 1980 and affected only the Federal Trade Commission for one day. By contrast, recent shutdowns have become far more consequential. The 1995-96 shutdown lasted 21 days and furloughed hundreds of thousands of workers. The 2013 lapse lasted 16 days. The most significant was the 2018-2019 shutdown, which ran 35 days and was triggered by disputes over border-wall funding. The most recently shutdown was the longest in U.S. history.

No single group of senators voted to shut down the government; instead, the shutdown is the result of Congress failing to pass funding legislation. In the most recent rounds of votes, senators Catherine Cortez Masto (D-NV), John Fetterman (D-PA), and Angus King (I-ME) joined the majority in supporting the House-passed continuing resolution, while other Senate Democrats (joined by Rand Paul (R-KY)) withheld their support, leaving the measure below the 60-vote threshold.

The filibuster is an odd construct. It was never in the Constitution and wasn't part of the original Senate rules. Instead, it evolved over time. Debate could be cut off by majority vote until 1917 when, in response to obstruction during World War I, the Senate adopted Rule XXII establishing "cloture" at two-thirds of those present and voting. Later in 1975 the threshold was lowered to three-fifths, or sixty votes. The idea was that the Senate, as the older chamber, should slow down legislation and protect minority rights rather than simply be a majoritarian rubber stamp.

The principle behind the filibuster is that a minority in the Senate can force broader consensus, slow the pace of change, and protect smaller states and less powerful interests from being steamrolled by a simple majority. Yet in recent decades the filibuster has increasingly become a tool of paralysis. Over the past twenty years the Senate has witnessed the so-called "nuclear option," where majorities changed the rules by simple vote to reduce or eliminate the filibuster for judicial and executive-branch nominees. Democrats first triggered the nuclear option in 2013 to ease confirmation of President Obama's nominees. Republicans returned the favor in 2017 and extended it to Supreme Court nominees. Each change made it less costly for majorities to act, but it also weakened the argument that the process itself is sacrosanct and immune from partisan manipulation.

The irony is that these changes serve majorities today but may haunt them tomorrow. For example, Republicans now defending the filibuster in this shutdown fight could find themselves powerless if the rules are abolished or circumvented and they end up in the minority. The filibuster is a shield and a sword depending on where one sits.

Still, the power of a small handful of lawmakers to shut down the government raises serious questions about whether the filibuster has outlived its usefulness when it comes to basic appropriations and keeping the government running. The Founders did not design the Senate to allow a minority to freeze the entire federal workforce and ground thousands of airline flights. The intention was for checks and balances, not paralysis.

What makes this episode particularly galling is that it was not wholly one party blocking the measure but a small faction of senators from the majority party refusing to go along. Most senators from both parties were prepared to pass the continuing resolution and keep the government open, yet a few held out, demanding unrelated policy concessions. That is not governing; it's procedural extortion.

And yet, as frustrating as this is, it's important to remember why the filibuster exists in the first place: the Senate was designed to be deliberative. If every issue could pass with a simple majority, Washington would swing wildly every two years with each election cycle. The filibuster forces at least some reasoned debate, even if in practice it's used less for deliberation and more for delay.

The shutdown underscores both the strength and the flaw of that system. The filibuster protects minority voices, but it can also be exploited to the point of dysfunction. The challenge for the Senate going forward is to preserve the ability for extended debate while ensuring that it cannot be hijacked by a few to bring the country to a halt.

Democrats may feel powerful today blocking a measure supported by most of Congress, just as Republicans did when they were in the minority. But majorities change, and so do tactics. When Republicans inevitably find themselves in the minority again, they will rely on the same procedural guard-rails to hold back excess from the left. For that reason, the filibuster should be reformed, not abolished.

In the end a government shutdown is a failure of leadership, not a triumph of principle. The American people expect their representatives to keep the lights on and their paychecks coming. They expect disagreement, not paralysis. The Senate's rules were meant to protect deliberation, not weaponize it. And when a few senators can hold an entire nation hostage for leverage, it may be time for both parties to remember that the power to say "no" is not the same as the power to lead.

Affordability

"But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day." Deuteronomy 8:18

By Riley J. Hood

On November 4th, 2025 American voters did far worse than elect Democrats in Democrat areas. This election was heavily influenced by millennials and Gen Z, who voted for toxic waste like Zohran Mamdani. Fact is young people supported this man by over 75% according to a Tufts University exit poll. Millennials represent the demographic death of America. We will have Muslims for the Mayor of NYC and Lt. Governor of Virginia. In Minneapolis, a Muslim named Fateh almost won that Mayoral race. We have a homicidal maniac, Jay Jones as Virginia's Attorney General. There was no problem with the opposition candidates, and whatever faults they had, Curtis Sliwa and Winsome Earl-Sears are heroes, especially when compared to their opponents.

Zohran Mamdani is a 34yr-old millennial brat, this man is not an American, but an "immigrant," and foreign interloper is a better word. (24 years after 9/11 we have forgot that it was Muslims shouting Allah Akbar that crashed the jets into the Twin Towers.) How could New Yorkers vote for that? One of Mamdani's biggest group of supporters are single college educated women, at over 82%. They are educated into imbecility. They find the promises of free stuff alluring, even though government produces nothing, at best it taxes to provide services. Four years of college and they are still too stupid to figure out that socialism only works in works of fiction.

One of the Democrats slogans was "Affordability." The Green New Dealer Ed Markey climbed on dung hill to crow about tariffs, and the Green New Ding-Dong AOC supported Mamdani. She is still an immigrant, and not American as well. It is true that prices are outrageous, but who did this to us? Democrats did. Now I know millennials think they are more evolved than older people, but when Jimmy Carter started de-industrializing America, it unleashed stagflation, that remained persistent under Ronald Reagan for years.

Have you ever noticed Obama's Affordable Health Act, aka Obamacare is expensive, and made the problems of rising medical costs, created by Lyndon Baines Johnson's Medicare and Medicaid worse? Ever notice the Green New Deal rammed your electricity bills sky-high? Remember when Democrats imposed lock-downs under the pretext of Covid-19, taking a shotgun to Trump's economy, and paving the way to elect the senile Joe Biden. Remember Biden's Inflation Reduction Act unleashing 9% annual inflation? Can't you figure out that the recent Schumer Shutdown was another Democrat attempt at a lock-down?

It is bad enough that the millennial can't or refuses to read history, but when 50% of their males are on Ritalin for ADHD, that means they can't remember the events of 6 years ago. We are a nation of idiots, and we import foreigners to do our brain work. You can make America healthier again, and make America smarter again by getting these spoiled brats off of psych-meds. Maybe then, they will finally figure out that socialists stealing your money and freedom is what is truly unaffordable. Maybe 18-29yr-old college educated women will stop voting for the enemy.

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land—an area equivalent to the size of the states of New York and Vermont—with 18.8 billion solar panels." Replacing 2019's energy produced by fossil fuels and nuclear with wind power "would require 2.12 million turbines on 500,682 square miles of farm, wildlife habitat, and scenic lands. This would require an amount of land as large as the combined total for Arizona, California, Nevada, Oregon, and much of West Virginia." A 2023 series of papers from Heartland, Energy at a Glance, also looked at the environmental impacts of the newest generation of the largest, most efficient wind and solar technologies. It found solar power requires three times as much land per megawatt of electricity produced as do coal, natural gas, or nuclear, with panels creating 300 times as much toxic waste per unit of energy produced as nuclear. In addition, "[r]eplacing current electricity generation with wind power may require covering 1/3 of the American land mass with wind turbines, and electrifying all transportation would increase that number to 1/2." Of course, the Nature study didn't address replacing existing demand but instead focused on meeting the expected growth of electricity demand, so the land footprint it describes is on top of any land used to replace existing electricity supply produced by fossil fuels and nuclear facilities that are prematurely shuttered in order to meet net zero goals. The bottom line is this: wind and solar have low power density, requiring a lot of land to produce less-reliable, expensive power than is delivered efficiently and relatively inexpensively by existing fossil fuel and nuclear plants. In addition, wind and solar don't work well in all locations and are precluded in others; require constant, expensive, redundant back-up supplies of power to account for fluctuations and intermittency; and use up large amounts of land for new transmission. With all this in mind, if net zero or even reducing greenhouse gas emissions substantially but short of net zero is no longer government policy, there is no reason to destroy the millions of acres of wildlife habitat, productive farm land, and other valuable land that could be or is being put to other productive uses, by installing massive amounts of industrial wind and solar facilities. In fact, since the best evidence, in the form of hard data, suggests catastrophic climate change is neither in the offing nor likely to occur, the huge expansion of wind and solar that has already been forced onto the grid by politicians boosting the profits of politically connected green energy profiteers was never justified. Instead, it undermined U.S. energy independence and dominance and was a geopolitically and economically costly distraction from the best path to reliable, relatively inexpensive power: expanding the nation's fleet of fossil fuel and nuclear power plants. China, our main economic and geopolitical competitor, clearly understood this and has been expanding fossil fuel use for power while encouraging the United States and Europe to pursue the green energy transition that has led us down the path of carbon dioxide-constrained deindustrialization.

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money, it won't be nearly enough to carry out rosy Big Apple promises which apparently brought him election victory.

Take, for example, his plans to spend $10 billion for communal housing while "demonetizing" private property ownership to make government the city's major landlord while instituting rent controls.

Expect these policies to expand derelict urban wastelands dominated by poorly maintained or abandoned structures and many predominately single-family neighborhoods to be overwhelmed by massive faceless human warehousing developments.

Those "free" bus rides for all will annually steal an estimated $700 million from the city's already tortured tax base while predictably serving as crime-ridden camping trailers for hordes of drug addicted and other homeless populations, particularly during winter months.

Good luck with curbing city rampant crime and fear with Mayor Mamdani's plan for a new "Department of Community Safety" that focuses on "restorative justice" and "gun violence interrupters" with mental health outreach teams replacing armed police on subways.

Mamdani also plans to shell out $6 billion on a universal childcare plan, along with about $20 million for "free" baby baskets containing diapers, wipes, nursing pads, swaddles and other essential goods for all newborns.

Meanwhile, to help alleviate skyrocketing New York living costs, the nation's highest, he proposes to establish Soviet-style city government owned and subsidized groceries at wholesale costs that will compete with bodegas and other small businesses.

To pay for all this largess, Mamdani proposes to raise the combined city and state's already astronomical tax rate from 14.8% to 16.8% and hike corporate tax rates from 7.25% to 11.5%, an astounding combined 21% business tax burden.

New York, already the most highly taxed combined city and state in the nation, can ill afford to force out businesses and high-income residents who cover the lion's share of tax revenues that provide vital livelihoods and services for everyone else.

Who can blame them for leaving and carrying huge chunks of Manhattan's tax base with them as working households are left behind to cover shrinking budgets with no thanks to profligate, unaccountable government spending?

America's largest financial institutions have already joined an exodus parade to friendlier climes.

Consider that whereas New York was home to 128 Fortune 500 headquarters in 1965, that number has dwindled to about 50 today— fewer than Texas with 54.

Even banking giant JPMorgan Chase now employs more workers in Texas than in New York City.

The Security and Exchange Commission (SEC) has approved the formation of a Texas Stock Exchange, (TXSE) which bills itself as the "first and only fully integrated, national securities exchange built and headquartered in Texas." (Dallas).

The timing is remarkably appropriate, with a planned launch date in the first quarter of 2026 following Mamdani's inauguration in the first week of 2026.

And, as an added attraction, the already existing Miami Stock Exchange (MIAX) is also a major trading platform for financial options both nationally and internationally.

Populations are following tax relief, business opportunities, and jobs.

According to a recent pre-election poll conducted by J.L. Partners, around 9% of New York City's 8.5 million residents said that they would "definitely" leave if Mamdani became mayor, prospectively representing the biggest mass exodus in American history . . . about equivalent to the population of Washington D.C., Las Vegas, or Seattle.

Making matters worse, a much larger 25% - 2.12 million – said they would "consider" leaving to set the stage for the largest population flight in U.S. history, cratering the economy and sending seismic economic shockwaves throughout the rest of the country.

J.L Partners pollster James Johnson told the Daily Mail, "Who knows if we can believe people when they say it, but the prospect of Mamdani is so scary to some that they are considering throwing in the Big Apple for new digs."

Among high earners making over $250,000 a year, 7% said that they would definitely flee.

According to the poll, men (12%) were more likely to say they'd leave than women (7%), with roughly a quarter of each group considering it. Voters ages 50 to 64 showed the strongest desire to flee, with 12% certain and 33% weighing a move.

By race, 13% of white New Yorkers and 11% of Asian residents said they would definitely leave.

Staten Island voters led the stampede, with 21% saying they'd go and another 54% considering it. In Manhattan, 6% say they'd flee and 20% are unsure; in Brooklyn, it's 8% and 18%.

The Mamdani Socialist cum Marxist election win of America's largest city and economic Wall Street capitol portends a spectacularly transformational and costly national wakeup call, launching one of the greatest social and financial wars in U.S. history.

The ultimate outcome will determine whether income redistribution premised on vague fantasies that big government bureaucracies can be trusted to make more-informed decisions about our welfare than the judgement of taxpaying citizens who elect and pay them.

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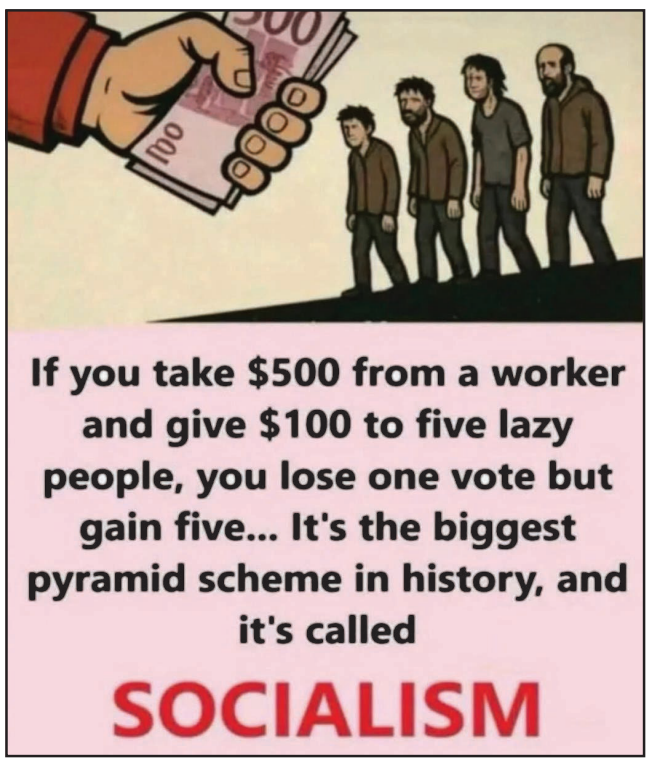

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"An investment in knowledge pays the best interest"

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If Everyone Must be Equal, No One Will Be Free

By James Bohn and Greg Grambow

Socialism as an economic and political ideology promises a shared utopia. But in practice, socialist experiments quickly devolve into totalitarian dystopias with rigid physical and mental control over all aspects of life. As a real-world governing philosophy, socialism is batting zero.

Yet, despite this dismal track record, socialism continues to appeal to many. An August 2025 Gallup poll found 39 percent of Americans, and a solid majority of Democrats, have a positive view of socialism.

A Democratic Socialist, Zohran Mamdani, was elected mayor of New York City earlier this month. Wisconsin too has Democratic Socialists in important offices. Four socialists are in our state legislature: two from Milwaukee, one from Madison and one from Eau Claire. And one is running for Governor.

What explains the appeal of socialism despite the long history of human misery that it has produced? Likely a negative human trait. People want what others have. Socialism tells them they can get it for free. No work and all play.

Economics is about choices. The distinction between socialism and the free enterprise system is how they answer the question "who makes the decisions?" Socialism centralizes decision-making in the bureaucratic state and requires/enforces compliance.

Decision-making in a free enterprise economy is decentralized among individuals, markets, and private enterprises and fosters growth through competition.

Socialistic centralization appeals to the elites. Socialism provides elites with easy access to economic influence. Instead of putting in years of hard work to build a business or amass wealth, state bureaucracies provide the highly educated with quick access to the power to set or regulate wages, production, and prices and redistribute income and wealth within society.

No surprise then that socialism is most popular among the college educated. The August Gallup survey found that 47 percent of college graduates approved of socialism compared to 35 percent of Americans without a college degree.

The perception among bureaucratic elites is that they alone have special insight on the "greater good" thereby justifying the suppression of alternative viewpoints. They see their opponents as acting with selfish, or malevolent intent. But self-righteousness, mixed with state power, is a heady brew. Once used to quash opposition in one circumstance, it's difficult to put that genie back in the bottle.

In a free economy, private enterprise and the individual control of wealth and resources limits state power. The private sector thus serves as a safeguard against overweening state bureaucrats and bureaucracies.

Centralized socialist control also disregards the dispersed nature and complexities of human knowledge. By doing so, their "one only view," inevitably leads to mistakes, shortages and tight controls over individual actions.

Rather than admitting flaws in their own policies, socialists double down with increased control, further

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people in a long time. The items on his agenda are so daunting lesser leaders wouldn't touch them. He's rebalancing trade with the rest of the world to give American workers a level playing field; reshoring manufacturing to the United States, particularly products essential to our national security; securing most favored nation drug prices for the American people which will guarantee the lowest prices in the world and force other developed nations to share the costs of research; streamlining permitting and regulation to free American businesses from unnecessary, crippling bureaucracy; leveraging peace through strength to bring peace to warring nations around the world; putting an end to tolerance of violent crime in our major cities; unleashing energy independence; and reducing the size of government itself, which now numbers over 2 million federal employees and grew by 100,000 full time employees during Biden's term.

Trump is up against monumental obstacles and he deserves the unwavering support of those who elected him while he pushes through the changes he promised. Meaningful change is noisy and difficult and too often people respond with childlike expectations. They want immediate gratification and have short attention spans. They are intellectually lazy and easily led. They allow know nothings on social and other media louder voices than truth tellers. There is too much at stake for us to be so shallow. Trump is doing all of the heavy lifting as he keeps his end of the bargain. The least he should expect is the breathing room it will take to produce the dramatic changes he is undertaking.

The media prey on a fickle public every day to sour them on Trump's agenda. They remain as committed as ever to Trump's failure and relentlessly push a narrative of a failing economy, a disenchanted public, and an impending blue wave during the 2026 midterms.

It is extremely important that we understand the stark differences between what Trump is doing on behalf of the American people and what's been done by Administrations who have come before. Recent developments make these differences clear.

On October 10, Trump invited Pascal Soriot, the CEO of AstraZeneca, one of the biggest pharmaceutical companies in the world, to the Oval Office for one of a growing number of major announcements on drug pricing deals his Administration has negotiated. The deal is for most favored nation pricing for all AstraZeneca products sold to Medicare and Medicaid. The leverage Trump used to push AstraZeneca to this deal was a 3-year exemption from the tariffs he has implemented on all of its overseas products. That same day, AstraZeneca also announced plans to invest $50 billion in US manufacturing and research and development by 2030 and broke ground on a $4.5 billion manufacturing plant in Virginia, a deal that was negotiated in just 33 days.

Information revealed during this Oval Office announcement is fundamental to understanding why the American people will get so much more of what we want from the Trump Administration than from any other Administration. There is a reason most of the media won't cover Trump's announcements. They don't want us to know.

Soriot made a point of crediting this deal with the fact that the team of individuals Trump has assembled moves "at the speed of business". The speed of business and the speed of government are light years apart. And it is not only the speed with which the Trump team expects to do business, but also the grandeur of what they expect to accomplish. Why the difference?

Trump recruits highly competent people with astounding track records of producing big results in the private

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innocence? I can't believe that. In my opinion, all assassinations are inside jobs, and if we could ever get the whole truth and nothing but the truth uncovered in these cases, I believe I would be proven correct.

So be on guard for those arguing an issue citing mainstream media sources as valid evidence which supports their position. The corporate news media boast a long track record of CIA and other intel operatives imbedded in their ranks along with many of their spouses. This propaganda machine weaves bits of truth with giant lies to convince the public of things that don't exist or aren't true. The latest MSM whopper tries to convince the public that the drug and human trafficking cartels don't exist.

And AI? Think about it. AI takes all of the real relevant facts and data of any issue or subject, pollutes them with many times the volume of lies, illogical conclusions and inaccuracies, grinds them together in a language perversion sausage-maker, and spews forth a gobbly-gook of nonsense. Just ask Grok about climate change, carbon emissions or global warming. The climate models created and cited by the climate alarmists show us exactly what the output of AI looks like. Absolute garbage with no relation to reality.

When we have all of the pieces to the puzzle, everything makes sense. When you understand how the Fed and world banking cartel works, you understand why you move all of your manufacturing to your proclaimed greatest enemy, China. You understand why the drug and human trafficking cartels keep getting larger and stronger. When you understand the depopulation agenda, you understand the Green New Scam and 15 minute cities. You understand why family farms disappear and corporate everything takes over. No, when we have all the puzzle pieces, its not hard to put the pieces together to see the whole picture. Thus transparency nullifies corruption.

Many of us woke up in the last decade to the rampant corruption touching almost everything in government, not just in foreign countries but right here in America. And some courageous individuals deciphered and followed the evidence trails left by the deceivers. We appear to be on the cusp of finally holding some of these scoundrels to account, though the swamp is wide and deep. The activist judicial traitors must still be overcome if justice in America will ever prevail. But President Trump delivers on all he promises, and he's promised to obliterate the Deep State. As I've said before, I believe him.

The greatest threat to any legitimate sovereign, duly elected leader or free people is a collection of self-righteous bureaucrats committed to control the destiny of all. Let's get the job done and done completely while demonstrating the power of the true Rule of Law.

God Bless Everyone on their Thanksgiving Holiday travel and celebrations, and may the Spirit of Christmas burn brightly in your hearts.



GOVERNMENT CIRCUS

Kryptonite to Defeat the Left

By Chris Kemble,
The Conservative Criminologist

Over years of writing about crime, I have said out loud, 'How can Republicans not turn the worst crime in the western world into a winning political issue?' And I answer myself by saying, 'Republicans will never win until they defeat Democrat ideology.' The internet is flooded with progressive propaganda. The leftist Disinformation Industry is hundreds of linked organizations, spending $100s of millions, perhaps $billions a year. Entrenched for decades, their propaganda libraries are massive. The mission statements of leftist organizations codify their worldview: radical revolution at war with criminal justice.

Every conservative running on a crime platform is up against this propaganda machine. Long before the elections, millions have been indoctrinated by the Left. Conservatives are oblivious. I have yet to meet anyone with more than a vague notion about crime history–and that includes criminal justice professionals. Republicans have never used the history of crime as a weapon; because that is impossible when they don't know it.

As a conservative criminologist, I am almost as rare as a unicorn. Almost no conservatives get through college with a degree in criminology. The few conservatives who do survive college seem to walk on eggshells. Do you think I get respect as a conservative criminologist? Eight Republican county chairmen refused to meet with me. State representatives are too busy. The media is reluctant to cover me, and none of the criminal justice professionals I meet will even email to me. I have supporters, but they are ignored, forced out, fired, primaried, or in hiding in hostile territory.

The website StopCrimeTosa.com is advertised as 'Crime History in Graphs.' It debunks seven fictions used by the Left to build their crime empire. These myths are mass incarceration, crime follows bad economies & high unemployment, social spending cuts crime, 'behavioral scientists' can rehabilitate criminals on the fly, criminals are the victims of the unjust society, Truth-in-Sentencing failed, and prisons do not curb crime. Using objective, easy-to-understand graphs built on FBI Uniform Crime Report statistics, these myths are destroyed. The Left's decades of failure, extortion, and lies; are documented. Graphs found nowhere else are backed up by nationally published articles.

In spite of the Left's massive advantages of money, prepared propaganda and decades of entrenchment; they are vulnerable. They are lying, and StopCrimeTosa.com has the kryptonite to defeat them. All it takes to push back is supporting, and using the website.

Restoring Verifiable Elections

The winning priority for Wisconsin's next governor

By John Ellis

The candidate for Wisconsin Governor who makes restoring verifiability to our elections his first priority will quickly become the front runner to win the 2026 election. By using On Wisconsin Outdoors' reporting over the last two years on why our elections are unverifiable and putting forward a plan to correct the problem, he will separate himself from the other candidates and win the overwhelming support of Wisconsin's voters.

The candidate's clearly stated goal will be to restore verifiable elections to our state, not free and fair elections, and this is why. "Free and fair" is a meaningless phrase for elections, used by the media and ineffective politicians, that does not guarantee or even imply verifiability. But "verifiable" elections are designed so that every vote counted is tied to a verifiable, eligible voter. Because of this, only verifiable elections can validate the will of Wisconsin's voters. Simply put, all verifiable elections will be free and fair, but not all free and fair elections will be verifiable.

The candidate's plan will include the following steps:

1. The Wisconsin Elections Commission (WEC) will be dismantled. The WEC is unaccountable to voters, facilitates unverifiable elections, and provides cover for the state legislators who have refused to correct Wisconsin's serious election problems. Responsibility for our elections will be returned to those legislators, where Wisconsin's voters can hold them accountable.

2. Wisconsin will discontinue membership in the Electronic Voting Information Center (ERIC).

ERIC is a multistate agreement, promoted as helping member states improve the accuracy of their voter rolls. But Wisconsin's membership in ERIC has contributed to the state voter registration list expanding to nearly twice the size of Wisconsin's voting aged population. The

accuracy of Wisconsin's voter registration list will be ensured by maintaining it solely in-state as described in step 3.

3. The lists of eligible voters used for Wisconsin's elections will be maintained locally, within each municipality, by the clerks. Those lists will be available for inspection by citizens free of charge and used by the state legislators to build and maintain the official list of registered voters as required by law. The cumulative total of eligible voters maintained by local municipalities will equal the number of eligible voters on the legislators' list. This will make it impossible for unverifiable illegal ballots to be cast, because every vote will be tied to a locally verifiable, eligible voter.

Currently, the WEC maintains a voter registration list with more than 8.2 million names in a state with only 4.6 million voting aged citizens. That list includes more than 4 million ineligible names. To receive a copy of the list costs $12,500.00. The size and cost of the list make it easy for unverifiable fraudulent ballots to be cast and impossible to inspect.

4. The voter IDs used when registering to vote will be tied to a verifiable, eligible Wisconsin voter. There are currently more than 250,000 people living legally in Wisconsin who are ineligible to vote, but who have been issued Driver's Licenses that are identical to those of Wisconsin residents who are eligible to vote. Because a Driver's License is all you need to register in Wisconsin, the ineligible people with the licenses can easily vote. To correct this, all Wisconsin Driver's Licenses issued to people who are here legally but ineligible to vote will be clearly marked "Not for Voting".

5. Paper ballots will be used, filled out manually, and counted locally using simple counters that cannot be connected to the internet. Those ballots will be kept for recounts, and to cross check with the local lists of eligible voters. After the polls close each clerk will report the results from their municipality directly to the legislators, eliminating central count. This will make any discrepancies in the vote count after elections easily found and verified locally.

6. Absentee Voting will be limited to those who are unable to make it to the polls on Election Day, and all voting by mail will end. According to a report that was released in September of 2005 by the Commission on Federal Election Reform, Co-Chaired by Democrat Jimmy Carter and Republican James Baker, voting by mail increases the risk of fraud and absentee or "convenience voting" detracts from the collective expression of citizenship that takes place on Election Day.

7. The 28-day residency rule, which allows out-of-state students to vote in Wisconsin's elections, will end. Out-of-state students have no vested interest in Wisconsin and a responsibility to vote in their home states. In addition, the University of Wisconsin system will be required to verify the citizenship of students before issuing a voting ID. Currently there is no requirement, even though there are more than 8000 non-citizen students, from 100 countries, at UW Madison alone.

No issue is more important than restoring verifiability to Wisconsin's elections, because every issue we vote on depends on it. The candidate for Wisconsin Governor who recognizes this and runs on a plan like the one outlined above as his first priority, will excite the masses and win in a landslide.

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Wanna Steal an Election? Here's How.

An article with the above-mentioned title was recently published on the Omega4America Substack.

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It reads like a history book. It goes through the exact process being so effectively worked today. It works on the well-known but well-hidden principle, that you don't need votes to win, you only need ballots. The only thing that it missed was that YOUR TAX DOLLARS are paying for almost all of the stealing process.

Do you think that Republicans will steal an election just to prove a point and expose the whole corrupt system? Nope. Moral fortitude has been replaced by grift and stupidity. To Republicans, there is no election stealing. It's all just a ruse to generate more fund-raising opportunities. So, what to do? How can "stealing an election" actually expose that elections are being stolen? Maybe someone else has to steal one?

How about this. The first thing is that you'd have to pick an election that has minimal consequence but still has the eye of the nation-wide media; perhaps a mayoral race in some high-profile city. The next step is to infiltrate the NGO ring. This can be done by paying the ballot "collectors" $50/ballot rather than the customary $40. (Capitalism at work.) You slip the altered ballots back into the system and "presto". You just sit back and wait for the big announcement on election night, when some goofy candidate from some off-the-wall party actually beats both the Republican and Democrat candidates. Gee, that sounds familiar.

But then what? Do you expose the scam? Do you take credit for your work? That could be life altering. Or do you just sit back and let the dust settle where it may? Yeah, this is the tricky part. The latter approach is certainly better for personal safety and for maintaining a long and prosperous life. But the problem is that all those other crooked parties (media included) will just bury the whole thing, claim nothing-to-see-here, and live with the consequences.

Perhaps the kids at "Omega" can come up with a happier ending?

Shedders, Silent Spreaders: Stop Blaming the Unvaccinated

By Patti Johnson

We're fed up with the lies. For years the mainstream media has peddled a tired narrative, pinning every childhood disease outbreak on the unvaccinated which often includes the homeschooler.

Heavily influenced by Big Pharma interests, they deliberately undermine parents who have made informed decisions regarding their children's health. Instead of recognizing these parents as intelligent individuals who have thoroughly researched and considered what is best for their families, the media chooses to dismiss and marginalize them. By labeling these concerned parents as "anti-vaxxers" – a term designed to be derogatory and shaming – the media aims to push them to the fringes of public discourse. How dare these parents question the safety of vaccines, their holy grail of modern medicine. Ignoring the inconvenient truths, Big Pharma and MSM (mainstream media) paints those who choose not to vaccinate as ignorant and reckless threats to public health. This tactic not only stifles meaningful conversation but also discourages open inquiry and critical thinking about important health decisions.

Take a closer look at recent outbreaks – measles, whooping cough, hepatitis A and others. Some have clear links to illegal immigrants carrying diseases across borders, yet this fact is buried. The media won't touch it. Instead, they double down on scapegoating "anti-vaxxers", churning out fear-mongering stories to push their agenda. It's a deliberate distraction from the real issues, and we are sick of being their punching bag.

Vaccines aren't the infallible shield we're told they are. Outbreaks in vaccinated groups prove it.[1] Efficacy wanes, and some vaccines don't stop transmission. But instead of investigating these failures or addressing border-related risks, the media keeps the spotlight on us, the so-called "irresponsible" parents who dare question the system or choose to educate our kids at home.

This isn't about denying science; it's about demanding honesty. We're tired of the lies, the blame, and the refusal to face facts. Childhood disease outbreaks are complex and pointing fingers at informed parents who choose not to vaccinate is a lazy cop-out. The truth is out there, (cue X-Files theme song), but you won't find it on the evening news. The data doesn't lie, but the media does. Below are a few facts they purposely ignore or even lie about:

The vaccinated can shed and spread the very diseases they are vaccinated against. (This guest opinion will deal mainly with the shedding issue.)

Many outbreaks happen in fully vaccinated populations, sometimes even in communities with 100% vaccination rates.[2], [3]

Data shows that some vaccines have caused more death and injury than they prevent.[4]

Vaccines are not adequately safety tested.[5], [6]

Every single childhood disease was already on its way out before a vaccine was developed for them. [7]

Shedders, silent spreaders

One of the causes of outbreaks never mentioned by mainstream media is shedding. Vaccinated individuals can shed and spread the virus to others:

Rotavirus Vaccine (e.g., Rotarix, RotaTeq): Shedding in stool can occur for up to 2–4 weeks after vaccination, with peak shedding in the first 1–2 weeks. Most infants stop shedding by 28 days post-vaccination. [8]

Varicella (Chickenpox) Vaccine: Shedding occurs if a rash develops at the injection site. When it happens, shedding can last up to 2–3 weeks but is typically limited to the duration of the rash. In some immunized individuals over age 60, vaccine virus DNA is shed in saliva up to 4 weeks. [9]

Live Attenuated Influenza Vaccine (LAIV, Nasal Spray Flu Vaccine): Shedding in nasal secretions can occur for up to 7–11 days in children. Peak shedding is within the first few days' post-vaccination. [10]

Oral Polio Vaccine (OPV): Shedding in stool can persist for up to 6–8 weeks in some cases, though the virus is most transmissible in the first 2–4 weeks.[11]

MMR Vaccine (Measles, Mumps, Rubella): Shedding can last up to 2–3 weeks. Shedding of measles vaccine RNA is not uncommon and vaccine RNA can be detected up to 29 days post MMR. [12]

H3N2 Influenza Vaccine: In November of 2011, The Journal of Infectious Diseases published a study of those vaccinated with an influenza virus which demonstrated that airborne particles containing viral genetic material were discharged from the nasal passages and or lungs of the inoculated. The influenza virus particles were small enough to remain suspended in the air and were subsequently inhaled by others. 11 out of 36 infected subjects tested positive for fine-aerosol viral RNA, and 6 out of 36 were positive for coarse aerosols. In essence, one out of three vaccinated shed viral influenza particles into the air which could infect those around them. [13] [14] [15]

The COVID-19 mRNA bioweapon gene therapy shot has been proven to shed from the vaccinated, spreading toxic spike proteins and mRNA fragments to the unvaccinated through exosomes, sweat, breath and other bodily fluids – causing symptoms like menstrual chaos, miscarriages, fatigue and even long-term immune disruption in those exposed. This insidious feature, documented in FDA and Pfizer's own trial protocols as well as clinician reports and emerging studies, turns the jabbed into unwitting vectors for harm, verifying the bioweapon's design to target populations beyond direct injection.[16]

Big Pharma and their complicit media mouthpieces, along with rigged "fact-checker" hit pieces, keep parroting the lie that shedding is baseless conspiracy nonsense from "theorists." A quick internet search rigged by their algorithms funnels you straight to a wall of debunking propaganda, burying the real evidence under layers of censorship and gaslighting.

Recently, The Lancet Infectious Diseases medical journal published the results of trials which confirmed that the new Gate's funded chimeric oral polio vaccine shed from 100% of the recipients and was transmitted to others in the study "causing severe adverse events." [17]

After those dangerous test results, the same chimeric strains are now being tested on infants in Bangladesh and Panama.

"The new study comes after another Gates-funded trial in U.S. adults confirmed 100% shedding of lab-made chimeric polioviruses and even documented spread between participants – findings the authors used to justify moving the same engineered strains (nOPV1, nOPV2, and nOPV3) into infants and children in Bangladesh and Panama, effectively turning these populations into testbeds for Gates' synthetic polio program."

"Polio vaccines have already caused hundreds of infections across Africa, triggering 80% of infants to shed live virus that mutated into strains causing 828% more paralysis than wild polio, and even sparked a fresh outbreak in Papua New Guinea confirmed by the WHO."[18]

This isn't the only dangerous shedding vaccination program that Gates has recently funded.

The Gates Foundation funded a mRNA gain of function tuberculosis vaccine trial that used innocent African children as guinea pigs. The insidiousness of the trial is that they injected healthy children with live tuberculosis bacteria to study if their vaccine worked. According to The New England journal of Medicine, May 7, 2025, the vaccine trial caused 260 previously healthy South African children to be infected with Mycobacterium tuberculosis. The results:

Failed to prevent infection

Infected more children in the vaccinated group than in the placebo

Caused serious adverse effects in nearly a third of vaccine recipients

Excluded early post-vaccine infections from its final data

Follows Gates-funded genetic gain-of-function work that made TB harder to regulate

"And it's still being promoted as "public health." Why did Gates fund U.S. scientists to engineer one tuberculosis-causing species (M. tuberculosis) to grow uncontrollably – then back a human trial injecting another live tuberculosis – family bacterium (M. bovis), its close cousin, into South African children?"

This new Gates mRNA TB vaccine sheds just like the Covid mRNA vaccine.

In my guest opinion "Dining with the Devils" I listed other depopulation vaccine programs funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation:

Gates polio vaccine program in India paralyzed 47,500 East Indian children. https://www.crystalwind.ca/eureka-amazing/the-truth-is-a-lie/vaccines/bill-gates-polio-vaccine-program-caused-47-500-cases-of-paralysis-death

Gates used young tribal Indian girls as guinea pigs for the Gardasil vaccine leaving several dead and many injured for life.[20]

Gates partnered with GAVI and gave unsuspecting African women a tetanus vaccine laced with the anti-fertility drug human chorionic gonadotropin (hCG) that left them sterile. They lied to the vulnerable women about the purpose of the vaccine.[21] [22]

It is all a part of Gates eugenics depopulation program. He is creating vaccines that not only kill or injure those vaccinated but also spread disease by shedding to the unvaccinated population. He tests his vaccines on third world populations using them as guinea pigs. More examples follow:

According to an in depth research paper by Søren Wengel Mogensen, Andreas Andersen, Amabelia Rodrigues, Christine S Benn and Peter Aaby, titled, "The Introduction of Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis and Oral Polio Vaccine Among Young Infants in an Urban African Community: A Natural Experiment," The World Health Organization's DTP vaccine, funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, killed more African children than the three diseases (diphtheria, tetanus and polio) it was supposed to prevent. Girls who were vaccinated with the DTP vaccine had 10x the death rate of children who had not received the vaccine. Despite these results WHO has not recalled this lethal vaccine. Millions of children receive this deadly shot every year in Africa.[23] (Does this remind you of the Covid shot?)

Another Gates vaccine fiasco in Africa is the MenAfriVac meningitis vaccine. African children were forced to get the shot. 50 of the 500 children vaccinated developed paralysis.

South African newspapers complained, "We are guinea pigs for the drug makers." Nelson Mandela's former Senior Economist, Professor Patrick Bond, describes Gates' philanthropic practices as "ruthless and immoral."[24]

A person holding a syringe with a group of children in the background AI-generated content may be incorrect.

Big Pharma's grip on internet search engines tout Gates vaccine programs as a massive triumph, claiming that he saves countless

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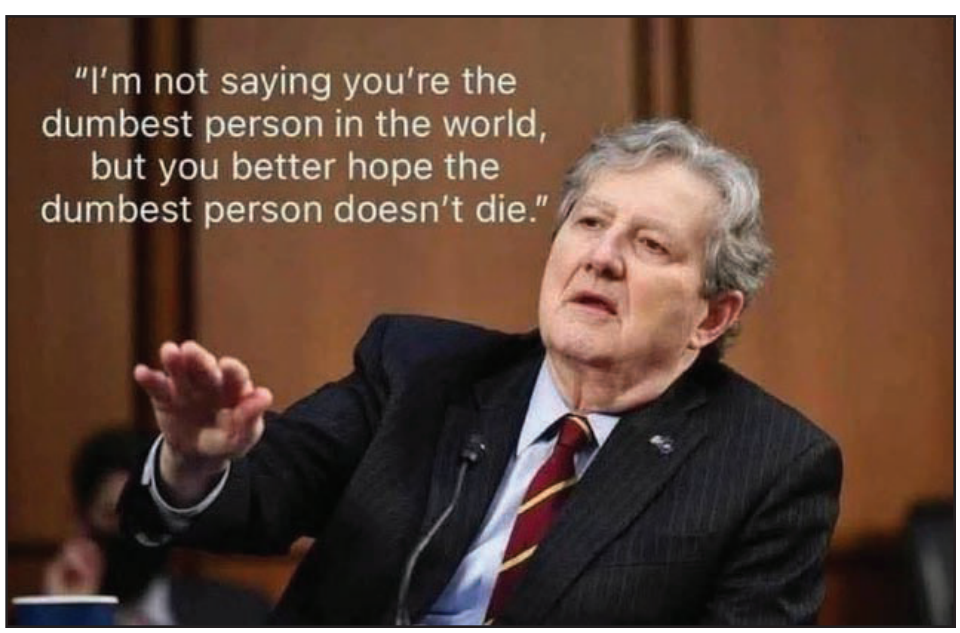




Short Takes

By Ken Van Doren

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

I groan daily under a body of sin and corruption. Oh for the time when I shall drop this flesh, and be free from sin!
-Charles Spurgeon

Don't forget to tell yourself positive things daily! You must love yourself internally to glow externally.
-Hannah Bronfman

We are involved in a life that passes understanding and our highest business is our daily life. -John Cage

The past is never the past. It is always present. And you better reckon with it in your life and in your daily experience, or it will get you. It will get you really bad.
-Bruce Springsteen

The more natural or eco-based products you can introduce into your beauty regimen, the more beneficial it is for your skin. It's similar to introducing organic food into your daily diet.
-Ivanka Trump

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

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

I would miss months of school and then return with bright blond hair. Needless to say, there was bullying. I wasn't beaten up daily, but there was name-calling and jealousy. You have to bear in mind that 'Harry Potter' wasn't cool. I wasn't part of the 'Terminator' franchise. -Tom Felton

Wisdom to Live By

"Science is not an authority, it is a methodology."
-Dr. Richard Lindzen, MIT Climate Scientist

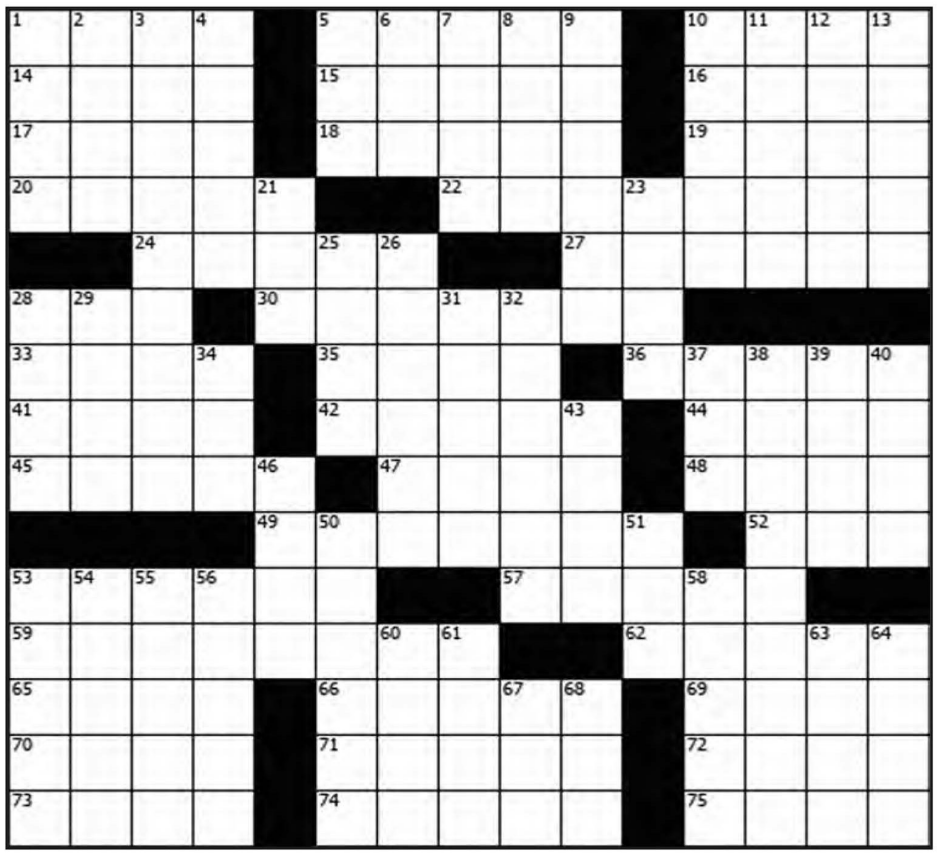


THE GAME PAGE

Crossword Puzzler

ACROSS
1. Andes native
5. Irritating ones
10. Better late ____ never
14. Tree greenery
15. Spring flower
16. Healthy
17. Pick up
18. Amphitheater
19. She, to Pierre
20. Snooze
22. Went off the track
24. Ringlet
27. Fire truck alarms
28. Last letter
30. Went to bed
33. Acquire by labor
35. Hand over
36. Roast host
41. Three musicians
42. Bath powders
44. Dubuque's locale
45. Clock feature
47. Not shallow
48. Refusals
49. Epic voyage
52. Use a lever
53. Like Swiss mountains
57. Stockholm resident
59. Tolerable
62. Succinct
65. Heavenly headwear
66. Small pies
69. Summon
70. Baking place
71. Nebraska city
72. Power source
73. Cincinnati team
74. Put back to zero
75. Rents out

DOWN
1. Misfortunes
2. Astronaut ____ Armstrong
3. Lunchroom
4. Following
5. School org.
6. Belgium's cont.
7. Toboggan
8. Fork point
9. Scanty
10. Possessive pronoun
11. Oscar winner ____ Berry
12. Woody or Tim
13. Lacks
21. ____ capita
23. Staff officer
25. Religious subgroup
26. Constant
28. Catherine ____-Jones
29. English nobleman
31. Does nothing
32. School playtime
34. Neither's mate
37. 60 secs.
38. Work together
39. Water pitcher
40. "____ Rider"
43. Gush
46. "____ Lisa"
50. One who owes
51. So far
53. Despise
54. Take off
55. Lost color
56. Golf clubs
58. Sticker
60. Feeble, as an excuse
61. Ages
63. Vegas machine
64. Shade providers
67. "Raiders of ____ Lost Ark"
68. Perched



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COP-30 *cont. from page 1*

ramping up hysteria over "horrific impacts" from climate change and extreme weather.

Google Chrome's AI overview says climate change is making extreme weather events more frequent and severe, melting icecaps and raising sea levels, making water scarcer in some regions while flooding others, wrecking ecosystems and biodiversity, making warming oceans more acidic, and threatening agriculture and human and planetary health.

It's all exaggeration and fabrication, exported endlessly from computer models and imaginations – but not supported by actual, real-world data and evidence.

Despite Earth's ever-changing climate, neither hurricanes nor tornadoes are becoming more frequent or severe, nor are floods and droughts. Biodiversity is threatened most by blanketing vast areas with solar panels and wind turbines, and mining and processing raw materials to manufacture them. Earth's barely warming oceans are slightly alkaline (pH 8.1), notacidic. More atmospheric carbon dioxide helps crop, forest, desert and grassland plants grow faster, better and with less water.

But fear-instilling "news" headlines and "studies" keep fueling the COP-30 fires:

Climate change and extreme weather events could drain the world's blood banks, they proclaim. It threatens to make running marathons even harder. Whether to have a pet is one of the "most climate-intensive decisions" we make. Humanitarian visas must be created for Pacific Islanders whose homes will soon be drowned by rising seas.

Climate change is creating "deadly rivers in the sky" and "supercharging" extreme rainfall. The climate crisis disproportionately impacts Indonesian women and girls. Danish farmers must use methane-reducing feed supplements, which cause plummeting milk yields, diarrhea, fevers and miscarriages in dairy cows.

Not to be upstaged, climate modeler Michael Mann and comrades issued a dire report, ranting that "We are hurtling toward climate chaos. The planet's vital signs are flashing red." The dangers "are no longer future threats but are here now!"

Lions and tigers and bears, oh my. What to do? Begin by taking a deep breath and following Bill Gates.

Despite (still) sending millions to climate-crisis groups and issuing multiple stark warnings, Mr. Gates now says climate change is not a crisis and will not destroy the planet or cause "humanity's demise." He now says we must focus on improving lives, healthcare and living standards for the world's poorest countries, particularly by ensuring that they have plentiful, dependable, affordable (PDA) electricity and fuels, especially coal, oil, gas and nuclear.

That's an admirable start. Hopefully his foundations will now send millions to climate-realism organizations – and billions to real PDA energy projects and modern housing, hospital, school and infrastructure efforts in Asia, Latin America and especially Africa.

Additionally, so far this year, 893 companies have pulled out of the Science-Based Targets Initiative, which requires "scientifically validated climate targets" and "greenhouse gas" (GHG) "emission goals aligned with international standards." Not only were those targets never science-based or scientifically validated. They were always unachievable moral preening based on faulty computer-model forecasts of human and planetary catastrophes allegedly due to fossil fuel use.

Further underscoring the weakening global adherence to the phony scientific, economic and ethical "consensus" over an alleged manmade climate crisis, since December 2024 dozens of large US and foreign banks have withdrawn from the Net Zero Banking Alliance. The exodus forced the UN-inspired Alliance to close its doors and cease operations.

Nevertheless, despite the major setbacks, rent-seeking COP-30 attendees continue to fulminate about planet and humanity's dreadful fate.

Like the Black Knight in "Monty Python in Search of the Holy Grail," they stand armless and legless, refusing to give up, screaming futilely at their departing supporters: "They're just flesh wounds. Come back here! I'll bite your legs off."

In other apt cinematic analogies, once these COP creatures are given life by politicians, Dr. FrankUNstein and a random jolt of electricity from distant wind turbines, they terrorize in seeming perpetuity. In Brazil they're shapeshifting planet-saving solutions and demands.

For decades, COP gatherings focused on "Mitigation" – demanding trillions of dollars from de-industrializing developed countries to control climate, weather, and people's energy use and living standards. This, they assured us, would preventmanmade cataclysms predicted by computer models that begin with the assumption that rising GHG levels cause disasters. That old dog rarely hunts anymore.

So this year's COP-30 focus has shifted, first to "Adaptation" – demanding trillions from de-developing countries for studies, planning and "resilience-building." This, they assure us, will help poor nations adapt to climate cataclysms that models and studies allege result from worsening temperatures, weather and sea levels that developed countries (but not China, India or Russia) are still causing. More empty gestures.

And second, additional trillions for "Reparations" to poor and developing nations (ie, Swiss bank accounts) for climate and weather damages that rich countries purportedly caused in the past.

Poor countries and people have God-given rights to PDA electricity, fuels and petrochemical products that enable them to take their rightful place among Earth's healthy and prosperous people. They don't have a right to threaten or blackmail developed countries for mitigation, adaptation or reparation cash.

Ironically, many COP-30 attendees – as well as the United Nations, World Bank and climate scolds like Mike Mann and Al Gore – would deny them those rights and even access to modern transportation, housing and agricultural technologies. Because, as Barack Obama told South Africans in 2013, "if … everybody has got a car and everybody has got air conditioning, and everybody has got a big house, the planet will boil over" – unless we eliminate fossil fuels and switch to renewable energy.

Add to that poll findings that (#8) an eye-popping 45% of Americans would be willing to pay only $12 annually to "address climate change" and over half would pay zero. In reality, a government-orchestrated switch to wind, solar and battery electricity would force families to pay thousands of extra dollars every year, endure frequent blackouts and struggle with fewer jobs and lower living standards.

All these are compelling reasons why President Trump is not attending COP-30 and why the United States should formally withdraw from the Paris climate accord/treaty and United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the twin mothers of all climate machinations.

Many counties would follow, and people everywhere would be much better off.

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A.G.s: Plastics "Pact" harms consumers

By Craig Rucker

For years, environmental activists have pressured the business world to embrace the UN's aggressive climate and energy agenda. They know full well that corporate leaders won't sign on voluntarily — doing so would mean skyrocketing costs, suffocating regulations, and peddling products that consumers simply don't want.

Enter ESG: the "environmental, social, and governance" criteria that Greens devised as a tool to coerce compliance.

The strategy is clever and relentless. ESG advocates form "voluntary" industry groups that lock in their radical priorities from the start. Then, they lean on major corporations to join these pacts — or else face coordinated boycotts and damaging PR campaigns. Take the U.S. Plastics Pact, for instance: It's a targeted assault on the plastics, food, and petroleum sectors, with an explicit mission to trigger a "profound paradigm shift" and drive "systemic change" in how these industries operate.

The good news? Resistance is building at last.

A coalition of state Attorneys General, led by Florida A.G. James Uthmeier, has written to environmental groups demanding to know how their use of the Pact to fuel their activism does not violate antitrust laws.

Uthmeier is joined by the Attorneys General from Texas, Georgia, Alabama, and Louisiana. Read their full press statement at CFACT.org.

"Radical environmental activists do not have the right, nor the avenue, to suppress business operations in our market," Uthmeier said.

Antitrust law outlaws combinations and monopolies in restraint of trade. These A.G.s assert that is precisely the mission left-wing climate pressure groups have taken on.

"We have grave concerns that this mission is harmful to our States' economies," the A.G.s said, "results in higher costs to our States' consumers, unreasonably restrains trade, and reduces output and quality of goods and services."

Institutional control and ESG are common tactics the Left uses to push policy it cannot achieve through law or regulation.

Bravo to these Attorneys General for calling out such abuses.





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Day one at UN COP 30: Same old song and dance

By Craig Rucker

If you've ever wondered what happens when global elites pat themselves on the back for saving the planet—while jetting in on private planes and gorging on burgers—welcome to COP30 in Belem, Brazil! As a veteran of these UN climate shindigs (that's 27 since the '90s, back when Al Gore was still pretending to invent the internet), I can tell you this one's already shaping up as the most disorganized one yet. They picked a sweltering hangar-turned-convention-center from the '90s and crammed 50,000 virtue-signalers into one sweatbox, actually called the "Hanger Convention Center"—and it's living up to every low expectation.

The CFACT crew rolled up to the Hangar Convention Center this morning, and the first sight? A hulking (what reminded me of a Soviet-era armored vehicle) flanked by a few soldiers not far away. They didn't seem intimidating … actually, most were scanning their iPhones. But it did seem a bit out of place and made me wonder if the organizers were bracing for a peasant revolt. Silly, really.

Getting credentialed? A nightmare straight out of a government efficiency handbook—if there were such a thing. The lines snaked longer than a D.C. filibuster, in a hangar that could double as a sauna at times. I've queued up at Kyoto, Paris, etc, but this took the cake for sheer incompetence. Why on earth did they greenlight Belem for a mega-UN summit? Probably the same geniuses who thought carbon credits could replace common sense.

Once we finally breached the gates, the China Pavilion greeted us like a red-carpet splash – eye-catching and humming with that quiet confidence only an arrogant superpower like China might muster. It was buzzing like the old EF Hutton ads: "When China talks, people listen." And boy, do they. In this left-of-center echo chamber, Beijing's the 800-pound gorilla whispering sweet nothings about "cooperation" while cranking out coal plants at the rate of one or two per week.

We made the rounds with some delegations—United Arab Emirates, Pakistan, and a couple others—laying out the plain truth: It's high time the U.S. and President Trump lead a walkout from these climate shackles, and they ought to get on board with us. No more footing the bill for climate virtue-signaling "Save the Earthers". The politeness of these delegates was a breath of fresh air, and we left hoping maybe we got the wheels turning in their heads.

Lunch was supposed to be a pit stop, but it turned into another line from hell. In a climate confab peddling vegan salvation and low-emission kale smoothies, you'd figure the plant-based stuff would be flying off the shelves. Wrong. The masses mobbed "Bob's Burgers". Yes, Bob's had one token meatless option on the menu. But the rest? Nope. It was grease-dripping beef patties. Oddly, I didn't see anyone particularly upset about the hypocrisy—but as I thought about it, I asked myself, "Why would I?" This is the crowd, of course, that takes private jets and limos to climate confabs.

But here's the real kicker about this lunch: It didn't take cash or credit. They force-fed us this blue debit card scam—slap $100 or $200 on this card they offered us upfront, then pray you spend it – or else you lose it. No blue card, no chow. We learned the hard way, sweating through the long line only to hit the wall at checkout. What if there's a leftover balance? Tough luck—it's theirs now. This is the green dream in action: A cashless dystopia where elites preload your compliance and skim the unspent surplus.

Post-lunch, we wandered the exhibit hall, and it was a venue that would make Al Gore proud. Booths hawking "Climate Consciousness", Gaia, and similar somethings or other. Then the red flags: "People's Rising for Climate Justice" banners hinting at socialist revolution, right next to pitches for a "Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty" and "Ending Fossil Finance." As a conservative, you felt about as welcome as an Israeli military officer at a Greta Thunberg birthday party.

After this, we returned to the main convention hall where we experienced an "indoor monsoon" of sorts. The "wind" blew, plants and fauna started swaying, lights flickered and the sound of rain could be heard heavily pounding the convention center. No, it wasn't a real rainstorm. It was a "faux" Hollywood version, which appeared to be a UN attempt at indoor weather modification. Honestly, I kind of liked it. Whatever "climate apocalypse" they thought they were creating to alarm people actually served to cool the delegates, which seemed to make them happy and thus undermine whatever alarmist message they were trying to make. I approve.

Day one's verdict? Same old song and dance: Elites preaching sacrifice to the peasants while living large. But hey, if we can peel off a few allies from this scam, maybe COP30 marks the beginning of the end for this global grift. Tomorrow? Who knows, but one thing is for sure: we at CFACT are on the case.

COP 30: The natives are restless

By Craig Rucker

Some real fireworks kicked off yesterday evening when an irate crew of 50 to 100 Tupinambá warriors — some decked out in their striking traditional feathers and body paint — stormed the Blue Zone like it was the Alamo.

These aren't your Hollywood stereotypes of eco-warriors glued to trees. Rather, they're proud, resilient people who have stewarded the Amazon for generations. After I snapped a few photos with them around the COP Green Zone venue today, I found them as warm and welcoming as any tailgate party at a football game back home. It's clear they're not here for Al Gore's PowerPoint on carbon footprints.

Climate change? Barely a blip on these people's radar. No, their gripe is far more grounded: why is a leftist government hosting a global gabfest that bulldozes their sacred lands for an eight-mile highway, displaces açaí farmers without a dime in compensation, and sidelines their voices in favor of radical agitators?

Their breach on Wednesday was chaotic: doors were kicked in, chants of "Our land is not for sale!" echoed off the walls, and batons and protesters shoved back at security. Joining the fray were cheerleaders from Brazil's far-left Socialism and Liberty Party(PSOL) — the kind of outfit that dreams of Che Guevara statues in every village square. They piped up with the usual suspects: outrage over "illegal logging, mining, and industrialization" ravaging the wilderness.

Sounds noble, right? Except when you chat informally with the protesters themselves, that narrative crumbles faster than a Michael Mann climate forecast. Take my encounter in the Green Zone — that sprawling NGO bazaar where businesses hawk "sustainable" widgets and academics peddle guilt trips. I cornered an interpreter, a university type who clearly leaned sympathetic to the cause, and got the unvarnished truth through his translations. Sure, the Tupinambá are steamed about representation. Why hand the mic to Lula's cronies when the real stewards of the forest, their Indigenous groups, get token seats at best?

Dig deeper, and these native Brazilians are not driven by some Marxist manifesto. It's simpler, and more American: they want economic development. They want roads that connect their villages to markets; jobs that lift families out of poverty without chaining them to endless welfare handouts. They are for mining and industry. These folks see opportunity, not oppression — if it's done with respect for their culture and values.

That's the real scandal here at the climate summit. The Indigenous voices aren't the problem — it's how the radical left co-opts them like props in a bad diversity play. The PSOL radicals hijacked the protest to push their anti-capitalist fever dreams, ignoring that true prosperity comes from free enterprise, not UN fiat. Brazil's President Lula cleared over 100,000 trees, with barely a peep of protest from the environmental community, for the convenience of elites attending this climate summit.



Talk about hypocritical deforestation! And amid the pomp on display here, the Indigenous community serves as nice props and ornamentation for delegates to gawk at while they sip imported champagne.

Wandering the Green Zone today was an eye-opener, even for a COP summit veteran like me. It's glitzier than normal — booths hawking carbon credits like snake oil, solar-powered gadgets nobody needs, and endless panels on "equity" that sound like rebranded socialism.

But beneath the sheen, you sense the frustration bubbling. These Indigenous protesters aren't anti-progress; rather, they're anti-exploitation. They deserve partners who prioritize property rights, fair deals, and growth over endless regulations that keep the Amazon in perpetual poverty. Here in Belém, verification day has arrived. And the natives? They're not just restless — they are righteously fed up.

Jane Goodall Sought to Quell Human Savagery

By Larry Bell

Primatologist Jane Goodall, who recently passed away at age 91, originally traveled to Africa as a 28-year-old woman accompanied by her mother with no college degree to study behavioral and social similarities of primates and humans through direct interactions with them in their environment.

What she learned is both enormously tender and terrifying regarding what her observations teach us about ourselves.

Jane shared her personal story at my home 21 years ago after we first became acquainted at an Explorers' Club event in West Texas where her discussion of experiences with a community of chimpanzees in Kenyan bush country was the keynote attraction.

My wife Nancy and I had hosted a fund-raising meeting among friends here in Houston in support of goals and activities of the non-profit Roots & Shoots foundation she established in 1991. The organization addresses wide-ranging environmental, conservation, and humanitarian issues.

Jane was born in London in 1932. Lacking finances for college tuition, she attended secretarial school, worked briefly for a London documentary film company, and later waited tables to save money for a dreamed ocean passage to Kenya.

Upon reaching Nairobi, Jane served in a provident secretarial position with the famous paleoanthropologist Louis Leaky.

Leaky's pioneering research into human origins led him to take a strong interest in studies of great apes.

Recognizing her passion for animals and the makings of a good scientist, Leaky arranged for Jane to conduct field observations of primates in forests of what is now Gombe National Park near Lake Tanganyika in Tanzania.

Having previously only known fictional representations of Africa presented by Tarzan movies and Dr. Dolittle books, Jane was to encounter, and immediately fall in love with, a challenging new land of Malaria, parasites, snakes, storms and . . . yes, chimpanzees.



Jane fondly recalled the first time a wild, grizzled male she named David Greybeard took a banana from her outstretched hand, eventually welcoming her into a community of humanity's closest relatives which became the focus of her life's passion.

As recounted in a 2017 documentary, Jane was grateful for the opportunity to gradually be accepted and penetrate further and further into a magic world no human had ever explored before.

Those close engagements, which continued throughout her life, were consequential in raising public appreciation of their many human-like qualities, along with their vulnerability to destructive human encroachments on their habitats.

As Jane reflected:

"At that time in the early 1960s it was believed that it was only humans who had minds capable of rational thought.

"Fortunately, I had not been to a university, and I did not know these things. I felt very much as though I was learning about fellow beings capable of joy and sorrow, fear and jealously."

Jane also learned and taught us that chimpanzees are toolmakers, fashioning fishing probes with a particular brush-tipped design to extract termites from their mounds.

Mothers teach these skills to their offspring.

Sadly, other observations of chimpanzee behaviors were devastatingly upsetting to her.

Coupled with a 1975 cannibalistic infanticide, a violent four-year-long conflict between two communities in northern and southern regions of Gombe Stream Park revealed that a very "dark side" also existed in their nature.

In a memoir, Jane described coming to terms with this revelation in a memoir:

"For several years I struggled to come to terms with this new knowledge."

She recounted how savagely primates could attack one other, at times with starkly, lasting bloody consequences.

While emotionally dispiriting, a savage war between two (formerly united) chimpanzees didn't alter Jane's devotion to serving as their tireless advocate.

To this end she has established several primate sanctuaries, including an outdoor facility at Stanford University, has mentored generations of primate and other environmental scientists, and has founded effective charitable fundraising and teaching organizations to promote conservation consciousness.

Jane's Roots & Shoots initiatives have brought together youth from preschool to university age to identify and work on problems in their own communities affecting people, animals and the environment with chapters in more than 140 countries with over 8,000 local groups and 150,000 worldwide participants.

She attributes her courage and motivation to act upon her passions to motherly confidence:

"My mother used to tell me, 'Jane, if you really want something, you work hard enough, you take advantage of opportunities, you never give up, you will find a way.'"

Jane Goodall's life is a testament to what passion can accomplish.

She demonstrated that a young woman with no previous college education or research experience can impact science, advance public consciousness about important issues, create and lead substantial educational and conservation initiatives, and become the first person without an undergraduate degree to earn a Ph.D. at Cambridge University.

Jane's experiences with tool-making chimpanzees also teach a lesson of tragic potential for intelligent inventions to become used as weapons of inhumane tribal warfare between formerly peaceful communities.

Recognizing this, she never gave up working to warn and discourage we more allegedly "advanced" and "civilized" humans from such primitively savage behaviors.

Her mother's wise spirit must be terribly proud and pleased to once again be traveling in company with her marvelous daughter.

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Britain's DR Death

"Cursed be he that taketh reward to slay an innocent person. And all the people shall say, Amen." Deuteronomy 27:25

By Riley J. Hood

Over the years, I covered the murder of the weak and elderly in my writings. I have posted "What's a Vegetable" several times, beginning in September of 2003. Dr. Fred Plum coined the term "persistent vegetative state," to dehumanize Karen Ann Quinlan. The Nazis had Dr. Mengele, the Angel of Death. There were "camp doctors" who just as sadistic. They had their "hare, hunter, field" litmus test. Michigan had Jack Kevorkian. Britain had their Dr. Death named Harold F. Shipman. A google search reads, "Harold Frederick Shipman, known to acquaintances as Fred Shipman, was an English doctor in general practice and serial killer. He is considered to be one of the most prolific serial killers in modern history, with an estimated 250 victims over roughly 30 years."

Born on January 14, 1946, to Harold and Vera Shipman, in Nottingham: his parents were devout Methodists. When Fred was 17, his mother died in pain from lung cancer, even though she was given morphine. In 1966, he married Primrose, they had four children. He studied medicine at the University of Leeds. He graduated in 1970. In 1975 he was caught forging prescriptions of pethidine for his own use.

According to Wikipedia, "In March 1998, Linda Reynolds, a general practitioner at the Brooke Surgery in Hyde, expressed concerns to John Pollard, the coroner for the South Manchester District, about the high death rate among Shipman's patients. In particular, she was concerned about the large number of cremation forms for elderly women that he had asked to have countersigned. The Greater Manchester Police (GMP) were unable to find sufficient evidence to bring charges and closed the investigation on 17 April." In August, "taxi driver John Shaw told the police that he suspected Shipman of murdering 21 patients. Shaw became suspicious as many of the elderly customers he took to the hospital, while seemingly in good health, died in Shipman's care."

Kathleen Grundy former mayoress of Hyde was found dead at her home in June 1998. Fred signed her death certificate, cause of death old age. Grundy's daughter, Angela Woodruff, became concerned after she learned a will had been made, that excluded her and her children, leaving £386,000 to Shipman. She went to the police, who began an investigation. Grundy's body was exhumed and found to contain traces of diamorphine (heroin), often used for pain control in terminal cancer patients. Shipman claimed that Grundy had been an addict.

Shipman was arrested on September 7th, 1998. Investigations revealed lethal dosages, and falsified medical records. There was also a spike of deaths in the afternoon, when Shipman did his rounds. Shipman's trial began at Preston Crown Court on October 5th, 1999. He was charged with the murders of fifteen women by lethal injections of diamorphine, all between 1995 and 1998: Marie West, Irene Turner, Lizzie Adams, Jean Lilley, Ivy Lomas, Muriel Grimshaw, Marie Quinn, Kathleen Wagstaff, Bianka Pomfret, Norah Nuttall, Pamela Hillier, Maureen Ward, Winifred Mellor, Joan Melia, and Kathleen Grundy. His victims were women between 49 and 81 years of age. He was convicted in 2003 of 15 counts of murder and one count of forgery. On January 13th, 2004 he was found hanging in his cell at Wakefield Prison. He was cremated.

The Shipman inquiry said he had killed at least 218 patients from 1975 to 1998. Shipman is the only UK doctor to have been convicted of murdering his patients. The following nurses, Lucy Letby, Beverly Allitt, Colin Norris, Benjamin Green, and Victorino Chua have been convicted of murdering their patients

We are no better in America today. We also are a culture that supports physician assisted suicide, which would make it easy for a doctor to commit the murder unwilling victims. Not that the murder of willing victims isn't a crime. We have judges using the, "Say I want to live" test on the speechless, before they are starved and dehydrated by court order. Remember Nancy Cruzan (1990), Christine Busalachi (1993) and Terri Shciavo (2005). This happens every day, uncontested through the home hospice movement. They are not poisoned but legally starved.

Most Americans believe the lie that people are no longer of any value when they are elderly or infirm. This is the result of a utilitarian view. If something is "broken," discard it. Even a comatose person is made in the image of God and deserves our care.

Read the parable of the sheep and the goats in Matthew 25:31-46. The acts of charity displayed by the sheep include giving food and drink to your neighbor in need. "And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Matthew 25:40. The goats murder their patients and will burn in hell. Harold Fredrick Shipman is goat. He is a murderer, and his suicide seals his lack of repentance. Shipman is burning in hell. Why is this my conclusion? I read the Bible, and God the judge, tells you how He is going to judge.

Attempted Assassination Accusations

By Dr. Ivan Lang

Every time there is an assassination or attempted assassination of a major political figure there are some who always claim, with no documented evidence, that the killing was done by a significant governmental or political group. For example, FBI, CIA, Mossad, etc. have been accused of killing JFK, Charlie Kirk, etc.

The accusers' primary argument for their unsupported accusations are their claim that the killing could not have been done by some minor unknown lone person, it had to have been done by a highly organized expert military or defense agency or group. In addition, they use correlation to support their accusations rather than documented evidence. For example, some have accused Israel of killing JFK because a Jewish FBI agent was monitoring Oswald and JFK was opposed to Israel obtaining the nuclear bomb. Using this type of phony analysis one could accuse anyone of doing anything. Documented evidence is witness testimony, CCTV or camera footage, forensics, weapon identification and history, etc.

The documented evidence has proven the exact opposite of the unsupported accusations in every major assassination and attempted assassination over the past 190 years. The primary commonality of all of these perpetrators is not a group killing by an organized defense organization, it is a single person acting alone with insanity and rage. Also, when one is alone, unknown, and not part of a group it is much easier to hide what one is planning and doing.

Andrew Jackson (January 30, 1835): The 7th president was targeted by Richard Lawrence, who fired two pistols (both misfired) outside the Capitol in Washington, D.C. Lawrence was deemed insane. This was the first known attempt on a U.S. president.

Abraham Lincoln (April 14, 1865): The 16th president was shot in the back of the head by actor John Wilkes Booth while attending a play at Ford's Theatre in Washington, D.C. Lincoln died the next morning. Booth considered himself a heroic avenger like Shakespeare's Brutus. Booth was killed by Union soldiers 12 days later.

James A. Garfield (July 2, 1881): The 20th president was shot twice in the back by Charles J. Guiteau, a delusional office-seeker denied a diplomatic post, at a Washington, D.C. train station. Garfield lingered for 80 days before dying from infections caused by poor medical care. Guiteau was hanged in 1882.

William McKinley (September 6, 1901): The 25th president was shot twice in the abdomen by Leon Czolgosz at the Pan-American Exposition in Buffalo, New York, while greeting visitors. McKinley died eight days later from gangrene. Czolgosz was a radical socialist and was executed via electric chair. Boston psychiatrist Lloyd Vernon Briggs reviewed Czolgosz and concluded that he was insane.

Theodore Roosevelt (October 14, 1912): The former president and Progressive candidate was shot in the chest by John Schrank in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, but the bullet was slowed by a folded speech and eyeglass case in his pocket. Roosevelt finished his speech before seeking treatment and survived. Schrank claimed a dream inspired him.

Franklin D. Roosevelt (February 15, 1933): The president-elect was fired at by Giuseppe Zangara in Miami, Florida, but missed; Chicago Mayor Anton Cermak was fatally wounded instead. Zangara, who many considered to be mentally ill and had stomach pain due to a gall bladder problem, was executed.

John F. Kennedy (November 22, 1963): The 35th president was shot twice (fatally in the head) by Lee Harvey Oswald from the Texas School Book Depository during a Dallas motorcade. JFK died at Parkland Hospital. Oswald was killed by Jack Ruby two days later. The Warren Commission ruled Oswald acted alone and that he had "personality pattern disturbance with schizoid features and passive-aggressive tendencies".

Martin Luther King Jr. (April 4, 1968): The civil rights icon and Nobel laureate was shot on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tennessee, by James Earl Ray. King died en route to the hospital. Ray pleaded guilty but later recanted; he died in prison in 1998. Before the assassination, Ray consulted with eight psychiatrists and had a documented history of mental health struggles.

Robert F. Kennedy (June 5, 1968): The U.S. senator and presidential candidate was shot in the head and neck by Sirhan Sirhan, a Palestinian immigrant opposed to RFK's Israel support, in the kitchen of the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles after his California primary victory. Kennedy died the next day. Sirhan remains imprisoned. Dr. Seymour Pollack, a psychiatric professor who interviewed Sirhan for over 24 hours, diagnosed him as emotionally disturbed with a paranoid personality and borderline schizophrenia.

George Wallace (May 15, 1972): The Alabama governor and presidential candidate was shot four times in Laurel, Maryland, by Arthur Bremer, paralyzing him from the waist down. Bremer, seeking fame, had earlier stalked Nixon. A court-appointed psychiatrist had declared Bremer mentally ill during a prior trial for carrying a concealed weapon.

Gerald Ford (September 5 and 22, 1975): Ford survived two attempts in 17 days. First, Lynette "Squeaky" Fromme, a member of the insane Manson family, pointed an unloaded gun at him in Sacramento, California. Then, Sara Jane Moore fired a shot in San Francisco, wounding a taxi driver. Both women were imprisoned.

Ronald Reagan (March 30, 1981): The 40th president was shot outside a Washington, D.C., hotel by John Hinckley Jr., who sought to impress actress Jodie Foster. A .22-caliber bullet punctured Reagan's lung; he recovered after surgery. Press Secretary James Brady was permanently disabled. Hinckley was found not guilty by reason of insanity in his 1982 trial.

Donald Trump (July 13, 2024): The former president was grazed by a bullet in the ear during a rally in Butler, Pennsylvania, by Thomas Matthew Crooks, who fired from a rooftop. Crooks' father noticed his mental health declining in the year before the shooting as he saw his son talking to himself and dancing around his bedroom late at night, and his family had a history of mental health and addiction issues.

Donald Trump (September 15, 2024): While golfing at Trump International Golf Club in West Palm Beach, Florida, Ryan Wesley Routh allegedly aimed a rifle through the fence but fled when spotted. No shots were fired at Trump, who was unharmed. Routh was arrested and charged with attempted assassination. Routh had met with mental health experts and jail mental health professionals at least twice, who all called him "delusional."

Charlie Kirk (September 10, 2025). While speaking at Utah Valley University in Orem Utah, Tyler Robinson shot Kirk in the neck killing him. Robinson acted alone and he has a transgender boyfriend. Robinson hated Kirk's policies especially related to illegal immigration and LGBTQ issues. Robinson has been arrested and charged with aggravated murder.



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Finally, the industry knows it can cheaply buy its way out of liability or from being regulated by contributing a few million to the President's library. Considering the industry's immunity protection, it is up to parents whose children are at risk to find trial lawyers who are willing to take on their cause for a share of the monetary recovery. These challengers will be the "algorithm trainers."

An 'algorithm trainer' is a legal professional who, like a lion trainer, seeks to tame primal forces. They do this by entering the 'cage' of the courtroom and using their legal tools, such as 'discovery' (the process of obtaining evidence from the opposing party), to force the tech industry to conform to civil society. These 'algorithm trainers' are not afraid to take on issues that mainstream firms shy away from, and their notable successes include reining in the tobacco, asbestos, and automobile industries for defective products.

How Federal Law Protects Social Media.

Section 230 of the Federal Communications Decency Act grants immunity to social media platforms for all third-party content and for good-faith moderation decisions, such as the removal of obscene, lewd, or excessively violent content. Local courts have also found that federal immunity preempts state and local laws that are inconsistent with its protections, such as defamation, negligence, and fraud.

Section 230 provides immunity protections for platforms that publish the works of third parties, but these protections only apply when the platform acts as an intermediary. This federal immunity does not extend to the opinions or actions of the platforms or any conduct that occurs outside of publishing third-party content. Recognizing this limitation, trial lawyers have developed a theory suggesting that algorithms can cause harm due to their defective design. According to this theory, it is the design of the algorithms—not the content they publish—that leads to damage. In simpler terms, trial lawyers distinguish between the structure of the algorithms and the content on the platform. Their most promising argument revolves around the concept of addictive design.

The History of Tort Law.

A 'tort' is a civil wrong that causes harm to a person. Tort law dates to 1250 AD in England. It recognized the right of a victim of an unjustified physical attack to sue their attacker for damages. By 1500, it had expanded to recognize torts ranging from medical malpractice to defamation. The fundamental tasks of tort law include defining wrongs and empowering victims to initiate court proceedings as a form of recourse.

Tort law in the U.S. has a proven track record of securing significant financial recoveries for injured parties. In the 1998 Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement, the major tobacco companies agreed to pay $206 billion over 25 years to 46 states, to cover medical-related injuries from smoking.

In Anderson v. General Motors (1999), six people received a jury verdict of $4.9 billion when their Chevrolet Malibu's fuel tank exploded in a rear-end collision and they were severely burned.

If the trial lawyers can get the social media cases to a jury, the recoveries could be in the hundreds of billions, depending on the number of victims and proof the industry prioritized profits over the safety of children.

Trial lawyers: It's the platform, Your Honor, not the user-generated content.

The leading theory proposed by trial lawyers suggests that social media companies designed their platforms with "addictive design" features that capture the attention of young people by maximizing user engagement. It's argued that this design, rather than the content itself, is responsible for causing harm, particularly youth addiction, anxiety, and depression.

One technique employed by social media platforms is the "feedback loop." This algorithm generates unpredictable rewards that create a sense of pleasure or urgency. It uses a continuous cycle of user interactions to influence both content creators and platform algorithms, which in turn shape future content. When users like, comment, share, or react to a post, they signal to both the creator and the platform that the content is engaging. This engagement ultimately impacts what gets prioritized in users' feeds, the type of content produced next, and the overall evolution of social media experiences.

"Essentially, it's the reason you keep seeing more of what you engage with - whether it's funny memes, cat videos, or conspiracy theories."

Promising litigation.

While most of these defective algorithm cases have been dismissed based on Section 230 immunity, a few have survived dismissal. If even a few cases continue into discovery, trial lawyers will uncover the facts underlying the algorithms, i.e., what the industry knew and how it utilized that information when structuring the algorithms. This information is essential for distinguishing harm caused by algorithms, rather than the site's third-party content.

In September 2025, a trial court in Los Angeles, California, denied the industry's motion to prohibit expert testimony. It affirmed the plaintiffs' argument that the case rested on how the platforms are designed, not on the user-generated content, which is protected by immunity. The consolidated cases are known as JCCP 5255 . By allowing scientific evidence, trial lawyers will present expert witnesses in psychiatry, neuroscience, pediatrics, and media psychology. They will testify on the impact of social media on the mental health of young people, including addiction, anxiety, and depression.

The trial lawyers believe that by distinguishing between how the platforms are designed (the algorithms and notifications), and the publishing of the site's third-party user-generated content, they can persuade juries that the industry profits handsomely by developing algorithms to capture the minds of children.

Defective design lawsuits target business practices, not user-generated products.

Defective design lawsuits seek to "hold tech companies liable in their capacity as businesses for the harm that occurs because of irresponsible ways they design their services, not because of the harms from the actual content of the information they spread."

An illustration of the type of evidence needed to differentiate this case from a Section 230 immunity case involves the use of Intermittent Variable Rewards (IRVs). Companies that implement IRVs do not deliver "likes" in real time; instead, they use artificially spaced patterns called IRVs that trigger larger dopamine responses. This spacing induces more anxiety in users, leading to increased time spent on the platform and more return visits compared to real-time responses.

In a significant class action lawsuit, a Massachusetts court permitted scientific testimony regarding the harm caused by these practices. The court determined that not all content-neutral tools are immune from legal action. Instead, it noted that "[l]iability may arise from such tools, provided that plaintiffs' claims do not attribute the content generated by the parties to the tools themselves."

A contrary decision was reached by a federal district court in California, which found the IRVs to be a neutral part of the protected platform.

Intentional torts and punitive damages.

An intentional tort is a wrongful civil act committed intentionally. Once discovery in these cases begins, the trial lawyers will seek to understand the tech industry's knowledge of the algorithm, its potential harm, and whether the sector intentionally applied its knowledge to cause harm for profit. In such cases, juries can award Punitive damages if they find a defendant's conduct is egregious, malicious, or in reckless disregard for the plaintiff's rights.

With the correct set of facts, a void for violating public policy is a nuclear option to eliminate Section 230 immunity.

For over a hundred years, courts have voided contracts and laws for violating public policy. This void for public policy is a legal principle that enables courts to nullify contracts and statutes that contradict the broader interests of society or undermine fundamental moral, economic, or political values. If the trial lawyers can establish that the social media industry had a business practice of intentionally designing algorithms that they knew were harming the mental health of young children, the court could void all the industry's defective algorithms practices in its jurisdiction. Since there would be hundreds, thousands of these cases, the industry could be economically devastated.

The first personal injury social-media defective design lawsuit is scheduled for November 2025.

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Is A.I. a Scam?

A friend of mine recently sent me an email going through a series of questions posed to A.I. and I found it quite interesting, although not surprising. Here are the questions followed by partial (the first part, I didn't want to bore you with gibberish) AI answers:

Q: Is NFL viewership down?
A: *"Yes, overall NFL viewership was down over the 2024-2025 season....."*

Q: Is NFL viewership up?
A: *"NFL viewership has significantly increased, with the 2025 season reaching its highest viewership since 2010, up 8% from 2024 and 9% from 2023."*

Q: Are home prices in Florida going down?
A: *"Yes, home prices in Florida are going down, driven by a large increase in housing inventory and a significant drop in demand."*

Q: Are home prices in Florida going up?
A: *"Yes, Florida home prices are generally rising, though at a slower pace than in previous years."*

Q: Are FIFA 2026 world cup ticket sales below expectation?
A: *"FIFA world cup ticket sales are below (expectations) due to a combination of high prices, a delayed booking surge, and a possible artificial inflation of demand through reselling."*

Q: Are FIFA 2026 world cup ticket sales above expectations?
A: *"Yes, 2026 FIFA world cup ticket sales have exceeded initial expectations, with over one million tickets sold during the initial Visa presale."*

Do you get the drift with A.I.? Garbage in. Garbage out. May I suggest that all of you "A.I. Fans" out there recognize A.I. for what it truly is: **New-Age Propaganda designed to make you STUPID and make you fall in line with the latest directives**. Don't you have enough things out there listening to you, spying on you? Don't you have enough things out there trying to manipulate you? Why do you need one more piece of high-tech crap working its way into your life?

So, what's the answer? How about ridicule and public humiliation? Make fun of A.I. and share it with everyone. Post it everywhere.....until you are banned by Google. That's a good start. My friend gave some good examples. Just think of how much fun you can have.

How about this: Are all politicians crooked?

On Wisconsin Outdoors Kapenga Email Chain

By Dick Ellis

From: Dick Ellis <ellis@onwisconsinoutdoors.com> Date: Wed, Jul 30, 2025 at 2:15 PM Subject: Publisher Request for Clarification to Chris Kapenga (On Wisconsin Outdoors) To: <Sen.kapenga@legis.wisconsin.gov> Cc: Dick Ellis <ellis@onwisconsinoutdoors.com>

Dear Chris,

Best regards,

I appreciated the opportunity to listen to your comments at the Waukesha County Conservative Business Coalition meeting Wednesday, July 9th. Previously, I had heard positive feedback from several conservative sources regarding your state senatorial positions and my first impressions were also favorable. However, your reaction to a brief exchange with former Wisconsin gubernatorial candidate and Waukesha County Republican Party member Joan Ellis Beglinger (My sister) specific to election integrity raised concerns to which I am asking clarification.

Paraphrasing, you stated that Brad Schimel's loss in the Wisconsin Supreme Court election was due to an apathetic conservative electorate disenchanted with the legislature that resulted in hundreds of thousands of fewer voters turning out for Schimel in the Spring election in comparison to Trump turnout in November. Beglinger said that she disagreed, stating that in her opinion it was more likely that Schimel lost from cheating because of the 4 million ineligible names on Wisconsin's voter registration list and the ongoing unverifiability of our elections. She asked if there had been any conversations among state lawmakers specific to the delegate resolution passed unanimously at the Wisconsin State Republican Convention demanding that the state legislature clean the voter rolls.

Unless I am incorrect, your response to the question clearly stated your belief that millions of ineligible voter names on Wisconsin's registration list are not a factor in potentially fraudulent Wisconsin elections to the point that you are "sick" of revisiting the subject. You went on to say that ensuring Wisconsin's voter registration list includes only eligible voters is not a legislative priority and you would not be apologizing for stating what you believe. But consider the following:

1) There are more than 8.2 million total voter names included on the WEC's statewide voter registration list, hidden in a little known website called Badger Voters (badgervoters.wi.gov).

2) The WEC charges $12,500 for a copy of the list, if someone wants to examine it for ineligible voters.

3) According to the 2020 U.S. Census , there are only 4.6 million adults (people of voting age) living in Wisconsin.

4) There are more than 250,000 legal non-residents in Wisconsin, who are not eligible to vote, who have been issued driver's licenses that are identical to people who are eligible to vote. Because all you need to register to vote or cast a vote in Wisconsin is a driver's license, the ineligible voters with licenses can easily vote.

5) States, including Florida and Virginia, have made maintaining accurate voter registration lists a priority due to the potential risk posed by anything less than verifiable elections.

6) The U.S. Department of Justice this week announced they are seeking a copy of the voter registration list from the WEC and have asked for information on incidents of election fraud as part of a broader effort to gather information about state elections in at least a dozen states.

With the above in mind, thank you for answering the following questions from On Wisconsin Outdoors:

1) Why does the WEC maintain a voter registration list that includes 4 million ineligible names?

2) Why does it cost $12,500 to receive a copy of the WEC voter registration list?

3) Why does Wisconsin issue driver's licenses to people who are ineligible to vote, that are identical to those issued to eligible voters?

4) Why is ensuring that Wisconsin has verifiable elections not your first priority?

5) Do you believe Wisconsin's elections are verifiable?

OWO believes that Wisconsin's inaccurate voter registration list is the primary reason we have unverifiable elections. When elections are unverifiable, the will of the voters is denied. OWO editorials have pounded the issue for almost two years in our statewide print publication and online. We have shared the information with elected officials and conservative talk show hosts in an effort to increase pressure on state lawmakers for change and to expand education of the electorate on this critical issue. But the topic remains virtually untouched by state lawmakers, including yourself.

We too, are "sick" of no response to our inquiries by lawmakers on both sides who too often think we work for them, and the media who could fulfill their obligation to seek the truth and initiate solutions to this corrupt voting system potentially lethal to our Constitutional Republic. I began this correspondence by stating my initial impression of your conservative positions to be favorable. But no items on your well-intended agenda can be realized without first laying the foundation of verifiable elections.

Thank you for your time, and for answering the questions above, and for any other input you may have to offer. I appreciate it.

Sincerely,

Dick Ellis, Publisher, On Wisconsin Outdoors

From: Dick Ellis <ellis@onwisconsinoutdoors.com> Date: Wed, Aug 6, 2025 at 11:14 AM Subject: On Wisconsin Outdoors (Follow-Up Request for Kapenga Clarification) To: <Sen.kapenga@legis.wisconsin.gov> Cc: Dick Ellis <ellis@onwisconsinoutdoors.com>

Good morning, Chris,

This is a follow-up to ensure that you received my "Publisher Request for Clarification" emailed to you Wednesday, July 30 specific to election integrity. The correspondence included a request that you answer a number of questions regarding the WEC voter registration list and election integrity. I am also attaching here the Beglinger Blast of 8-3-2025 entitled "When the People Aren't Buying What You're Selling, Cheating is the Only Way You Can Win Elections" focusing on the recent Department of Justice request of the WEC for a copy of Wisconsin voter registration list, and the response of Meagan Wolfe and media reflective of Wisconsin's corrupt and unverifiable election system.

Thank you for taking the time to read the Blast and respond to our previous questions. Again, our intent is not at all to work against you, but in fact to work with you in laying the foundation for verifiable elections. No well-intended conservative agenda can be realized without it.

Thank you, Chris.

Sincerely, Dick Ellis, Publisher

On Wisconsin Outdoors

From: Dick Ellis <ellis@onwisconsinoutdoors.com> Date: Mon, Sep 29, 2025 at 10:42 AM Subject: Fwd: Publisher Request for Clarification to Chris Kapenga (On Wisconsin Outdoors) To: <Sen.kapenga@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Chris, I left a phone message from this morning following up with the 2 emails sent to you July 30 and August 6 seeking clarification on your views on election verifiability. Thanks for calling or meeting at your convenience.

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entrenching totalitarian tendencies. For example, in the Soviet and Chinese systems, failure to achieve production goals were routinely blamed on "wreckers" or "counter revolutionaries," not problems inherent with central planning and control.

Such blame shifting is evident here in the United States when politicians blame private businesses, not the Federal Reserve or their own fiscal policies, for inflation or blame energy companies for shortages caused by price controls or restrictions on energy production.

The historical record is clear. Socialist experiments like those in the Soviet Union, China, Cuba and Venezuela have all descended into totalitarianism and failed miserably on the economic front.

Not one of the experiments in the third world, Europe, or even American cities like Portland, Seattle and San Francisco produced the utopias promised by their backers. In every case, socialism produced economic failure, political desperation, and greater human misery.

Simply, in socialism, you cannot be free and equal at the same time. And, in a free enterprise system, through competition, you may not take first place, but you will be far better off by competing and making a better place for yourself.

James Bohn and Greg Grambow are with Personal Economics, a non-profit financial and economic education organization in the Milwaukee area. Learn more at personaleconomics.org.

Puzzle Answers

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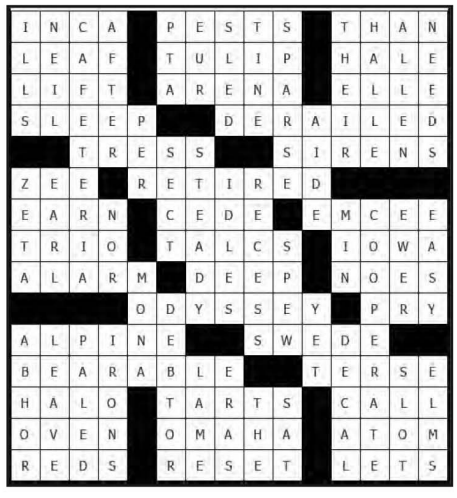


Open Records

HOT GOVERNMENT HOT JACK

Most of you will know FOIA, or the Freedom of Information Act, a Federal law passed in 1967. The State of Wisconsin also has FOIA laws on the books. The basis for these laws is that the **Public has the right to know** what their governments are doing on their behalf, or at the very least, on whose behalf they actually ARE working. Those of you who are interested in Honest, Open and Transparent Government have probably filed a FOIA request or two. IMHO the very existence of FOIA laws both at the State and Federal level are nothing but a smokescreen to make it look like your governments are really interested in what you know and think. Actually, the government IS interested. But only in you knowing and thinking what is "approved".

Of course, there are limitations on what information citizens can access. Some of them, like personal information, make sense. But more often than not it just seems like information is withheld for political reasons or to protect the government itself. Imagine that. These limitations are WHY a FOIA form must be filled out, as an **application for information**.

Once a FOIA request form has been submitted, it is processed. Results of this "processing" can be anywhere from full disclosure within 10 days, or no information at all. The "full disclosure" part is never an issue. But the excuses for NOT providing public information can be irritating. Excuses like "we don't have to give you that", or "it costs too much", or "the dog ate it" are way too common and make things like lawsuits and court hearings.....both a complete waste of taxpayer time and money.....necessary.

You'd think that there'd be penalties for NOT coming clean with, oh, let' say things like voting data or data on sexual misconduct within certain school districts of the DPI. But "*there are penalties and consequences for government agencies that fail to comply with Wisconsin's FOIA laws*".

https://www.stateregstoday.com/politics/public-records/freedom-of-information-act-foia-laws-in-wisconsin

Penalties can be anything from agency fines to Criminal Charges to individual bureaucrats or officials.

When was the last time you heard about our esteemed Wisconsin DOJ prosecuting ANY bureaucrat or politician for a FOIA violation? It seems like they are more likely to defend them in court. What's up with that?

The Whiskey Rebels

"For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil." Romans 13:3-4

By Riley J. Hood

George Washington refused to be a King, or even "your elective highness." He insisted, Mr. President, and nothing more. Like Cincinnatus, he was willing to walk away from power. That doesn't mean he was a marshmallow. He deported "Citizen Genet" back to France, and he squashed the Whiskey Rebellion.

In 1790 Alexander Hamilton urged the Federal government to assume the debt of the States that was incurred during our Revolution. The policy was known as assumption. Then Hamilton promoted an excise tax on whiskey. Many farmers had trouble paying the tax in money. According to Mountvernon.org, "the production of whiskey was an important method of converting large amounts of grain into liquor, which was easier to transport across the Appalachian Mountains for sale in eastern markets." They thought the tax was elitist. (Not as bad as Obama-care penalties that taxed the unemployed, but it hurt.) The Whiskey Rebellion began in western Pennsylvania where there was a widespread refusal to pay the tax.

On September 11, 1791, excise officer Robert Johnson was beaten, tarred and feathered. Warrants were issued to arrest two men. John Connor was sent with the warrants, and he got the same treatment. Johnson resigned his post. In 1793, the home of Pennsylvania excise officer Benjamin Wells was broken into twice. The first time, a mob assaulted Wells' wife and children. Next, six men attacked Wells while he was at home. The intruders demanded Wells' account books at gunpoint and his resignation. The Whiskey Rebels started their own Assembly for the counties in western Pennsylvania, and created their own flag. History.com wrote, "While radical members pushed for open rebellion, moderates like Hugh Henry Brackenridge and future Secretary of the U.S. Treasury Albert Gallatin urged conciliatory measures."

Next came the Bower Hill incident. In the summer of 1794, federal marshal David Lenox was serving writs to 60 distillers who had not paid the tax. On July 15, Lenox and John Neville approached the home of William Miller. Miller was backed up by an armed mob. Over the next two days, the mob attacked Neville's home each day, and grew to about 700 men. At least two men were killed, more were injured, and the Bower Hill estate to the ground.

After that, David Bradford and several men, attacked a mail carrier and discovered three letters from Pittsburgh disapproving the attack on Neville's property. Bradford used these letters to incite 7,000 men to show up at Braddock's Field. Pittsburgh sent a delegation to announce that the three letter writers had been expelled from the city. They placated the mob, which marched through Pittsburgh without additional violence. Washington sent a peace envoy, but he wasn't able to reason with them.

According to history.com, "Washington met with his cabinet officials and presented evidence of the violence to Supreme Court Justice James Wilson, who ruled a military response was justified under the auspices of the Militia Acts of 1792." Washington assembled more than 12,000 men from the surrounding states and eastern Pennsylvania as a federal militia. Washington met first with the rebels, who assured him that order had been restored. The militia marched into western Pennsylvania. When a rebel army could not be found, the militia rounded up suspected rebels. Federalized militia arrested around 150 rebels. Only two men were convicted of treason and both were later pardoned by President Washington. In 1802, at Jefferson's urging, Congress rescinded the tax as being impossible to collect.

After the Civil War, the army of Reconstruction, under Grant pursued the KKK and other "white rider" groups. In 1957, the Little Rock crisis was about Orval Faubus opposing the SCOTUS desegregation order. Ike nationalized the Arkansas National Guard and sent in the 101 Airborne to deal with the problem. In 1963, Wallace stood in the school door at Alabama University. JFK federalized the national guard against him. President John F. Kennedy issued Executive Order 11111, which federalized the Alabama National Guard. Guard General Henry Graham ordered Wallace to stand aside.

When government and good order breaks down domestically, under the Constitution Article 1, Section 8, it falls to Congress "To provide for calling forth the Militia to execute the Laws of the Union, suppress Insurrections and repel Invasions;" Accordingly, the Militia is to suppress Insurrectionists. The President is to lead those efforts. Today we have BLM and Antifa rioters who make the whiskey rebels look like nice guys. People have been beaten to death and cities burned at the hands of these rioters. In 2020, Kenosha burned, while senile Tony Evers said there was no crime and left its defense to Kyle Rittenhouse. Antifa riots in Portland, while the gyno-tyrant Tina Kotek supports them. JB Pritzker refuses ICE agents the ability to do their job, and Chicago's Mayor refuses to let the CPD help them. Muriel Bowser opposed the DC cleanup.

The National Guard should be called in, and ordered to use military tactics against Antifa and the "No Kings" socialists. These babies aren't real rebels, they are spoiled brats. Lethal force must be used. 10 years of playing tidily-winks with them has given them a false-sense of superiority, which force will disabuse them of. It will probably be the first time someone in their limp-wristed millennial lives corrected them. These mobs were precisely what Romans 13:3-4 addresses. Law is for the lawless.

Regarding Antifa, it doesn't take any courage to oppose the Nazi's who were thoroughly defeated 80 years ago. It doesn't take courage to call people fascists, and gang jump them, or vandalized their property. A note to the "No Kings" hypocrites, US Constitution Article 1, Section 9, reads, "No Title of Nobility shall be granted by the United States:" yet atheists, sodomites, trannies, Muslims, and every other anti-Christian rebel is granted nobility status, under affirmative action and DEI, and the Christian majority are not allowed to offend their filthy sensibilities. Crosses have been torn down, churches closed, 10 Commandments removed all to placate these implacable reprobates. Trump is no King, he is using the same remedy Washington, Grant, Eisenhower, and Kennedy used. These silly people may hate us, but they should learn to respect us.

The Department of War

"The Lord shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways." Deuteronomy 28:7

By Riley J. Hood

On September 5th, 2013, when I was CPOW State Chairman, I posted, "Restore the Department of War." I wrote, "Before the Department of Defense, we had the Department of War. The Constitution Party of Wisconsin has a Real War policy, which means a congressional declaration of war, and the pursuit of victory, namely a neutralized or destroyed enemy, and an exit policy, that doesn't include longstanding occupation, foreign aid and nation building."

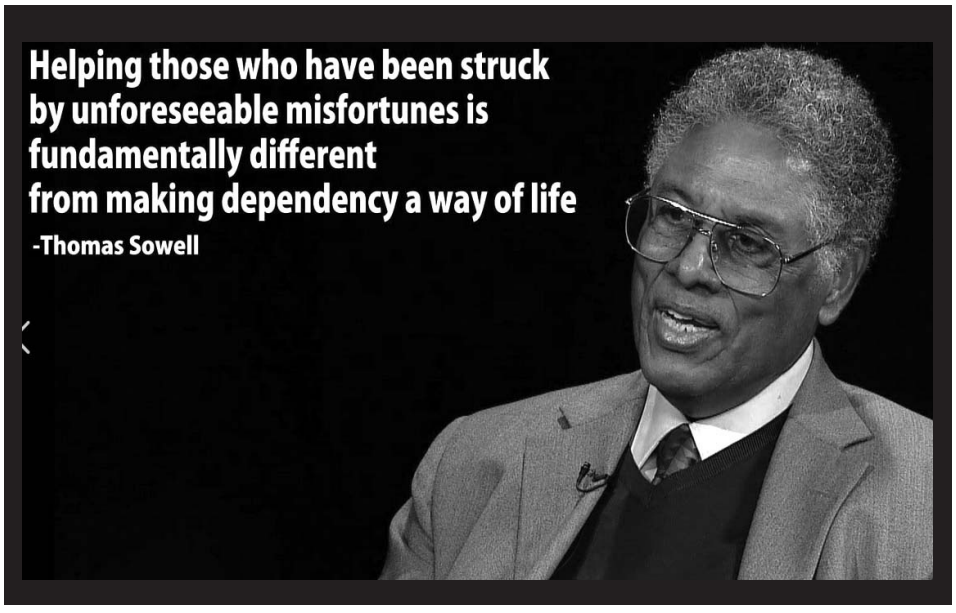
During his first term as President, George Washington shaped our executive branch, he created the cabinet, and it had three secretaries, The Department of the Treasury, the State Department, and the Department of War. The Department of the Navy was added by John Adams. The Secretary of War wasn't a substitute for the President as Commander in Chief; but was delegated responsibilities for organization and maintenance.

The Dept. of Defense was created by the National Security Act of 1947, which combined the Departments of War, (the Army) with the Navy and was called the National Military Establishment; it was called the Dept. of Defense when the act was amended (1949). Under the act, the Secretary of Defense directs the entire military. In my 2013 article I wrote, "Why do I as CPOW State Chairman favor a return to the Department of War? The answer is that it is in line with a Real War policy. The return to the Department of War doesn't have to separate Army and Navy, but it would force federal politicians to be honest about their intention with the American people. The preamble to the US Constitution says the Federal government is to "Provide for the Common Defense."

The CPOW Platform read, "US Constitution, Article I, Section 8, Clauses 11-16 give Congress further direction and authority in this area, including the power 'To raise and support Armies' and 'To provide and maintain a Navy.' We oppose unilateral disarmament and dismemberment of America's defense infrastructure. That which is hastily torn down will not be easily rebuilt. We condemn the presidential assumption of authority to deploy American troops into combat without a declaration of war by Congress, pursuant to Article I, Section 8, of the U.S. Constitution. Under no circumstances would we commit US forces to serve under any foreign flag or command."

Our Platform further stated, "We reject the policies and practices that permit women to train for or participate in combat…it must be recognized that these 'advances' undermine the integrity, morale, and performance of our military organizations by dual qualification standards and forced integration." I continued, "CPOW is never in favor of perpetual warfare, neither are we in favor of a perpetual defense that includes a perpetual high alert; which is a perpetual warfare one can never win. CPOW favors victory, and to win a war, one must fight it as a war, and not a police action, or conflict resolution. One must resolve to identify, combat, and destroy one's enemy as quickly as possible." In contrast to pacifists like drunken Darrell Castle, you need to beat your enemy until he's dead.

In September the Trump Administration started calling the Armed Services the Department of War again. They realized that naming ships after Harvey Milk would encourage an enemy to conquer what is left of the country. The Secretary of War, is trying to create a "warrior ethos," and is willing to run out the undisciplined weak characters who turned our Nation's military into a social experiment. I wish him every success.



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One Nation Under God

The Schoolchildren

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6

By Riley J. Hood

I was sent an email, by a pietist, "As a new school year begins, children and teenagers across our nation are stepping into classrooms, scrolling through screens, and facing challenges we never imagined at their age. They're not just learning math or history. They are being shaped—every day—by voices that often contradict God's Word. What they hear, what they see, and what they're told is forming their worldview, their values, and their identity. And many of them are being led far from the truth. This is not just a cultural crisis. It is a spiritual emergency. That's why I'm asking you to join me in doing the most powerful thing we can do: pray. Prayer is not a last resort. It is our first and most effective line of defense. When we pray, we invite the power of Almighty God to work in the lives of our children. We ask Him to guard their hearts, renew their minds, and lead them in truth."

Here is the issue, you can't disobey God by sending your lambs to be taught by wolves, and think that prayer will be a cover for your sin. The church in America has been behaving that way for my whole life, saying their children are missionaries to the public schools and other spiritual sounding excuses. God has not spared these children from the awful results of such decisions.

If a man asked you pray that he won't get caught drunk driving after he drank a six pack, you would be right to tell him to sober up. Eighty percent of so-called Bible-believing Christians send their kids to government schools. They later almost always lament the loss of their children to the devil, or they themselves apostatize further by accepting their children's new pet sins and demanding every else does as well.

It comes down economic priorities. When you send your children to an institution of evil, the atheistic government school, you are saying you believe in God as long as it costs you nothing. If your children's soul isn't worth more than your luxuries, you are not worth your salt as a parent. Not only will have you to answer to God, but so will your spoiled child one day.



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sector. In the case of the drug negotiations currently underway, he charged his team with 3 objectives and turned them loose:

· Get most favored nation prices.

·Don't bankrupt the pharmaceutical companies. We need them to innovate.

· Keep the promise to reshore these industries.

Over the years, the Founders' idea of citizen legislators has been replaced by career politicians. Today, too few are bringing their know-how from the real world to Washington to make a contribution and return to the private sector. Rather, they spend lifetimes in government jobs or elected office and are limited in their vision and skill by how the government does things. Career politicians live in a different kind of bubble.

Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS), Bobby Kennedy, lauded the "historical monumental achievement" of the AstraZeneca deal by contrasting it with the Biden Administration's attempt to bring drug prices down. He said the Democrats were "obsessed" during his confirmation hearing with him negotiating the "next 15 drug prices" as a priority when he became Secretary. This referred to drug price negotiations that were part of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA).

Kennedy explained that in the first year of the IRA, the Biden Administration negotiated prices for Medicare on 10 commonly prescribed drugs. We all remember Joe Biden and Kamala Harris touting the price of insulin had been capped. During year 2 of the IRA another 15 drugs were to be negotiated. The insignificance can be easily understood - 3.500 prescription drug products are purchased by Medicare annually at a cost of $216 billion. This "accomplishment" was like spitting in the ocean with respect to any potential impact it would have.

Kennedy added that the HHS analysis of the 22% price reduction that was reported to have been negotiated for the first 10 drugs exposed that the discount was off of the full "list price" and for 8 of the 10 drugs the government was actually paying more than it had before the negotiation.

Big, bold goals. Competent people. A sense of urgency. The skill and willingness to wield power for good purpose. Difference makers.

Inflation rose to over 21% during the Biden administration. The climate agenda stifled American businesses. Millions of unvetted illegal aliens were allowed into the country. Democrats and the media kept Biden so shielded from the public that people were shocked to realize how feeble and demented he had become when he finally emerged. Americans' rights were trampled on by the government with mandates and censorship throughout the pandemic. Nothing was done to rectify the global trade imbalance or bring an end to conflict around the world. It was a miserable 4 years for the American people.

In less than a year, Trump led negotiations to bring all of the remaining hostages home from Gaza. He has secured more than $8 trillion in commitments for manufacturing and other investments in the US. He played a pivotal role in peace negotiations throughout the world. He negotiated most favored nation drug pricing with at least 4 major drug companies thus far. He signed the Tax Cuts and Jobs Acts Bill (also known as the Big Beautiful Bill) which is going to bring to life many of the promises he made during his campaign. He secured our border. He rooted woke policies out of our public institutions. The stock market is at record-highs. Military readiness and recruitment are soaring. He's just getting started.

I never heard of Scott Bessent until Trump appointed him the Secretary of the Treasury. The wisdom of this choice was immediately obvious. His extensive expertise, steady and certain communication style, and grasp of the big picture inspire confidence. He is a force to be reckoned with when the media try to lie about the state of the economy.

Bessent recently shared his assessment of the country's progress since Trump took office. The rebalancing of global trade is at a "tipping point". It was Trump's use of emergency tariff power that enabled him to get a rare earth mineral deal and target fentanyl precursors with China. The billions being collected in tariff revenue, Bessent says, are coincident to rebalancing trade and bringing home manufacturing and will come down as trade is rebalanced. He describes manufacturing as "at the cusp of the lift off". He further predicted that with Trump's tax policy, which includes a tax deduction on American auto loan interest, and no tax on tips, overtime and Social Security, the American people are going to have a "gangbuster year" in 2026 and are going to feel it in their pocket books. Tax refunds are going to be big and will cause people to reduce their withholding for more cash in their paycheck.

Bessent recognizes that a downside to the mammoth size of the "Big Beautiful Bill" is that people don't know what's in it. It makes them vulnerable to the lies of the media, Democrats and other enemies of the Trump agenda. To counteract this, he announced the Treasury Department is going to begin an every-other-week "cadence of extract and educate" which will provide much-needed information to the public about individual components of the bill that are going to directly improve their lives.

The Democrats and the media are telling us Trump is failing; the economy is collapsing; Trump only cares about his billionaire friends; and a blue wave is coming. They want us to turn our backs on Trump.

Scott Bessent says, "We have a great story to tell. 2026 is going to be Main Street's year." Who do you believe?

"Virtually no idea is too ridiculous to be accepted, even by very intelligent and highly educated people, if it provides a way for them to feel special and important. Some confuse that feeling with idealism."
-- Thomas Sowell



VOICE OF JERUSALEM

An Open Letter in Response to Senator Lindsey Graham

By Yehudit Katsover & Nadia Matar

To the friend of Israel,

Senator Lindsey Graham-

We read with care your interview with The Jerusalem Post (Lindsey Graham to Post: Two-states- the 'only' solution" November 1, 2025), in which you argued that the only way to preserve Israel as both Jewish and democratic is separation from the Palestinian Arabs and the establishment of a Palestinian Arab state under new leadership that would offer the Palestinian Arabs a political horizon and different education for their children.

In the following lines we wish to respond to that claim - a claim we have no doubt comes from a heart that loves Israel and from genuine concern for its future - but which we believe is dangerous and jeopardizes Israel.

Precisely because we consider you a true friend of Israel, we felt it appropriate to answer your words frankly and openly, and from a deep sense of pain. Your call for further Israeli concessions stems from a desire to believe that behind the Palestinian Arab adversary there are good intentions as well; however, that call means sacrificing Israel's security and future in exchange for a little temporary quiet.

As you know, since 1967 Israel has moved along a course of concessions and withdrawals. We did not initiate the war in which we liberated the heart of our land - land that belongs to the Jewish people by an indisputable historical right - and yet the State of Israel was required to make a long series of concessions: at the Temple Mount, in the Sinai, under the Oslo Accords, in Gaza, and elsewhere.

All those withdrawals and concessions did not lead to peace, but to further painful bloodshed.

After such a bloody experience, there is no rational reason to assume that another concession will produce a different result. Another concession would leave Israel only seventeen kilometers across at its narrowest point and would incite Israel's enemies to rush to seize what little remains of it from within that Palestinian Arab state, thereby realizing the Palestinian Arab dream that has never faded: the destruction of Israel, God forbid.

This is not only about Israel. It concerns the entire Western world.

A concession of this dangerous kind by Israel is not only an Israeli matter but a matter for the free world as a whole. Israel is not merely a Middle Eastern state; it is the only democracy in the region, the only country that stands by signatures and agreements, whereas the reliability of its neighbors' agreements depends on whoever rules them.

Changes of leadership - which occur again and again in the Middle East - undermine regional stability and cast doubt on whether any agreement signed today will hold tomorrow. Israel is the only bulwark in the Middle East for Western values: human liberty, the sanctity of life, equality, science, and progress.

Israel faces an Islamic culture that advocates domination, coercion, and war. Even moderate Muslims are bound by Sharia law and by the idea of imposing their religion over the world. Their prophet is for them a historical model for using lies and smooth talk to defeat and destroy the enemy. As we recall, the 9/11 attacks were carried out by individuals from Muslim-majority countries often considered "moderate." The signatories of the Abraham Accords act out of economic and security interest in the face of the Iranian threat. There is no guarantee those accords will endure after the fall of the ayatollahs' regime.

In your interview, you cited the post-World War II examples of Japan and Germany as proof that a new world and new reality are possible. It is worth remembering that those two countries only changed course after total and absolute defeat. By contrast, the call for Israeli concessions and the creation of a Palestinian Arab state would be a reward to the Nazis who live in Gaza, Judea and Samaria. Surveys show that 82 percent of Arabs in Judea and Samaria supported the brutal October 7 massacre. Do they deserve a prize for that support?

The cultural gap between East and West

The Muslim world is grounded in a radical religious conception that does not allow for the political horizon you described in the interview. Their hopes and visions will not change, and therefore the education they give their children will not change either - and consequently no different, moderate, peace-loving leadership will arise among them.

Let us quote a few lines from researcher Kobi Eliraz in his study "Israeli Policy in Judea and Samaria: Beyond Oslo," conducted as part of the "A New Strategic Agenda for Israel" initiative published by the Argaman Institute (October 2025):

"The Palestinian arena in Judea and Samaria is unstable. Continued reality as it stands poses a severe threat to the State of Israel. The Palestinian leadership does not accept our very existence. It educates the next generation to deep hatred of Israel and remains committed to the phased doctrine for establishing a Palestinian state from the river to the sea.

"There are continuing terrorism threats and the Palestinian Authority (PA) is unable or unwilling to contend with them, alongside the danger that these forces will be turned against us. The PA is leading international efforts to weaken Israel's standing, systematically taking over C areas, unilaterally creating facts on the ground, and damaging natural resources and the environment. These threats intensified after the Hamas attack and the PA does not distinguish itself from Hamas's aspirations.

"There is no way that from the present situation will emerge a Palestinian Arab leadership that genuinely desires true peace with Israel. It is clear to most Israelis that establishing a Palestinian state would mean the 'Hamastanization' of Judea and Samaria and a existential threat to the State of Israel, and therefore we must abandon once and for all the illusion of separation embodied in the Oslo concept." End of quote.

Senator Graham, Europe has already fallen victim to Islamic takeover. New York has already fallen victim to Islamic takeover. The general trend is the spread of Islam in the West, which tries by all means to avoid confrontation and a struggle for its principles and values, and again and again gives way, retreats, and folds. Thus it was with Chamberlain's detached declaration of 'peace in our time,' which proved worthless within less than a year when Germany invaded Poland and World War II began.

So it was with the Oslo Accords, signed with the mass murderer Arafat: euphoria on the White House lawn, the Nobel Peace Prize - and the result was a tidal wave of bloody terror that continues to this day, the culmination of which was the October 7 massacre.

From your words, regrettably, Senator Graham, it seems you too do not see the reality or stand up to it. History teaches us one simple lesson: reconciliation with dictators is not true peace.

We add here a note about the treaty with Egypt, which some insist was a success; yet Egypt's unbounded rearmament in the Sinai, contrary to the treaty's provisions, demonstrates Egypt's turn toward war - this time with advanced American weaponry.

The only dam against terror - a strong and sovereign Israel

The Western response must be to strengthen Israel, not weaken it. Instead of pressuring Israel to concede and establish an enemy state in its heart, Israel should be strengthened by applying Israeli sovereignty to Judea, Samaria, and the Gaza area - these are biblical homelands. If there are Arab states sincerely desiring peace, that will be their test.

These states often understand Palestinian Arab aspirations to destroy Israel better than Western countries do. If they want peace, stability, prosperity, and security, they should reject the idea of a Palestinian Arab state entirely and understand that Israeli sovereignty is what brings all of that.

Israeli sovereignty - an American interest

It is important to emphasize that not only is Israeli sovereignty not contrary to American interests, it is what fulfills them.

The United States needs a reliable ally in the Middle East, an anchor of democracy, liberty, and stability. Israel is that anchor. Weakening Israel or undermining its sovereignty weakens not just Israel but the entire Western strategic camp and its values.

The application of Israeli sovereignty from the sea to the Jordan will provide clear borders, prevent the security vacuum that Iran and ISIS would exploit. From an American perspective, a sovereign and secure Israel means a steadier American standing on the side of justice and reduces the need for American military involvement in the region.

Our friend Senator Graham, we are not acting for a political moment but for the future of the Jewish people and the world at large. There is much truth in your words about the need to separate from the Palestinian Arabs. To that end we should encourage and strengthen President Donald Trump's plan for Arab emigration. This program is the most realistic and the one proven in countless cases throughout history and among many peoples and nations to be the correct and effective recipe that will bring an end to conflicts, struggles, and wars.

An orderly emigration program has enabled new, safe lives for emigrants. Against dozens of Arab Muslim countries occupying vast territories stands one Jewish state whose entire area, including Judea, Samaria, and the Gaza Strip, is no larger than the state of New Jersey.

There is no room in Israel's tiny territory for partition - not with a friendly polity and certainly not with an enemy entity sworn to bring about Israel's destruction and to rise upon its ruins.

To realize the most realistic plan, a special ministry for Arab emigration should be established, and this ministry should include partner states from the Abraham Accords.

Mr. Graham, someone who truly loves Israel will strengthen it, not seek to divide it.

With friendship,

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evil. This included building upon a moral code of conduct similar to that contained in the 10 Commandments as well as restricting excessive taxation imposed by the Kings and Queens of England and protecting our right to bear arms.

Despite all their planning and attention to details to protect our people, our country finds itself struggling for its sovereignty from the massive wave of illegal immigrants, destruction of private and public properties, along with injuries, death and assassinations of innocent people. MSM and Big Tech continue to deceive our youth on who and what is good while sheltering those journalists outright lies thereby creating division and hate.

This creates a curtain that hides many truths. Is it diabolic that Fauci, Gates and Big Pharma continue to profit from the sale, distribution and deceptive marketing of COVID and other vaccines and tests while obfuscating themselves from any liability? I'm surprised they haven't begun a holiday black Friday campaign of "buy one get one free" or rekindle the "Kmart blue light special".

American's religious liberties were taken away during COVID, especially for those serving in the military, medical services, and teachers. When will justice be served as young healthy people continue to suffer death from sudden strokes, seizures and circulatory disease while recent FDA and OSHA criminal actions are exposed? God will reserve a special table for them in hell where they can check in but never leave.

During a recent Hillsdale College speech by Glenn Ellmers, he recalled Washington's words to the Hebrew Congregation "May the children of the Stock of Abraham continue to merit and enjoy the good will of the other inhabitants while everyone shall sit in safety".

As the Thanksgiving Tradition continues to set the table for the upcoming holidays, let us celebrate the diversity of our nation and the religious liberty our founding fathers embedded within our constitution. Let us toast to family and friends with our cups half full, for soon they will be overflowing. We remain bountifully blessed with life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Let the American dream live on.

Washington further blessed our country by stating "may the Father of all mercies scatter light and not darkness in our paths, and make us all in our vocations useful here, and in His own due time and way, everlastingly happy."

Rates of High Blood Pressure in Children Have Nearly Doubled in 20 Years *CNN reported – Children's Health Defense, 11.13.25*

By Kathy Osowski

The rate of kids and teens with high blood pressure worldwide nearly doubled over the past two decades, according to a startling new report. In 2020, more than 6% of children and adolescents under 19 had high blood pressure, up from around 3% in 2000, researchers reported Nov. 12 in The Lancet Child & Adolescent Health.

Obesity is a major driver of this increase, the study found. About 19% of kids and teens with obesity have high blood pressure, versus fewer than 3% of those with healthy weight. "The nearly twofold increase in childhood high blood pressure over 20 years should raise alarm bells for health care providers and caregivers," senior researcher Dr. Igor Rudan said in a news release. He's director of the Center for Global Health Research at the University of Edinburgh's Usher Institute in Scotland. Young people with high blood pressure have a higher risk of heart and kidney problems throughout their lives, researchers said in background notes. "But the good news is that we can take steps now, such as improving screening and prevention efforts, to help control high blood pressure in children and reduce the risks of additional health complications in the future," Rudan said.

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animal feed.

The agriculture and candy industries frame the practice as "sustainable" — a way to curb waste that would otherwise go to landfills. Cargill, for example, deems it "upcycling" and a "win-win" for farm animals and the environment.

While feeding food waste to animals is preferable to tossing the waste to rot in landfills, both meat and candy companies benefit financially from the practice. Some food waste experts say consumers should be questioning why there is so much of this waste to begin with.

Where the practice originated, and whether it's healthy

The practice of feeding candy to farm animals was initially motivated by rising corn prices during times of drought, a way for producers to reduce feed costs.

One former cattle nutritionist turned dairy farmer, Laura Daniels, argues on social media that sugar is needed to feed the bacteria in cows' stomachs that break down the fiber they consume.

However, at least one farmer doesn't see the benefit. Minnesota farmer Lauren Kiesz argues the candy is "empty" and "nutritionally void" calories that are being "foisted on cattle and their rumens," "all in the name of the conventional food system's four horsemen: bigger, fatter, faster, cheaper."

Kiesz, who says she farms animals exclusively on pasture, notes, "a mouthful of grass and a mouthful of Mounds are extraordinarily different."

And while some animal advocacy groups urge owners not to feed candy to their pet pigs, there are hog farmers who also add candy waste to their feed.

"Candy of all forms is unhealthy for pigs," says the North American Pet Pig Association.

Yet, according to National Hog Farmer, "Waste chocolate can also be added up to 30 percent of finishing pig diets to support optimal growth performance without affecting carcass composition or pork quality."

Feed is the greatest expense for most animal farmers, so cheap candy waste offers an economical solution.

"When producers find a way to blend in other, cheaper ingredients into the standard cow meal, they frequently will," reported The Counter. "As long as the stuff doesn't hurt milk and meat output, they're going to make more money.

The practice of feeding candy to cows attracted more attention in 2017, when a truckload of red Skittles spilled onto a highway in Dodge County, Wisconsin. The story went viral, making news across the country.

Those particular candies were reportedly defective, lacking the signature "S" due to a power outage at the factory. Interestingly, while the truck was reportedly on its way to a nearby dairy farm, Mars (the owner of Skittles) later denied that it had sold the candy to be fed to cattle.

Questioning candy waste

The Hershey Company has been selling candy waste to Cargill since 2011, which the chocolate maker describes as an "innovative" "sustainability partnership."

"Today we have an entire plant in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, dedicated to this environmentally, economically, nutritionally friendly effort," states Cargill on its site.

"There, our team turns tens of thousands of pounds of Hershey's chocolate waste per year into feed ingredients for cows, pigs and other species of livestock."

Kathryn Bender, assistant professor of economics at the University of Delaware, has a better strategy in mind that reflects the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's food waste hierarchy.

While "it's always great to see these innovative solutions, the most ideal thing would be if we just didn't have that waste in the first place."

Programs such as the one employed by Hershey and Cargill should aid companies in measuring and subsequently cutting their waste, Bender says.

"Oftentimes, there's just a lot of food waste that's not measured, and so programs like this can allow companies to start tracking what that waste is, and then we would hope that companies would say, 'Okay, what can we do to decrease that waste?'"

But that doesn't seem to be happening. According to news reports, candy companies have been selling their waste to animal farmers for over a decade, at least.

Having such a fallback may quell the motivation of a company to cut its waste, Bender says. A similar example of these perverse incentives played out in a consumer food waste study she worked on that showed waste increased when consumers believed it was being composted rather than going to a landfill.

Inside the U.S. corn surplus

While both Hershey and Cargill tout the benefits of the partnership, Tammara Soma, associate professor and research director of the Food Systems Lab at Simon Fraser University, says consumers should be questioning why so much candy is being produced to begin with.

The reason, she tells Sentient, "is because we've commodified corn," and we have so much high fructose corn syrup being produced as a result.

As Soma explains, because corn is "produced in such excess and is highly subsidized in the U.S., high fructose corn syrup — a cheap sweetener used in lieu of sugar cane or beet sugar — got put into everything."

She says this is what spurred the production of many corn syrup-based items, "like all of the candies we see for Halloween."

Corn (and, for the record, this is dent corn, not the sweet corn you eat off the cob) is considered the most valuable commodity in American agriculture, with the U.S. being the largest producer and consumer of corn in the world.

Though dent corn, also called field corn, is grown mostly for feed for livestock and for ethanol, it also plays a massive role in processed food.

"Corn is in the sodas Americans drink and the potato chips they snack on," writes Roberto A. Ferdman for The Washington Post.

"It's in hamburgers and french fries, sauces and salad dressings, baked goods, breakfast cereals, virtually all poultry, and even most fish."

It's also in candy.

Tom Philpott, a researcher at Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future, and former food and agriculture correspondent for Mother Jones and Grist, tells Sentient that the agri-food industry, "is just always looking for another profitable way to get rid of this overproduction of corn."

He adds that "someone's going to find a use for that and a way to make a buck off of it. Selling high fructose corn syrup to the candy industry is just one way."

And because corn syrup is so cheap, he says there is little risk to candy companies to overproduce, especially when livestock farmers are there, ready to pay for it.

Hershey's classic chocolate bar contains sugar — another ingredient produced in surplus — but many of the brand's other products, such as Twizzlers licorice, Almond Joys and York Peppermint Patties, contain corn syrup.

Soma says the commodification and surplus of corn and sugar result in waste, including "too many surplus candies, that are then fed to commodified animals."

Because animal farming has become so industrialized, she adds, "the large scale [of animals] can somewhat absorb the large scale of waste."

Feeding candy to cows is not only done to curb waste and allow major corporations like Cargill to boost their sustainability claims. It also saves them money.

Large companies like Hershey would otherwise likely have to pay private waste haulers, Soma explains, to either transport and dump the waste in landfills, or to be dealt with by anaerobic digesters that turn food waste into biogas, a process that comes with its own set of issues.

Instead, candy companies can charge meat and dairy producers to take the waste off their hands — producers who then save money thanks to the cheaper feed.

They can also continue over-producing, rather than working to cut waste, while claiming to be sustainable.

Sentient reached out to Cargill for comment, but did not receive a reply.

Without the option of using livestock to absorb the surplus candy waste, "we would be able to question more why cows would ever need to eat highly processed candy derived foods," as well as question why there is so much waste being produced to begin with, and be pushed to seek better solutions.

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