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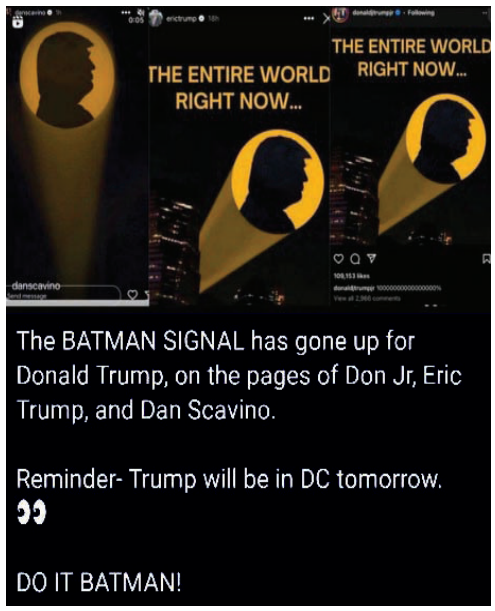

What happened in Israel? The Hamas attack, it's grim toll and what's next, explained



By JTA Staff

Saturday was a day of bloodshed unprecedented in Israel's history.

Beginning in the morning of a Jewish holiday, hundreds of attackers broke through the barrier between Israel and Gaza and spread into more than 20 locations, killing 600 Israelis on the streets, in their homes and at an outdoor festival, taking some 100 hostage and injuring more than 2,000.

In a country whose chronology is punctuated with wars, terror attacks and military offensives, Saturday stood out in its horror. Nothing like this has ever happened in Israel, and Israelis are

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Superfund Cleanups Descend Into Uncertainty

US Supreme Court foregoes opportunity to encourage cleanup of contaminated waste sites

By Paul Driessen



Urban and industrial centers generate enormous quantities of wastes that can create major health problems unless they're handled properly.

In 1900, New York City and other big metropolitan areas were plagued with millions of tons of horse urine, manure

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One More Voice?

By Viv Forbes, 3rd October 2023

Australian politicians are promoting a divisive and racist change to our constitution - the creation of an indigenous "Voice" with undefined powers.



"Indigenous" means "born here", so most of us are indigenous. And for all of us, our earliest Australian ancestors came from somewhere else.

To divide indigenous Australians on the basis of skin colour or length of ancestry is more about politics than about justice. We are all Australians and

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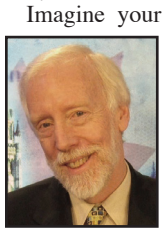
Fueling the Fire: The Conservative Climate Language Trap

By Tom Harris



Imagine your house was on fire, and the firefighters who responded to your 911 call simply added fuel to the blaze, making it far worse. Rather than working to put the fire out, they threw dry wood, paper, and even gasoline into the flames, all the while claiming that they were helping you save your property. You would be forgiven for wanting to

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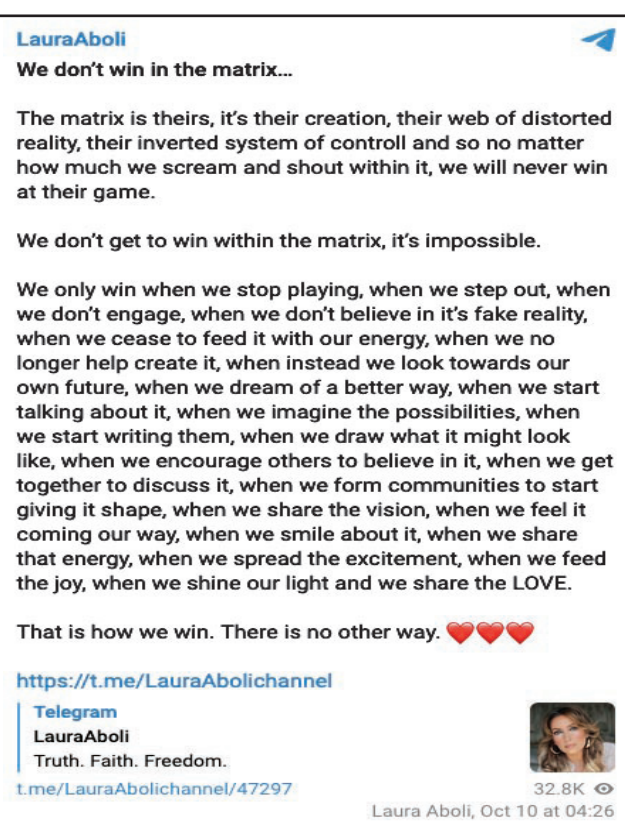

Abortion Ban Doesn't Actually Ban Abortions, Dane County Judge Claims Republican lawmakers Insist Abortions Are Still Illegal According to State Law

By Bill Osmulski

Planned Parenthood is back in operation in Wisconsin on Monday, September 18, 2023, after a Dane County judge determined that the 1849 state law banning abortions doesn't actually ban abortions.

Planned Parenthood was forced

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Could It Happen Here, A Federal Syndicate Coup d'état?

By Williams Kovacs

Since Sinclair Lewis wrote "It Can't Happen Here" in 1935, many authors have raised the question: Is Democracy so fragile that the U.S. could become an "ism" nation? Fortunately, all



the writers have been wrong about the U.S. becoming a dystopian nation. They have been right, however, about Democracy being fragile. This article will examine the actions of the federal government, its spy, propaganda, and law enforcement machines (collectively "the Federal Syndicate")

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From Trump On Down, Democrats Are Silencing The Opposition

By Greg Salsbury

Following his historic federal indictment, Donald Trump correctly observed, "In reality, they're not after me, they're after you. I'm just in the way."

Indeed, as the Democrat/Federal/Media cabal proceeds with its blatant lawlessness, banana republic indictments, frog march arrests, and kangaroo show trials, its members argue that all of this is both by the book and quite necessary—prompted by things like unprecedented, dangerous, and horrendous threats from MAGA extremists, white supremacists,

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Why Didn't Intel Protect Us From Hunter Biden?

By Lary Bell

There is no longer any plausible deniability that Joe Biden knew full well about Hunter's world-spanning foreign business deals marketing his vice presidential name brand, or that U.S.



intelligence agencies did as well, yet let these national security extortion threats go on without any apparent intervention.

Or if they didn't know, that's nearly as alarming.

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Steve's Say . . .

Who are WE Fighting?

By now most people have heard of the "Deep State" and understand the negative connotations invoked with respect to "common people." And most people today understand that mainstream media lies continually about the climate hoax, green new deal, death jabs, fabricated Trump crimes, voter fraud and many more things.

Yet when a horrifically tragic event occurs, people glue themselves to mainstream media and liquefy their brains with the caustic rhetoric of made up atrocities and staged events that never really took place. These falsehoods trigger a deep emotional response aimed at shepherding the public into a desired mindset. Now a course of action, completely unacceptable moments ago, seems the only logical path forward. The world sit here now.

The events in Israel this week constitute the latest False Flag in a continuous series invoked by the satanist banking cabal since 1913. While I will not get into the specifics of today's Middle Eastern melt down, I included with this piece a great summary from Laura Aboli and a reminder from former Congressman Ron Paul of the origins of some of the players involved.

A False Flag event occurs when some evil group of people wishes to move forward with an evil agenda which the vast majority of people want no part of. Thus, in order to achieve their evil ends, they must get the huge popular resistance to surrender their opposition, usually through initiating severe trauma. Some false cause fallacy always underwrites the traumatic event, the most insidious of the 5 fallacies as we discussed last month. The resulting widespread fear and/or irrational hatred can then be harnessed to justify atrocities and destructive actions which ultimately destroys the populace financially, physically and morally.

So how did this all start? The Federal Reserve, the keystone to this matrix of corruption, required the sinking of the Titanic, a huge false flag as research uncovers, for its murderous birth. Once installed, the wars of the world began quickly, WWI in the spring of 1914 with the assassination of the Austrian Archduke and off we went, the banking cartel financing the destruction of both sides. The FBI was created at this time to secure the interests of the foreign bankers in America. And of course the Federal Income Tax appeared and rapidly enveloped the majority of the "common people."

The Great Depression, a direct result of the socialistic character of central banking, came next, followed by WWII, some calling it the biggest False Flag ever. I see these all as one continuous false flag driving toward the ultimate goal of wiping mankind off of the face of the Earth. WWII allowed the Deep State to finally institute a global governance apparatus, i.e. the UN, and publicly acknowledged covert agencies so their dirty work could be conducted and funded by the "common people" right under their noses. I'm talking about the CIA and all of their sordid cousins around the world, MI6, the Mossad, etc.

The Kennedy assassination, arguably the most traumatic event of the 20th century in America, redirected the mindset of the American populace in a big way. Honestly, as a child I never bought the nonsense narrative put forth by the criminals in government and the media lapdogs. In fact, the Mossad in conjunction with the CIA, some organized crime figures and high ranking government officials including Lyndon Johnson planned and executed the whole thing including the subsequent cover up and whitewashing. Cory Hughes provides a long and exhaustive presentation about the truth of the Kennedy assassination entitled, "A Warning From History." The 7 hours are worth every second.

The 21st century began with the 911 trauma which many of us remember vividly. Most, like myself, trusted in the learned integrity of these institutions and could not conceive that such evil could be invoked from within our very own government. But the years have revealed undeniable truths which unequivocally shows that in fact we were attacked from within. The same players as before, the CIA, Mossad, and corrupt government officials pulled this one off. And they certainly had strong motives to do so. It took me 11 years to finally resign myself



to this awful truth, which, once known, requires a new direction in your life. You come to truly understand how much we need God's mercy and protection from Satan and all those who've given themselves over to him.

So Biden sent a bunch of money to Iran. Weapons sent to Ukraine or heisted out of Afghanistan show up in Gaza. Gee, I wonder if this stuff is all related. Who's all behind this? I guess Zelensky and

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Hamas Was Created By The US And Israel To Counteract Yasser Arafat | Ron Paul

"Hamas was encouraged and really started by Israel because they wanted Hamas to counter Yasser Arafat."

"So, we first, indirectly and directly through Israel helped establish Hamas. Then we have elections. Then Hamas becomes dominant. So, we have to kill them."

"During the '80s … our CIA thought it was GOOD if we radicalized the Muslim world, so we financed the Madrasa schools to radicalize the Muslims in order to compete with the Soviets."

Video On Rumble HERE:
https://rumble.com/v3o5m66-hamas-was-created-by-the-us-and-israel-to-counteract-yasser-arafat-ron-paul.html

By LauraAboli

Our enemy is once more using the same machiavellian technique that we have seen time and time again, PROBLEM-REACTION-SOLUTION. Let's analyse the situation:

1. Israel chose to ignore intelligence from Egyptian officials about a major attack coming from Hamas.

2. Multiple former IDF soldiers & Israeli intelligence personnel have come forward online and said there's a zero percent chance Israel was unaware of this attack beforehand or couldn't have prevented it.

3. We just watched unsophisticated terrorists on hang gliders soar into one of the most heavily-defended and surveilled countries on the planet.

4. Within 48 hours of the attack, we're now suddenly seeing enormous support for an American war with Iran and the genocide of the Palestinian people.

The situation in Israel brings back memories of Pearl Harbour and 9/11. In both scenarios, the American government received intelligence in advance of the attacks, but chose not to prevent the attacks.

They were willing to sacrifice the lives of their own citizens in order to advance their geopolitical goals; Pearl Harbor gave the justification to enter WWII. 9/11 gave justification to invade the Middle East and drastically expand the military industrial complex and the surveillance apparatus (Patriot Act).

These were brutal and extremely traumatic events for all of us to witness and the emotional trauma and psychological fear, caused people to get whipped into an emotional frenzy - this is by design, as in such a state, all critical thinking goes out the window.

People become highly suggestible and rush to extremely dangerous conclusions without thinking about the consequences.

We are once more witnessing just that; formerly level-headed people are completely losing their minds calling for genocide and in their frenzied bloodlust, they are overlooking some SERIOUSLY important facts:

1. The fact that none of this adds up

2. Innocent civilians are being threatened with genocide, and

3. Escalated violence in the Middle East and a war with Iran could mean the entire world being dragged into WWIII

What happened in Israel was obviously gut-wrenching and awful to witness, but I do not trust Israel's so-called "intelligence failure", nor do I trust the snakes in Washington calling for war with Iran and I sure as hell don't trust any of the emotionally-frenzied reports on mainstream media.

Remember that when chaos is at its peak, history shows there is ALWAYS a hidden agenda being played out and that hidden agenda is ALWAYS designed to prey on our base emotions to facilitate a desired end-result.

Once more we are getting played and it's about time we learn to keep a level head and a critical mind so we may discern intelligently and not be dragged into allowing atrocities to take place.

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Climate Change Hysteria and the Rise of the Religious Left

By Anthony J. Sadar

The climate catastrophe crusade has been joined by a new regiment of converts: the religious left wing. The troop strength has been building over recent decades; the last few years, however, have seen a surge in the power of this cohort.

The religious contingent is imbued with a spiritual fervor. Unfortunately for the Christian faithful, the spirit consists of the spirit of this age, or, as the apostle Paul might put it, "this present evil age." And unlike Paul, who announced that his job was to preach "Jesus Christ and Him crucified," the climate crusader's job is to preach the word of Jesus and his calling for climate action.

Background on some of the most recent efforts of what appears to be an alignment with the religious left can be found in a book by Kyle Meyaard-Schaap, vice president of the Evangelical Environmental Network. The book is "Following Jesus in a Warming World: A Christian Call to Climate Action" (IVP, Downers Grove, Illinois, February 2023).

The urgency expressed in the book is based on the standard left-wing mantra of weather disasters that supposedly represent proof of a present and future climate danger brought about by culpable humans living comfortably via fossil fuels.

Yet the author would do well to expand his scientific perspective by learning about climate change from qualified experts in the field with a different and quite reasonable viewpoint — renowned scientists such as Steven Koonin, former undersecretary of science in the Department of Energy under former President Barack Obama; Judith Curry, former chair of the School of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences at the Georgia Institute of Technology; and Roy Spencer, a principal research scientist at the University of Alabama in Huntsville.

From a spiritual perspective, to gain a better understanding of one major reason why the U.S. is going through dissolution as it turns from "in God we trust," you need to read only the first six pages of "Following Jesus in a Warming World."

The Christian theological foundations of a book are shaky when the author feels compelled to apologize for employing masculine pronouns when referring to God. As Mr. Meyaard-Schaap asserts on page 6: "All human language used to describe God is analogical, which means we should always hold all God-talk loosely. This is especially true of socially constructed categories like gender. There is nothing essential in God's nature that requires God to be male — the Godhead transcends gender."

And so the author identifies the Holy Spirit as a "her" in a later chapter.

The author's misunderstanding of Christian theology regarding gender confusion also suggests his bewilderment over the hard (not "social") sciences, such as biology.

Simply put, if your understanding of basic science is perplexed by the number of genders — two sexes equal two genders, as in God's biologically constructed categories: "He created them male and female" — then the more complex sciences, like climatology, would have to be a downright impenetrable mystery to you. It follows that this mystery could be breached only by science and political wizards that can mislead you into a

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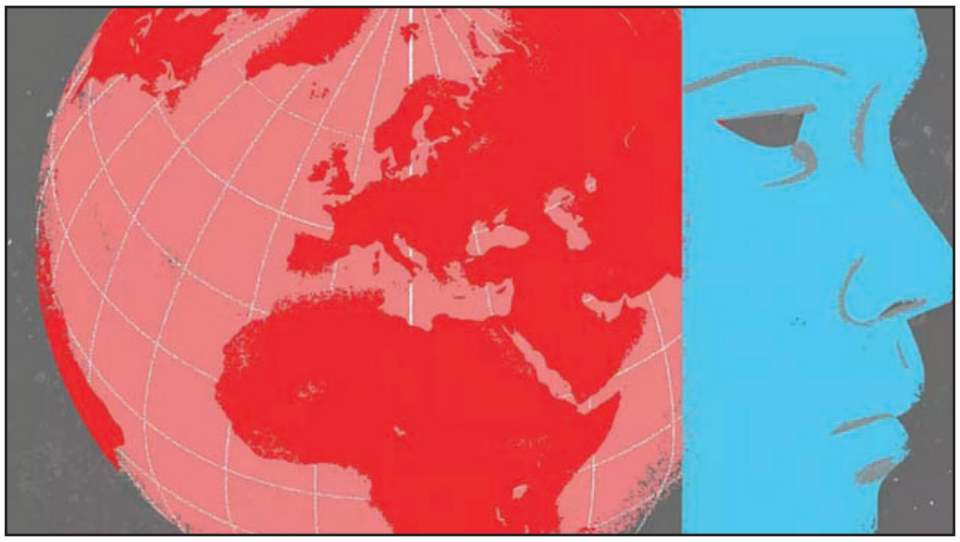

Supernatural Warnings Come to California

By Duggan Flanakin

On the same day that Hurricane (Tropical Storm) Hilary brought record rainfall to the Los Angeles area (nearly 6 inches to Lake Palmdale and 4.26 inches on the UCLA campus), a magnitude 5.1 earthquake occurred in nearby Ojai.

To the truly enlightened, these rare disasters should serve as a warning from on high that the Golden State is headed for a massive downfall – punishment for trying to force smog-fighting electric vehicles on smog-free America and the world.

And rightfully so.

After all, every hurricane, every heat wave, every forest fire, and every flood today anywhere in the world is blamed on climate change. Climate change even eats children's homework! Yet the same humans who cannot stop the heat, the wind, the water, and the fire believe that they can control the climate through electrification.

What is climate change, anyway? If you ask religious leaders, it might be the evidence of human sin. Spain-based Hindu spiritual leader Swami Rameshwarananda, one of 50 faith leaders who drafted a set of ten spiritual principles for addressing the climate crisis, says, "We have to exchange the concept of ego for the concept of 'eco.' Ego is the problem."

According to "the Elijah Board of World Religious Leaders," these principles include "do no harm" (the Hippocratic Oath) and "every action matters."

One "action" in the name of climate spirituality is the electric vehicle mandate, which, like abolishing fossil fuels and ending all mining activity, applies only to Europe, North America, and other nations dependent on Western money and power.

But electric vehicle mandates and abandonment of fossil fuels clearly violate "do no harm" – though their failures do demonstrate the sad truth that "every action matters."

Another violator of "do no harm" is the "C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group," whose goals have been endorsed by over 100 cities worldwide. The group's objectives include – by the year 2030 – "0 kg meat consumption, 0 kg dairy consumption, 3 new clothing items per person per year, 0 private vehicles owned, and 1 short-haul return flight every 3 years per person."

Meat-loving residents of Austin, Houston, New Orleans, Miami, Chicago, Philadelphia, New York, Los Angeles, Phoenix, Portland, San Francisco, Seattle, and the nation's capital are likely unaware that their city leaders have endorsed these goals, which are "based on a future vision of resource-efficient production and extensive changes in consumer choices."

The virtuous mayor of New York, Eric Adams, has introduced citywide caps on meat and dairy served at city institutions (including public schools and prisons). The government of Ireland has promised to kill off 200,000 cattle, at a cost of £600 million, to reduce methane emissions and human meat and dairy consumption.

One might think that this is part of a grander scheme to dramatically reduce the human population.

Seven years ago, author and entrepreneur A. D. Largie listed "10 methods" for reducing the human population. Transhumanism topped the list, but controlling

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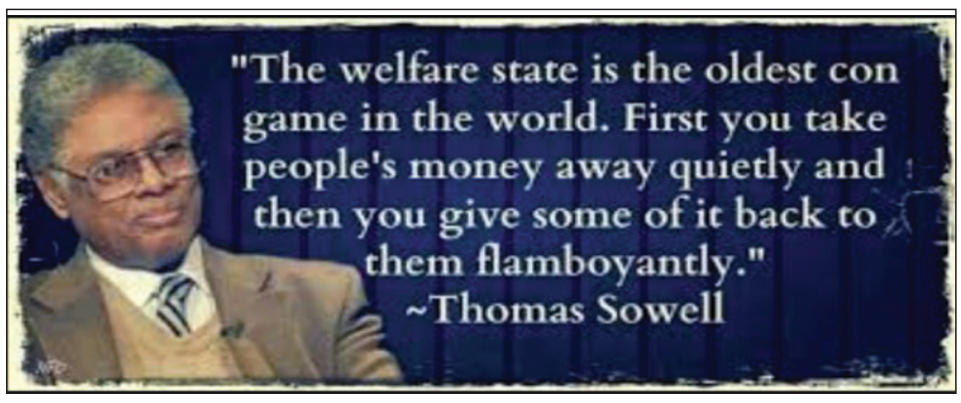

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The 'Green Pope' Is Dead Wrong, Again, on Climate Change

By Christopher Talgo

Pope Francis, a darling of the social justice-obsessed left, is not shy when it comes to professing his thoughts on climate change.

In 2015, he penned a 184-page Encyclical claiming, "Climate change is a global problem with grave implications… It represents one of the principal challenges facing humanity in our day."

Interestingly, Francis' 2015 Encyclical, which reads more like a policy document than a religious text, came just before the highly touted United Nations Climate Change Conference in Paris. Yes, the very conference in which the Paris Climate Accords were negotiated.

Also, of interest, shortly after Francis' climate change opus was released, several so-called experts associated with international organizations dedicated to combating climate change came out and praised Francis, because, of course, the pope is an expert in the field of climate science.

Here are just a few of their responses:

Executive Director of the UN Environment Program Achim Steiner: The United Nations "welcomes Pope Francis' unambiguous call to action in the face of global environmental degradation and climate change. This encyclical is a clarion call that resonates not only with Catholics, but with all of the Earth's peoples. Science and religion are aligned on this matter: The time to act is now."

UN Executive Secretary Christiana Figueres: "Pope Francis' encyclical underscores the moral imperative for urgent action on climate change to lift the planet's most vulnerable populations, protect development, and spur responsible growth. This clarion call should guide the world towards a strong and durable universal climate agreement in Paris at the end of this year. Coupled with the economic imperative, the moral imperative leaves no doubt that we must act on climate change now."

Gee, I wonder if the United Nations and other global institutions devoted to peddling the falsehood that climate change is an existential threat are aware of the irony involved with mingling religion and science?

Remember, once upon a time, the Catholic Church persecuted Galileo for insisting that the Earth revolves around the Sun. And, the Catholic Church instituted the Inquisition. Suffice to say, when it comes to science, the Catholic Church does not boast the best track record.

However, this has not stopped the current leader of the Catholic Church, from engaging in the climate change debate.

In his most recent attempt to cement his climate change bona fides, Pope Francis released an Apostolic Exhortation titled, "To All People of Good Will on the Climate Crisis," in which he states, "Despite all attempts to deny, conceal, gloss over or relativize the issue, the signs of climate change are here and increasingly evident. No one can ignore the fact that in recent years we have witnessed extreme weather phenomena, frequent periods of unusual heat, drought and other cries of protest on the part of the earth that are only a few palpable expressions of a silent disease that affects everyone."

He also proclaims, "the world in which we live is collapsing and may be nearing the breaking point" and "the necessary transition towards clean energy sources such as wind and solar energy, and the abandonment of fossil fuels, is not progressing at the necessary speed."

What's more, he lamented "the irresponsible lifestyle connected with the Western model," and singled out the United States for being the worst emitter of carbon dioxide while giving a pass to China.

In reality, as we climate realists well know, the idea that climate change represents an existential threat to our existence is downright absurd. For millions of years, the climate has changed. As the record shows, there have been fluctuations in the Earth's temperature going back billions of years, way before humans harnessed the ability to use fossil fossils to generate power.

Moreover, while Francis chides the "Western lifestyle," he conveniently ignores that Western society, the advent of fossil fuels, and free-market capitalism have lifted billions from poverty while inventing technologies and developing medical breakthroughs that have made the entire world better off. And, is Francis unaware or simply overlooking the fact that the United States has reduced its carbon dioxide emissions substantially over the past 30 years while countries like China and Russia have increased theirs?

Put simply, Pope Francis is completely wrong regarding all things concerning climate change. However, I can't help but wonder if he is being used as a pawn by those who benefit from touting the climate change lie, seeing as how he is the leader of one of the most influential religious institutions the world over. Maybe climate change and religion, which are both based on belief, have more in common than we thought.

Climate Change and Political Responsibility

By Daniel Sutter

We continually hear that climate change is making extreme weather – from wildfires in Canada and Maui to Hurricane Hilary – worse. Unfortunately, this allows politicians to evade responsibility for their inaction and mistakes.

Researchers have long emphasized that nature's action and human exposure together produce disasters. A hurricane striking an uninhabited island is not a societal disaster. Many natural hazards have high risk areas, and people create exposure when choosing to live or work in these places. This is not bad: the Florida Keys are beautiful, and many industries must be in vulnerable places. The extra costs of extreme weather are worth bearing if the value from living or working there is commensurately greater.

Our actions once we locate in vulnerable areas impacts vulnerability, particularly the quality of construction. We can build homes and businesses resistant to winds, floods, and even tornadoes. Not every engineering design will be cost effective, but we can build stronger.

Government typically takes actions offering community-wide protection. Levees and management of public forests are examples. The National Weather Service provides weather forecasts and warnings.

Many voices attribute all extreme weather to climate change. One Hawaii state senator stated of the Maui fires, "And I just think this is the new normal not just for the state of Hawaii but for the whole planet, for the whole country." Apocalyptic talk disregards climate change's expected impact on severe weather. A warmer future should make hurricanes modestly stronger with more precipitation; extreme weather will become somewhat more extreme.

A small increase in the strength of extreme weather, however, can sometimes have large societal impacts. Nobel Prize winner William Nordhaus estimates that hurricane damage is proportional to the eighth power of landfall windspeed. The projected 9 percent increase in windspeed would double annual damage.

This is significant, not apocalyptic, and in line with how our actions affect hurricane damage. Employing all wind resistant construction techniques may reduce hurricane damage by half. Strengthened construction might offset global warming's impact on hurricanes.

Let's consider now the Maui fires. Many voices blame the dry conditions on climate change. But most of Maui was in seasonal, not exceptional, drought. A wet spring produced lots of plant growth – fuel for the fire season. Combustible invasive grasses have overgrown former sugar plantations. Hurricane Dora passing near the Hawaiian Islands contributed to the strong winds at the time.

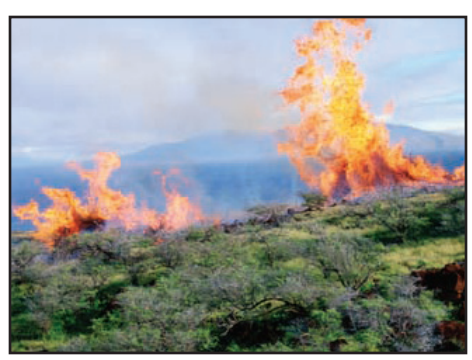
Power lines appear to have sparked some fires. Clearing brush (or trees) near power lines and replacing aging lines can avoid such fires but combatting climate change has impacted fire prevention. Electric utilities trying to meet Hawaii's 100 percent renewable power mandate have reportedly reduced maintenance and brush clearing to offset expensive wind and solar.

Climate change offers politicians evade responsibility for such actions. Mismanagement of forests in California and Canada has contributed to fires. Neglect of levees left New Orleans vulnerable to Katrina. Poor decisions made the Maui fires more dangerous.

Political decisions producing unnecessary vulnerability to extreme weather should not surprise. Politicians want to deliver new things to voters. People already expect existing levees to protect them. The rarity of disasters means the next one may occur after today's office holders have retired. And if disaster happens, call it an act of God. Today climate change replaces God.

Reducing fossil fuel use offers little protection against extreme weather. Projections attribute 7 and 23 percent of global emissions through 2100 to the U.S. Let's say the U.S. is responsible for 10% of emissions that might produce another 2 degrees Celsius warming by 2100. The U.S. will be responsible for 0.2 degrees of warming, with Hawaii responsible for a tiny fraction of this. Zeroing out Hawaii's carbon emissions would have no measurable impact on extreme weather.

Opportunists use climate change to push restructuring our economy and society. We can protect ourselves from extreme weather; Alex Epstein shows that extreme weather deaths per capita worldwide have fallen 98 percent. And we should hold politicians failing in this task accountable at the ballot box.



Cancel Culture using the pseudo- ailment, Eco-anxiety, to cure the non-existence of Manmade Global Warming/Climate Change

By Kathleen Marquardt

In 1972, at the First Earth Summit in Stockholm, the issue of climate change was raised for the first time on the world stage, "warning governments to be mindful of activities that could lead to climate change and evaluate the likelihood and magnitude of climatic effects." 1

And most of the world is aware of the Rio Earth Summit that gave us Agenda 21/ Sustainable Development – specifically to use Climate Change to reorganize the world from the top down. Ever since then, the global elite has been working to meld every positive aspect of our lives into enemies of a healthy climate – industrialization, free-market capitalism, property rights, individual freedoms, and even moral absolutes.

Do you think I am exaggerating? Let's look at just one technique the global elite are pushing the Climate Change agenda – "Climate Psychology." Yep, the state of the climate is in dire straits, if you believe the Climate Alarmists. It is in such dire straits that the American Psychology Association (APA) now addresses a major problem, Eco-anxiety.

The American Psychology Association (APA) describes eco-anxiety as "the chronic fear of environmental cataclysm that comes from observing the seemingly irrevocable impact of climate change and the associated concern for one's future and that of the next generations".

The Cambridge University Press published "The Psychology of Climate Anxiety" by Joseph Dodds, Ph.D. He begins by describing climate change as "one of the top threats to global health in the 21st century." But for psychologists, the anxiety and fear are at their end also. "At the same time, psychotherapists and clinical psychologists are coming to terms with ecological loss, anxiety and guilt in their patients, and also among themselves, as they come to grips with the faltering biosphere." 2

Physician, heal thyself. Oh, that's what they are trying to do through their patients' angst. A good dose of reading sound science articles on climate change would be a better start.

But let's continue:

The American Psychological Association's "2010 report on climate change1 identified six key areas for psychology, including risk perception, psychological and behavioural causes of climate change, psychosocial impacts of climate change, adaptation and coping strategies, psychosocial barriers to action and the role of psychologists." 3

Behavioral causes of climate change? The weather made me do it? How deep did the global elites have to go to come up with that? NOT! We all learned that in kindergarten, and most of us learned even quicker that it doesn't fly.

The American Psychological Association "refers to eco-anxiety as 'a chronic fear of environmental doom', ranging from mild stress to clinical disorders like depression, anxiety, post-traumatic stress disorder, and suicide, and maladaptive coping strategies such as intimate partner violence and substance misuse.… found complex types of climate anxiety and trauma, including intergenerational effects, especially where environmental damage involves loss of a way of life or culture." 4

So now we have a non-occurring, faux boogeyman that is going to be the fault of every murder, beating, and every other schizoid action. Close the courts! Criminals are not responsible for their actions – the climate is.

"Climate anxiety can lead to symptoms such as panic attacks, loss of appetite, irritability, weakness, and sleeplessness, yet given the increasing evidence about the impact of climate change on health, psychological professionals might ask if their patients feel too much anxiety, or whether they themselves feel too little. Climate anxiety is being felt much more powerfully among the young." 5

Do you think that might be because climate change is being pushed in every subject at school – from kindergarten to masters and PhDs? And in some Sunday Schools?

"Climate change is a psychological problem but that does not mean that it should be individualised or medicalised." As G. Lawton writes, "if eco-anxiety is treated as pathology, 'the forces of denial will have won…what we are witnessing isn't a tsunami of mental illness, but a long-overdue outbreak of sanity".

Wow! Now climate change has induced eco-anxiety which is seen as the ultimate sanity. I'm at a loss for words.

"Climate anxiety is heightened in those that are aware of and feel the existential threat of climate change, by the fact that most of us, most of the time, act as if it does not exist. The poverty of collective responses to climate change is in stark contrast to its threat." 6

Basically, psychologists and psychiatrists want us to be lunatics running around screaming "The world is coming to an end". And it may be, but it would be because of the "cures" for the nonexistent man-made climate change.

"From this perspective, the problem with climate change is that we do not feel enough anxiety as it slips our notice by missing all the characteristics above. The answer is to help us feel the anxiety, to motivate us to act, turning up the volume on the threat and our response. The lack of effective risk perception leads to behaviours that worsen climate change." 7

What behaviors might those be? Taking a vacation that involves a long flight? Refusing to live in a 15-minute city/ideal Communist city? Eating rare steak at every chance we get? Wanting to cook on gas and not be forced to drive an electric vehicle?

"Both climate change and COVID-19 are environmental crises where human behaviour and psychology are important factors, yet the latter happens much faster, with clearer links between behaviour and consequence, leading to much more dramatic responses. International efforts to respond to COVID-19 may have the unintended benefit of shaking people out of climate lethargy, by showing that the global mobilisation required to confront climate change is possible, and allowing the public to see (and feel) that invisible environmental dangers are very real." 8

Whoa! COVID is an environmental crisis? Since when?

Ah, right. Many are so dumbed down and programmed that if they are given (fed) two disparate pseudo-facts and told they are closely related, they will put 2+2 together and start masking and social distancing to help fight climate change.

Comparison with COVID-19

"Responses to both involve social dilemmas. When reviewing how successful different countries were/are in tackling the viral pandemic, it seems that a crucial factor was not the wealth of the nation, but its social cohesion and a collectivist versus individualistic orientation." 9

The last four words are the crux. It is all about turning us into the ideal collectivist/ communist citizens.

Dodd expounds, "Ecopsychology views disconnection from nature as also central to the current mental health epidemic." 10

I would agree. Which group is closer to nature, farmers, ranchers, loggers, miners, and fishermen or

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shoot them on the spot.

The actions of these firefighters are analogous to what many misguided, frightened conservative politicians, industries, and others in both the U.S. and Canada do all the time. They regularly use the language of their climate alarmist opponents in futile attempts at appeasement. But all they are accomplishing is fueling the climate change hoax that is threatening both our countries. And, as the late Dr. Jay Lehr and I have written over and over again on this site if the climate scare raging across our nations is not killed soon, it will indeed burn down America and Canada.

Witness the first 2024 Republican presidential primary debate in which Former US ambassador to the United Nations and Former South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley used the language of climate alarmism. Here is an excerpt: "is climate change real? Yes, it is. … we need to start telling China and India that they have to lower their emissions. That's where our problem is."

South Carolina Senator Tim Scott boasted that "America has cut its carbon footprint in half in the last 25 years."

As I explained in my August 31st America Out Loud article "Useful Idiots Dominate First GOP Debate on Climate Change," these statements simply reinforce the mistaken notion that humanity controls the climate through our carbon dioxide emissions and that the climate will magically stabilize at some utopian condition. And it is not carbon, Nikki, and Tim. That is 1984 Newspeak for life-giving CO2!

The Conservative Party of Canada (CPC) policy convention that just wrapped up in Quebec City was almost as bad, with members agreeing to policy proposals that were: "In pursuit of a purposeful gradual transition to a lower carbon-use future." The last thing a cold country that relies on coal, oil, and natural gas for our economic and even physical survival should want is a transition to a "lower carbon-use future." We should burn as much oil, coal, and natural gas as we need to keep from freezing to death and sell as much as possible of these wonderful products to the U.S. and other nations to maintain our economic prosperity

While admitting that we will continue to use oil and gas for now, CPC members went on to boost the dangerous and useless technology of "carbon capture," as well as pie-in-the-sky fantasies of "hydrogen-based generation" and "battery-based storage." At least they also supported small modular reactors, which, as Dr. Lehr and I have explained, are a very promising energy source.

And, of course, this is happening all the time in both countries. For example, on September 8th, CPC leader Pierre Poilievre supported the climate scare when he told the policy convention,

"We will massively increase Canadian production of emissions-free energy by green lighting green projects. Like zero-emitting Small Modular Nuclear Reactors for New Brunswick, Ontario, Saskatchewan, and Alberta. And carbon capture and storage to make our oilsands the world's lowest-emitting."

Climate activists must be very pleased that they have been so successful in intimidating most conservatives into using their alarmist language. By regularly using the words and phrases of their enemies, conservatives are unwittingly contributing to a significant change in the English language in support of the politically correct climate change narrative. Consider how the frequency of the use of words and phrases (called "n-grams") that promote the climate scare has massively increased in the past few decades.

Bing AI explains, "The percentage number on the vertical axis of a Google Ngram plot represents the relative frequency of the n-gram in the corpus for a given year. The relative frequency is calculated by dividing the number of times an n-gram appears in a given year by the total number of n-grams in that year and then multiplying by 100 to convert it to a percentage. This normalization is done to account for the fact that the number of books published each year varies and to allow for comparison between different years.

Oxford Dictionaries picked "climate emergency" as its 'word' of the year in 2019.

Dictionary.com selected "existential" as the 'word' of the year in 2019, explaining: "Searches for existential spiked throughout 2019, especially after politicians used the word to characterize the dangers and disruptions climate change is widely held to pose for human life and the environment as we know them."

In my discussions this week with Bing's GPT 4 artificial intelligence "chat" search, I asked:

"How important is language in the climate change debate?"

The AI sensibly responded:

"Language is very important in the climate change debate, as it can influence how people perceive the problem and what actions they are willing to take. Language can also reflect the values, emotions, and beliefs of the speakers and writers who use it. Different genres and audiences may require different linguistic strategies and choices to communicate effectively and persuasively about climate change."

Then the AI went on to discuss some of the linguistic aspects that are relevant to the climate change debate: lexical choices, metaphors, narration, and framing, concluding:

"As you can see, language plays a crucial role in the climate change debate, as it can shape how people think, feel, and act about the issue. Language can also reveal how people position themselves and others in relation to the issue, as well as what values and goals they pursue. Therefore, it is important to be aware of the linguistic choices and strategies that are used in different genres and contexts, as well as their potential effects and implications."

Social scientists know this, of course, so vast armies of left-wing university-based experts have intensely researched the best language to use to most effectively promote climate alarm and action. Environmental groups then instruct their members to use this language at every possible opportunity. The media picks up on it, politicians from both sides of the aisle blindly follow, and the public is inundated day in and day out with 1984 climate change alarmist language. So, clearly, the massive increase in words and phrases promoting the climate scare is not coincidental – it is being done intentionally to promote a political agenda.

Are there social scientists known to be studying and proposing the most effective ways to oppose climate alarm and action? Based on my own experience and investigations, it seems not. In next week's article, I will reveal what the AI says is the reason for this. I will also show its shocking response to my question:

"If you were advising the people who oppose action on climate change, it sounds like you would recommend they research language and teach their peers about what they uncover?"

Stayed tuned!

Quote of the Week:

It is found that even ·an increase by a factor of 8 in the amount of CO2, will produce an increase in the surface temperature of less than 2 °K. An increase by a factor of 4 in the equilibrium dust concentration in the global atmosphere, could decrease the mean surface temperature by as much as 3.5°K. ***If sustained over a period of several years, such a temperature decrease could be sufficient to trigger an ice age!*** *— S. I. Rasool and S. H. Schneider, Science, Jul. 9, 1971*

Number of the Week:

less than 15% of the time in 2021,

*then dropped.**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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SCIENCE & ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY PROJECT

The Week That Was October 7, 2023

Scope: This TWTW will discuss the abrupt warming of the atmosphere as presented by the University of Alabama, Huntsville Global Temperature Report. Then it will speculate that part of the warming may be explained by the Svensmark Hypothesis, but no conclusions can be reached yet. A few key statements by Nobel Co-Laureate in physics John Clauser to students in South Korea are presented. Another example of fact-checkers using accusation and rumor in place of facts is presented.

Unusual Warming: In their Global Temperature Report, September 2023, John Christy and Roy Spencer discuss the unusual, sudden warming occurring in the atmosphere, where the greenhouse gases obstruct outgoing radiation. Contrary to many reports, there is no sudden increase in carbon dioxide concentrations. NOAA's Global Monitoring Laboratory for June 2023, the latest month available, reported the usual seasonal change with CO2 concentrations increasing in the Northern Hemisphere winter and declining in the spring. In June 2023 CO2 was at 419.51 ppm (parts per million volume) compared to June 2022 at 417.43 ppm. According to global warming alarmists, this slight change should have a significant impact on temperatures. It does not. Further, the observatory at Mauna Loa (now actually at Mauna Kea Observatories 21 miles away) reported August 2023 concentration of 419.68 ppm compared with August 2022 concentration of 417.15 ppm.

In their Global Temperature Report for September 2023, Christy and Spencer write:

"Global climate trend since Dec. 1, 1978: +0.14 C per decade [see note at end]

September Temperatures (preliminary)

Global composite temp: +0.90 C (+1.62°F) above the seasonal average

Northern Hemisphere: +0.94 C (+1.69°F) above seasonal average

Southern Hemisphere: +0.86 C (+1.55°F) above seasonal average

Tropics: +0.93 C (+1.67°F) above seasonal average

August Temperatures (final)

Global composite temp: +0.70 C (+1.26°F) above the seasonal average

Northern Hemisphere: +0.88 C (+1.58°F) above seasonal average

Southern Hemisphere: +0.51 C (+0.92°F) above seasonal average

Tropics: +0.86 C (+1.55°F) above seasonal average

The global atmospheric temperature anomaly jumped in September to +0.90°C (+1.62°F) above the 30-year average, setting a new anomaly record for the 45-year satellite era. This month's departure easily outdistanced Feb 2016 when the temperature peaked then at +0.71 °C (+1.28 °F). This makes three months in a row that the previous temperature record was superseded as the current El Niño came on in force earlier than is typical, warming up the atmosphere in these mid-year (and already warm) months. Though the tropics this month were warmer than any other September, the early-year months of Jan-Apr still hold the records for the largest departures from average in this equatorial belt. Besides the global record for departure from average, this month produced record departures for all months for the global land and ocean separately, NH land, and SH land and ocean.

As discussed in the past two months, July still represents the warmest global "absolute" monthly temperature (since July is already on average the hottest month each year) with a [lower troposphere] temperature of 266.06 K [Zero C equals 273.15 K]. Because September is on average cooler than July, the absolute temperature this month was cooler too at 265.54 K even though the anomaly was larger (+0.90 K vs. +0.64 K). These very warm global atmospheric temperatures are expected to continue with the ongoing El Niño event through at least the boreal winter in 2024 since the tropical Pacific seawater temperatures are still warmer than average, especially for this time of year, though the tropical water temperatures appeared to have leveled off in the past two months. See NOAA's updates here.

An interesting question at this point is, "When will the El Niño and its warming influence peak?" Since it began 4-5 months earlier than usual, will it peak earlier as well, or will it continue to maintain its strength until the typical peak in Feb-Apr? We will have to wait and see.

The planet's warmest spot in September occurred over northern Poland at +4.1 °C (+7.5°F). Warmer than average conditions were pervasive in the tropical belt with exceptionally warm regions in Europe through western Russia, NW Canada, middle South America, southern Australia, and the North Pacific Ocean.

With a reading of -2.0°C (-3.7°F), the coolest departure from average could be found over southern Chile. Cooler than average regions were few and far between but included the far North Atlantic, southern Chile, and Kazakhstan.

Unlike the globe as a whole, the conterminous US was only slightly above average at +0.40°C (+0.72°F), with the West being relatively cool. Alaska was even cooler than the lower 48, so with Alaska, the 49-state average was +0.29 °C (+0.52°F). [We don't include Hawaii in the US results because its land area is less than that of one satellite grid square, so it would have virtually no impact on the overall national results.]

A note about the global temperature trend. For several years now, the trend has been extremely close to +0.135 °C/decade. This past July, the threshold of 0.135 was crossed at +0.1352 °C/decade. The global trend is now +0.14 °C/decade by rounding up.

*In the July 2023 GTR we reported the February 2016 anomaly as +0.70 °C. As the intercalibrations between satellites are recalculated with each month's new data, there is the possibility of tiny changes in the base annual cycle (< 0.01 °C), and thus the anomalies calculated therefrom. This is the reason for the February 2016 value being +0.71 °C this [that] month."

If not CO2, which is increasing gradually, what caused the sudden warming.? We do not know. Possibilities need to be sorted out. As Christy and Spencer write, the El Niño contributed, but the data are not sufficiently clear. The uncertainty allows for a good deal of speculation, and below TWTW will engage in some. See links under Measurement Issues – Atmosphere.

Speculating on Abrupt Atmospheric Warming: There is little question that strong El Niños in 1998 and 2016 put a large amount of water vapor into the atmosphere and were the dominant cause of atmospheric warming in those years, usually with a lag of 4 to 6 months. But the current El Niño has not peaked. Is there something else that can be contributing to the unusual warming?

In "Empirical assessment of the role of the Sun in climate change using balanced multi-proxy solar records" published by Geoscience Frontiers, Nicola Scafetta takes exception to the publications of the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) which give the sun an extremely minor role in causing climate and temperature changes. The abstract begins:

"The role of the Sun in climate change is hotly debated. Some studies suggest its impact is significant, while others suggest it is minimal. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) supports the latter view and suggests that nearly 100% of the observed surface warming from 1850–1900 to 2020 is due to anthropogenic emissions. However, the IPCC's conclusions are based solely on computer simulations made with global climate models (GCMs) forced with a total solar irradiance (TSI) record showing a low multi-decadal and secular variability. The same models also assume that the Sun affects the climate system only through radiative forcing – such as TSI – even though the climate could also be affected by other solar processes. In this paper I propose three "balanced" multi-proxy models of total solar activity (TSA) that consider all main solar proxies proposed in scientific literature."

The merits and the results of the Scafetta's models are not discussed here. However, Scafetta concludes his abstract with:

"The result also suggests that at least about 80% of the solar influence on the climate may not be induced by TSI forcing alone, but rather by other Sun-climate processes (e.g., by a solar magnetic modulation of cosmic ray and other particle fluxes, and/or others), which must be thoroughly investigated and physically understood before trustworthy GCMs can be created. This result explains why empirical studies often found that the solar contribution to climate changes throughout the Holocene has been significant, whereas GCM-based studies, which only adopt radiative forcings, suggest that the Sun plays a relatively modest role. Appendix A (Supplementary Data Text) includes the proposed TSA records."[Boldface added]

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Number of the Week: less than 15% of the time in 2021, then dropped.

For years TWTW has used the Gorona del Viento project (wind turbines and a pumped storage reservoirs) on El Hierro Island (population less than 12,000) in the Canary Islands as a standard showing that wind power and storage are insufficient to supply a modern community with reliable electrical power. According to earlier reports from the utility, the system failed only 40% of the time over a year. Diesel is the needed back-up. Francis Menton has examined more current data. He writes:

"There are 8760 hours in a year (8784 in a leap year like 2020). So, in 2019 they got all of their electricity from the wind/hydro system about 26% of the time. Then that dropped to under 22% of the time in 2020, and less than 15% of the time in 2021. Sometime in 2022 they stopped reporting the data. Now they blare out baloney about "tons of carbon emissions saved" while running the backup diesel generator fully 85% of the time."

Yet many politicians insist they can design a system to provide affordable, reliable wind and solar power to a modern industrialized nation. As Menton states, show me the demonstration project.

The Great Wind and Solar Land Grab

By Steve Goreham

Which is more environmentally friendly, an energy source that uses one unit of land to produce one unit of electricity or a source that uses 100 units of land to produce one unit of electricity? The answer should be obvious. Nevertheless, green energy advocates call for a huge expansion of wind, solar, and other renewables that use vast amounts of land to replace traditional power plants that use comparatively small amounts of land.

Vaclav Smil, professor emeritus of the University of Manitoba in Canada, extensively analyzed the power density of alternative sources used to generate electricity. He defined the power density of an electrical power source as the average flow of electricity generated per square meter of horizontal surface (land or sea area). The area measurement to estimate power density is complex. Smil included plant area, storage yards, mining sites, agricultural fields, pipelines and transportation, and other associated land and sea areas in his analysis.

Smil's work allows us to compare the energy density of electricity sources. If we set the output of a nuclear plant to one unit of land required for one unit of electricity output, then a natural gas-powered plant requires about 0.8 units of land to produce the same one unit of output. A coal-fired plant uses about 1.4 units of land to deliver an average output of one unit of power.

But renewable sources require vastly more land. A stand-alone solar facility requires about 100 units of land to deliver the same average electricity output of a nuclear plant that uses one unit of land. A wind facility uses about 35 units of land if only the concrete wind tower pads and the service roads are counted, but over 800 units of land for the entire area spanned by a typical wind installation. Production of electricity from biomass suffers the poorest energy density, requiring over 1,500 units of land to output one unit of electricity.

As a practical example, compare the Ivanpah Solar Electric Generating System in the eastern California desert to the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Plant near Avila Beach, California. The Ivanpah facility produces an average of about 793 gigawatt-hours per year and covers an area of 3,500 acres. The Diablo Canyon facility generates about 16,165 gigawatt-hours per year on a surface area of 750 acres. The nuclear plant delivers more than 20 times the average output on about one-fifth of the land, or 100 times the power density of the solar facility.

To approach 100 percent renewable electricity using primarily wind and solar systems, the land requirements are gigantic. "Net-Zero America," a 2020 study published by Princeton University, calls for wind and solar to supply 50 percent of US electricity by 2050, up from about 14 percent today. The study estimated that this expansion would require about 228,000 square miles of new land (590,000 square kilometers), not including the additional area needed for transmission lines. This is an area larger than the combined area of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. This area would be more than 100 times as large as the physical footprint of the coal and natural gas power systems that would be replaced.

The land taken for wind and solar can seriously impact the environment. Stand-alone solar systems blanket fields and deserts, blocking sunlight and radically changing the ecosystem, and driving out plants and animals. Since 2000, almost 16 million trees have been cut down in Scotland to make way for wind turbines, a total of more than 1,700 trees felled per day. This environmental devastation will increase the longer Net Zero goals are pursued.

Wind and solar are dilute energy. They require vast amounts of land to generate the electricity required by modern society. Without fears about human-caused global warming, wind and solar systems would be considered environmentally damaging. Net-zero plans for 2050, powered by wind and solar, will encounter obstacles with transmission, zoning, local opposition, and just plain space that are probably impossible to overcome.

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

No Way, Norway

Well, this is awkward. Statistics Norway, aka Statistisk sentralbyrå or "the national statistical institute of Norway and the main producer of official statistics", has just published a paper "To what extent are temperature levels changing due to greenhouse gas emissions?" The awkward part isn't trying to grasp the subtleties of Norwegian since it's also available in English. It's that the Abstract bluntly declares that "standard climate models are rejected by time series data on global temperatures" while the conclusions state "the results imply that the effect of man-made CO2 emissions does not appear to be sufficiently strong to cause systematic changes in the pattern of the temperature fluctuations." But the really awkward part is that a paper from a government agency dares to address openly so many questions the alarmist establishment has spent decades declaring taboo, from the historical record on climate to the existence of massive uncertainty among scientists on it.

Statistics Norway is the Norwegian statistics bureau.

To what extent are temperature levels changing due to greenhouse gas emissions?



Abstract

Weather and temperatures vary in ways that are difficult to explain and predict precisely. In this article we review data on temperature variations in the past as well possible reasons for these variations. Subsequently, we review key properties of global climate models and statistical analyses conducted by others on the ability of the global climate models to track historical temperatures.

These tests show that standard climate models are rejected by time series data on global temperatures. Finally, we update and extend previous statistical analysis of temperature data

(Dagsvik et al., 2020). Using theoretical arguments and statistical tests we find, as in Dagsvik et al.

(2020), that the effect of man-made CO2 emissions does not appear to be strong enough to cause systematic changes in the temperature fluctuations during the last 200 years.

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the food supply came in second.

Largie says, "If you control the food supply for any living organism, you control the organism… The power-hungry elites among us understand this fact fully and have been slowly modifying the food of humans … to ultimately reduce the human population rate."

As University of British Columbia population ecologist William Rees sees it, "We're using up Earth's resources at an unsustainable rate." Yet our natural tendencies as humans "make it difficult for us to correct this 'advanced ecological overshoot.'"

What an open door for elites to pursue a "course correction" without telling anyone.

Rees correctly claims that merely switching to renewables does not actually address the problem of exponential population growth (a byproduct of using fossil fuels). Such efforts instead further contribute to excess consumption. Rees doubts that technological advances can enable the Earth's 8 billion residents to survive, let alone thrive.

Suppose those in power unleash deadly viruses (for which they choose who gets the antidote) on an unsuspecting world. Ordinary people can do little to prevent a massive kill. New generations of androids will serve them, and Bill Gates and others are pioneering lab-based food.

It has long been said, "As California goes, so goes the nation." Yet as early as 1989, Ronald Brownstein wrote, "Operating virtually outside public reach, Sacramento has become the political equivalent of 'Lord of the Flies'; [it provides] a chance to examine what happens when politicians are left on their own, free from supervision. It hasn't been a pretty sight."

Three decades later, political columnist James Shott noted that a million Californians had fled to other states over the previous decade (a continuing trend). A major reason is that the average price for a house had jumped from three times the annual salary in 1970 to 10 times in 2019. No wonder over half the state's residents wanted to leave.

What the people want no longer matters, or so it seems. For example, the new California policy that requires heavy-duty trucks is forcing older vehicles and their owners out of the state. State politicians are demanding zero emissions from these trucks regardless of performance impacts.

Canadian Dalbir Bala spent $130,000 on an electric Ford F-150 (hardly a giant truck) only to learn that fast-charging stations are neither fast nor provide a full charge. He dared not take the vehicle on fishing or camping trips, and he found that its performance was heavily affected by the weather.

An astonished Ford CEO Jim Farley sought to disprove Bala's contention that the electric truck is a "scam" by attempting a cross-country road trip in his own electric F-150. "Charging has been pretty challenging," he admitted. Even in California, it took 40 minutes to get a 40% charge. Trying to spin this stubborn reality into a positive, Farley concluded, "Long hauling in an electric truck is an act of pioneerism."

Meantime, the Proterra bankruptcy dealt a crushing blow to Vice President Kamala Harris's gushing love for electric school buses. Proterra failed despite its receipt of huge subsidies pushed by California-imitating social influencers.

William Golding's "Lord of the Flies" ended in disaster for everyone on the island. The virtual reality in which today's politicians operate (using computer models that flatter their assumptions) just might – if unchecked – lead to the worst-case scenario that Rees paints.

The fact is that the political class accepts the genocide of Uighurs and enslavement of eight-year-old Congolese children, along with the extinction of right whales and decimation of bald and golden eagles, as necessary sacrifices to keep the "net zero" juggernaut afloat. "Do no harm" is not the operating principle here.

But every action still matters.

Ordinary citizens worldwide are realizing that California-style mandates lead to disaster. Opposition to banning gas stoves and water heaters, forcing adoption of heat pumps, shutting off air conditioners, and other diktats is burgeoning. The Wall Street Journal has even reported that the electric vehicle bubble is starting to deflate.

Maybe that's why Hilary came to California. Disasters always remind people to rely on one another, not governments.

As people watch inept or uncaring politicians weakly respond to disasters (fires in Maui and East Palestine, Ohio included), the courage to resist unwanted mandates grows. Even in California.

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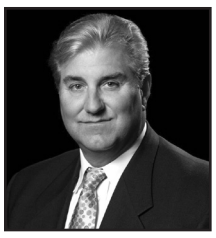
The Insanity of Reparations



By Gary Wickert

The Left is insane. When the woke era "progressives" get on a roll, there isn't enough duct tape in the world to keep your head from exploding. Collective guilt makes people do really dumb things and support the most ridiculous political agendas and initiatives. Take defunding the police for example. The Marxist organization called "Black Lives Matters" still has a website which—and if you don't believe me Google it—still has an active website called "It's Time for A Change", which still calls for decriminalizing drug use and possession, prostitution, marijuana, crossing the border, abortion, and domestic violence. It also still calls for defunding the police; that is, until they are the victim of crime.

Shivanthi Sathanandan, the 2nd Vice Chairwoman for the Minnesota Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party, posted Wednesday on Facebook that she was "violently carjacked" by "four very young men, all carrying guns. She cried while describing her children also being assaulted outside their home in broad daylight and unveiled to the media a photo of her head injuries, broken leg, bruises, and cuts. She admitted to a deep feeling of "rage" because of the lack of accountability against (sic) criminals." The only problem is, just a few short months ago this same woman vowed to "dismantle the Minneapolis Police Department." "MPD has systematically failed the Black Community, they have failed ALL OF US. It's time to build a new infrastructure that works for ALL communities. If you are still disagreeing with that BASIC FACT, I'm not sure what to say to you," she said loudly following the George Floyd incident. She had also endangered Minneapolis children by saluting the Minneapolis School Board's decision to end its affiliation with the cops. "MPD should have no place in our children's schools," she said just days after nineteen children and two adults were killed in a shooting at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas on May 24, 2022.

You can't make this stuff up. And it would be hard to determine which makes less sense, defunding the police, hitting yourself over the head with a 40-ounce bat, or the renewed energy being spent on reparations. Yes, reparations. You might think this deranged suggestion had decades ago fallen by the wayside because of the complete impossibility of fairly and practically implementing a system whereby taxpayers, who never owned slaves, are forced to pay millions of dollars to individuals who were never slaves. In fact, the lunacy of the idea would certainly lead descendants of slaves paying lots of money to descendants of the most brutal of slave owners. How could this possibly be seriously considered?

Believe it or not, the Left's collective guilt has also led to a real-life group in San Francisco known as the African American Reparations Advisory Committee. And this group has members. The San Francisco Board of Supervisors created this committee to advise it on a plan for reparations which would lead to—wait for it—a $5 million per-person payout, and a guaranteed income of at least $97,000 a year for 250 years. Oh yeah, and homes which could be purchased in the city for $1. No, this isn't The Onion or The Babylon Bee. It's real life. The members of the committee were appointed by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors for indefinite terms, and their residency requirements were waived.

The mayor has come out against the lunatic plan. San Francisco has already lost more than 6% of its population between 2019 and 2021. But don't worry, the state of California is coming to the rescue, which a newly created "California Reparations Task Force", the first such state-appointed task force and currently exploring how the entire state can implement reparations. On June 29, 2023, this task force issued its final recommendation to the state. The report detailed racial segregation and the history of slavery, without mentioning that it was the Democratic Party responsible for all of it. It recommended "compensation." Similar reparations committees have been seeded in Evanston, Illinois, Asheville, North Carolina, and Providence, Rhode Island.

The problems and impracticalities of reparations are too numerous to mention in a 1,300-word article. For starters, slavery had been a worldwide practice. From time immemorial ancient civilizations and countries conquered each other, slaughtering the men and enslaving the women and children. It is a byproduct of a world full of sinful men. In North Africa, countries full of Africans enslaved hundreds of thousands of white Europeans. In 1640 Barbados there were 25,000 slaves, 21,000 of which were white Europeans. Oliver Cromwell alone shipped some 200,000 Irish slaves to the West Indies. Henry the Navigator established a slave trade along the coast of Africa only because thousands of African "middlemen" went into the interior of that continent and enslaved and then sold hundreds of thousands of their own countrymen as slaves. In exchange these African slavers received fish and other food items. Today, hundreds of thousands of African Americans are actually descendants of these slavers who went into the interior of Africa and enslaved other African Americans. Are they to receive reparations and an apology too?

Native Americans were also slave owners. In 1860, Cherokee Nation citizens owned 2,511 slaves (15% of their total population), and Creek citizens owned 1,532 slaves. These slaves included African Americans as well as other Native Americans. Will these Native American tribes also contribute to reparations? The Left's collective guilt causes them to lionize the Native Americans rather than excoriate them for being slave owners. It is only America they want to punish.

Several African nations should also be paying African Americans for past slavery., Angola, Benin, Cameroon, Chad, Congo, Egypt, Gambia, Ghana, Mali, Morocco, Nigeria, Senegal, Tanzania, and Zambia are all implicated in the slave trade—but we only hear about America. The original sin of kidnapping, detaining, and selling human beings who wound up in America as slaves wasn't America's sin. These foreign beneficiaries of the slave trade should also be held accountable.

It is ironic that while the most publicized reparations initiatives are emanating from the state of California, California was never a slave state. It is also highly ironic that the state of California is the state which produces (literally) the most fruits and nuts.

Reparations is also impossible. Recipients would need to trace their lineage directly to a person who had been enslaved in the United States, or to African Americans who lived in the U.S. prior to 1900. Determining this isn't possible. DNA testing from companies like Ancestry.com can establish what parts of Africa someone is from and that person's dominant gene pool, but that doesn't mean the individual isn't an ancestor of the thousands of African American slavers engaged in the slave trade during the 17th and 18th Centuries.

The truth is that the Left is devoid of any ideology or political substance. All they have is the hope of stirring up divisiveness and fighting phantom racism with real racism. Think about their game plan for a moment and it will all become apparent. Reparations, like ESG governance and diversity training, fuels divisiveness and class politics. Black Lives Matter is bent on dividing society. It's all they have left. Reparations is just the latest lunatic play call from their bankrupt playbook. An astonishing 74% of African Americans favor reparations payments. And why wouldn't they? An even greater 85% of White Americans disfavor them. No surprise there either. Reparations are meant to divide us.

The next time you see some you see some African American professor of Race Studies spouting off about the need for reparations, consider that with a proposal as stupid and unworkable as that is, the only real purpose for bringing it up is to divide America even more than it already is.

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constitutional changes that promote apartheid policies should be rejected.

Australia is now home to Aboriginals, Islanders, English, Scottish, Irish, Welsh, Dutch, Italian, German, Scandinavians, Melanesians, Greeks, Kiwis, Afghans, Africans and others. Most have made permanent homes here. All who embrace Australian citizenship and obey Australian law should be treated equally before the law.

People identifying as Aboriginals already have eleven voices in federal Parliament - more than justified by their numbers in the population.

Moreover, huge government departments and billions of dollars are already representing aboriginal interests. The Voice will create another layer of race-based bureaucrats, and delay every significant political decision.

Despite having "native title" to far more land per head of population than most other Australians, many aboriginals live in degraded communal enclaves with poor community protection, especially for women and children. They need individual freehold titles not communal titles controlled by bureaucrats, academics and politicians.

Many Australians distrust proposals supported by big government, big business, trade unions and the ABC.

Ordinary Australians are continually insulted by being "welcomed" to events by people stomping around in red nappies, blowing smoke and making drainpipe noises. Most of these ceremonies are modern inventions. We do not need to be welcomed to our own country.

For these and many other reasons I will be voting "NO".

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"proper" revelation.

For instance, although apparently more of a political wizard than a person with any considerable depth in atmospheric science, former Vice President Al Gore may be responsible for much of the original proselytizing of charismatic Christians into the cult of climate catastrophe. Viewing or attending an in-person presentation of Mr. Gore's diatribe, "An Inconvenient Truth," could have planted seeds of doubt in some of the faithful relative to God's love and care and determined ability to maintain His creation.

This is the kind of willful maintenance expressed in "While the earth remains, Seedtime and harvest, And cold and heat, And summer and winter, And day and night, Shall not cease" (Genesis 8:22, NASB). And what God wills, He does (Isaiah 46:10).

God's focus is on people — "you are worth more than many sparrows" (Matthew 10:31) — while knowing and caring for all that He created with a plan to restore all to glory (Acts 3:21). From Genesis to Revelation, God is a people person. He wants the best for people and a creation in tune with their needs.

Of course, Christians and all concerned people must care for the environment, use natural resources wisely, and avoid trashing the planet's life support system of clean air, water, and land — common sense.

More importantly, the natural world is sacred and designed to benefit even the downtrodden — those looked down upon by the materially comfortable elite.

Those in abject poverty must be afforded meaningful assistance to access their own reliable, inexpensive natural resources that could greatly alleviate their misery and raise them to much-needed comfort. Instead of cooking over fires fueled by wood and dung, millions of destitute souls would benefit from relatively clean, accessible, and inexpensive fossil fuels.

A true Christian concern for the whole person bolsters sensible, compassionate solutions. But it seems that the religious left has left authentic practical Christianity behind. Spirit-led Christians must lovingly and thoughtfully challenge the self-serving thrust of the religious left for the sake of all Earth's inhabitants in God's bountiful creation.

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The Sad Story of Failed Voices

The Hawke Labor government established ATSIC in 1990 "so that aboriginals

could be involved in the processes of government affecting their lives". It failed and was abolished by John Howard with support from Labor in 2005.

Canberra also created other voices such as the National Aboriginal Consultative Committee and the National Indigenous Council. And Australia has eleven members of parliament claiming aboriginal heritage.

Australian governments spend over $30 billion on aboriginal matters including the bloated National Indigenous Australians Agency with 39 offices

and 1200 employees.

We are now being asked to support yet another Aboriginal Voice.

And it will take another costly referendum to abolish it when it too fails.

Let us save all this expense and acrimony and Vote "No" to legalised racial

division.

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What If We Excused Other Crimes the Way We Do Election Fraud?

By Rachel Alexander

The left and its comrades in the MSM and judiciary have been dismissing all evidence of significant election fraud, coming up with excuse after excuse to justify every single anomaly, even though there are hundreds of them. Despite the fact the anomalies in 2020 and 2022 all went against Republicans, favoring Democrats, which violates the law of large numbers, they still threw out all kinds of unbelievable excuses.

Let's look at how these kinds of strange misnomers would be treated in other illegal and criminal activities. Can't find tens of thousands of chain of custody records or delete the server logs? Let's compare that to the medical industry, which is somewhat similar since medical records are treated very securely, like elections. If you lose or delete medical records, it's considered medical negligence, and doctors have lost their licenses to practice medicine for doing so.

How about taxes? If the IRS audits you, tell them you have no receipts or records for the last few years, so agents need to believe you; you won't be allowed to get away with it. Same with insurance claims; in order to collect reimbursement for a loss, you can't just state you lost or damaged the item; you're required to show evidence of it.

In the banking industry, employees are fired and can be prosecuted if the numbers merely seem off. As with cashiers at stores, a typical amount of money is expected to come in daily. If that number starts being low, security measures like cameras and keystroking devices are put in place to try and discover the theft.

In contrast, we are seeing the opposite in elections. Runbeck Election Systems, the private contractor hired by Maricopa County to assist with processing ballots, is fighting tooth and nail in court to prevent its video surveillance of ballots being dropped off and sent back out from being released. During the motion to dismiss hearing last week, Maricopa County Recorder Stephen Richer thought it was acceptable to argue with a straight face that it would take too many resources to fulfill public records requests like that. Runbeck lost a chain of custody records on tens of thousands of ballots, and 22,000 ballots that showed up at Runbeck cannot be accounted for.

The law of large numbers is violated when all the anomalies come down against Republicans. A team of experts put together a report on the large vote dumps in states suspected of election fraud that occurred the night of the 2020 election, batches of 25,000 or more net votes for Joe Biden. There were 26 dumps in 14 states. Pennsylvania had four. I'm no statistician, but this seems next to impossible odds.

If a cashier came up 26 times with less money in their till than expected but never with more money than expected in the till, it would not be dismissed as a coincidence. They would be fired and prosecuted.

When you file a pleading with the court, you are required to sign your name on it, or it will not be accepted. Many pleadings require a notarized affidavit, where a notary must compare your signature to your driver's license signature. Whereas in the 2020 and 2022 elections, unmatching or missing signatures accompanying mail-in ballots were often ignored. Georgia IT expert Garland Favorito testified that Fulton County in Georgia did not conduct any signature verification whatsoever in the 2020 election. A forensic document and handwriting analysis expert testified that Maricopa County compared tens of thousands of signatures in 3 seconds or less, which was impossible.

Favorito also found counterfeit ballots; mail-in ballots in Fulton County that weren't folded even though they must be mailed to voters were filled out electronically instead of with a regular pen, and did not have the correct paper stock. Dozens of ballots in a row were voted the same way. In contrast, the penalty for using counterfeit money is up to 20 years in prison.

Maricopa County mostly ignored four letters from the Arizona Attorney General's Office demanding data and equipment from the 2020 election. Whereas if law enforcement asks someone to examine something of theirs to determine whether a crime was committed, noncompliance results in their arrest and usually prosecution.

Election fraud never gets prosecuted because the judges find technical excuses not to hear the cases. And even though before 2020, elections were often overturned due to merely a handful of lesser statutory violations, not fraud, the left and MSM have convinced people that fraud must be proven. Fraud is extremely difficult to prove since the standard is guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. Since election officials thwart efforts to improve security measures, it's easy for fraudsters to escape detection. In reality, hundreds of thousands of class 2 misdemeanors, which occurred in Kari Lake's 2022 gubernatorial race, were always sufficient to overturn an election until now.

The patriotic attorneys who dare to file lawsuits challenging election corruption are targeted with bar complaints. The 65 Project was started to go after the attorneys who filed 65 lawsuits challenging the 2020 election results. John Eastman, arguably the top constitutional legal scholar in the country, is currently undergoing a disbarment trial for advising Trump that Vice President Mike Pence had the option of rejecting or delaying certification of electoral slates from states suspected of election fraud.

Can you imagine attorneys being targeted for trying to stop corruption in other areas of life? What if the #MeToo attorneys were disbarred? How about the prosecutors who are going after Hunter Biden and Sen. Bob Menendez (D-NY)? Election corruption is often compared to racketeering; can you imagine if attorneys were disbarred for going after the cartels and Mafia for racketeering?

Next time you find yourself in a testy situation involving the law in one of these other areas, just point to how election corruption is treated as a precedent to get off the hook. I bet it doesn't work.

6th October 2023

Un-welcome Welcomes

If we vote "NO", will that eradicate those un-welcome "welcomes to country"?

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Why I will vote "No"

By Viv Forbes

Australians are being asked to approve a permanent change to our

constitution. This change is racist in intent and divisive in effect.

See cartoon below on the subject by Steve Hunter.

No humans evolved here in Australia - our ancestors all came from somewhere else. The literal meaning of "indigenous" is "born here", so most of us are indigenous. To try to divide indigenous Australians on the basis of skin colour or length of ancestry is more about politics than justice or good government. We are all Australians and we should never contemplate constitutional changes that promote and solidify racial division.

I am voting "No" because this proposal is going in the wrong direction and is serving other agendas.

There are many reasons to vote NO:

1. No humans evolved in Australia - the pioneers all came from somewhere else, usually on things that floated. And rock art in the Kimberlies and other relics tell us that the current aboriginals were not the first humans to occupy this land.

2. Despite having "native title" to far more land per head of population than all other Australians, tribal aboriginals often live in degraded communal enclaves with poor community protection especially for women and children. They need individual freehold titles not communal title.

3. We need to question closely anything promoted so strongly by their ABC, QANTAS plus big banks, big business, big miners, the bureaucracy, the ALP/Green/Teal coalition and the Communist Party.

4. Political power should not be granted to one race of Australians - Australia is now home to Aboriginals, Islanders, English, Scottish, Irish, Welsh, Dutch, Italian, German, Scandinavians, Melanesians, Greek, Kiwis, Afghans and Africans, plus other Europeans, Asians, and Africans. Most have made permanent homes here. All who embrace Australian citizenship should be treated equally before the law.

5. This Voice proposal would make a permanent racial division in Australia. But how will the favoured race be continually identified? Will the chosen people or the more recent "invaders" need to be tattooed? Or will DNA evidence be needed to prove racial identity?

6. People identifying as Aboriginals already have more representation in Parliament than their numbers would justify. They already have several voices.

7. Huge government departments and billions of dollars are already representing aboriginal interests, but their conditions do not improve.

8. We have noted how some Australians are already being banned from certain tourist spots, private landowners feel threatened by the relentless advance of "Native Title", and explorers find Sacred sites and Rainbow Serpents appearing on promising mineral discoveries and

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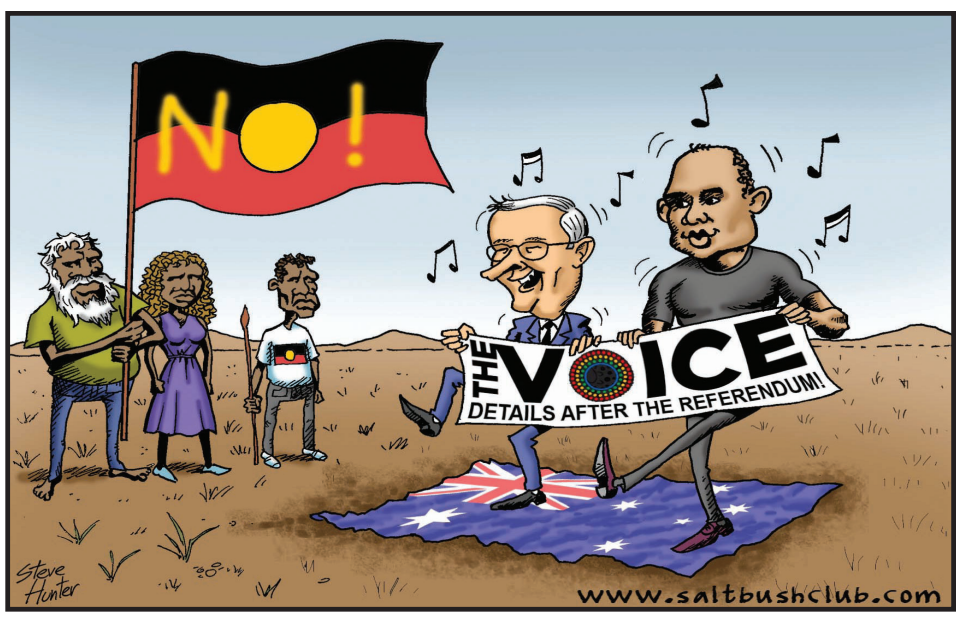

Pollster Rasmussen Says "Election Fraud Renders Scientific Election Forecasting Worthless" – Will Start Sharing Evidence

Prominent pollster Rasmussen announced recently that it cannot produce accurate polls on elections because of the massive amounts of voter fraud occurring in this country.

Rasmussen will now provide evidence for why they cannot produce their results.

"Election fraud renders scientific election forecasting worthless. So we will continue to cover all official investigations into it. The question is, why don't others? And, yes, Arizona and Georgia are mostly Republican controlled," Rasmussen reported.

Rasmussen then shared an example of election fraud from the 2020 Election.

Over 830,000 ballot impressions were illegally destroyed after the 2020 Election. No one has been held accountable for this crime.

Another 150,000 ballots were identified during the recounts in Fulton County, Georgia that were supposedly mail-in ballots, but they had never been reviewed. These ballots were identical and were not folded and yet we were told they were mail-in ballots.

VoterGA sued the county to be able to review these ballots. The lower court said they didn't have standing after leading them on in a 9-month trial. The Georgia Appellate Court agreed some months later, and then finally, last Christmas, the Georgia Supreme Court said VoterGA had standing and could, therefore, review the ballots.

This ruling was passed down to the Appellate Court, which has sat on it, still not allowing VoterGA to review these ballots.

God only knows if these ballots have not been tampered with during this time.

How could any pollster produce polling out of this corrupt mess?

There Is No Election Integrity, It's up to Us

By Military and Intel Experts

On today's episode of the National Security Hour on the America Out Loud Network. Colonel Mike and Dr. Mike were very fortunate to host Marly Hornik, the CEO of a group called United Sovereign Americans (USA; https://unite4freedom.com), as well as the Executive Director of a New York State-based organization called the New York Citizens Audit. Both organizations are non-profits and are staffed with volunteer citizens who receive no salary for their work. Both groups are researching the 2020 and 2022 federal elections, and their sources are overwhelmingly governmental records and reports that the New York Citizens Audit acquired from the New York State Election Commissioner and other official government sources via Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests. Ms. Hornik added that the Audit organization is only one of 27 operating in other states in approximately the same manner as the New York State Audit.

Ms. Hornik explained that her colleagues and their organization in New York are not seeking to challenge the election of any specific individual or party in court and that her organizations are non-partisan. She also said they are not seeking to challenge the elections based on "election integrity" because that term cannot be attributed to an inanimate object like an election. Her groups and the others associated with it and United Sovereign Americans, rather, are challenging the 2020 and 2022 lections based on the laws that are in place and that hold individual election officials responsible for only certifying elections if they meet the requirements of standing "black letter law." The overall effort of United Sovereign Americans, therefore, is based on ensuring the law was followed by election officials, and if it was not, to insist that violations of the law be exposed and that the lack of "integrity" on the part of election officials be brought to light and addressed as the standing laws require.

In a commonsensical way, United Sovereign Americans, the New York Citizens Audit, and the other state audits now underway are doing no more than trying to ensure that the civil rights of all voting Americans are protected and that the pertinent laws were followed to the letter by civil servants and government-appointed officials when they certified the elections. A copy of the New York Citizens Audit was sent to the New York Commissioner of Election Integrity, but the Audit has yet to receive a reply from that entity. What it did receive was a cease-and-desist order from New York's Attorney General Letitia James, who – after receiving a copy of the Audit — demanded that the Audit's staff stop portraying themselves as "election officials," something they have never done. One senses that both the Commissioner of Elections and the Attorney General know that the Audit has gotten the violations of "black letter law" correct and that they may be seeing the start of the trail at whose end they could be hoisted by their own petard.

Following are two of the New York Citizens Audit's findings:

The Audit Found that in the federal election 2022, c.5.5 million votes were cast in New York State and that c.745,000 appear to have been cast by legally ineligible voters. The Federal "Help Americans Vote Act of 2002" establishes that the acceptable rate of errors in counting votes after an election is 1-in-125,000 votes. That law thus requires that no more than 48 mistakes would be allowed in c.5.5 million votes if the election was to be certified as having met legal requirements.

The Audit found that in the 2022 federal election, New York officials reported that 338,356 more votes were cast than those who voted.

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Why are Newt Gingrich and Hillary Clinton so upset about Kevin McCarthy's removal as House speaker?

By LifeSite News

In what can only be compared to the prior mask dropping by conservatives when Donald Trump announced in 2015 that he would build a wall to stop illegal immigration, Matt Gaetz has triggered a similar round of revelations as Newt Gingrich, Hillary Clinton and Mark Levin all align against the removal of Kevin McCarthy.

The only common thread that binds all three is Ukraine and money. Funny how the personal economics of the thing always seems to surface when contrast against policy.

It appears the primary concern over the removal of Kevin McCarthy is a weakening in the likelihood that Ukraine would get an open line of unlimited credit from U.S. taxpayers. Obviously, the prepositioning of the Clinton Global Initiative and the BlackRock "green Ukraine" investment mechanism is threatened if the Ukraine conflict against Russia is not supported by U.S. finance and weapons.

Indeed, BlackRock and JPMorgan have set up the Ukraine reconstruction bank, and we can only imagine how widespread those dependent tentacles extend into the public-private halls of Congress. When the masks start dropping, it's always the money.

Think about the U.S. political system, the funding of the UniParty apparatus by multinational financial interests, the constructs and policies that drive the DNC/RNC alignment by those same multinational financial interests, and suddenly the commonality of seemingly disparate networks comes to light. Yup, it's the money.

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'They do not represent a majority of even the Republican Party. When you look at the extremists in the House, they certainly don't represent a majority of the country,' she added. 'Somebody has to stand up and say, 'Enough!"

'At some point, there needs to be a backlash against the control that this small group of extremists have. And I don't know who will lead that, but let's hope whoever becomes the new speaker will,' Clinton concluded.

Is it coincidental that Hillary and Bill just reorganized the Clinton Global Initiative to gain financially from a new Ukraine operation? I think not.

Newt Gingrich and Mark Levin are both similarly positioned in their Ukraine advocacy. Suddenly Matt Gaetz has become an enemy of the statists.

Meanwhile, the BlackRock operation from the White House is now shifting State Department funds in an effort to keep the financial pipeline to Ukraine open.

To say that BlackRock is invested in globalism, climate change and leftist politics, would be a severe understatement. Larry Fink is the CEO, and people like Cheryl Mills, Hillary Clinton's attorney of record, are on the board.

The Chairman of the BlackRock Investment Institute, the guy who tells the $8.7 trillion investment firm BlackRock where to put their money, is Tom Donilon – President Obama's former National Security Advisor (before Susan Rice), and a key advisor to Joe Biden throughout his career in politics, who was also recently put in charge of U.S-China policy by the State Dept.

Politico:

The Biden administration is considering using a State Department grant program to send additional military aid to Ukraine as Congress continues to battle over weapons funding, according to two U.S. officials with knowledge of the discussions.

The White House is weighing a range of options as it scrambles to find additional money to support Ukraine after lawmakers stripped funding in a last-minute deal to avert a government shutdown, said the officials, who like others interviewed for this story were granted anonymity to discuss internal deliberations.

The amount of effort underway in order to protect the Ukraine interests of the people in Washington, D.C. is stunning.

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against former President Trump and his supporters over the last few years. It asks the question - is the federal government run by stupid people doing stupid things, or are its leaders subverting the Constitution to control the government?

But for the political advantage to the Democrats, the events of January 6th would have been defined as a riot, "a violent disturbance of the peace by a group of people." Unfortunately, Democratic leadership deemed it an insurrection, an attempt by an organized group of people to defeat their government and take control of it. As part of its narrative, the federal government, which has a $944 billion annual military machine and describes its military as a fearsome and gargantuan beast, exhibits existential fear of destruction by the fact "several rioters had firearms and dozens more wielded knives, bats and other real makeshift weapons." The Federal Syndicate's reactions to the January 6th riot are best characterized by the hilarious movie "The Mouse that Roared."

The crowd so paralyzed the Speaker of the House, the D.C. mayor, and the Capitol Police that they could not respond to President Trump's offer to send the National Guard. These political elites seemed confident the FBI infiltrators planted in the crowd to incite legal demonstrators to break the law would prove the truth of their insurrection narrative. Two thousand demonstrators entered the Capitol, and 1100 were arrested. Many were sent to D.C. Gitmo without their right to counsel or a speedy trial. The DOJ/FBI's dragnet is the largest in the history of the U.S. DC Gitmo is similar to the Guantanamo military prison in Cuba, also referred to as Gitmo, but without the sunshine.

If January 6th were a riot and not an insurrection, then the systematic actions by the Federal Syndicate would be what academics define as a self-coup d'état. It is a form of coup in which the nation's power structure comes to power legally but seeks to stay in power through illegal means.

Did The Federal Syndicate label January 6th an insurrection as an excuse to prosecute 1100 Trump supporters and organize the entire Democrat political machinery to indict former president Trump? Unfortunately, many citizens arrested were unknowing and loyal Americans who simply trespassed inside the Capitol. Many even believed the police were waiving them in.

Since the opinion pages are full of articles talking about the coordination of the four Trump prosecutions to inflict destruction, perhaps even death, on him, the Durham report decimating the alleged Russian cover-up by the FBI and CIA, and the Biden administration's manipulation of Big Tech to shut down the truth in America, this article will focus on the most recent effort to ensuring Trump is "finally taken out."

Specifically, a few members of the Federalists Society and a retired "conservative" circuit judge, disgruntled over not being appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court, asserted that Section 3 of the 14th Amendment ("Section 3"), a Civil War Amendment, forbids President Trump from ever again holding office since he somehow participated in an undefined, not judicially established, insurrection.

More disconcerting is that January 6th may have been a camouflage for covert activities. Is the Federal Syndicate pretending to protect the Constitution while secretly plotting to destroy Donald Trump and conservative Americans?

The relevant parts of Section 3 read:

No person shall…hold any office…under the United States or any state, who having previously taken an oath…as an officer of the United States…to support the Constitution… [if such person] engaged in insurrection or rebellion against the same, or given aid or comfort to the enemies thereof.

The proponents for disqualifying Trump

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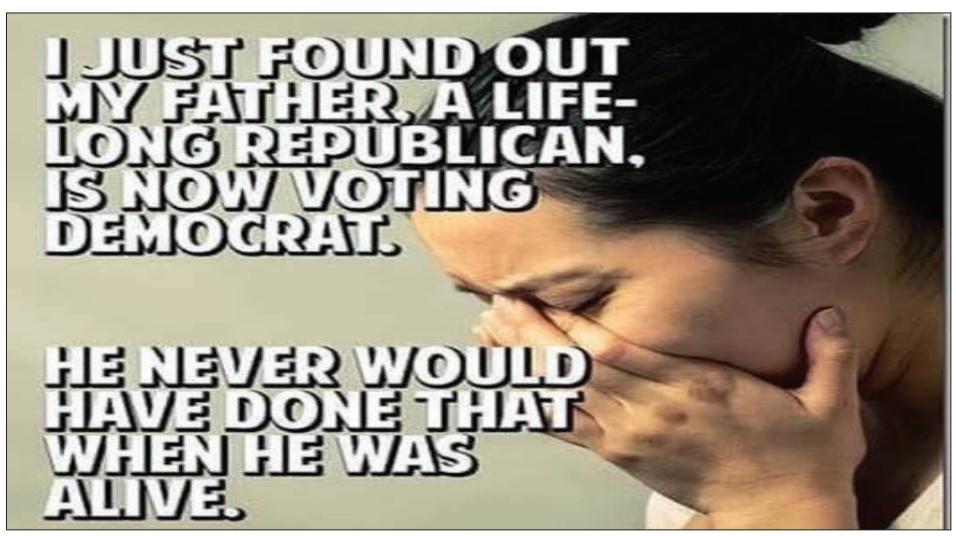

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THE WISCONSIN CONSERVATIVE DIGEST

Robin Vos Misleads the Republican Caucus

Yet another truly disturbing incident involving Assembly Speaker Robin Vos has occurred over the past week. As you know, State Representative Janel Brandtjen and four others have introduced a resolution to impeach Meagan Wolfe and not one other republican representative had joined them. But now, Senate President Cris Kapenga joined Brandtjen and the others and is calling for Meagan Wolfe's impeachment. This led Robin Vos to address the Assembly caucus.

As Election Watch Expert Peter Bernegger reported – "Breaking News regarding the articles of impeachment against Meagan Wolfe: Speaker of the Wisconsin Assembly (R) Robin Vos lied to us all again! He informed all Republican Assembly members that pursuing Wolfe's removal would be futile, citing the requirement of a 2/3 majority vote in the Assembly. But that is a lie. That is needed in the State Senate, but the Wisconsin Constitution stipulates a simple majority, which equates to 51%, for impeachment in the Assembly. Not the bogus 66% Vos lied about. Only 50 votes out of the 99 Representatives are needed to pass the impeachment articles. Vos's assertion regarding the 66% threshold is a lie and it was relayed to constituents by representatives such as Kevin Peterson in Waupaca County, Joel Kitchens in Green Bay, Shae Sortwell in the Two Rivers area, and Donna Rozar near Colby, Wisconsin. This situation highlights representatives not independently verifying information and blindly following Vos's lead. The Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau has confirmed the correct clause in the Wisconsin Constitution, see the two images here. Robin Vos - stop lying to us all." - Peter Bernegger

Bernegger went on to post a screen shot from Legislative Council including this paragraph from the Wisconsin Constitution –

Article VII, section 1, of the Wisconsin Constitution provides that "the assembly shall have the power of impeaching all civil officers of this state for corrupt conduct in office, or for crimes and misdemeanors."

1. The assembly can impeach a civil officer by a majority vote of members elected. If there are no assembly vacancies, the impeachment of a civil officer of the state requires the concurrence of 50 representatives to the assembly. The provision also states that the senate is the court for impeachment trials and that conviction of a civil officer requires the concurrence of two-thirds of the senators present. Hence, the assembly adopts and presents to the senate the articles of impeachment and the senate conducts the impeachment trial. A conviction can result in a civil officer's "removal from office, or removal from office and disqualification to hold any office of honor, profit or trust under the state."

2. The latter result bars a convicted officer from holding any civil office for life. It is entirely a senate decision as to which result follows from a conviction.

Note: It is highly unlikely, and close to unbelievable, that Robin Vos and his 13 or so HIGHLY PAID staff didn't know that the assembly only needed 50 votes to impeach Wolfe. It begs the question – "What is going on here?"

FOLLOW-UP

Last week I asked Representative Donna Rozar office if she knew why the requirement to list the poll number was put in place and she has not answered. We can assume it's because she doesn't know much about the bill she is pushing. And incidentally, she was one of the reps named by Peter Bernegger in the above story…

See the segment below from last week's Monday Report –

Removing the requirement to record the poll list number on an absentee ballot.

We question why this is being introduced. Why is the requirement there to begin with? To be honest I don't know. I've reached out to Rep. Rozar's office to see if SHE knows. I'll get back to you. See the cosponsorship memo below.

To: Wisconsin Legislature

From: Representatives Donna Rozar and Lee Snodgrass

Date: September 26th, 2023

Re:Co-sponsorship of LRB-4464, relating to poll list numbers marked on certain absentee ballots

DEADLINE: Thursday, October 5th

Under current law, absentee ballots processed at a central count facility are required to be marked with the poll list number assigned to the voter. Testimony provided by municipal and county clerks from around the State stated this process to be tedious and compromising of the secret ballot. This bill was drafted in response to the concerns brought forth by these clerks.

LRB-4464 removes the requirement for these absentee ballots to be marked with the poll list number.

Elections are the Bedrock of Democracy -Reject Ranked Choice Voting

Wauwatosa Bob Dohnal, long-time conservative activist and publisher of the Wisconsin Conservative

Digest has issued the following statement regarding the Ranked Choice Voting legislation that several republican legislators including Representatives Tony Kurtz and Ron Tusler along with Senator Jesse James are circulating.

"Defeating this ill-advised, chaotic, and confusing procedure, which in essence is nothing more than a gift to the consultants and advertising agencies, is our highest priority going forward. There is no question that the measure is intended to reduce the voice of conservative voters by enacting this complicated process. We intend to be very active in the days and weeks ahead to thwart this attempt to destroy the voting process."

The Wisconsin Conservative Digest is a Grass-Roots organization that fights for traditional values and remains dedicated to providing a voice for "We the People".

Waukesha County GOP and County Wide Events

(Waukesha County) – The Republican Party of Waukesha County was part of numerous events over the last few days from the Bob & Rocco Gun Show held at the Waukesha Expo, the North Prairie Fall Festival, to the last Maxwell Street Days for the year in Mukwonago. A Presidential Straw Poll was held at each with over 500 total participants with the results as follows.

Donald Trump: 67%
Ron DeSantis: 18%
Vivek Ramaswamy: 8%
Nikki Haley: 3% Mike Pence: 2%
Tim Scott: 1% Others total: 1%

"It is clear that President Trump continues to hold a massive lead among Waukesha County voters" says party Director of Grass Roots Outreach, Keith Best.

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along infrastructure sites and routes.

9. We are continually annoyed to be "welcomed" to every big event by people stomping around in red nappies, blowing smoke and making drainpipe noises. Most of these ceremonies are modern inventions. We do not need to be welcomed to our own country.

10. We note with annoyance that place names are being changed suddenly and without warning or consultation. Imagine what is in store for names like Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide and Cooktown. Or King George Square? And what about the nation of "Australia" that was created in 1901? Already the red and black flag is being flown next to the Australian Flag.

Next the statues will start to fall.

11. Their ABC has managed to alienate every bit of land as "land of the XXX People". That has just alienated the rest of us.

12. There never was "an aboriginal nation" - just many tribes each subject to unwritten tribal law. Will the Voice be called to adjudicate tribal disputes?

13. We are already seeing certain books that report inconvenient history or anthropological records are disappearing from public libraries. Will the Voice be deciding what we are allowed to read?

14. "The Voice" would soon be clamouring for treaties, reparations and seizure of more lands. However, Aboriginals would not get individual freehold titles - just communal ownership where some elders control everything. Property owned by everyone is cared for by no one.

15. The most recent aboriginal migrants brought their dogs (dingoes) to Australia. They are now protected in many areas. But our horses, donkeys, sheep, cattle, camels and buffalo are "ferals" to be eliminated.

16. Giving a special "Voice" to people of a certain skin colour or genetic history will just promote everlasting division and hatred. It aims to separate and give special privileges to certain people and their descendants forever.

17. We must VOTE NO.

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Has the Sun's true role in global warming been miscalculated?

By CERES-Science.com

A new international study published in the scientific peer-reviewed journal, Research in Astronomy and Astrophysics, by 20 climate researchers from 12 countries suggests that the UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) might have substantially underestimated the role of the Sun in global warming.

The article began as a response to a 2022 commentary on an extensive review of the causes of climate change published in 2021. The original review (Connolly and colleagues, 2021) had suggested that the IPCC reports had inadequately accounted for two major scientific concerns when they were evaluating the causes of global warming since the 1850s:

The global temperature estimates used in the IPCC reports are contaminated by urban warming biases.

The estimates of solar activity changes since the 1850s considered by the IPCC substantially downplayed a possible large role for the Sun.

On this basis, the 2021 review had concluded that it was not scientifically valid for the IPCC to rule out the possibility that global warming might be mostly natural.

The findings of that 2021 review were disputed in a 2022 article by two climate researchers (Dr. Mark Richardson and Dr. Rasmus Benestad) for two main reasons: Richardson and Benestad (2022) argued that the mathematical techniques used by Connolly and colleagues (2021) were inappropriate and that a different set of mathematical techniques should have been used instead.

They also argued that many of the solar activity records considered by Connolly and colleagues (2021) were not up-to-date.

They suggested that these were the reasons why Connolly and colleagues (2021) had come to a different conclusion from the IPCC.

This new 2023 article by the authors of the 2021 review, has addressed both of these concerns and shown even more compelling evidence that the IPCC's statements on the causes of global warming since 1850 are scientifically premature and may need to be revisited.



The authors showed that the urban component of the IPCC's global temperature data shows a strong warming bias relative to the 98% of the planet that is unaffected by urbanization. However, they also showed that urbanized data represented most of the weather station records used.

While the IPCC only considered one estimate of solar activity for their most recent (2021) evaluation of the causes of global warming, Connolly and colleagues compiled and updated 27 different estimates that were used by the scientific community.

Several of these different solar activity estimates suggest that most of the warming observed outside urban areas (in rural areas, oceans, and glaciers) could be explained in terms of the Sun. Some estimates suggest that global warming is a mixture of human and natural factors. Other estimates agreed with the IPCC's findings.

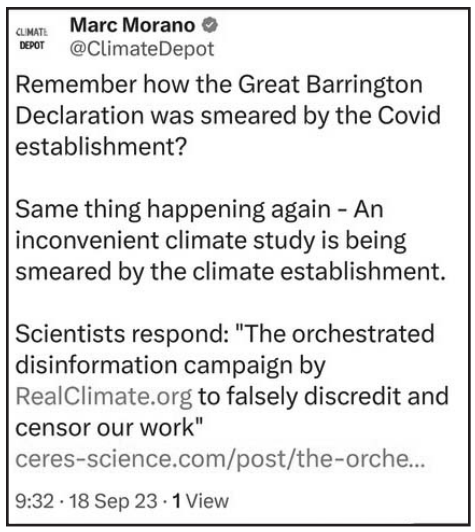
For this reason, the authors concluded that the scientific community is not yet in a position to establish whether the global warming since the 1850s is mostly human-caused, mostly natural or some combination of both.

The lead author of the study, Dr. Ronan Connolly, of the Center for Environmental Research and Earth Sciences (CERES-Science.com) described the implications of their findings,

"In scientific investigations, it is important to avoid beginning your analysis with your conclusions decided in advance. Otherwise you might end up with a false sense of confidence in your findings. It seems that the IPCC was too quick to jump to their conclusions."

Another author of the study, Dr. Willie Soon, also of the Center for Environmental Research and Earth Sciences, explained:

"If the IPCC had paid more attention to open-minded scientific inquiry than trying to force a premature 'scientific consensus', then the scientific community would be a lot closer to having genuinely resolved the causes of climate change. Hopefully, our new analysis and datasets can help other scientists to get back to doing real climate science."



This study reaches similar conclusions to another study that was recently published in a separate scientific peer-reviewed journal, Climate. This other study involved many of the same co-authors (led by Dr. Soon) and focused on a detailed case study of two solar activity estimates and two temperature estimates. It took a different approach to analyzing the problem but confirmed that varying the choice of solar activity and temperature estimates can lead to very different conclusions on the causes of global warming.



Cancel Culture *cont. from page 5*

academics and the global elite? Enough said.

"All major defense mechanisms are clearly visible in relation to climate change, focused on the two emotional threats: denying the reality of climate change (it does not exist, it is a conspiracy), or denying our losses, dependency or responsibility (nature might die but we will be fine; it is caused by other humans or natural causes, the Chinese or the sun, not me)." 11

When did we stop questioning the science? I was taught that questioning was the cornerstone of science. Equally important here are the facts that the original science of manmade global warming was "edited" and rewritten to come up with the fear factors.

But they go on:

"There are many shades of variation: not only outright denial, but minimising the threat (it will not be that bad, it will happen in the future, or to other species or countries), by finding scapegoats through projection; intellectualisation (taking courses on climate change without allowing emotional responses or behavioural change); idealising charismatic leaders that support denial, repressing and suppressing awareness; reaction formation (denying the reality or the impulse while simultaneously giving expression to its opposite, e.g. those who 'burn a tire for Earth day' or participate in 'coal-rolling', becoming environmentally destructive to prove to themselves they either do not believe in climate change or do not care, as an attack against perceived group enemies, and a means of evacuating bad internal states); hopelessness (it is too late anyway); apocalypticism (the end of the world is exciting and allows for fantasies of the 'bad' being punished for their behaviours, and we can start again and better63); or manic defence behaviours, such as seeking distraction through increasing addictive behaviours and consumption,18,19 to avoid thinking about the problem. A certain amount of climate activism is also of a manic reparation type, which can quickly lead to disillusion and burnout if the movement's goals are not quickly met. These are just a few of the responses/defences that climate change evokes, with many reactions comparable with the COVID-19 pandemic."

That should put the fear of climate change into your heart – unless you have studied the science, read both sides, and used reason and logic (not political correctness) to come to a reasonable conclusion.

There is so much more in this document, but I want to finish with one very telling statement:

"Randall has emphasised the importance of experiencing and articulating difficult emotions, such as loss, grief and fear, in a shared context as a way of developing forms of mutual support. In addition to dealing with anxiety in their clinical practice, therapists can help support the development of social containers to express, contain and mobilise climate anxiety into positive social change.4 Ultimately, the results need to be measured in reduced carbon dioxide emissions rather than necessarily reduced expressions of fear." 12

Yep, it's all about reducing harmless carbon dioxide emissions and not about allaying people's fears. This is being taught at the California Institute of Integral Studies, 13 and soon should be at a university near you. This is not education. It is indoctrination, brainwashing!

What are you going to do about this kind of mind control? This is an article from an "academic" journal. This is a perfect example of, not only the so-called academic claptrap being used to poison our children's minds, but we find the same pseudo-science in way too many medical articles from once-renowned journals. This is the destruction of sound science, moral absolutes, and reason in our citadels of higher learning today.

Please speak up, speak out – even if it is only at your local school board. Our entire way of life, of our beliefs in reason, logic, and sound science, are being erased as we do nothing.

Let the lion roar.

Steve's Say *cont. from page 2*

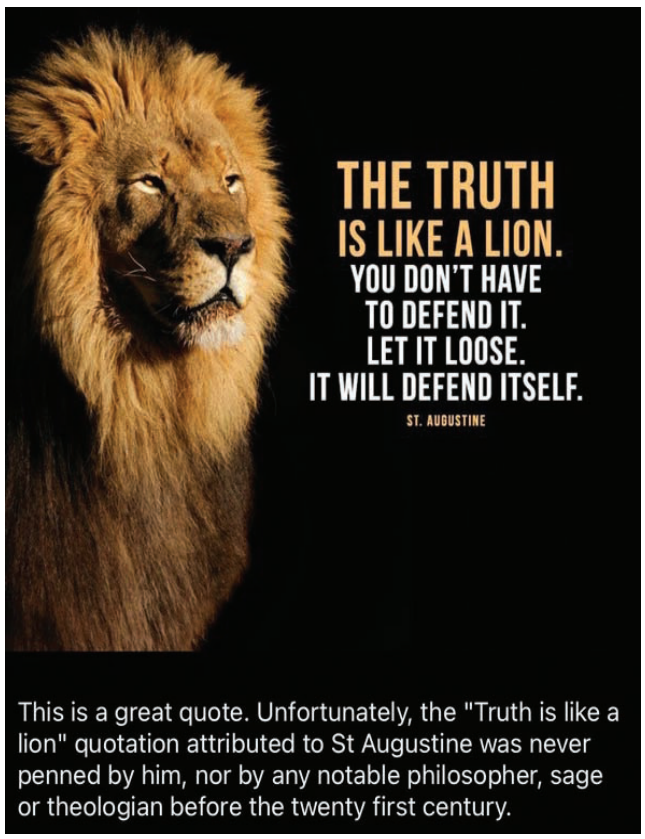
Ukraine lost their media darling status. To think some people actually thought Ukraine could be winning against Russia (Glenn Grothmann). As Juan O'Savin put it, the Deep State tried desperately to cover up the Ukraine crime scene by destroying all they could, but Russia got all of the evidence to show exactly what they did there. I can't wait for the trials to begin!

So the current Middle East meltdown will be scary and heartbreaking. While real people actually get murdered and killed, mainstream media stages shoots for maximum psychological effect to move forth the agenda of their masters. This entire grotesque episode defies description.

Our whole lives, frankly since 1913 and even well before, the globalist war to eliminate borders, language and culture raged, at times subtly in the background and at other times with horrendous fury all around us. WE, the moral people of the Earth which reject slavery to sin and Satan, who acknowledge Christ as King of Kings, who embrace the love of The Creator, who insist on being free people to go where they please and raise their families in peace, WE must resist these evildoers and be the intractable barrier to their plan to diminish humanity.

Our fight against the Globalist Deep State will bring us back to God's directive to multiply and fill the Earth, while maintaining His holy judgement since the days of Babel that we should be retain our separate national identities for our humility under His watch.

Our fight does not pit us against our families, neighbors or brothers and sisters around the world, but against the principalities of darkness which pervade the ranks of most of those in positions of power. May the Lord God answer our prayers and lead us to victory in a Great Awakening of truth and justice, followed by a great harvest of believers into His kingdom.



This is a great quote. Unfortunately, the "Truth is like a lion" quotation attributed to St Augustine was never penned by him, nor by any notable philosopher, sage or theologian before the twenty first century.

Wisdom to Live By

"We must be free. Not because we claim freedom, but because we practice it."

-William Faulkner



THE GAME PAGE
Crossword Puzzler

ACROSS
1. Emollient
5. Wooden pin
10. Average
14. Chocolate cookie
15. Muse of love poetry
16. And
17. Lunch or dinner
18. A type of biologist
20. Ominous
22. Raider
23. Atlantic food fish
24. Mountain crest
25. Front men
32. Grownup
33. Panache
34. Confederate soldier
37. Expunge
38. Loins
39. Minute opening
40. Buffoon
41. Small drum
42. Delete
43. Appraisals
45. Motionless
49. Russian fighter
50. Nickname
53. Informant
57. Enteric
59. Absent Without Leave
60. Small slender gull
61. Ere
62. Roman emperor
63. God of love
64. Temporary workers
65. Tall woody plant

DOWN
1. Explosive device
2. Region
3. Loyal (archaic)
4. A chain of atoms
5. Lay bare
6. By mouth
7. A Buddhist temple
8. Decorative case
9. Forsaken
10. Of the cheekbone
11. Leave out
12. Something of value
13. French for "Our"
19. Nautical for stop
21. Garrison
25. Portuguese folksong
26. Notion
27. A deep wide chasm
28. Seasonings
29. French school
30. Pseudonym
31. One of the tribes of Israel
34. A soft sheepskin leather
35. At one time (archaic)
36. Honey insects
38. Petrol
39. Gravid
41. Speaks
42. Send forth
44. Grins
45. Strike
46. Laser printer powder
47. Foreword
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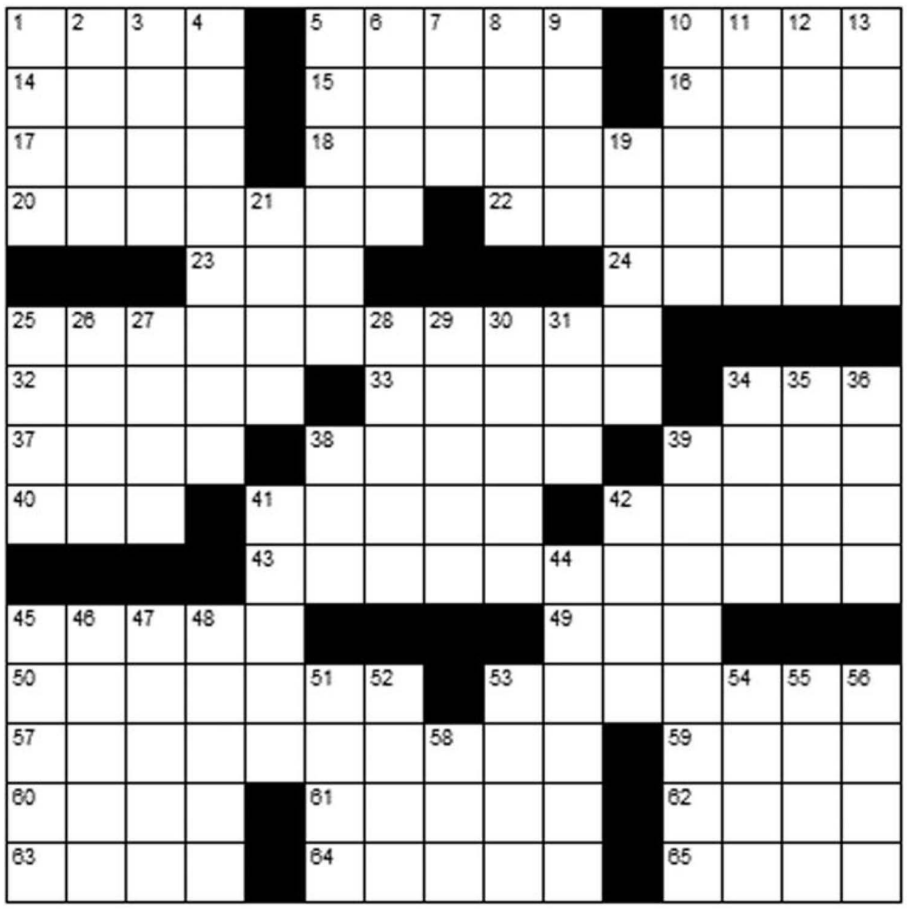

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The Electric Grid Needs Good Failure Mode Analysis

By David Wojick

Failure mode analysis is a standard engineering practice. It means figuring out the basic ways a system can fail, each way being a mode of failure. Once you understand these failure modes, you can do things like watch for them, or prepare for them, or take steps to keep them from happening.

Way back when I was a junior engineer, I did mathematical failure mode analysis for large dams. There were just 3 to 5 basic modes, depending on the design. Earth dams had more than concrete ones, but I digress.

We now have repeated, even urgent, warnings that the electric power grid is increasingly prone to failure. Some of these warnings have come from people who actually oversee the grid, including FERC, NERC, and the independent system operators (ISOs). My fellow skeptics have also been vocal about this growing threat of disaster.

Everyone talks about blackouts, but I have not seen a detailed analysis of the various ways these might occur. I suspect there are several different basic ways, each calling for a different approach. So here are some starter thoughts.

First of all, there are deliberate rolling blackouts versus uncontrolled blackouts. ISOs and utilities may well have internal plans, or perhaps rules, for running rolling blackouts. If so, it would be very helpful to know what these are. For example, emergency service groups at all levels of government could have rolling blackouts response plans.

Uncontrolled blackouts may be unpredictable, but they can still be planned for to some degree. I live way out in the country, and we get blackouts several times a year, so we have a well-prepared routine for dealing with them if they do not last too long.

Of special importance are the size and duration of blackouts, as both features deeply affect planning. Should we expect a lot more small blackouts or just a few more big ones? How about really big ones, a few of which have occurred in the past?

It also matters how hot or cold it is, especially for large, long-lived blackouts. Severe cold is really dangerous. The Texas disaster killed a lot of people, and PJM almost went that way last Christmas.

The first question is how much failure mode analysis can already be done using existing computer models? The ISOs and utilities do a lot of modeling. For example, the ISOs already can determine what system upgrades will be needed before a new large generator can be connected to the grid. The wind and solar people complain about this because it sometimes makes their remote projects very expensive.

If the ISOs can do that kind of detailed flow analysis, they ought to be able to see where things are likely to break and what that might do to the system. I am reminded of The Wichita Lineman line saying, "if it snows that stretch down south will never stand the strain".

It may well be that they are already doing this sort of failure mode analysis; they just don't want to tell us about it, lest it worry us. But given all the warnings, we clearly need to worry and to take steps to address that worry.

It also may be true that they cannot do the kinds of failure mode analysis I am describing. The growing threat is new, after all, so the software simply may not exist. I seem to recall both the New England ISO and PJM saying they really could not evaluate the impact on the reliability of this attempted transition.

If this is true, then given the huge amounts of potential damage, including deaths, we should be developing that software as fast as possible. Not knowing the impact of the near-term transition on reliability is a true emergency. We may be flying blind into the wall of impossibility.

There is another form of failure that also needs to be addressed, namely wholesale power price spikes. We have already had a few of these and are still struggling to figure out how to pay for them. When unit power prices go from tens of dollars to thousands, there is a lot of damage, even if it is fiscal, not physical.

FERC and NERC reliability standards require various forms of analysis. Publicly accessible failure mode analysis should be among them. Vague warnings are not good enough.



Switzerland plans to BAN electric cars from the roads and order games consoles turned off during power shortages in a bid to reduce energy consumption



By Chris Pleasance

Switzerland will ban the use of electric cars for 'non-essential' journeys if the country runs out of energy this winter, the government has announced.

Emergency plans drawn up in the event the Swiss are hit by blackouts also call for shop opening hours to be reduced by up to two hours per day, heating systems in nightclubs to be turned off, and other buildings to be heated to no more than 20C.

Crisis measures could see streaming services and games consoles banned, Christmas lights turned off, and all sports stadiums and leisure facilities closed.

Switzerland will ban electric cars from the roads this winter if the country start suffering blackouts in order to conserve energy (file image)

Switzerland fears an energy shortage in the coming months because it is highly dependent on imports to get it through winter.

The country gets around 60 per cent of its energy from hydroelectric power stations, such as dams across rivers or generators placed between lakes.

Around a third of its power comes from nuclear, which the government has committed to phasing out, and the remaining comes from a mixture of traditional fossil fuel plants and solar or wind generation.

Overall, Switzerland produces enough electricity each year to keep the lights on - but that statistic masks huge discrepancies month-to-month.

Because hydropower relies on rainfall and snow melt to top up rivers and reservoirs, it naturally increases during spring and summer but falls off in autumn and winter.

That means the Swiss export large amounts of power to neighbouring nations during the warmer, wetter months and import through the colder months.

In turn, that means energy shortages in Europe caused by Putin's war in Ukraine will impact the country even though it burns almost no Russian gas.

Germany is Switzerland's largest energy exporter and was hugely reliant on Russian supplies. France is second, and is currently suffering issues with its nuclear reactors.

Switzerland is also generating less energy than usual from its hydro plants because the exceptionally dry summer in Europe caused lakes and rivers to run low.

The Swiss rely on energy imports from France and Germany to get them through winter because dams and reservoirs they rely on for 60 per cent of their power are less productive

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The country's emergency plan is divided into two categories - emergency and crisis - with three degrees of restrictions in the first, and four in the second.

It is designed to operate like Covid lockdowns, with each stage triggered depending on the amount of energy available.

Under the least-extreme 'emergency' measures, people will be asked to limit their washing machines to a maximum of 40C with public buildings heated to no more than 20C - unless they are a hospital or nursing home.

That will decrease to 19C under the next level of restriction, with streaming services forced to limit the resolution of their videos to standard instead of HD.

Under the next level of 'emergency' measures, shops will be asked to reduce opening times by up to two hours per day, with electric vehicles limited to essential journeys only.

That means attending a professional practice, food shopping, visiting the doctor, attending religious events, and attending court hearings.

Under 'crisis' measures, hot water will be turned off in public bathrooms, air conditioning in private homes will be barred, as will the use of electric leaf blowers.

Moving up the scale, outdoor Christmas lights will then be extinguished, escalators will be stopped, and commercial ice machines will have to shut down.

Next up, swimming pools will have to shut, sports stadiums cannot be illuminated, nightclub lighting will turn off, and cryptocurrency mining will be barred.

Under the most-extreme measures, all leisure businesses will have to close and all sports matches will be banned, along with concerts, theatre and opera.



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Virginia needs natural gas



By Craig Rucker

Virginia stands at an energy crossroads.

Governor Glenn Youngkin and the Virginia Air Pollution Board have wisely taken steps to protect Virginia's future energy needs by withdrawing from the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI). The usual suspects have brought a lawsuit in an attempt to stop them.

There is more to it than that.

Dominion Energy has acknowledged that wind and solar projects are insufficient to keep Virginia's lights on and has requested that natural gas plants and modular nuclear reactors be built as backup. CFACT delivered written testimony to the State Corporation Commission in support of Dominion's plan, urging them to go further still by making natural gas the primary instead of the backup power source of electricity generation.

A Dominion spokesman conceded in an email that, "renewables alone cannot reliably serve the unprecedented growth in customer demand expected over the next 15 years."

If cutting greenhouse gas emissions is your thing, natural gas should be your hero. It was America's ample supply of low emissions, domestically produced natural gas that permitted the U.S. to dramatically reduce its emissions as the rest of the world, including Europe, flatlined or increased.

Mathematician David Wojick did a brilliant job in CFACT's submission of crunching the numbers that prove how crucial it is to Virginia to secure reliable power.

Central to Wojick's thesis is that wind and solar are intermittent sources of power and the infrastructure to store the energy they produce is prohibitively expensive, does not exist, and is not about to.

"Consider the simple case of a 12-hour night with low wind fulfilling that load." CFACT's submission explains, "The storage requirement is 60,000 MWh, over six times the proposed storage capacity. Even if the batteries had a 10-hour capacity, they would not come close to meeting the need... Even worse, this simple case is far from worst likely to occur. Multiple cloudy, hot and cold days with low wind are common in Virginia. Detailed historical analysis will be needed to correctly estimate the likely maximum required storage capacity, and it will certainly be in the hundreds of thousands of MWh. Even assuming huge battery price reductions, this much storage would be prohibitively expensive. Gas-fired backup power is a better option."

Wojick then leads CFACT's submission to a more powerful conclusion, ""Instead of building new gas-fired generating capacity to backup renewables, it will be far more cost-effective to use gas as a primary energy source. Having gas capacity sit idle simply because the wind is blowing or the sun is shining for part of the day is redundant and expensive."

Natural gas and nuclear power plants cannot be quickly turned off and on like a light switch. The power grid is undependable without them. The generating plants must, therefore, operate continually.

The smartest move is to cut the redundant and unreliable wind and solar out of the picture and use what works.

Save the whales from ocean industrialization



ByCraig Rucker

CFACT's Gabriella Hoffman and her team have released an outstanding video on the threat to whales from President Biden's rush to erect industrial wind turbines up and down the American East Coast.

The sight of dead whales washing up on the beach has awakened many to the reality that the transformation of our coasts is already underway.

Do you realize how incredibly massive these wind turbines are?

From surveying, to construction, to operation, to demolition, the impact on the ocean is severe.

There is still time to overt the worst damage.

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and carcasses. The carcasses went to rendering plants; the urine evaporated or washed into rivers; and some manure was dumped into the same rivers, along with garbage, industrial chemicals and untreated toilet discharges, creating vast stinking cesspools.

Most manure was left on streets, to be pulverized into dust that children and adults inhaled, with predicable health results.

Automobiles gradually replaced horses, eliminating equine pollution but creating new problems that catalytic converters later helped resolve. Meanwhile, new laws, wastewater treatment plants and industrial processes gradually eliminated effluents, cleaned up rivers, and helped fish and wildlife populations rebound. (I grew up on Wisconsin's Fox River and watched as its ecosystems were reinvigorated.)

However, a legacy of dangerous chemical wastes remained in many soils and river sediments. Congress enacted the 1980 Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) to implement requirements and incentives for cleaning up these historic hazards.

The legislation is often called the Superfund law, because money collected under it from chemical and other companies is held in a supersized account for cleaning up large hazardous waste sites, when companies actually responsible for the contamination cannot be found or are no longer in business.

In many cases, companies responsible for all or part of the pollution step forward and voluntarily begin remediation. Superfund provisions encourage such behavior. However, other times multiple parties discharged hazardous substances over years or decades, no one initially knows exactly what or how much is there or where it came from, and only one company (or none) begins cleanup efforts.

CERCLA thus also says a company that voluntarily cleans up a Superfund site, instead of being compelled to do so by a legal judgment or settlement, can then seek recovery of costs from other parties, according to their respective shares of overall responsibility. This reflects basic principles:

Sound public policy should encourage companies to step forward, begin the cleanup process and later recoup costs they have incurred beyond their fair share. Government should find ways to save Superfund money for situations where responsible parties cannot be located or no longer exist.

This is what usually happens. But sometimes companies must think they've been transported to Alice's Wonderland, where nothing makes sense and words mean whatever speakers choose them to mean.

That's certainly the case with Georgia-Pacific Consumer Products LP. Georgia-Pacific purchased a Michigan papermill in 1990, decades after various mills had polluted 80 miles of the Kalamazoo River, three miles of Portage Creek, and adjacent waters. The extensive area was designated a Superfund site due to PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls) that the pre-Georgia-Pacific paper recycling mill and other operations had discharged into the waterways from the mid-1950s to 1971.

G-P nevertheless voluntarily committed to start cleaning up the river bottoms, even though its predecessor had caused some of the pollution, and overall responsibilities had not been definitively established. That's exactly the behavior Congress wanted to encourage. To date, Georgia-Pacific has spent many years and over $100 million removing the contaminants. But the cleanup still isn't finished.

G-P could ultimately be compelled to spend millions more, even though later investigations determined that other companies were also responsible for the pollution and thus should share in the costs. So Georgia-Pacific went to court, seeking compensation for past expenditures and equitable sharing of future cleanup costs.

A federal district court found that Georgia-Pacific was actually responsible for only 40% of the contamination (and cleanup costs). Three other companies also shared the blame and therefore should also share in past and future costs: NCR (40%), International Paper (15%) and Weyerhaeuser (5%).

The three defendant companies appealed, claiming G-P had waited too long to petition for redress. Two appellate courts had heard similar appeals – and rendered totally different opinions about when the Superfund statute of limitations begins to run.

The First Circuit Court of Appeals found that the short three-year timeframe for recovering and sharing costs should be triggered only when a court renders a full judgment against a liable party for recovery of specific costs or damages. The Sixth Circuit ruled that the clock begins running the moment a court makes a "bare-bones" declaratory judgment: that someone is liable – even though others could also be, but the evidence is still insufficient to determine and apportion actual damages and cleanup costs.

This divergence of appellate court opinion presented a perfect opportunity for the US Supreme Court to step in, sensibly interpret the Superfund language, and affirm congressional intent to ensure that good corporate citizens aren't punished for their good deeds and saddled with entire cleanup bills.

In fact, the Court just considered these issues, in Georgia-Pacific Consumer Products v. International Paper Company. G-P petitioned for certiorari, asking the court to hear the case on its merits.

Displaying Alice in Wonderland syndrome, the U.S. Department of Justice agreed that Georgia-Pacific was indeed victimized by an erroneous Sixth Circuit decision – but argued that the Supreme Court shouldn't take the case, because it was somehow "a poor vehicle" for resolving the issues at bar.

This is upside-down logic. In fact, failure to grant certiorari would mean vital Superfund incentives will be turned upside-down, companies will be disincentivized from taking responsibility for initiating potentially

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Did the government quash discussion about the ineffectiveness - and danger - of vaccines?

By Lloyd Billingsley

With mysterious new variants allegedly emerging, Joe Biden announces new vaccines "for everybody," regardless of what they had done in the past. As this news breaks, former Centers for Disease Control director Dr. Robert Redfield reveals that the government health bureaucracy tried to quash discussion about the ineffectiveness of Covid vaccines.

"There was such an attempt to not let anybody get any hint that maybe vaccines weren't foolproof, which, of course, we now know they have significant limitations," said the former CDC director, co-founder of the University of Maryland's Institute of Human Virology and Chief of Infectious Diseases at the University of Maryland School of Medicine.

"My position was just tell the American public the truth. There are side effects to vaccines. Tell them the truth and don't try to package it." In similar style, "I think we should really have confidence and not be afraid to debate the issues that we think are in the public's interest and just tell the public the truth," said Redfield (pictured above), who had been at odds with the government health establishment before.

In 2021, Redfield told CNN, "I'm of the point of view that I still think the most likely etiology of this pathology in Wuhan was from a laboratory, you know, escaped." After these statements, as Vanity Fair reported, "death threats flooded his inbox," some from prominent scientists.

"I was threatened and ostracized because I proposed another hypothesis," Redfield explained. "I expected it from politicians. I didn't expect it from science." The people might expect the FBI, on full alert against "domestic violent extremists," to investigate death threats against a public official. If any investigation took place, nothing has been reported.

In May of 2021, Joe Biden tasked the intelligence community to "redouble their efforts to collect and analyze information" on the origin of the pandemic. Despite their efforts, in August Biden lamented that "critical information about the origins of this pandemic exists in the People's Republic of China," but China "continues to reject calls for transparency and withhold information."

The Delaware Democrat, in government since 1972, seemed unaware that the CDC deploys the Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS), a medical CIA, to prevent epidemics from arriving on American soil. The intrepid EIS failed to stop the Covid virus from arriving stateside, and their failure has not been subjected to investigation.

In early 2020, EIS veteran Dr. Nancy Messonnier, the sister of Rod Rosenstein, delivered a series of press briefings that faithfully echoed China's talking points. Also friendly to the Chinese Communist regime was Dr. Anthony Fauci who headed the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) for nearly 40 years.

Dr. Fauci funded the Wuhan Institute of Virology to conduct gain-of-function research that makes viruses more lethal and transmissible. The WIV, in turn, received shipments of deadly pathogens courtesy of Dr. Xiangguo Qiu, the Chinese national who headed the special pathogens unit at Canada's National Microbiology Laboratory.

Dr. Fauci's bio shows no advanced degrees in molecular biology or biochemistry, but he claims to represent science. Fauci was a big booster of the vaccines that did not prevent infection or transmission of Covid. Dr. Redfield proclaims that complete immunization is a "false perception," that vaccines have "significant limitations," and that vaccine mandates caused a deterioration in public trust.

Dr. Redfield's comments came in the wake of a Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals ruling that government, cannot force social media companies to remove content to which they object. A plaintiff in the case was Dr. Jay Battacharya of Stanford University.

With epidemiologists Dr. Martin Kulldorff of Harvard and Dr. Sunetra Gupta of Oxford, Dr. Battacharya was co-author of the Great Barrington Declaration, a plea for more human policies on lockdowns, masking and such. Instead of debating these medical scientists, National Institutes of Health boss Dr. Francis Collins ordered Fauci to organize a "devastating takedown" of the declaration.

"At the height of the pandemic, I found myself smeared for my supposed political views, and my views about Covid policy and epidemiology were removed from the public square on all manner of social networks," writes Dr. Battacharya, who became an American citizen at age 19. "I could not believe this was happening in the country I so love." Like Dr. Redfield, the Stanford immunologist has learned a valuable lesson:

"Our government is not immune to the authoritarian impulse. I have learned the hard way that it is only we, the people, who must hold an overreaching government accountable for violating our most sacred rights. Without our vigilance, we will lose them."

To avoid losing our rights, Congress must defund and deconstruct the NIH, the CDC, and NIAID. Longtime NIAID director Fauci and his wife, Christine Grady, an NIH bioethics boss, were worth in excess of $11 million when Fauci retired at the end of the year. Since the NIH redacts Fauci's royalties on the drugs he approved, the actual figure is doubtless much higher.

This is what happens when a loathsome Lysenko figure remains in government for more than 50 years, wielding executive-level power without ever facing the voters. The struggle against white coat supremacy is the struggle of memory against forgetting.

The No-Virus Theory From an Austrian Perspective



By Truth11.com

We students of Austrian Economics are also research students of history, which is our lab work.

Let's for a minute conduct a "thought experiment" where, 100 years from now in 2123, virtually no one has ever heard of Ludwig von Mises or what we call Austrian Economics.

Instead, the world is dominated (as it is today) only by the so-called economics of John Maynard Keynes and his disciples – but in this frightening future there's no opposition.

No Hayek. No Rothbard. No Hoppe. No Ron Paul. No Mises Institute.

Would the Wikipedia of that time answer searches for "Austrian Economics" by sending you to a page titled "Keynesian Denialism?"

Would Mises's writings, if they existed at all, be vilified by people who'd otherwise say they're committed to freedom? Would they get problems about money and government somewhat right but not provide the real solutions because they never learned another way to think?

Today we live in a parallel world to that nightmare in the fields of Biology and Medicine, which were hijacked back in the late 1800s.

This was done by those who saw that great profit and power would be theirs by selling to the public, and to history, the Germ Theory of Biology, and by crushing into near oblivion the early blossoming of the Terrain School's research and acceptance.

And they succeeded. We never learned another way to think.

As a result, a new field called virology was created, and today is viewed without question as the dominant understanding of health and disease.

However, virology has been built on a false anti-science foundation. And the worst part is, it was THE LEVER used to create the recent multi-year, worldwide, most comprehensive and simultaneous tyranny in recorded history – that's not even over yet.

Since the end of the 19th Century, those who've worked to develop the Terrain School have been shouted down, pushed out, censored, misrepresented, vilified, prosecuted, and even jailed. Am I overstating this? No, unfortunately I'm not.

For many of you, this is all new. So very few people know about the Terrain paradigm or Germ Theory, let alone the pivotal battle for dominance that occurred over 100 years ago.

Today, many, if not most, doctors and nurses haven't heard of this saga. The term "Germ Theory" is not taught in medical school. Why? Because the Germ Theory Paradigm is taught as fact in medical school as if it's the only way to think. Today, it's incompletely called "Biology" and "Medicine."

Here's one point of evidence: if you go to Wikipedia and search the topic "Terrain Theory" you'll be taken to a page titled, "Germ Theory Denialism."

They don't want you to know or start to know. The good news is the Terrain School's paradigm and history is easier to learn today than ever before. You can start here.1

Back in the 1800s the Terrain School's pioneer, Antoine Béchamp, made massively important discoveries fundamental to understanding that we don't "catch" diseases but rather diseases are "built" over time. The details of "how" are easy and rewarding to learn.

Béchamp and subsequent researchers were buried into obscurity by extremely well-connected political and financial fraudsters over many decades – Louis Pasteur to start. 2 3 4 Today, astoundingly, Pasteur has an institute named for him. The political and financial interests that supported him saw an opportunity for wealth and power and they took it. They correctly saw that the average person wants the simplest possible answer to the questions vexing their lives; the simpler the better. Thus they delivered an incorrect but simple monocausal message that germs cause disease. Simple, yes. But fatally inaccurate.

Over the next several decades they popularized and expanded a fear of "germs" by inventing the concept of predatory "viruses" whose sole reason to exist was to make us sick and die. 5

There was only one problem: their model is not how the world – or the science – really works.6 The most important suppressed knowledge is the fact that viruses have never been proven to exist. And as shocking as that might be to you, it's the truth. 7

The Germ Theorists have continued to this day to suppress the more comprehensive Terrain knowledge that Antoine Béchamp and many others started to develop and apply.

For those of us brought up in the 20th century we have some major unlearning to do. That's the hard part,but it's not impossible. I know. It took me months of wrestling with my own unlearning. It's a slow process of ingesting and digesting.

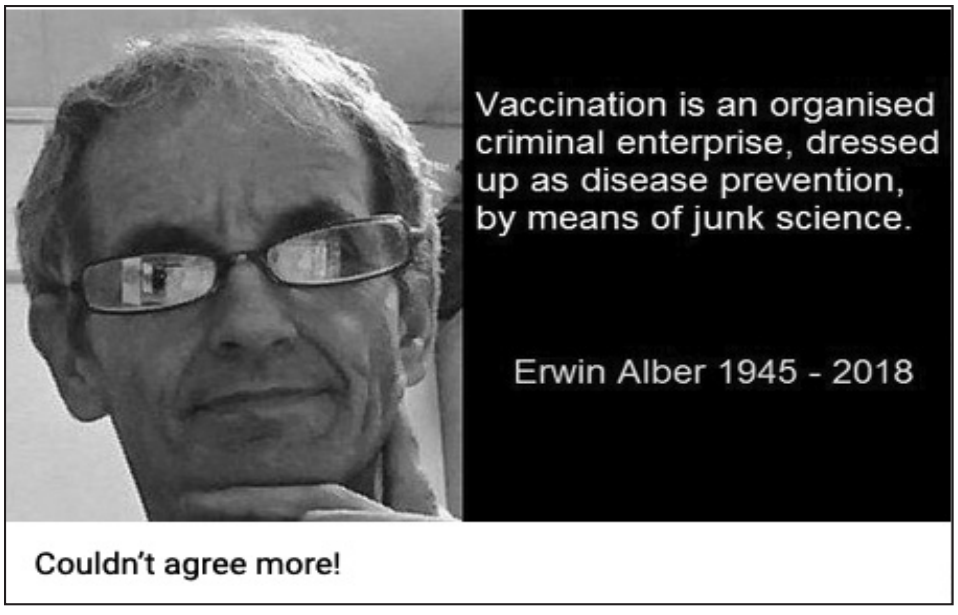
Those of us who've embraced Austrian Economics are especially adept to the task of unlearning and learning anew. We were trained early to critically look for the deeper layers of what is "seen and unseen." Thank you Claude Frédéric Bastiat 8 and Henry Hazlitt. 9

We've had to unlearn a lot of things in order to truly understand the full beauty and vital importance that was handed to us by our heroes – Ludwig von Mises, the most important of them all.

If you take your time and study the Terrain Paradigm, the benefit is, just like learning Austrian Economics, you'll learn more of how the world really works and that's a powerful gift for you and your family.

So where can we start? I humbly invite you to read and watch the resources in the footnotes. They're a good start, and will, as Austrian Economics has done, change your life for the better.

It's worth learning.



Christian woman's 'Don't euthanize me' tattoo is a tragic necessity in modern Canada

By LifeSite News

Considering the Nazi-tinged history of euthanasia, there is something dark and ominous about a headline reading "Christine's 'Don't Euthanize Me' Tattoo." Christine Nagel, who got her first tattoo at age 81, doesn't even approve of tattoos – but the Calgarian had an important reason for getting this one. It is on her upper arm, and the ink letters spell out crystal clear instructions: "Don't euthanize me."

In today's Canada, Nagel finds it necessary.

She told Amanda Achtman, who works with Canadian Physicians for Life, why the tattoo is so important in an interview for Achtman's Substack "Dying to Meet You" in August. "Because the government passed a bill that is a way to eradicate human life, but human life is a gift from God," Nagel said. "We don't decide when it begins; no more do we decide when it ends." Nagel was born in London, England, in 1935 and came to Canada in 1957, adopting a total of seven children and surviving an abusive marriage.

Nagel is no stranger to the desperation that leads to suicide. At one point, the abuse she experienced in her marriage brought her to "the end of my tether." According to Nagel: "I had some pills that the doctor had given me. I was very much on edge, and I just decided 'I'm gonna swallow this and I'm gonna get to sleep, and that's the end of it.' It was so wrong. But I hadn't really thought about it one way or the other until after I did it. Right after I swallowed everything, then I was concerned about the kids and began to realize how wrong it was. And so I got help. The kids I adopted were just so precious and important."

Achtman has followed up her August interview with a four-minute film featuring Nagel's story. Nagel said that the reaction she's gotten to her tattoo so far has been positive. "When I went to the hospitals, the nurses would see it," she said. "They'd say 'Good for you,' you know, and doctors walking by would give me a thumbs up because none of them wanted to be involved in helping live people kill themselves. It just went against the whole idea of being a doctor."

When Achtman asked her who the tattoo was for, Nagel had an answer ready. "This tattoo reminds me of my own value personally," she said. "It gives me the message that I don't want my life cut short, and I don't want anybody's else's life cut short. Nobody has a right to destroy life. The person may not be so smart or so good-looking or have such a high 'quality of life,' but the quality of life that God gives to each person is the same for everybody… I don't want to be kept alive mechanically, but I do want to die naturally because suffering doesn't stop us from continuing our race to heaven."

Nagel's tattoo serves a dual purpose: to ensure that those around her respect her right to life should they need to be reminded, and to advocate for her view that all life is sacred – a view her country, unfortunately, has chosen to abandon. "I know I'm here for a reason," she told Achtman. "Because God wanted me to be. You want to be born into this family and eventually raise His children, do whatever I can to follow His way and to be with Him. And the older I get, the closer I am to God. Respect the life you have. It's a gift from God."

She's right. Christine Nagel's tattoo is a tragedy – a sign of the times. Hopefully it forces a few more Canadians to ask her questions and hear her answers.

The Dignity of Labor Requires Freedom and Truth

By Cornwall Alliance

The following is an excerpt from an article by Rev. John F. Naugle that was first published at Brownstone.org.

As I celebrated Mass for our parish on the morning of Labor Day, I was struck by the Gospel which coincidentally was given to be read for Monday of the 22nd Week in Ordinary time: Luke 4:16-30. Here we see the people of Nazareth respond favorably to Jesus' declaration that He personally fulfills the prophecy as the one anointed to bring "bring glad tidings to the poor" only to immediately attempt to kill him as they become furious at the accusation that they are beginning to reject him just as Elijah and Elisha faced rejection.

It then occurred to me that it was the answer I had been looking for since the early days of 2020. When I saw what was being done to the poor and downtrodden, I kept asking where the "labor priests" were and why the Catholic "social justice activists" were silent? I was driven to write my first op-ed condemning lockdowns, where I expressed my outrage at the grave injustice that was taking place:

Under the guise of executive powers reserved for short-term disasters such as hurricanes, leaders across the West have done the previously unthinkable: they have FORBIDDEN entire segments of the population from working. Using a nonsensical distinction between essential and non-essential (as if providing for one's family is ever non-essential) our entire workforce has been divided into three groups: 1.) The upper class with jobs that can be performed in their pajamas at home, 2.) Laborers lucky enough to still be able to go to work, and 3.) Those intentionally rendered unemployed.

Those who belong to that final group include those for whom the popes of yesteryear wrote with concern. Waitresses, barbers, sales employees, janitors, those who provide child care and others who often live paycheck to paycheck. Also included are those who are small business owners, those who represent best the type of world envisioned by the popes for a fair market, namely those who aren't rich themselves but through their own labor and risk create jobs so that others can provide for their families.

The now month-long and counting prohibition against labor for these people is intrinsically evil for it is a violation of the rights of these men and women to preserve their lives. Even if they are made whole (they won't be) by the printing of cash by their respective governments, they are being robbed of the dignity of eating by the labor of their hands. This can NEVER be approved, regardless of the consequences, just as one cannot murder the baby to save millions of people.

I was baffled as to why the shepherds and others had remained silent. Little did I know that this silence would become for many (especially among those who considered themselves "social justice activists") a fury against those of us who were against these supposed mitigation efforts.

The same dynamic that Jesus encountered in Nazareth held true today; bringing "glad tidings to the poor" is a popular slogan but very often those who embrace it most quickly care little for being called out for their own sins which prevent delivery of these glad tidings. Sadly, this is precisely what has happened to those whose political history has been tied up with what was once called the labor movement.

The Rise and Fall of the Labor Movement

Our celebration of Labor Day in the United States of America is a historical memory of the great achievement of the labor movement in the face of the grave injustices which occurred in the wake of the Industrial Revolution. Robber barons like Carnegie, Rockefeller, and Vanderbilt effectively ruled the economy and laborers were largely treated as cheap and replaceable. As such, their jobs included unnecessary risk of death, they were poorly compensated, and in some towns may not have even been paid in real money but rather credit to be spent in the "Company Store."

The initial attempts at unions commonly were broken, often by violence, but the victory of the labor movement established the rights of workers to unionize and thus have an even footing at the bargaining table with their employers.

Sadly, however, no human endeavor is free of the effects of sin. The movement was very quickly co-opted by the mob and politicians, meaning that concerns other than the legitimate good of the workers would take precedence.

We see the final outcome of this in the subordination of the concern for workers to that of the success of leftist ideologies which do nothing other than hurt the poor.

An Ideology that Hurts the Poor While Pretending to Love Them

Consider the following ways that those who claim to want "glad tidings for the poor" do nothing other than hurt them:

The most fundamental need of the poor is stable families. A man married to a woman for the whole of life and dedicated to the rearing of their children will always be the safest foundation for not merely material well-being but also the future upward mobility of the children. And yet, defense of this simple truth is considered anathema for ideological reasons.

A solid primary and secondary education for children is a second fundamental need for the children of these families. Yet, to use the quote attributed to Albert Shanker from when he was the head of the United Federation of Teachers, "When schoolchildren start paying union dues, that's when I'll start representing the interests of schoolchildren." Every chance to allow poor kids to escape their public schools is opposed by these unions. (I will add that my mom cleaned St. Agnes grade school at night to keep me from the Pittsburgh Public Schools. For this I am forever indebted.) Political indoctrination of children is protected, while the actual teaching of "reading and writing and arithmetic" falls by the wayside. And then finally and most astoundingly, Randi Weingarten, the president of the American Federation of Teachers, worked tirelessly during the Covid hysteria to harm poor children by keeping schools closed.

The poor depend on affordable necessities, including gasoline, heating, and electricity. And yet the Neo-Malthusian climate cult is embraced in its totality, which will ensure that the poor can't afford to travel or even to heat their homes.

Finally, and most astoundingly, the "labor movement" did nothing at all in defense of the actual right to labor. Consider this astounding policy statement of the AFL-CIO with regard to the alleged Covid crisis. There is nothing in it about protecting the right of a man to earn a living for his family, but rather we see a wishlist for less freedom, more regulation, a larger federal government, and more out of control spending.

Much like in Nazareth almost 2,000 years ago, those expressing the most excitement at bringing glad tidings to the poor have worked diligently to make sure that it does not happen.



Conclusion

At one point, while discussing with another priest the sad state of affairs of the world which was locked down and a Church that was largely silent in response, it was jokingly suggested that maybe I'm the only "social justice" priest left. What began as a joke has become a mantle that I find myself increasingly wearing.

In the Catholic catechetical tradition there is a short list, based on Sacred Scripture, of "Sins Which Cry to Heaven for Vengeance." These are sins which are particularly grievous in a way which bring about punishment in the here and now and not merely in the hereafter. One of these sins, derived from James 5:4, is the defrauding laborers of their wages. This sin has been perhaps THE principal sin of the Covid hysteria.

We defrauded laborers by forbidding them to go to work.

We defrauded laborers by causing them to lose their jobs as their employers failed or contracted.

We defrauded laborers by printing money which necessarily causes rampant inflation that eats away at the value of both their paycheck and any savings they may have. (You can also see how the poor are defrauded in times of inflation by examining how interest is paid or not paid by banks. Have a managed investment account? JP Morgan Chase pays you 5.35 percent on your cash. Otherwise, you just settle for 0.01 percent!)

We just lived through the "Greatest Transfer of Wealth From the Middle Class to the Elites in History" and to be perfectly blunt it is going to get worse at least until inflation is under control. This is a cry for justice that God indeed hears. Woe to us as a civilization if we continue to test Him!

Doctors booked abortion for at-risk baby without mother's consent

By LifeSite News

Abortion activists claim that feticide is about "choice," but the reality is that when abortion is legalized, in many circumstances it becomes an expectation. Many women find this out the hard way – when they discover that they are pregnant, it turns out that the availability of abortion has created the expectation among men who do not consider themselves fathers that they will simply get an abortion. It is their choice, and thus their problem. Those who are pregnant, after all, can make themselves unpregnant by procuring an abortion – and this choice will be celebrated, to boot.

The same is true for children who are diagnosed with a disability or life-limiting condition in the womb. Often, mothers are pushed by medical professionals to opt for an abortion if it turns out their son or daughter has Down syndrome, or a condition that will likely end their lives. (Last year, I interviewed the Irish pro-life activist Vicky Wall, who lost a little girl to Trisomy 18, about the work she does with Every Life Counts walking with parents and children who have been diagnosed with life-limiting or terminal conditions.) Abortion activists regularly use children like Vicky's to claim that abortion is necessary, so it is no surprise that many parents find the option being pushed on them.

In fact, according to a BBC story last week, one mother in Guernsey found out that an abortion had been booked by the Medical Specialist Group she was consulting without her consent. Soozy Jenner's baby, a little girl named Grace, was diagnosed with encephalocele. She asked for a second medical opinion, hoping for an MRI in order to determine what was wrong with her daughter, but didn't get one. Southampton Hospital also told her that her baby's "brain stem was damaged," and in Guernsey she was told that "the baby wasn't viable." Despite that, the baby girl had a strong heartbeat.

"The way I was treated was lacking in any bedside manner," Jenner said. "Ultimately, I wasn't given an MRI as I'd chosen to go against their wishes." And what were "their wishes"? That Jenner get an abortion and have Grace killed and surgically removed. In fact, the medical team was so confident that Jenner would choose this option that they went ahead and booked an abortion for her without her consent. When she declined, Jenner says the attitude of the doctor changed immediately.

"I was completely shocked," she said. "I couldn't believe someone would think it would be all right to have a termination because his view was that baby isn't going to live and he automatically assumed I would take a termination. I refused it and after that nobody got in touch with me. I had to seek out that second opinion." According to the Medical Specialist Group: "No patient can be booked in for a procedure without their consent. Without commenting on an individual case as that would breach the patient's confidentiality, we can say in general terms that we would never and indeed could never book a patient for a procedure without consent." Despite that, this apparently did take place.

Jenner carried her daughter to term, and baby Grace died during labor. She does not regret her decision to treasure the limited time she had with baby Grace rather than having her life "terminated" as suggested. Faced with having only a few months with her daughter, Jenner did what most people do when they realize their time with a loved one will be cut short: She valued it even more. Unfortunately, our medical institutions consider the lives of children like Grace to be worthless. Because her life was short, their logic goes, they should simply make it shorter by ending it. The shock of Jenner's doctor when she declined to terminate her daughter's life is revealing – it tells us that most parents, in those circumstances, either want an abortion or cave to pressure.

After all, the Medical Specialist Group was so certain that Jenner would agree with their evaluation of her daughter's life that they proactively booked an abortion.

Kamala Harris says protecting babies from abortion after rape is 'immoral'

By LifeSite News

Harris used the exceptional case of rape, which precedes only about 1% of abortions, to argue for the legalized killing of the unborn during the fall Democratic National Committee (DNC) meeting in St. Louis.

Referring to pro-life state laws enacted after Dobbs v. Jackson, Harris said, "On this point about 'no exception,' the policy proposal is essentially that after someone has survived a crime of violence to their body, a violation to their body, that they cannot have the authority to make a decision about what happens to their body next. That is immoral."

Harris' euphemistic language describing abortion as a decision about the mother's "body" ignores the reality of abortion as a lethal act of violence upon the physically, genetically distinct body of her unborn baby.

Despite the common idea among pro-abortion advocates that abortion is a preferable or even necessary response to rape, post-abortive rape survivors have often testified that their abortions only compounded their trauma, while rape survivors who gave birth to their children have testified that their children brought them healing. The pro-life group Save the 1 gathers the stories of such mothers, as well as those of children conceived by rape, to show that such children are overwhelmingly considered a blessing to rape victims.

One such mother, Jennifer Christie, shared at a March for Life, "People will tell you that a raped woman who conceives will feel rage and anger and disgust towards her baby, and I've spoken to hundreds and hundreds of women, and that is just not true."

Harris suggested Friday that the belief that abortion is wrong should not have any bearing on laws protecting the lives of innocent unborn children, in line with abortion advocates' common arbitrary legal distinction between the personhood of born and unborn human lives.

Tell Congress to repeal the FACE Act - rescuing babies from abortion shouldn't be a crime.

The vice president said that Americans "appreciate that on this issue, one does not have to abandon their faith, or deeply held beliefs, to agree the government should not be telling her what to do with her body."

While at the DNC meeting, Harris emphasized what is considered the pro-abortion stance with the greatest consensus, she has a history of radical pro-abortion support. As senator, she voted against protecting abortion-surviving babies from infanticide.

During her own presidential run, Harris proposed a plan under which states with a "pattern of violating Roe v. Wade" would not be able to enforce any new duly enacted pro-life measure "until [the Justice Department] determines it comports with the standards laid out by the Supreme Court in Roe v. Wade, as applied in Whole Woman's Health v. Hellerstedt, and the Women's Health Protection Act." Those conditions would destroy states' ability to enact even the mildest of abortion restrictions.

Harris has bragged about forcing religiously owned companies and pro-life pregnancy centers to violate their consciences, and earlier this year, she conspicuously left out the Declaration of Independence's listed unalienable right to "life" when quoting the document.

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to stop performing abortions in June 2022, after the US Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade. That meant Wisconsin's 1849 law was back in effect for the first time since 1973.

However, even though it was unenforceable, Wisconsin lawmakers had made a few changes to the law over the years. Not wanting to appear uncompassionate to moms, they made abortion a Class H felony for everyone except the child's mother. They also ensured that if someone murdered a pregnant woman, they would be charged with homicide and abortion.

After Roe v. Wade was overturned, the state's Attorney General Josh Kaul sued the state over the 1849 law in Dane County Court. (Since the state can't really sue itself, Kaul named the leaders of the Wisconsin Legislature as the defendants.)

In July, the lawmakers asked that the case be dismissed. Instead, Dane County Judge Diane Schlipper stated that the state law banning abortions did not, in fact, ban abortions. Instead, it only bans "feticide," which is "act or instance of killing a fetus, usually by assaulting and battering." Interestingly, Wisconsin's abortion law doesn't mention feticide, assault, or battery.

"One liberal judge declared that the state law does not apply to abortion. Statute s. 940.04 is clear and see that is nonsense. It absolutely applies to abortion. Planned Parenthood's brazen move is in total disregard for the rule of law," Rep. Chuck Wichgers (R-Muskego) stated.

Not that it matters. Wisconsin's justice system is dominated by liberals who are determined to make abortion legal. From the state's Attorney General to the Dane County Court House to the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

As WBAY-TV pointed out, "regardless of how the Dane County court eventually rules, the lawsuit is expected to be appealed to the Wisconsin Supreme Court, which has a liberal majority for the first time in 15 years."

On Thursday, September 14th, Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin announced that it would be resuming abortions in Milwaukee and Madison on Monday. It started taking appointments that day. Liberals erupted in celebration on social media and laid out their plans to build off that victory.

Sen. Melissa Agard (D-Madison) said it wasn't enough that abortions would be available in Wisconsin. She wants the state to "expand access" to everyone in the state. Sen. Tammy Baldwin (D-Wisconsin) stated that she plans to fight for a federal law that makes abortion legal everywhere.

940.04 Abortion.

(1) Any person, other than the mother, who intentionally destroys the life of an unborn child is guilty of a Class H felony.

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under Section 3 claim:

- Section 3 is not limited to the Civil War.
- It operates independently of criminal proceedings or an impeachment.
- It is self-executing by any state election official.
- It is an immediate disqualification from office.
- "…public officials don't need special permission from lawmakers to disqualify Trump from the ballot: if they believe their argument valid, they can disqualify potential candidates on their own" and on any ballot within their jurisdiction.
- Finally, "[T]he election officials are legally required to do so.

Further, they argue to the extent Section 3 conflicts with prior constitutional protections, "Section 3 repeals, supersedes, or simply satisfies them. This includes the rules against bills of attainder or ex post facto fact laws, the Due Process Clause, and even the free speech protections of the First Amendment."

According to the mainstream press, New Hampshire already has activity to disqualify Trump. Several progressive advocacy groups are lobbying state election officials to disqualify Trump from being listed on their state ballots.

The flaws in the proponents' arguments are legion. The term "insurrection" is not defined in the 14th Amendment or anywhere in our Constitution or laws; as such, it cannot be applied since it would be unconstitutionally vague. Moreover, the two federal cases addressing Section 3 rejected its use to disqualify government officials from holding office. In, In re Griffin (1869), Justice Chase rejected the application of Section 3 for several reasons. Its application would cause legal chaos, and it was not self-executing. Most importantly, the application of Section 3, as claimed, denies defendants due process and several other constitutional guarantees. In U.S. v. Powell (1871), the court ruled there must be findings of fact before rendering any decision.

Crazily, the authors assert Section 3 is so broad it rewrites the U.S. Constitution by repealing numerous constitutional protections for government officials without involving Congress, the states, the process for amending the Constitution, judicial determinations of fact and law, due process, or even the people of the nation.

The authors again crazily pronounce election officials are empowered to disqualify Trump. According to the National Council of State Legislators, there are more than 10,000 election administration jurisdictions in the U.S. There are likely tens or even hundreds of thousands of election officials. Can each of them disqualify President Trump because they believe he is an insurrectionist?

Under existing circumstances, could the facts establish a self- coup d'état?

1. Before Trump became president, there were systematic actions by the Federal Syndicate to circulate false information to make the public believe the Russians compromised him.

2. The lies about Trump led to two impeachments in the House. While the Senate acquitted Trump, the actions of the Federal

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Syndicate had the intended negative impact on Trump.

3. As far back as 2019, the Federal Syndicate protected Biden by denying the evidence that Hunter's "Laptop from Hell" was real. It also hid that there were 5400 Biden emails in which Joe Biden used the pseudonyms "Robert L. Peters" and "JRB Ware" to conceal the Biden money laundering activities with Ukraine, Russia, and Romania.

4. The Secret Service, in violation of federal law, tipped off Hunter Biden that his storage units were to be raided, thereby allowing Hunter to remove all incriminating evidence.

5. The circulation by the Federal Syndicate of false information about Trump continued while he was in office, as evidenced by the Durham and Horowitz Reports.

6. As to the January 6th riots, the Federal Syndicate still refuses to release the information requested by Congress.

7. The special January 6th committee formed by the House Democrats prohibited Republicans from naming their members to the Committee, thereby preventing the cross-examination of witnesses and a fair hearing on the day's events.

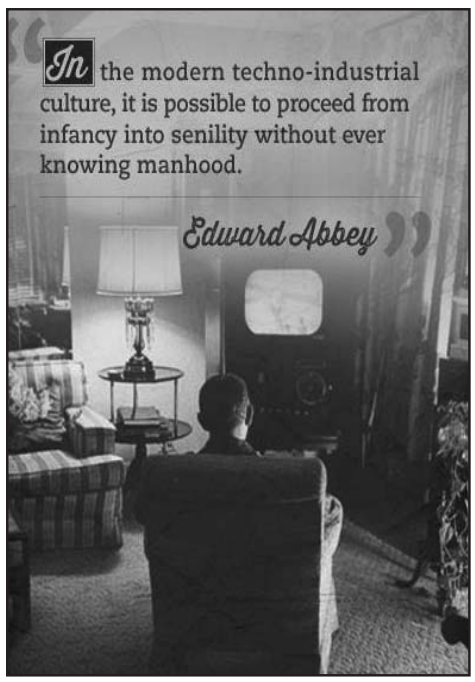
8. After President Trump left office, the Democrats waited until the 2024 primary election season started to indict him in four separate jurisdictions. The Democrats, using public resources, are spending hundreds of millions of dollars to go after one person. There is no record in the world of such a massive use of public resources to prosecute one political opponent. Even the famous Nuremberg Trials of Nazi war criminals focused the government's prosecution in one court.

9. All the prosecution trials are scheduled during campaign season to ensure Trump cannot compete against Biden. The Federal Syndicate appears to be interfering with the 2024 election under the pretense of saving the Constitution.

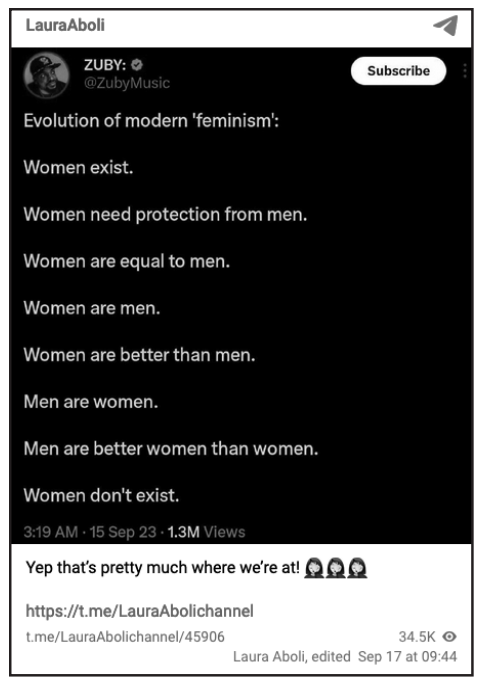
10. Now, the Democrats seek to disqualify Trump from holding office by advocating that any election official in any state can disqualify the former president from office. All to be accomplished by a process that is self-executing by any state executioner who somehow personally believes, without a public inquiry, legislative definition, or judicial determination, that Trump is an insurrectionist.

Since Americans can vote for Congress every two years, a coup d'état is highly unlikely. But Americans would be fools to believe a coup d'état can't happen here. Self-coups come in many forms, and all use legal means. Leaders could assume special emergency powers as a permanent means of governing. We all experienced these emergency powers during the COVID pandemic with lockdowns, masks, school cancellations, and restrictions on free speech if it related to the truth of the federal government's pronouncements on health matters. Moreover, 136 federal emergency laws in the U.S. grant the Executive the power to be a dictator at the time of his choosing.

Between 1946 and 2022, an estimated 148 self-coup attempts occurred, of which 110 were in dictatorships and 38 in democracies. Based on the actions of the Federal Syndicate, one could argue it is implementing a self-coup d'état. If that is not the goal of the Biden administration and its Federal Syndicate, then these groups need to renounce the activities that give the impression of a coup taking place. Continuing with its illegal actions to over-prosecute objectionable individuals, restrict constitutionally protected free speech, withhold evidence of criminal activity from Congress, and give the appearance of interfering with elections only leads the public to believe "It is happening here."







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For example, we have since learned that Hunter made at least 13 foreign trips with Joe aboard Air Force Two, some of which involved business meetings with individuals connected with the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) that led to lucrative Biden family payments.

For example, during a Dec. 3, 2013, Beijing trip, Hunter introduced V.P. Joe to his Chinese business partner Jonathan Li in the lobby of the hotel where the U.S. delegation was staying.

Hunter then followed up with a private meeting.

At the time, Hunter was heading Rosemont Seneca LLC, a private equity company that landed a $1 billion deal with the state-owned Bank of China just 10 days after the trip… which was later increased to $1.5 billion.

One of those deals co-owned by the government of China reportedly went on to raise particularly serious United States national security implications, whereby an automotive subsidiary of Aviation Industry Corporation of China (AVIC), a major Chinese military contractor, was accused of repeatedly stealing U.S. military technology.

In 2015, Hunter bought a 49% share of Henniges, an American precision parts manufacturer, with AVIC purchasing a majority 51% through a transaction approved by the Committee on Foreign Investments including the State Department.

In January of the previous year, Hunter's Rosemont Seneca and James Bulger's Thorton Group LLC were securing a partnership with Jonathan Li's firm, Bohai Capital, to launch Bohai Harvest RST (BHR), which is controlled by the Bank of China Limited.

Bulger, a nephew of notorious Boston mobster James "Whitey" Bulger, forwarded a Jan. 27 email to Hunter with a subject line that read, "Meeting with Chinese Ambassador" — suggesting the group meet in Washington, D.C., to "talk about the fund."

Bulger noted on the suggestion: "Pretty interesting that someone at the Embassy in Beijing would be interested in what the domestic Bohai PE Fund was up to. Thought you guys should see this. I still believe a meeting early next week with the Ambassador if possible would be best, hope this as not cause to [sic] much of an a** ache."

Hours later Hunter's Rosemont Seneca partner, Devon Archer, replied that he was "providing notes to the Embassy" on the purpose of the meeting and to confirm if timing was "possible."

BHR became registered less than two weeks after Joe Biden and Hunter's trip to China.

In 2017 and 2018, CEFC, a now-defunct Chinese energy company, reportedly sent $4.8 million to entities Hunter and his uncle James Biden controlled for purported legal and advisory work, and the organization's founder gave Hunter a large diamond, which he has said he then gave to his business associates.

As for potential direct business ties to Joe Biden, a New York Post reported CEFC payout proposal earmarked 10% to be "held by H for the big guy."

The New York Post story also referenced a late 2018 message Joe left to his son regarding an upcoming New York Times article about CEFC's chairman Ye Jianming having been arrested in China, and his lieutenant Patrick Ho, whom Hunter had accidentally recorded himself referring to as the "f***ing spy chief of China," being convicted of bribery and money laundering following his Nov. 18, 2017 FBI arrest at JFK Airport.

According to emails on his laptop, Hunter was paid $1 million by CEFC to represent Ho, which entailed contacting his FBI sources on Ho's behalf and engaging another attorney to do the legal work.

Bank records reveal that CEFC paid a further $4.9 million to Hunter and Jim Biden in monthly installments for 14 months from August 2017, with bank statements showing an additional $1.065 million was funneled from a Chinese company affiliated with CEFC to Hunter, Jim, and Hallie Biden, Hunter's former lover, and widow of his late brother, Beau.

A threatening shakedown WhatsApp text message Hunter sent to Henry Zhao, the CEO of a Beijing-based asset management company and CCP member connected with the family of the former Chinese Minister of Security, indicates direct involvement of his dad.

The communication stated in part, "I am sitting here with my father and we would like to understand why the commitment made has not been fulfilled. Tell the director that I would like to resolve this now before it gets out of hand, and now means tonight."

An earlier April 2016 message from Hunter to Zhao had reportedly stated that an "investment" from Zhao was "important to his family."

A September 2020 Republican Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee report documented that over $5 million was sent just days later from the Chinese company CEFC Infrastructure Investment to two Hunter-related firms — $100,000 to his Owasco law office, and $5 million to Hudson West III, a firm that Hunter Biden had purportedly established with Chinese associates.

DOJ, FBI, Treasury and other government investigators obviously had these same records which reveal top-level influence peddling ripe for extortion by America's most dangerous adversary.

Who's protecting us, if not them?

Puzzle Answers

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terrorists, anthropogenic climate change, and attacks on democracy. Daring to speak truth about the COVID virus and treatments, about Hunter or Joe Biden, about the irregularities and illegalities that occurred in the 2020 election, the invasion of illegal aliens, misgendering someone, constitutes speech drawing punishments ranging from suspension or censorship, to IRS and FBI visits, to fines, or to imprisonment.

We see extensive news and analysis discussing how Republican and conservative conduct around elections (past and present) constitutes election interference, racketeering, soliciting a public official to violate his oath of office, conspiracy to commit forgery and file false documents, insurrection, making false statements, hate speech, threats to public safety, and more. President Trump and those around him, of course, receive much of this attention, but they are by no means the only ones suffering from the assault. In fact, as he has noted, he is not even the primary target.

A growing number of Americans is beginning to realize that there is another purpose to and message behind Democrats' actions that extends to everyday people who might not like or support one or more of the things that the cabal is forcing upon them—things such as discriminatory CRT and DEI doctrines throughout our schools, weaponized federal agencies and the military, protection for BLM and Antifa violence, open borders for illegal and unvetted aliens, toxic and irreversible "gender affirming" treatments for minors, biological males in women's spaces, costly and destructive "green" policies, massive taxpayer funds sent to Ukraine, student loan bailouts, mask and vaccine mandates, mandatory preferred pronoun usage, prevention or punishment of free speech, and so much more.

The debates regarding the constitutionality of given administration policies and actions, the validity and severity of the charges, the actual guilt or innocence of the accused, the likelihood of conviction, and the consequences of either acquittal or conviction are all popular headlines, all of which serve to distract from the central point behind these exercises: We Americans must understand that the cabal can and will use mob rule, lawfare, and bureaucratic fiats to effect its agenda, even when doing so is clearly politically motivated, invalid and unconstitutional, with the process itself often intended to ensure that political opponents yield to the cabal's force. Nothing will stop them.

If you are an outspoken journalist, the IRS will be sent to your home. If you are a concerned citizen who shows up to silently protest one of the cabal's pet missions, you will be arrested. If you speak up at a school board meeting because your daughter was sexually assaulted by a transgendered assailant, you might be tackled and cuffed. If a given school actually tries to remove damaging wokism from its system all together, the feds will investigate it for civil rights violations. If you produce effective conservative messaging for Google and YouTube (which together control some 90% of worldwide internet searches), the courts won't stop Google and YouTube from restricting or banning you entirely.

It's working. In their piece, "Keeping Your Mouth Shut: Spiraling Self-Censorship in the United States," researchers report that the percentage of Americans who say they feel "less free to speak their minds than they used to" has never been higher. It's now at 46%—compared to just 13.4% during the red scare of 70 years ago.

With such a convincing display of sheer totalitarian power, the typical American now worries that a $100 donation to American Thinker, Hillsdale College, Judicial Watch, or his church may put him on a federal watch list—or that he may increase his chances of being fined or sued by a federal agency, audited, arrested, or otherwise harassed.

He now wonders about the impact of cabal soldiers watching his social media posts, his email, and his overall internet presence. He now refuses to click either "like" or "dislike" for any post for fear of ramifications.

In past years he may have displayed campaign signs in his yard for his preferred candidates, but he'd be terrified to do so today. He even worries about some of the political or group affinity literature that might be seen in his mailbox.

He wonders if showing up at a simple rally, presentation, or school board meeting could mean he ends up in handcuffs and/or jail.

He has become more hesitant to discuss any dissenting views in public or private, fearing that he may simply not know where the danger in doing so could lie.

He wonders if he is now being monitored because he purchased ammunition or joined the NRA.

He now leaves his baseball hat and t-shirt, both which have American flags on them, in the drawer for fear they could make him a target. After all, even Republicans thought better about displaying one as part of the recent debate stage.

He now realizes that the point of publicly targeting and punishing cabal dissidents is to send a very clear lesson to the rest of America. The power of the cabal is the point. Behold it. Fear it. Obey it.

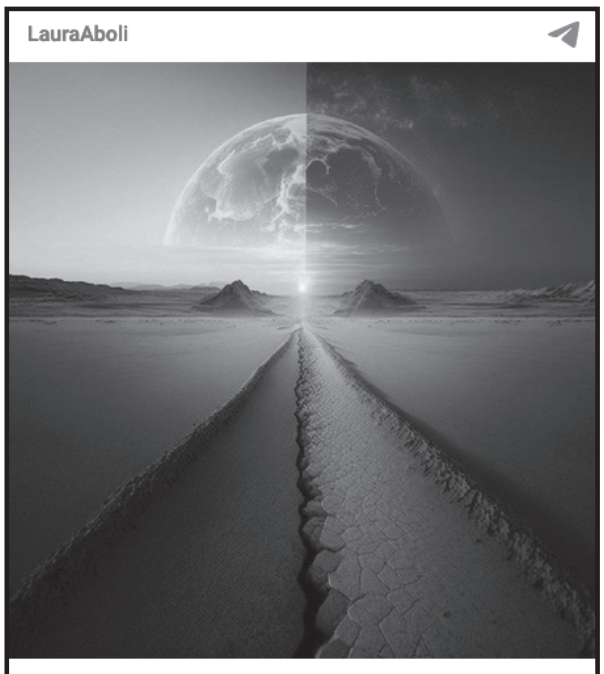
Twenty years ago, such expressed worries might have produced laughs and suggestions for tin foil hats. No one is laughing today.

Russiagate was the pivotal event that helped the cabal become more comfortable with its power, with both its capabilities and invulnerability. We now know that Russiagate was nothing short of a soft coup attempt that involved a litany of audacious and illegal actions to significantly hobble or even overthrow a legitimately elected president. The second objective failed, but the first was wildly successful—with the icing on the cake being that not a single conspirator was punished. Neither key leadership members nor operatives paid a price. A solitary, FISA-falsifying lawyer with a suspended sentence was the extent of the "accountability."

If a football team has had nothing but success with running to the left side of its opponents in a given game, what play might the coach call in the 4th quarter with the game on the line? We see the same play unfolding today, only Democrats aren't just using Russiagate to attack the quarterback. They're using January 6 to wipe out the whole team.

Many Americans have been waiting for the adults in the room to wake up and end the madness. But any such adults are either asleep or occupied with their own legal battles. At this writing, the cabal is up to indictment number four for President Trump, along with who knows how many civil suits, as well as attacking any prominent people who supported him.

In none of these cases does America have the backstop of the U.S. Senate to shield us from the travesty. President Trump is facing a brazen White House and chief executive, extreme leftist prosecutors, hopelessly biased judges, and stacked juries, along with a rabid and cheerleading media. The odds are better than not that at least one of these initiatives will see President Trump in jail sometime next year. In other words, it appears quite likely, at this point, that very soon, he will no longer "be in their way." Then what?









Patriot News

Patriot Events and Activities

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Artificial Intelligence - AI . . . This Just Arrived....

In an effort to establish government oversight of the growing role of artificial intelligence in our society, President Biden has appointed Vice President Kamala Harris as "A.I. Czar." The President expressed hope that Harris's track record of slowing the spread of intelligence will be of use.

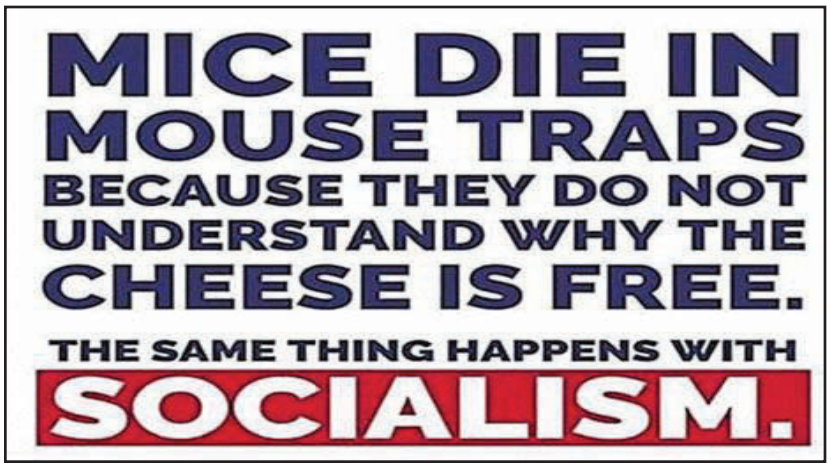
"She's been fighting against the threat of intelligence her whole life," Biden said in brief remarks when the announcement was made. "When it comes to creating an environment where intelligence is restricted and unable to advance too far, Vice President Harris is more qualified for the job than anyone else."

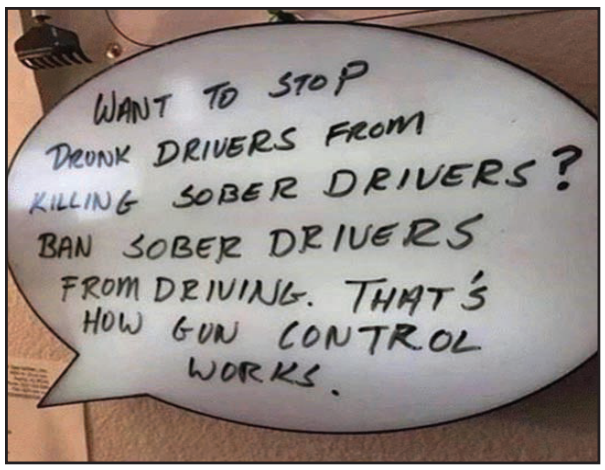
Fears among the general public and leaders of the tech industry alike regarding the increasing growth and prevalence of artificial intelligence have led to calls for more oversight, which Vice President Harris was more than willing to provide — as soon as she was informed what "oversight" means she said (in something that seemed like a statement):

"It is my distinct honor to provide real leadership over the growth of artificial intelligence. Intelligence that is artificial is real, and intelligence that is real may, in reality, be artificial. It is within that reality that artificiality can become real,"

Sources within the White House indicated Biden was supremely confident that Harris's leadership in the area of intelligence would be just as successful as her tenure as Border Czar.

At publishing time, Vice President Harris was reportedly already assembling a special task force to deal with the potential threat of intelligence, asking New York Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez to serve as her adviser!









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As crazy as this may sound, there are large numbers of the population that will need to learn to be free. The illusionary walls of the matrix run deep in people's consciousness and the 'safety' of prison is chosen by many, over the risk of the unknown.

The structure, the rules, the norms, the welfare system, the false security and the state as the protector of the masses, runs deep in people's psyche, after all, we were all indoctrinated to believe that without it there is only chaos and anarchy.

The constant overwhelming fear mongering with threats of climate disasters, global pandemics, endless wars or nuclear armageddon are designed to make you feel powerless and defenceless in the face of catastrophic threats and therefore needing of the governmental structures and processes to keep you safe and alive. 'Little you' can do nothing without them.

Freedom from the matrix is therefore dangerous in the eyes of the masses who feel they need the constant 'protection' from a hostile, dangerous world in continuous turmoil.

The Covid pandemic brought to light how much people were willing to give up for a little safety, it was sad to witness the degree of servitude, compliance, ignorance, reliance and in some cases utter stupidity we have reached as a species.

The dumming down purpose of education was a success. The herd mentality is deeply ingrained and the addiction to fear is systemic, so does real freedom stand a chance?

Those of us that are called conspiracy theorists; crazy, radical, nonconformists, us weirdos, have a vision, an understanding, a sense of the freedom that is ours to exercise and each day that we put it into practice, as difficult as it sometimes is, we are spreading the spark, the feeling, the notion, the awareness, that a better reality is possible beyond the matrix and that we don't need it in order to survive. In fact, it's the matrix itself that is designed to keep us from thriving and merely surviving.

Our living example is the only thing that will transform the world. The herd will realise that it's possible and as soon as they dare to step into freedom, the walls of the matrix will collapse.

This journey is entirely about learning, about knowledge and wisdom, but perhaps the hardest lesson, as sad as it is, is for humanity to learn to be free.
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One Nation Under God

The Rosary has won miraculous victories against enemies of the Catholic faith for centuries

By LifeSite News

The world and the Church are in grave peril and need nothing less than God's most powerful prayer.

Radical sexual ideology, the scourge of abortion, looming globalist tyranny, and widespread heresy, promoted even at the highest levels of the Church: It is a historically, perhaps unprecedentedly, dire time.

But God has given us a great spiritual weapon for just such situations: the Rosary.

Originally given by the Blessed Virgin to St. Dominic to convert the Albigensian heretics, the Rosary has won seemingly impossible victories against the armies of Hell for centuries.

The Albigensians, Neo-Gnostics who relentlessly attacked marriage and life, much like today's liberals, found widespread support in France in the 12th and 13th centuries, threatening the future of the Church in Western Europe. Outnumbered crusaders struggled to rout the heretics – until they had recourse to the Rosary:

The crusaders, a mere 800 men led by Simon de Montfort, spent the night praying the Rosary for victory under the direction of Saint Dominic, and in the morning all went to confession and Holy Communion. The opposing armies, numbering over 20,000, indulged in a night of drunkenness and debauchery. The next morning, Simon de Montfort divided his cavalry into three and rushed on the disorganized bands of heretics. The rout was completed in less than 20 minutes, and thousands of the heretical sympathizers met their end on the battlefield. The Battle of Muret marked a decisive victory and ended the territorial expansion of Albigensianism. With the preaching of the rosary, this dangerous scourge on the Church was soon wiped out.

Our Lady later revealed to Blessed Alan de la Roche the incredible effects that the Rosary had on lands once dominated by Albigensian heresy:

Through the Rosary, hardened sinners of both sexes became converted and started to lead a holy life, bemoaning their past sins with genuine tears of contrition. Even children performed unbelievable penances; devotion to my Son and to me spread so thoroughly that it almost seemed as though angels were living on earth. The Faith was gaining, and many Catholics longed to shed their blood for it and fight against the heretics. […] People led moral and law-abiding lives and worked wonders for the glory of God. Holiness and unworldliness flourished; the clergy were exemplary, princes were just, people lived at peace with each other and justice and equity reigned in the guilds and in the homes.

The power of the Rosary has achieved other miraculous successes, including the legendary Battle of Lepanto in 1571, which saved Christendom from the Muslim Turks. The Catholic forces of the Holy League, arranged by Pope St. Pius V, prepared themselves before the battle "by falling to their knees on the decks of their galleys and praying the Rosary." Meanwhile, in Rome and "up and down the Italian Peninsula, at the behest of Pius V, the churches were filled with the faithful telling their beads."

The Catholics and Turks "were evenly matched and well led," Catholic Answers president Christopher Check recounts, "but the Divine favored the Christians, and once the battle turned in their favor it became a rout. All but 13 of the nearly 300 Turkish vessels were captured or sunk and over 30,000 Turks were slain."

St. Pius V instituted the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary in commemoration of the victory. The saintly pope noted that the Rosary has "often defeated the enemies of the Church. Rightly, therefore, we must hope that the same power will repulse the errors of hell, will annihilate the machinations of godlessness, will remove from the people the errors that have been propagated and, with it, the great upheaval that convulses all mankind."

In fact, the Rosary has won so many victories against heretics that it can rightly be called "the anchor of salvation for society," according to Blessed James Alberione.

"The Rosary of Mary is the great lever, it is the anchor of salvation for society and for individuals. Lepanto and Vienna are names associated with the Rosary. The victories over the Albigensians, over French philosophies, over liberalism and modernism find their explanation in the Rosary," he wrote. "Through it many sinners have been converted to God; through it love of God and of His Mother has bloomed anew."

The great saints and popes, as well as Our Lady Herself, have continued to stress the unique efficacy of the Rosary throughout modern times.

The Blessed Virgin repeatedly told the children of Fatima "to pray the Rosary every day." Padre Pio called the devotion "the weapon that wins all battles" and "the weapon against the evils of the world today." The Hail Mary, together with the contemplative prayer of the Rosary meditations, is "the most powerful weapon ever placed in the hands of man," declared Venerable Fr. Patrick Peyton.

Pope St. Pius X considered the Rosary powerful enough to save the world: "If there were one million families praying the Rosary every day, the entire world would be saved." "The Rosary is the most beautiful and the most rich in graces of all prayers; it is the prayer that touches most the Heart of the Mother of God," he said.



Pope Pius XI also recalled, "When, in fact, errors everywhere diffused were bent upon rending the seamless robe of the Church and upon throwing the Catholic world into confusion, our fathers turned with confident soul to her 'alone who destroys all heresies in the world' (Roman Breviary), and the victory won through her brought the return of tranquility."

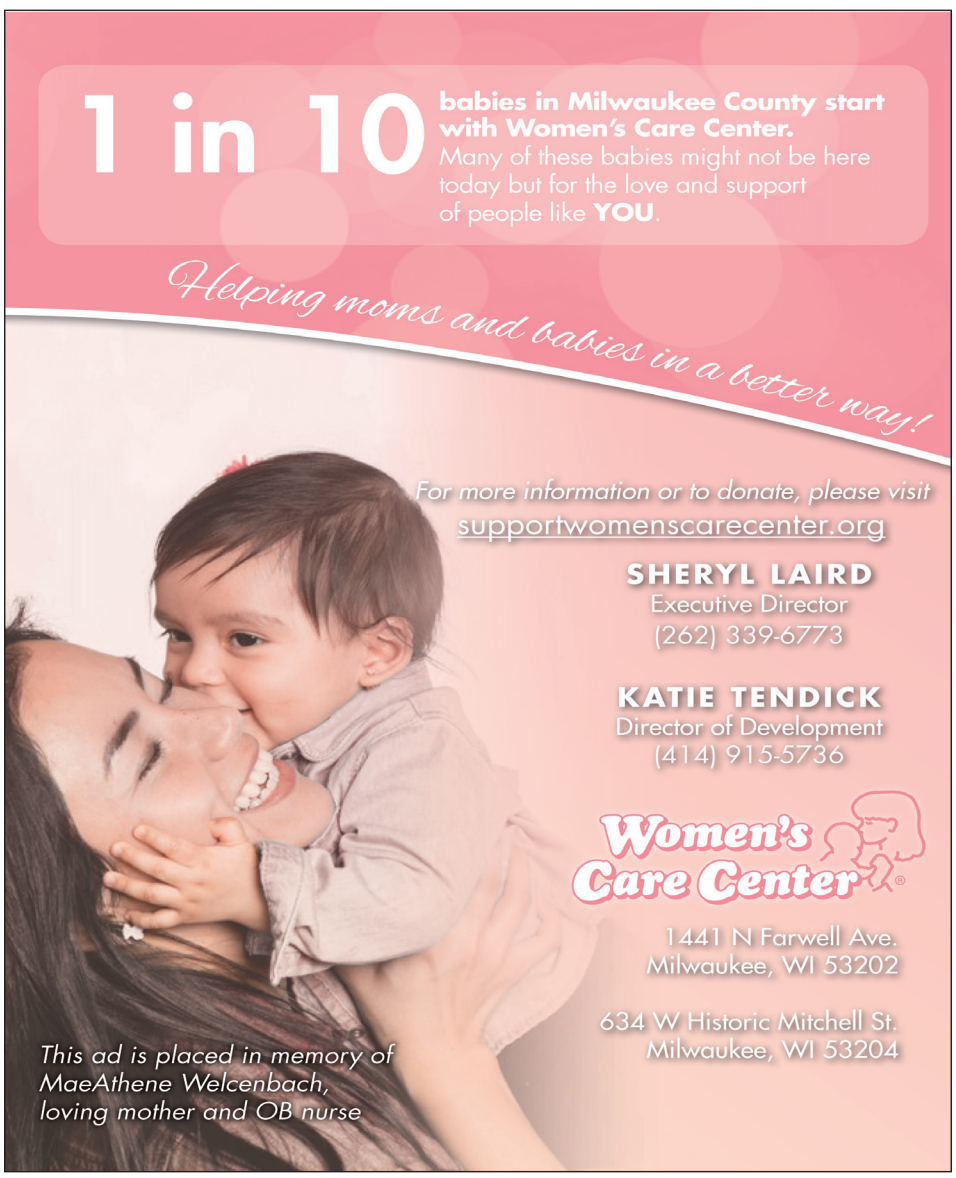
Venerable Pope Pius XII likewise urged Catholics in his day to "put great confidence in the Holy Rosary for the healing of evils which afflict our times. Not with force, not with arms, not with human power, but with Divine help obtained through the means of this prayer, strong like David with his sling, the Church undaunted shall be able to confront the infernal enemy."

And Pope St. John Paul II reaffirmed, "The Church has always attributed particular efficacy to this prayer, entrusting to the Rosary, to its choral recitation and to its constant practice, the most difficult problems. At times when Christianity itself seemed under threat, its deliverance was attributed to the power of this prayer, and Our Lady of the Rosary was acclaimed as the one whose intercession brought salvation."

He identified the Rosary as a spiritual weapon in the fight for life, and entrusted the cause of the family, "increasingly menaced by forces of disintegration on both the ideological and practical planes," to its power.

The Rosary has achieved miracles in recent years: In 2016, soon after Nigerian Bishop Oliver Dashe Doeme called on Catholics to pray the daily Rosary to defeat Boko Haram, the Nigerian army pushed the radical Islamic group almost entirely out the region. Bishop Doeme attributed the success to Rosary, noting a vision he had in which Christ gave him a sword that turned into a Rosary and said, "Boko Haram is gone."

In this month of the Most Holy Rosary, let's entrust the crises in our nation and the Church to Our Lady through Her Rosary, confident that She will obtain victory yet again.





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Hamas is no resistance movement – it is an anti-Semitic, misogynist terror cult

By Martin Bright

The following statement should be uncontroversial. An organisation that kidnaps unarmed women, children and old people then parades the naked bodies of its dead victims should not be considered as a resistance movement. Hamas is what Hamas does: it is a violent Islamist terror cult. It has shown itself, in its actions in Southern Israel over the Jewish sabbath in its true anti-Semitic, misogynist colours.

You are waiting for a qualification, perhaps? This is not a time for "buts". No rhetoric about the biggest prison camp on earth or the Israeli Apartheid state or the fascists in Netanyahu's government can justify or explain the brutality of those men with guns on motorbikes and pickups. They were driven by the hatred of Jews and the hatred of women, which lie explicitly, transparently at the heart of Hamas ideology. It is dedicated to the destruction of Israel.

Truth may be the first victim of war, but empathy is the second. When I posted my views on Hamas on social media, the reaction to the massacres and rapes and kidnappings was an exercise in equivocation and moral relativism. I was schooled that anything goes in war and told that I should compare what happened to Dresden, Hiroshima and Vietnam (but not the Holocaust funnily enough). Both sides abuse women and children and pretend it's for a cause, apparently. Could the "lovely old lady" depicted in one Hamas kidnap video actually be a settler who is actively stealing land and livelihoods from Palestinians.? The Israeli Defence Force has been doing the same as Hamas for years. Examine the records of post-war Jewish terrorist organisations Irgun and the Haganah. How many pieces of silver had I taken I taken?

One person suggested my comments were the final proof that the free speech organisation for which I work, Index on Censorship, is a "neo-con cut-out" (translation from the hard-left jargon: CIA front organisation). I wouldn't mention this slew of poison if it weren't so prevalent and consistent.

There is no correct way to react to atrocities of this kind, but this is surely the moment to show our common humanity. As the historian Anthony Glees, who advised the Thatcher government on Nazi war criminals wrote: "Few who have seen the picture of SS officers 'interrogating' an elderly Jewish woman with whips during WW2 will ever forget it. Same here."

This is not the time for "buts". There will come a time for a reckoning within Israel about the intelligence failings that led to this catastrophe. The support of any Israeli government depends on its ability to keep its people safe from harm in a hostile neighbourhood and in that Netanyahu has ostensibly and catastrophically failed. Many of these atrocities took place at a music festival for peace in the desert. What greater cultural symbol of progressive, inclusive Israel could there be? What greater symbol of everything Hamas despises. Dozens of young Israeli men and women held hostage in Gaza is Israel's greatest nightmare.

Israel's defence minister Yoav Gallant has promised a robust response to Hamas. It was Gallant himself who warned Netanyahu in July that tensions within the country's military over plans to overhaul Israel's judicial system could damage the country's national security. Thousands of reservists said they would not serve in response to the proposed reforms.

Now the mass protests against the Netanyahu government have been cancelled and the declaration of war means that reservists are being called up. In the weeks to come, Netanyahu's recent decisions will be scrutinsed closely by the Israeli people: bringing extreme-Right Jewish supremacists into government, undermining the fundamental checks and balances of Israeli democracy, playing into the hands of those who believe Israel is an apartheid state. It will be for them to decide his political fate and what October 9 2023 will mean for his legacy.

Israel is already attacking Hamas in Gaza and many innocent Palestinians will suffer. International opinion will judge whether the response is "proportionate". But one thing will not change: Hamas alone is responsible for the kidnapping, rape and murder that happened in Southern Israel this week. Israel will demand a terrible price, but it is not the Palestinian people's worst enemy: that prize goes to the Islamist, anti-Semitic misogynists of Hamas.



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comparing the day to 9/11 — and asking how their vaunted military could have been so unprepared for such a major assault.

Nearly a day after they invaded, the fighters — sent by the terror group Hamas — appear to have been mostly but not entirely cleared out of Israeli territory. But the fighting is just beginning. While the day's grim tally is not yet clear, a huge number of Israelis have been taken hostage in Gaza, and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is promising an unmitigated war on Gaza, which has seen repeated rounds of conflict with Israel over the past 15 years.

"Hamas has launched a cruel and evil war," Netanyahu said in a televised address. "We will win this war, but it will carry a very heavy price. This is a difficult day for all of us."

Is this the worst Israel-Hamas fighting?

Hamas, a Palestinian terror group, has launched attacks on Israeli civilians for decades and has governed the Gaza Strip for more than 15 years. During that time, it has launched barrages of missiles at Israeli cities on the Gaza border and beyond, sending residents fleeing for shelter, and Israel has responded with airstrikes and offensives that have killed thousands of Palestinians in the coastal strip.

Israel launched ground invasions of Gaza in 2008 and 2014. The most recent major round of conflict between the two sides took place in 2021.

But Hamas has never attacked Israel as it did on Saturday. While it has previously built a network of tunnels to infiltrate Israel, Saturday's invasion was on a much larger scale. Militants broke through a barrier built by Israel, attacked by sea and began killing people in 20 different cities and towns. Makeshift bands of Israeli civilians battled the Hamas operatives while the Israeli military belatedly mobilized.

The militants also took a large number of hostages back to Gaza, in addition to holding hostages in a kibbutz cafeteria and a private home in Israel.

They captured two ambulances and an Israeli tank. They took control of the police station in the border city of Sderot for some 20 hours. They overran an Israeli military base.

A portion of the violence, and many of the graphic videos circulating on social media, came from an all-night party near the border, where revelers fled Hamas, but where some were taken captive into Gaza.

Along with the ground invasion, Hamas sent volleys of missiles at targets across the country.

By Sunday, the official death toll had reached 600 — including many civilians and the commander of the Israel Defense Forces' Nahal Brigade, one of the most senior Israeli military officials to be killed in recent years.

That is a stark contrast with the rocket fire which — due in part to Israeli warning and missile defense systems — has historically had a low civilian death toll. Saturday was one of the bloodiest days in the history of israel.

How has the IDF responded?

Israeli-Palestinian violence has escalated all year, but the epicenter of that fighting has been in Jerusalem and the West Bank, not Gaza. A flareup of fighting between Hamas and Israel earlier this year ended after five days.

But as the day progressed, it became clear that Hamas' attack took Israel by surprise. Residents of the small cities and kibbutzim on the border, absent any help by the IDF, resorted to forming armed bands and attempting to clear out the Hamas fighters themselves. A senior local official was killed while trying to defend his town.

A day after the attack started, it appeared the IDF had regained control over the area. But that was after 24 hours that included news no Israeli expected to hear: that Hamas had taken control of an army base and police station; that it had captured military and medical vehicles; and that it had taken hostages to Gaza.

The invasion came as Israel's government has been occupied with other matters, including a contentious effort to weaken Israel's court system and a possible diplomatic accord with Saudi Arabia. The future of those initiatives is unclear. Instead, exactly 50 years after Israel was caught by surprise by the invasions that began the Yom Kippur War, the country was once again asking how this could have happened.

"These days there's no king in Israel," Haaretz reporter Amir Tibon posted online, quoting a Bible verse meant to evoke a sense of disorder. "Take care of yourselves."

What will happen to the hostages? Does Israel negotiate for hostages?

According to Israel's Foreign Ministry, 100 Israelis have been taken by Hamas and brought into Gaza. If that number, or anything of its magnitude, is accurate, it would be many more than the group has ever captured.

Hamas kidnappings have, in the past, led to Israeli military operations and to at least one prisoner exchange.

In 2006, Hamas took one soldier, Gilad Shalit, hostage. Israel sent troops into Gaza following his capture but was unable to recover him. Soon afterward, the Lebanese terror group Hezbollah took two other Israeli soldiers captive in an incident that launched the 2006 Lebanon War.

Five years later, in 2011, Shalit was freed in an exchange with a controversial legacy: Nearly 1,000 Palestinian prisoners were released in return for the soldier. Indirect negotiations between Israel and Hamas led to the deal.

Three years after that, in 2014, some of the Palestinian prisoners released in the Shalit deal were involved in another kidnapping of Israelis — the abduction and subsequent murder of three Israeli teens in the West Bank. That incident led to the 2014 Gaza War, which saw Israel invade the territory and lasted 50 days.

If Hamas has abducted 100 Israeli civilians and soldiers, it will be another element of Saturday's violence with no precedent in history, though in 1976, Palestinian hijackers took more than 100 hostages at Entebbe Airport in Uganda. Nearly all of those hostages were freed in a famous operation in which the only Israeli soldier to die was Yoni Netanyahu, the current prime minister's brother.

What will happen next?

Little is clear except that Israel's leaders have promised a large-scale war in Gaza.

"The IDF will immediately activate all of its capabilities to destroy Hamas' abilities," Netanyahu said Saturday. "We will forcefully avenge this black day they have forced upon Israel and its citizens."

That almost certainly means a ground invasion of Gaza, which promises to bring more death and destruction. Israeli airstrikes on Gaza have already reportedly killed more than 200 people, and masses of reservists have been called up.

It is too soon to tell how long the coming war will last or how wide-ranging it will be. The last ground invasion of Gaza, in 2014, lasted 50 days and ended with more than 70 Israelis and more than 2,100 Palestinians dead.

To conduct the new campaign, centrist Yair Lapid, the leader of Israel's parliamentary opposition, has called for Netanyahu to form an emergency government that would include centrist parties as well as his current religious and far-right partners. Such an emergency government was also formed during the Six Day War in 1967.

An emergency government including opposition parties would likely spell an end — or at least a significant pause — for the issue that until Saturday was causing widespread strife in Israel: the government's judicial overhaul. A government with centrists would not approve such an overhaul, and it is less likely to move forward in the middle of a war. Protests against the overhaul have likewise been put on pause.

What this means for Israel's talks with Saudi Arabia is also unclear, but any deal between the two countries was meant to include Israeli concessions to the Palestinian Authority — something Israel would likely be less inclined to agree to while fighting in Gaza.

"At this moment, I won't address who is to blame or why we were surprised," Lapid said in a video message. "This is not the time or the place. We will stand united against our enemies. Israel is at war."

Devastating risks of transitioning to 'green' energy: Mining for electric-powering minerals has left 23 million people exposed to toxic waste, 500k km of rivers polluted and 16 million acres of farmland ruined

By Matthew Phelan

Tens of millions of people — more than live in the entire state of Florida — are now exposed to toxic water runoff from metal mining, a new study has found.

The report lays bare the devastating impacts that can follow a reckless transition to 'green' energy, compounding the ecological damage wrought by over 150 years of drilling and mining for fossil fuels.

The researchers found that 23 million people worldwide, as well as 5.72 million in livestock, over 16 million acres of irrigated farmland and over 297,800 miles worth of rivers have been contaminated by mining's toxic byproducts seeping into the water.

This metal mining includes many so-called 'rare earth elements' essential to the manufacture of high-tech electronics, solar cells, wind turbines and all the batteries needed to store sustainable 'green' energy (and power electric cars and iPhones).

While the new study focuses on environmental impacts, global metals mining has recently faced shocking lawsuits against major tech firms, including Apple, Google, Microsoft and Tesla, over child slavery in the Congo, where 70 percent of the industry's cobalt is sourced.



Researchers found that over 297,800 miles worth of rivers have been contaminated by toxic mining byproducts. Above, a March 27, 2021 aerial view of an area contaminated with toxic waste generated by mining companies that have polluted the Tagarete river in Bolivia



The scientists found that 23 million people have been exposed to toxic mining waste worldwide. Above, Dan Bender of the La Plata County Sheriff's Office takes a sample from the Animas river in Colorado polluted by about 3 million gallons of waste from the Gold King Mine

'Rapid growth in global metal mining is crucial if the world is to make the transition to green energy,' noted Chris Thomas, a zoologist at the University of Lincoln whose specialty is in spatial ecology and threats to the global water supply.

Thomas led the analysis and modelling work for the new study, which was published today in Science.

Thomas and his colleagues have developed a new database, supported by on-the-ground testing, which now maps the hundreds of square miles' worth of rivers and floodplains contaminated by these industrial processes across the globe.

The devastation wrought by this contamination, they found, was widespread, affecting approximately 297,800 miles (479,200 km) of river systems total and over 63,000 square-miles (164,000 sq-km) of floodplains worldwide.

But, North America stood out as the most affected, at 123,280 miles of tainted river systems, and approximately 10.7 million acres of polluted floodplains.

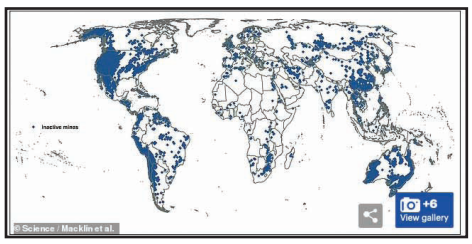
But the damage was not much better in South America with 50,766 miles of rivers and over 9.5 million acres of floodplain impacted; nor in Asia with about 37,842 river-miles and about 8.3 million acres of floodplain polluted by metal mining waste.

In terms of potency of local damage, however, the the scientists saved their harshest criticisms for 'the environmental legacy of historical mining,' which they said was 'most problematic in western Europe,' where long-abandoned old mines have left lasting environmental damage.

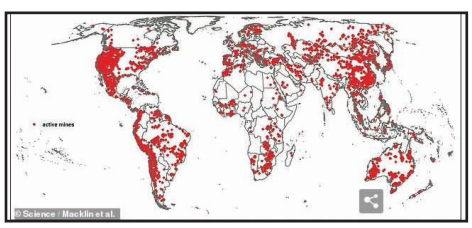
'Much of the estimated global contamination we have mapped is a legacy from the industrial era,' Thomas said in a press statement. 'Rightly, modern mining is being encouraged to prioritize environmental sustainability.'



Potentially harmful mining contaminants can seep into the local water supply, whether transported downstream to along river beds and floodplains, or deep into underground aquifers. Chronic copper metal poisoning kills a sheep in North Ronaldsay, Texel, Suffolk



The researchers identified 159,735 abandoned mines, marked in blue above, whose environmental impact due to laxer historic regulations contributed 'much of the estimated global contamination,' according to report co-author and spatial ecology expert Chris Thomas



The study also modelled the waste from 22,609 active mines, marked in red above, as well as 11,587 mining waste storage facilities and 257 known cases of failed and leaking storage sites (not pictured above): 'the most comprehensive compilation of metal mine locations to date'

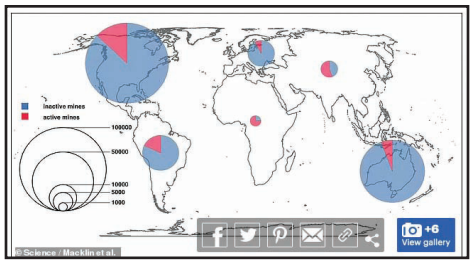
The researchers developed a model to predict the spread of contaminants from all known active and inactive metal mines — plus facilities used to seal off hazardous mining waste — with a focus on pollution from lead, zinc, copper, and arsenic.

These potentially harmful contaminants and industrial byproducts can seep into the local water supply, whether transported downstream where the metals are deposited along river beds and floodplains, or otherwise sinks deep into underground aquifers.

Mark Macklin, director of the university's Lincoln Centre for Water and Planetary Health, who led the international team behind the new research, said he anticipates the new study's maps and modelling tools will help prevent future reckless mining.

'We expect that this will make it easier to mitigate the environmental effects of historical and present mining,' Macklin said.

'Our new method for predicting the dispersal of mine waste in river systems provides governments, environmental regulators, the mining industry and local communities with a tool that, for the first time, will enable them to assess the offsite and downstream impacts of mining on ecosystem and human health.'



Inactive mines and their pollution outnumbers the mining waste generated by new mines

All told, the researchers identified 159,735 abandoned mines and 22,609 active mines — as well as 11,587 mining waste storage facilities and 257 known cases of failed and leaking storage sites.

The team described the new database in their report as 'the most comprehensive compilation of metal mine locations to date.'

Concerns over just how bad the ecological impact of metal mining for sustainable technology might be is complicated by the diverse variety of resources involved, which can lead to 'apples to oranges' comparisons.

According to the MIT Environmental Solutions Initiative, green energy technologies like wind turbines and electric cars often do require many more mined minerals than the present fossil fuels infrastructure.

One electric car, for example, requires six times more metallic and mineral materials than a combustion engine car, MIT's university team reports.

And a wind power plant requires nine times more of these mined compounds than a traditional gas-fired plant.

But these heavy investments in initial overhead are dwarfed by the repeated volume of fossil fuels currently mined today to meet present and growing energy demands.

As of 2021, over 7.5 billion tons of coal were extracted from the ground, wreaking havoc on local people and environments from Sydney Australia's Royal National Park, to coal-rich Inner Mongolia in China and more.

This is a whopping 25 times the current estimates of the metal mining needed for a clean energy revolution by 2040, according to projections from the Paris-based International Energy Agency (founded during the 1970s oil crisis by the OECD).

The transition, according to the IEA, will require new mining under 30 million tons.

Scott Odell, a visiting scientist at MIT's Environmental Solutions Initiative who specializes in clean energy and mining, cautions however that these environmental impacts often need to be assessed on a more detailed, case by case basis.

The mining of any two different metals requires different techniques with different impacts — as can two separate deposits of the same metal if located in significantly different conditions.

'I think if someone were to tell you one or the other is better in terms of direct impacts pound for pound,' Odell said, 'you should ask a lot of questions about how they got to that answer.'



Above a farmer copes with chemical waste on a corn crop in Ahmedabad, India in 2018. Industrial processing of mined metals was another pollution factor included in the study

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very expensive hazardous waste cleanups, and the federal government (and taxpayers and consumers) will end up paying large sums for ongoing and future cleanups.

In passing the Superfund law, Congress understood that early good faith efforts to initiate and pay for cleanups could saddle companies with full removal and remediation costs, unless they: (a) know they will ultimately be able to identify all other responsible parties and compel them to pay their fair share of total cleanup costs; or (b) do the impossible – by finding those parties and bringing legal actions against them within three years.

The scope, extent and causes of environmental contamination – whether from pollution over decades or from a single event – are often not understood until after years of investigation, analysis and litigation. Determining all contributing factors and parties more often than not requires more than three years.

The February 2023 Norfolk Southern train derailment in Ohio is a perfect example. Complicated factors caused the disaster, multiple parties likely share responsibility for it, and its full nature, scope, cleanup requirements and costs will not be ascertained for years.

The contradictory Appeals Court rulings create a much more litigious environment for Superfund events like East Palestine. Years or decades of cleanup delays are the last thing impacted communities need.

The Supreme Court nevertheless denied certiorari. Many Court observers, myself included, believe it should have accepted the case and made these legal and policy principles clear for Georgia-Pacific and future Superfund parties. Now confusion will reign, cleanups will be delayed, and responsible corporations will balk at undertaking costly cleanups.

Let's hope the Court grabs the next "vehicle" that arrives at its door.