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



A Rich Reservoir for Fraud - Wisconsin's Elections are not Verifiable

By Joan Beglinger

Tom Barrett, JB Van Hollen, Scott Klug, and Michael Tate, all former elected officials from both political parties, have been writing about Wisconsin's elections. They claim, "Our elections are safe and secure," undefined terms that are meaningless and often used by politicians and members of the media to convince us "there is nothing to see here." But the fact is Wisconsin's elections are not verifiable, meaning every vote cast cannot be tied to the name of a currently eligible voter.

In the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel on September 6, the writers used the August 11 primary incident in Milwaukee, in which audit logs were downloaded onto memory sticks rather than election results, to send the message that mistakes happen; the error was discovered; the system works.

Their contention that "catching errors means Wisconsin's election system is actually working" is factually inaccurate and misleading. Their conflation of unintended human error with criminal fraud serves to confuse rather than clarify important election issues that must be addressed.

Human error will occur in the best of systems and, in the case of elections, after action reviews, audits, and recounts may indeed catch errors and allow for their correction. These methods are useless in

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We must embrace AI and data centers, not pause them

China, Iran, North Korea and ISIS won't pause their AI race. The US would be crazy to do so.



By Paul Driessen

A recent Friends of the Earth email wailed that URGENT ACTION is needed to prevent MASSIVE data centers from DESTROYING communities, the environment and property values, while tech billionaires get even richer!

Other opponents say artificial intelligence (AI) and data centers

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AI – a New Infrastructure or Threat to Human Society?

By Tom DeWeese

They tell us it's the future. An infrastructure for a new way of life. A new economy. A new free enterprise. And it's not artificial – it's super intelligence!



Digital AI systems are being presented as the future of convenience, efficiency, and security. Military development is a major focus as are healthcare and the drive for cures such as for cancer and many other diseases of the human body. We're told that life is going to be so much easier, we will all be

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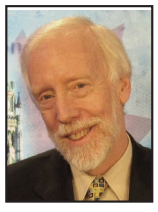
Alarmist "Newspeak" is poisoning the climate debate

By Tom Harris

Two brilliant linguistic mechanisms of control were introduced in George Orwell's dystopian novel Nineteen Eighty-Four:



Newspeak, a deliberately restricted language designed to limit the range of human thought

Duckspeak, speech emptied of meaning and repeated automatically like the quacking of a duck.

Both were designed to support only the state's politically correct messages.

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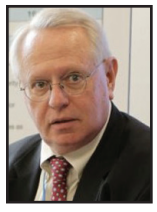
Information Quality Act: Basis for Serious Regulatory Reform

By William L. Kovacs

A July 23, 2026, New York Times article, "Big Businesses Quietly Desert Climate Goals," illustrates an unsettling feature of American policymaking: major corporations often adjust their policy priorities to accommodate the beliefs and preferences of whichever administration holds power. The potential rewards are substantial—subsidies, grants, tax preferences, favorable regulations, and permit approvals. In 2001, to ensure new policies rested on sound facts, economics, and science, Congress enacted the Information Quality Act. Unfortunately, presidents of both parties resisted its implementation to control the facts supporting regulatory change.



Climate policy provides a striking example. The article describes how major corporations have dramatically changed their climate policies since President Trump returned to office. My purpose is not to debate

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Steve's Say . . . Listen to the President - Not the Fake News



Every day the Fake News gushes out a choreographed mantra of a Democrat landslide in the upcoming mid-term elections, supported by "polls" with track records of dismal failures in past election cycles. For someone to swallow this line of nonsense these language perverts continually ejaculate, you must believe that most Americans want:

a) Boys in Girls bathrooms
b) Babies murdered up to and even after birth
c) Children sexually mutilated with or without parental consent
d) Men playing in women's sports
e) Mothers who murder their children cleared of all charges
f) Violent criminals on the street, not in jail
g) Fraudsters stealing tax dollars to stay in "business"
h) All illegal immigrants to remain in America and given citizenship
i) Someone else to tell them what a woman is
j) Help in determining their "pronouns"

These 10 culture war items, though presented in the positive, actually poll 80-90% in reverse. Common sense tells us all of these nonsense axioms of the Globalist Left embody pure insanity. And I will aver forever that most people conduct their behavior using common sense, not the demonic insanity listed above. Not one Democrat stands on the common sense side of any of these issues.

People universally reject the crap the Democrat party and installed politicians continue to shovel into the people's faces with their Fake News narratives. President Trump thoroughly destroyed these scoundrels in the culture war, with MAGA clearly owning each of these 10 issues. So the culture war alone provides almost every American more than enough reason to flee the Democrat party.

So be of good cheer and high hopes. Trump went out of his way in a press conference the other day to talk about Tom Tiffany and his race for Governor. He promised to get 17.9 billion tornado wreckage aid to Wisconsin ASAP post Tiffany's election. Many of us feel he gave us a direct comm. His administration repeatedly stated the priority of re-establishing Wisconsin election integrity and we know arrests have been made here of some individuals known to be involved. Apparently the early morning ballot dump to Milwaukee central count from the bogus ballot manufacturing warehouse on Mill Road won't be happening this election.

But President Trump has accomplished so much more!

Never before has $21 trillion been committed to investment in America by outside corporate entities. GDP growth, now up to 5%, unheard of in our lifetimes, derives entirely from the private sector, not parasitic government jobs. The tariffs continue to reclaim outside money back to America. Trump completely obliterated the Deep State energy stranglehold by his actions in Venezuela, Iran, the entire Middle East and now Russia. The fraud and money-laundering machine so carefully constructed by the Globalist cabal and essential for their continued operation seems to have become obsolete or at least inadequate.

Elections all across South and Central America demonstrate the loss of power and influence of the cabal in their life and death efforts to install puppet leaders. Europe appears to be waking up from their stupor and moving toward ridding themselves of their fraudulently elected politicians. This long-overdue transformation will inevitably be violent as we see in France and the U.K. today. Germany will be following soon as will most other European nations. The EU is finished.

Trump's well-conceived plan to transform America from the current debt system of the Federal Reserve into an income system is well underway. Soon the obsolete Federal Reserve will vanish into the night along with all the fraud they've promulgated over the past 113 years. At that point income taxes will vanish and instead dividends will be paid out to all actual American citizens as they share directly in the profitable investments corralled in the sovereign wealth fund Trump created. The Golden Age of America will truly be upon us.

However, we all must never lose sight that all of these blessing come from Almighty God through our Lord Jesus Christ, King of Kings and ultimate sovereign of our nation. President Trump repeatedly confesses his stewardship as our leader to Christ the King. Today America remains the only nation on Earth that recognizes the Lord God's ultimate authority over its government, the only true republic on the planet.

The Globalist barrage of convoluted nonsense from the Fake News media, the Democrat party, controlled RINOs and bogus TV commercials intends to inflict apathy and despair among the MAGA voters and common sense citizens. Stay strong Patriots! Tune out their garbage and assist others of like mind to resist their psy-op.

The only way we lose is if we surrender.

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Norway Rejects Climate Orthodoxy's False Choice, Builds Wealth

By Vijay Jayaraj

Norway Minister of Energy Terje Aasland told Reuters that his country will keep developing oil and gas in the Barents Sea irrespective of a European Union (EU) ban on Arctic drilling.

"In today's geopolitical and security environment … I believe continued activity in the Barents Sea serves both Norwegian and European interests," said Aasland.

Although not an EU member, Norway is a close ally and Europe's largest gas supplier, meeting about 30% of the demand across the European Union and Britain. Last year Norwegian gas output ran near record levels and oil production hit its highest mark since 2009.



Without new fields, however, official projections show output dropping sharply after 2030. But Aasland intends to hold production and exports near current levels until at least 2035, and he has said that the Arctic is important to Norway remaining a long-term supplier.

The EU currently backs a ban on new Arctic drilling on environmental grounds, while buying the gas that keeps its factories running. Anders Opedal, CEO of Norwegian multinational energy company Equinor, has said that producers of Barents oil and natural gas will find buyers somewhere else if Europe refuses to buy.

Even Fatih Birol, head of the International Energy Agency (IEA) and a promoter of transitioning away from fossil fuels, has urged the EU to reconsider its opposition to Arctic development for the sake of energy security.

Europe already has suffered economic damage from its "green" pretense. The IEA reports that EU electricity prices for energy-intensive industry averaged more than double American levels in 2025 and were nearly 50% above China's.

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Energy Reality Forces Tech to Ditch Climate Virtue Signaling

By Vijay Jayaraj

In Pecos County, Texas, crews are clearing scrubland for a power plant that will burn natural gas and answer to no one but Amazon. With 35 turbines and a generating capacity of more than 7 gigawatts, the plant will be able to produce more electricity than the Grand Coulee Dam. A state permit allows the facility to emit 33 million tons of greenhouse gases a year, roughly double what comes from an Alabama coal-fired generator that has topped America's emissions tables for years.

Now recall who founded the company building the gas behemoth. That would be Amazon's Jeff Bezos, who just 5 years ago told delegates at a U.N. climate summit that a rocket ride had shown him a planet that was finite and fragile, prompting a pledge of $2 billion to "restore" nature. The applause was warm. The carbon-intensive private jet that carried Bezos to the Scotland meeting was noted by critics and forgotten by everyone else.

Now, his company is financing what may become the largest point source of carbon dioxide in the United States, whose contribution to the greening of ecosystems should be welcome.

You are watching a conversion, and it deserves your attention because of what forced it.

The template, not the exception

Amazon did not stumble into natural gas. It joined a queue. Enverus Intelligence Research projects that user-owned turbines will account for about 40% of new data center capacity through 2030. Microsoft has signed a 20-year deal for power from a Chevron gas plant in neighboring Reeves County. Interconnection subscriptions are full, transformers are back-ordered, and the only metric that matters is the time it takes to get a power plant in operation.

In 2021, Facebook's parent company Meta declared climate change one of the most pressing challenges facing the world and positioned itself among the largest corporate buyers of clean electricity. Then came its Hyperion data center in Louisiana. Regulators approved three combined-cycle gas plants for it in August 2025. In March 2026 Meta tripled the order, funding seven more and making the totals 10 gas plants and nearly $11 billion of investment. Meta will underwrite 15 years of revenue, while the turbines will run for 30 – a mismatch that has a dissenting member of the Public Service Commission warning that households may inherit the balance.

Elon Musk built an empire on the premise that combustion belongs to the past. In 2024, he said that a carbon tax was the only action needed to solve climate change. More recently, addressing G20 ministers, he warned of a significant power shortfall next year and defended data center construction against negative public sentiment. Meta's Mark Zuckerberg, in the same meeting, asked governments for more electricians and more electricity. Neither man requested more wind and solar installations.

Energy Physics Forces a Hard Reset

Big Tech's turn toward dedicated gas power does not settle the climate debate, but it exposes the distance between a political narrative and a power grid capable of supporting industries. When servers must run, physics gets a vote and realities are acknowledged.

For example, at the start of 2026, every grid-scale battery in the

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Foreign money is pouring into ballot battles. Half the states aren't ready

By S.T. Karnick

Only about half the states restrict foreign funding of ballot measures, and some of those laws still leave loopholes big enough to exploit.

First published at The Blaze

Foreign billionaires and well-funded nongovernmental organizations can use a gap in federal election law to pour money into state ballot-measure campaigns. Half the states have yet to ban the practice, and some of those that have acted still leave openings for foreign-linked spending.

Federal law flatly bars foreign nationals from contributing to political candidates. State ballot initiatives and referenda, however, are treated differently under the Federal Election Campaign Act. Unless state law says otherwise, foreign nationals can spend to influence those measures. Because ballot campaigns can rewrite state constitutions, alter election rules, redraw districts, and affect turnout in candidate races, that distinction is no small matter.

One of the best-known examples involves Swiss billionaire Hansjörg Wyss. Americans for Public Trust has documented hundreds of millions of dollars in Wyss giving to U.S. political nonprofits. The Honest Elections Project notes that the left-wing Sixteen Thirty Fund alone received $243 million from Wyss and spent more than $130 million on ballot issues in 25 states.

Those figures deserve one qualification. Nonprofit funds are commingled, so they do not prove that Wyss' dollars paid for any particular ballot campaign. But money is fungible. The fact remains that current federal law permits an organization that receives enormous sums from a foreign national to spend heavily on domestic ballot measures.

Trump Administration Ends EV Mandate; Consumers Benefit

By H. Sterling Burnett

In a far-reaching move, on September 28, President Donald Trump's Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) rescinded a rule enacted under President Biden to force drivers into electric vehicles.

As part of Biden's "whole of government approach" to fight climate change, the EPA effectively banned whole classes of cars and trucks by imposing stronger fuel economy standards that would have been impossible to meet for most automobiles powered by internal combustion engines.

As written, Biden's rule would have required vehicle fleets to get more than 50 miles per gallon (MPG) equivalent by 2031, up from the 30.1 MPG standard today. By the Biden EPA's own estimate, the rule would effectively have required 26 percent in 2027, and 56 percent of new vehicles sold in 2032 to be EVs.

Yet, even with government subsidies for the purchase of EVs and for EV infrastructure like charging stations, currently, EVs only account for 7.3 percent of new car sales. EPA projected that the rescinded rule would have drastically reduced the availability of gasoline- and diesel-fueled cars and trucks, hybrids, and plug-in hybrids, which together currently make up 92.7 percent of the market, to just 29 percent of sales by 2032.

Aside from the loss of choice, the Biden rules would have increased the costs of remaining vehicles dramatically. EVs already cost thousands more than comparable fossil fuel-powered vehicles. That rule wouldn't have made EVs cheaper, but it would have added thousands of dollars to the cost of new non-electric vehicles.

Trump's action changes all that. It did not rescind CAFE standards entirely; he couldn't do that if he wanted to because they are codified into law. So, EPA under Administrator Lee Zeldin dramatically reduced future increases in fuel economy standards, from 50.4 MPG by 2031 to 34.9 MPG.

This is a good start. It should maintain consumer choice concerning the types of features cars and trucks have and the types of vehicles sold. Under Trump's rule, if fuel economy is not one's most important factor when buying a new car or truck, they can still purchase an SUV, car, or truck.

Congress should never have gotten into the business of setting fuel economy standards. It was an inept attempt to reduce dependence on foreign oil, primarily from the Middle East, in response to the 1973 Arab oil embargo. The belief was that if you forced automakers to produce more fuel-efficient cars, people would use less gas, and oil imports would fall.

What happened was that automakers began to make fuel-efficient cars and ended production of certain types of vehicles that people liked, like muscle cars, station wagons, and hybrid trucks/cars. Those who purchased fuel-efficient cars wound up driving more miles because driving became cheaper, and a new class of vehicles was born: minivans and four-door trucks. Imported oil did not fall but rather increased, until nearly 40 years later during Trump's first term when he took steps to expand production and put America on the path to energy dominance.

Station wagons virtually disappeared from the market, replaced by the newly created CAFE minivan, which was counted as a light truck with lower fuel economy standards. Truck appearances also dramatically changed, with two-door trucks declining and four-door trucks topping the sales charts virtually overnight, as people voted with their wallets for vehicles with power, utility, comfort, and amenities, regardless of fuel economy.

To the extent that fuel economy is a person's prime consideration when they buy a vehicle, there are more than 40 models sold in the United States available today that get 40 mpg or more. Only two of those vehicles are in the Top 10 in sales. None of the vehicles that get more than 50 mpg are in the top 10 in sales. On the other hand, five of the top 10 are full-sized pickup trucks and three are SUVs or crossovers.

Worse than the government substituting its judgment of what people should care about when they choose a vehicle was the fact that the government's CAFE standards wound up killing people. To improve fuel economy, automakers primarily reduced the size and weight of vehicles. Unfortunately, this downsizing had tragic consequences. Since the laws of physics have not changed, by putting more people in smaller, lighter vehicles, at least tens of thousands of people have been put at risk of injury and death each time CAFE standards are increased.

For example, the National Academy of Sciences estimated 1,300 to 2,600 additional deaths per year were caused by vehicle downsizing. Research by Harvard and the Brookings Institution put that figure higher still, estimating that every 100-pound weight reduction adds 2,200 to 3,900 fatalities per model year over a decade of driving. Whereas the Competitive Enterprise Institute attributed 2,600 to 4,500 deaths each year to fleet weight limits. Over the decades of its existence, the CAFE mandates have killed more Americans than all wars from Vietnam to the present combined.



As a result, by slowing, and one might hope, ending future CAFE standard increases, the Trump administration is not just saving consumers dollars and choices, but it is literally saving lives. Thanks, President Trump, for putting Americans' freedom of choice and lives first.

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"More And More Severe Storms": When Can We Declare This Hypothesis To Be Definitively Falsified?

By Francis Menton

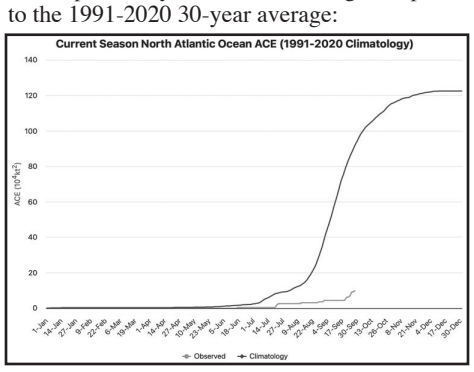
You know the mantra: Human caused climate change, driven by burning fossil fuels and adding greenhouse gases to the atmosphere, causes an increase in the frequency and severity of major storms, like hurricanes. When major hurricanes come along, as they regularly do, the promoters of this mantra immediately claim an ability to "attribute" the storm and/or its intensity to the ongoing human-caused warming.

For example, last October we had Hurricane Melissa, a Category 5 storm that struck Jamaica and other Caribbean islands. As soon as Melissa had passed, an organization calling itself World Weather Attribution promptly came out with an analysis blaming the storm and its intensity on "climate change." From the AP, November 6, 2025:

Melissa was one of the strongest Atlantic hurricanes to make landfall and brought destructive weather to Jamaica, Haiti, Dominican Republic and Cuba, causing dozens of deaths across the Caribbean. . . . The rapid analysis by World Weather Attribution found that climate change increased Melissa's maximum wind speeds by 7% and made the rainfall near the center of the storm 16% more intense. The scientists also wrote that the temperature and humidity in which the storm intensified were made six times more likely due to climate change compared to a pre-industrial world.

Perhaps that seemed plausible at the time. But this year the mantra that human-induced climate change is the main cause of destructive hurricanes has run into a small problem. Here we are on September 29, and there has not yet been a single hurricane that has formed in the North Atlantic. Nor are there any tropical disturbances or depressions that appear likely to turn into hurricanes over the next week or two. Here are the data from the National Hurricane Center through today. Key statistics: Number of hurricanes — 0 (5 fewer than the 1991-2020 normal); number of major hurricanes — 0 (2 fewer than the 1991-2020 normal); total ACE (accumulated cyclone energy) — 10.4 (89% less than the 1991-2020 normal).

The University of Colorado has a tropical meteorology project that tracks hurricane data and compares it to 30-year norms. Here is their chart up to today for this ACE thing, compared to the 1991-2020 30-year average:



As the chart shows, typically about 75% of the cyclonic energy for the season has occurred by the end of September. And yet here we are on September 29 with ACE so far this year at barely over 10% of normal. This year's ACE to date is by far the lowest in the satellite era that began in 1966. (Prior to 1966 there are a very few years with lower known ACE, but without the satellites there could have been other undetected storms.)

And it's not like this unexpected hurricane drought can be blamed on a sudden drop in temperatures. Depending on your data source, summer 2026 was either the warmest summer on record, or at least close to it. For example, from Berkeley Earth, September 24:

August 2026 was the warmest August on record, with a global average of 1.71 ± 0.11 °C (3.07 ± 0.20 °F) above the 1850–1900 average, ahead of August 2023. It was also the 2nd warmest month of any kind in our record.

From NASA, September 17:

[The U.S. experienced] the warmest June through August in the contiguous United States in a 132-year record, according to NOAA. The three-month period in 2026 was 0.4°F warmer than the previous records, set in 1936 and 2021.

I have previously criticized the quality of the temperature records kept by NOAA, NASA, and Berkeley Earth. However, their records are prominent among the ones used to generate alarm about climate change and about supposedly increasing hurricane frequency and intensity. And even the UAH satellite temperature record shows that August 2026 was relatively a very warm month, although not the warmest on record.

So my question is: Can we now declare that the claim (hypothesis) that increased global temperatures cause increased hurricane frequency and intensity has been definitively falsified? And if we can't declare that today based on the hurricane drought to date, when can we declare it?

As I have written many times on this site, the essence of any hypothesis claiming to be "science" is that it must be subject to falsification. Any scientist who is not a charlatan will state his hypothesis in a form that is subject to falsification, and will clearly state the criteria of data which, if it emerged, would be sufficient to falsify the hypothesis.

You can immediately tell that members of the climate "science" cult are not real scientists by the way that they bob and weave and shuck and jive a hundred different ways to avoid stating their claims in a way that is falsifiable. But they have gotten themselves out on a limb with the endlessly repeated mantra that global warming is causing increased frequency and intensity of hurricanes. Here are just a few examples.

From the Environmental Defense Fund (undated, but apparently from 2025):

As our climate warms, we're experiencing stronger winds, higher storm surges and record rainfalls during hurricane season — which is also why these storms are becoming more destructive and costly. . . . As ocean temperatures rise, evaporation increases, adding more moisture to the air. Hurricanes that travel over these warmer waters can draw in more heat and water vapor, fueling the storms. That means heavier rainfall, stronger winds and more flooding when the storms hit land.

From Earth Justice, July 28, 2025:

Human activity is causing rapid changes to our global climate that are contributing to extreme weather conditions. . . . Hurricanes are growing more powerful as global temperatures rise because these storm systems draw their energy from warm ocean water.

And even the government got into the act. From NASA Climate Change, October 23, 2024 (before the Trump administration came back into power — but the page is still up):

The effects of human-caused global warming are happening now, are irreversible for people alive today, and will worsen as long as humans add greenhouse gases to the atmosphere. . . . Hurricanes Will Become Stronger and More Intense. Scientists project that hurricane-associated storm intensity and rainfall rates will increase as the climate continues to warm.

(Bold in original.)

All these clowns, and everyone else who has made these predictions, needs to be called to account. Has the prediction that warmer temperatures would lead to more frequent and more severe hurricanes been falsified? If not why not? If it hasn't been falsified by the data from this year's hurricane season to date, when will it be falsified? Is a full hurricane season without a single hurricane sufficient? Why not?

The fact is that the claim (hypothesis) that warmer temperatures lead to more frequent and more severe hurricanes has already been falsified, whether they will admit it or not. By failing to admit it, they just confirm that they are charlatans rather than scientists.

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A 2024 report on European competitiveness warned that such costs are hollowing out manufacturing.

Here is where the story stops being about the Arctic and becomes about everyone else.

Norway is not a struggling petro-state rationalizing a bad habit. It is among the richest societies ever built, with per capita gross domestic product above $105,000 and a sovereign wealth fund that crossed $2.39 trillion in June. Five and a half million people have converted seabed hydrocarbons into universal healthcare, free universities, and pensions for grandchildren not yet born.

If Norway considers oil and gas indispensable to its economic position, it is unreasonable to demand that poorer countries abandon their own resources. This matters enormously for Africa, South Asia, and other rapidly developing regions. For many African households, unreliable energy can be catastrophic.

Delay of fossil fuel projects costs in ways spreadsheets miss. A gas project blocked by climate posturing means that engineering teams disband, drilling rigs go elsewhere, borrowing costs rise, and the fertilizer plant that would have used the hydrocarbon feedstock never gets built. A decade of compounding benefits is lost to a national balance sheet.

Western proponents of climate orthodoxy declare as immoral the ladder their societies climbed to unprecedented prosperity. Every advanced economy industrialized with coal, oil, and gas. Norway is still doing it with a $2 trillion cushion. Norwegian leaders recognize oil and gas are critical to their nation's future, unlike their counterparts in the EU, Canada, and Australia.

When ministers from developing nations sit down with lenders and donor agencies, they should place the Aasland interview on the table and ask a single question: If continued Arctic development serves Norwegian and European interests, on what basis does a Nigerian gas plant or a Bangladeshi terminal serve a lesser interest?

Climate alarmists present a false choice between affordable, dependable energy and environmental stewardship. Norway rejects that trap. A country can cut waste, improve technologies, protect ecosystems, and maintain the reliable fuel base that modern life requires.

Energy abundance and human flourishing track together in every dataset anyone has assembled. Norway understands this and acts on it. Poor nations understand it too. What they lack is not evidence but permission, and permission is not something a sovereign state should have to request. Leaders of developing nations should leverage Norway's example and build on it.

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Energy *cont. from page 3*

United States combined could meet national demand for only 15 minutes. Modeling the PJM regional power system through 2045, Jonathan Lesser and Mitchell Rolling found that a grid of wind, solar, and batteries would need 10 times the generating capacity of gas and nuclear power. It would also cost about seven times as much, and cover a land area larger than the PJM service area, which comprises most of the Mid-Atlantic and parts of the Midwest.

Yet, despite these facts, pseudo-scientists, grifters, and demagogues lectured for 20 years that coal is immoral, natural gas is a bridge to nowhere, and so-called green technologies are the planet's salvation. Banks denied financing for hydrocarbon projects in developing countries where surgeons operate under lights powered by unreliable generators and where hundreds of millions cook with sooty wood and dung.

The lesson is the same for data centers and households: Prosperity requires electricity that is available when needed. Dependable systems of conventional energy sources will continue to power the tech revolution and human progress for decades.

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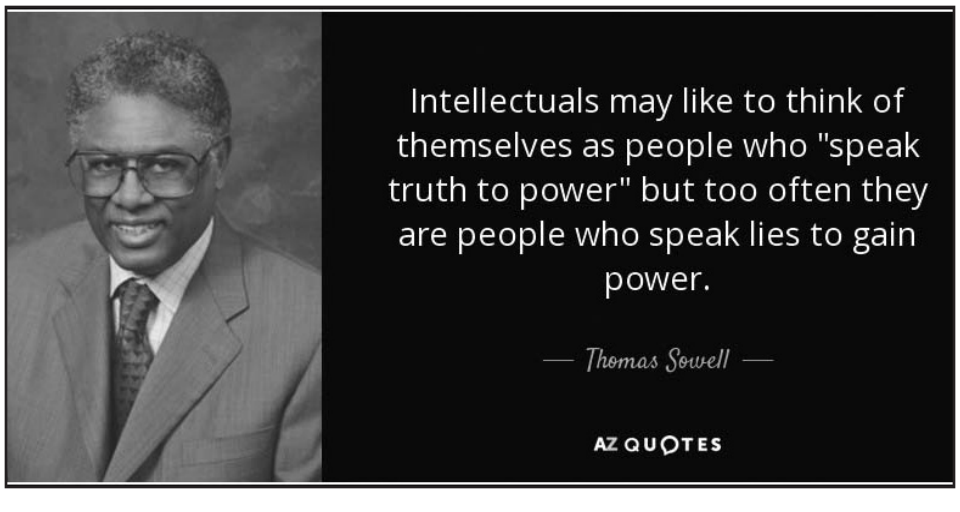

SCIENCE & ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY PROJECT

The Week That Was October 10th, 2026

Quote of the Week:

"[W]e compare the result of [a theory's] computation to nature, … compare it directly with observations, to see if it works. If it disagrees with experiment, it is wrong. In that simple statement is the key to science."— Richard Feynman, The Character of Physical Law (1965), p. 150. Copernicus

Number of the Week:

121 Years

This Week:

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

Scope: This TWTW begins with SEPP comments to the Corps of Engineers and the EPA on defining the Waters of the United States. TWTW discusses an article and paper by Steven Koonin et al. on what the authors call The Consensus Trap. Then, TWTW discusses comments by Roger Pielke Jr. on the revelations made by the House Judiciary Committee, about the new US Manual on Scientific Evidence. Then TWTW discusses comments made by former US Attorney General William Barr on the Suncor v. Boulder Climate Case. TWTW concludes with a discussion the Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation.

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Waters of the United States: On Friday, SEPP filed comments to the Corps of Engineers and the EPA on the proposed new rule defining the "Waters of the United States." The proposed new rule was prompted by a 2023 decision by the US Supreme Court limiting the powers of Federal government agencies over private property. The court held that the Clean Water Act covers only wetlands with a continuous surface connection to relatively permanent "Waters of the United States." The proposed new rule continued many vague terms that are not necessary to define water. SEPP's brief comments were:

"Formed in 1990, the Science and Environmental Policy Project (SEPP) evaluates government environmental and energy policies using the scientific method. That is, we ask: Are the policies consistent with all available physical evidence? Few Federal policies are as disconnected from physical evidence as the implementation of 'Waters of the United States' after the Clean Water Act.

As a private landowner, one of us has personally seen wet leaves without any surface water called Waters of the United States by the Corps of Engineers. Also, he saw perched water tables without any standing water called Waters of the United States. Such declarations are absurd.

Fortunately, in its 2023 decision in Sackett v. EPA the US Supreme Court ruled against the EPA and the Corps of Engineers. The case provides clear and specific guidance on how to define Water of the United States. On behalf of the Science and Environmental Policy Project we recommend government agencies follow the clear, specific guidance provided in the Court's decision in defining Waters of the United States.

Further, we recommend that the agencies eliminate vague terms in their proposed clarification such as 'at least during the wet season,' 'relatively permanent' and 'continuous surface connection' and precisely define Waters of the United States based on physical evidence. For example, to be considered Waters of the United States rivers or streams must be continuously flowing all the time except in very rare situations and they must be surface waters crossing or their downstream connections crossing state boundaries.

Further, we recommend that agencies clearly establish that Waters of the United States are only physical surface water, not adjacent 'wetlands' which may not have any water at all. Tidal wetlands are washed daily by tides thus are Waters of the United States. One-hundred-year flood plains that are not inundated daily are not Waters of the United States.

Further, we recommend that the burden of responsibility be on Federal agencies to demonstrate that the Waters of the United States meet these criteria and are physical interstate waters."

The comments were signed by the Chairman, President, and Secretary/Treasurer of SEPP.

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The Consensus Trap: In the Wall Street Journal article "Covid, Climate and the 'Consensus Trap': Scientists are as prone as anyone else to groupthink, and stifling dissent often produces disaster" physicist Steven Koonin and physician-scientist Scott W. Atlas summarize their paper "The Consensus Trap: How Manufactured Agreement Corrupts Policy" co-authored with investment advisor Terrence Keeley. The authors assert that the three costliest policy failure in recent decades, the 2008 financial crisis, the Covid lockdowns and the campaign for rapid decarbonization, share a pathology they call the Consensus Trap. They write, in part:

"Problems began with the output of complex, unvalidated models presented as facts. Institutions and public figures under pressure to appear authoritative ignored uncertainties. Along with the press, these institutions and people became arbiters of truth, amplifying the declared consensus rather than critically assessing the evidence. Once 'the science' was declared, dissent was treated as misconduct. In all three cases, as we examine in a paper with Terrence Keeley, the consensus was wrong and the public suffered severe consequences, while the architects of failure avoided accountability. The 2008 crisis is the clearest example of a Consensus Trap in economic policy. Political incentives to expand homeownership, fee-driven enthusiasm on Wall Street, and Basel II capital rules built around rating-agency models combined to make a multitrillion-dollar subprime structure look safe when it was fragile. When economist Raghuram Rajan warned at Jackson Hole, Wyo., in 2005 that the system could crack, Lawrence Summers dismissed his premise as 'slightly Luddite.' Mr. Rajan was right. Millions of workers lost their jobs, and millions more lost their homes. Taxpayers paid for enormous bailouts, and no top executive of a major Wall Street bank went to prison.

Covid-19 had the same toxic mix, but in a public-health emergency. Beginning in 2020, policies allegedly following the science-imposed lockdowns, prolonged school closings, church and business shutdowns, and vaccine mandates even for low-risk populations. But data available by the spring of 2020 showed that lethality was concentrated overwhelmingly among the elderly. Simple common sense argued instead for targeted protection. Those who said so—including one of us, Dr. Atlas, from inside the White House—faced attacks in the media and university censure. The collateral damage was sweeping, even beyond extra deaths: historic learning loss, a surge in youth self-harm, delayed and missed medical care, and economic devastation. The full human cost may never be known, yet few institutions have done after-action reviews.

Climate policy shows the same dynamic on a longer fuse. While greenhouse gases do warm the planet, the claim of inevitable catastrophe absent an energy transition—which, conveniently, would be painless—rests on implausible scenarios and on institutional incentives that reward alarm. Scientists who drew attention to that disconnect, such as Judith Curry, were assailed rather than debated.

Germany's environment minister stated that a consumer surcharge for renewable energy would cost households 'as much as a scoop of ice cream' each month; it rose more than tenfold before being scrapped altogether in 2022. The emissions reductions achieved so far have had no detectable effect on the climate. As with subprime and Covid, the architects have faced little reckoning, and because climate consequences unfold over decades, they probably never will.

Accountability failed in each case. Alan Greenspan confessed his 'shocked disbelief' and largely kept his standing. Anthony Fauci and Francis Collins collected awards and honorary degrees. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, whose summaries for policymakers are more alarming than the reports beneath them, retains the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize. None of them paid a price remotely commensurate with the failure.

Open debate that airs dissent can reduce the likelihood of a Consensus Trap. A moderated online forum could make challenges to contested papers part of the scientific record. Federal research funding could be conditioned on universities demonstrating real protection of academic freedom. Congress could again have its own independent science advisers. And public after-action reviews could test the accuracy of consensus-based projections, as the military does, so that overconfidence carries a reputational cost.

The Reference Manual on Scientific Evidence, which guides federal judges in weighing expert testimony, was recently revised by the Federal Judicial Center and the National Academies. Its new foundational chapter, 'How Science Works,' links 'widespread acceptance' to 'the highest level of certainty science has to offer.' Our examples show this to be untrue. Manufactured consensus too often guides the application of the law. An April letter to Chief Justice John Roberts co-authored by one of us, Mr. Koonin, explicitly asked that this chapter be withdrawn—yet it continues to guide thousands of federal judges.

Expert input is essential to policymaking—but avoiding policy debacles means understanding the experts' proper role. We should neither be wholly distrustful of expertise nor subservient to it without critical challenge. We must institute safeguards that make expertise trustworthy: transparency about uncertainty, protection for those who test it, and real consequences when things go wrong. Sound conclusions come from testing claims and debating evidence. 'The science is settled' is often an attempt to foreclose vital debate.

We have paid dearly for ignoring that three times in the past two decades. Building those safeguards is how we avoid another Consensus Trap."

For the paper and a separate article by John Ridgway see links under Challenging the Orthodoxy, for the article and other links see Article # 1.

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National Academies Disgrace: Roger Pielke, Jr. posted further

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Number of the Week: 121 Years. Until the early morning of October 8, no hurricane was seen in the Atlantic Basin. Given modern satellite observations, this is quite remarkable. Named Hurricane Isaias, the storm made landfall as a class 2 hurricane near Destin Florida. According to Wikipedia the last time there was no hurricane spotted until October 8 was in 1905, 121 years ago. Will World Weather Attribution (WWA) announce that the delay in the hurricane date was due to climate change and give a probability to justify its assertion?

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.

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And thank you.



Roger Pielke Jr. speaking in The Netherlands

By Marcel Crok

I had organized an event last week with Roger Pielke Jr. who spoke on 11 October in Driebergen, the Netherlands. In my view, he is one of the most interesting voices in the global climate debate today. I have followed his work ever since I first became interested in the climate issue more than twenty years ago.

I have read most of his books: The Honest Broker, The Climate Fix, and The Rightful Place of Science: Disasters and Climate Change. Over the years, his tone towards climate alarmism and advocacy in my opinion has grown sharper. That is probably closely related to how the climate establishment in the United States treated him. They bullied him for so long that he decided to give up his tenured position at the University of Colorado Boulder. He joined the American Enterprise Institute, one of the leading think tanks in the United States. He continues to publish in the peer-reviewed literature and writes The Honest Broker on Substack, which now has more than 40,000 subscribers across 180 countries.

Pielke is a striking example of a scholar who can work independently of the academic world. Since leaving academia he seems to have become even more productive. He published several important papers on the extreme scenario RCP8.5. Those papers increased the pressure on the scenario community to abandon RCP8.5, which it finally did a few months ago. More recently, he wrote a devastating Substack post about World Weather Attribution, the organisation that tends to attribute almost every natural disaster to climate change.

I have met him several times (once in Boulder, his hometown), and it is always a pleasure to discuss the climate debate with him over a few beers. I realise, of course, that most of you reading this around the world will not be able to attend the lecture in person. We will record the talk and make it available on our YouTube channel. For those who would like to attend, tickets are available here.

Carbon cycle

In our last newsletter I mentioned the internal and external discussions within the sceptical community about the carbon cycle: is man responsible for the rise of CO2 in the atmosphere, or could nature also be responsible? Note that this is a different question from the one that dominates most climate debates: whether the increase in CO2 causes climate change, and whether that change is a problem.

We have never received so many responses to a newsletter, and I am sorry if some of you have not yet received a personal reply to your email.

Some of the discussion has become quite heated, especially between the CO2 Coalition and Jonathan Cohler. In my earlier email I wrote that Cohler resigned from the CO2 Coalition, but the Coalition told me that they asked him to step down first, after which he resigned. The reason, they told me, was not "his disagreement with the Coalition, but his disrespectful tone and the public ridicule of the Coalition on X and towards other colleagues." I understand the sensitivity of the issue. Sometimes there is a fine line between holding a dissenting view and publicly criticising the organisation you still represent.

I still do not have a strong view on which 'camp' is more correct: that man caused the increase in the CO2 concentration, or that nature caused it. There are strong opinions on both sides. But if you try to follow the debate, it quickly becomes highly technical and difficult to follow. Some respondents warn me and Clintel that facilitating this discussion would harm Clintel and the broader sceptical community. That internal disputes weaken our public position. The other side argues that by not being sceptical about everything — including, in this case, the origin of the CO2 increase — we are no better than "controlled opposition."

You can read more about this issue in Demetris Koutsoyiannis' article that is mentioned further down this newsletter.

Both camps, incidentally, seem to agree that the rise in CO2 is not a danger to the planet and is probably even beneficial. Still, the debate is fundamental. If the increase in CO2 is largely natural, then CO2 reduction measures are even more pointless than we already think they are.

My own position therefore remains the same: if this is a live issue within our community, we should facilitate a constructive debate about it, and continue that debate for as long as necessary. Of course, it is quite possible that we will eventually reach a point where both sides agree to disagree. That is often unavoidable given the complexity of the climate system. We frequently lack enough data to rule out one hypothesis or the other. Although no date has been set yet, I will continue preparing a second workshop on the issue, perhaps again in Athens, where we organised the first workshop, or elsewhere, depending on where the speakers are coming from.

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search on how Michael Burger became involved in drafting key chapters of the Reference Manual on Scientific Evidence, Fourth Edition, which the Federal Judicial Center (FJC) and the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM) published on December 31, 2025. Burger directs Columbia's Sabin Center for Climate Change Law and serves as Of Counsel at Sher Edling, the law firm representing most of the cities and counties suing fossil fuel companies. Pielke writes, in part:

"The contested climate chapter acknowledges in a footnote that it drew upon the law review paper led by Burger — so identifying and quantifying the ghost authorship was not exactly rocket science.

In their report released last week, House Judiciary Committee investigators revealed emails among the Sabin Center collaborators and the NASEM and FJC. The emails provide some truly remarkable details about the drafting of the chapter — details that are far worse than what I reported last March.

Specifically, the emails reveal that after NASEM invited Burger to author the chapter, the FJC removed Burger from the chapter over concern about a real or perceived conflict of interest with his litigation work.

The timeline indicates that NASEM approached Burger to be the original author of the chapter and suggested that he base it on his earlier law review paper.

Despite Burger's agreement to the FJC request that he not co-author the chapter, he kept taking part in the drafting and editing — in his words, contributing "behind the scenes" (Exhibit 24).

The NASEM scandal is just the tip of the iceberg of a large, organized effort to repurpose institutions of expertise that are supposed to be independent and impartial to instead serve stealth advocacy in support of climate litigation.

Last week, the editorial board of the Wall Street Journal commented:

'None dare call it conspiracy, but it sure looks like an organized, stealthy effort to influence how judges rule on cases.'"

Pielke also writers that:

"After the FJC withdrew the chapter on February 6, 2026, NASEM's then-president [Marcia K.] McNutt defended the chapter in the Wall Street Journal and then told state attorneys general on February 26 that the chapter would remain on NASEM's website.

After McNutt retired from the NASEM on June 30, 2026, on August 7, 2026, NASEM removed the chapter pending an independent review of 'the processes used to develop the chapter.' NASEM has yet to publish its findings.

At the start of September 2026, NASEM's new president, Neil Shubin, said that the chapter 'followed a very different process from the reports we do,' and he stood by NASEM's July report, Attribution of Extreme Weather and Climate Events and Their Impacts.

However, a National Review analysis compared the front matter of the NASEM/FJC chapter and that of the NASEM attribution report and demonstrated that NASEM put forward the same review standards for each — almost word for word."[Boldface added]

Pielke points out that officials often choose "experts" who will deliver what the officials want. He gives specific examples in recent years over several administrations and in other countries as well. For more on this disgraceful episode involving the National Academies see link under Challenging the Orthodoxy.

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Gaming the System: The above two topics illustrate how organizations and people try to game the legal system for their own benefit. These efforts regarding climate change are one-sided. Just like the UN IPCC and its followers, they ignore climate change history. We are in a brief warm period during Icehouse Earth. There are lengthy periods of glaciation where the breadbaskets of Earth are either covered in ice or are barren, cold, and dusty.

The physical evidence shows that carbon dioxide is a minor contributor to climate change and the amount of carbon dioxide that has been added since the beginning of the Industrial Revolution has a minor influence of Earth's temperatures. Yet, government organizations try to blame producers of fossil fuels for extreme weather events which have been occurring throughout known history. These organizations ignore that increasing atmospheric carbon dioxide is causing vegetation to flourish,

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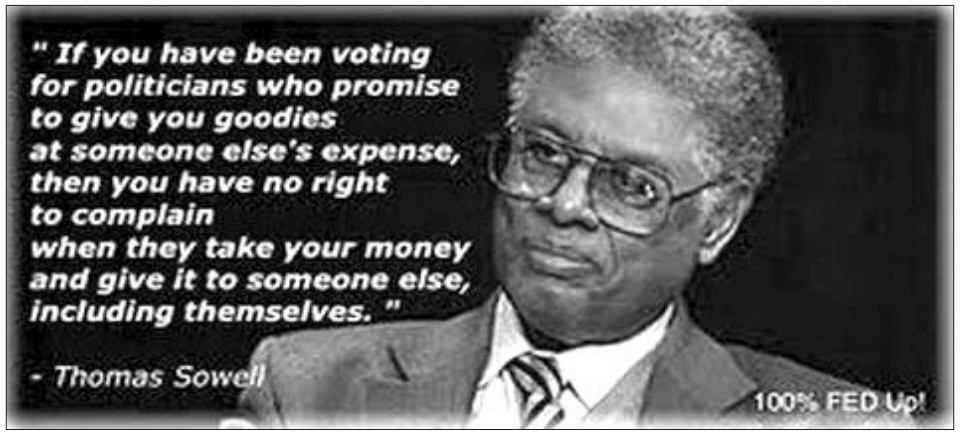

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The Road Paved With Other People's Money



By Gary L. Wickert

Winston Churchill famously described socialism as "the philosophy of failure, the creed of ignorance, and the gospel of envy," and elsewhere observed that its supposed virtue was "the equal sharing of miseries." The twentieth century supplied enough evidence to make the point more than rhetorical. Yet socialism has returned to American political discourse wearing a new suit and carrying a more attractive label: "democratic socialism." Its advocates promise universal health care, subsidized housing, free college, guaranteed incomes, government-directed energy, and an expanding catalogue of economic rights. The word "democratic" makes the program sound benign. The problem is that democracy describes how political power is acquired, while socialism describes what government does with economic power once it has it. Americans should resist that concentration of power vigorously, peacefully, constitutionally, and without apology.

Socialism and communism are not identical, but neither are they unrelated strangers. Classical socialism advocates social or governmental ownership or control of the means of production. Communism historically sought the abolition of private ownership of productive property and the creation of a classless society, although in practice communist governments produced extraordinarily powerful states controlled by political elites. Democratic socialists generally reject communist dictatorship and advocate achieving their objectives through elections. That distinction matters. But it does not answer the fundamental economic question: how much of an individual's property, income, economic freedom, and responsibility should ultimately be transferred to collective political control?

Modern American socialism cleverly avoids much of the old vocabulary. Few politicians campaign on nationalizing every factory, farm, restaurant, software company, or construction business. Instead, the emphasis has shifted from collective ownership of production to collective claims upon its output. Housing is declared a right. Health care is a right. College is a right. Child care is a right. Transportation, food, utilities, and eventually income itself become rights. But calling something a right does not produce it. Every hospital requires doctors, nurses, medicines, equipment, buildings, electricity, and capital. Every house requires land, lumber, concrete, plumbers, electricians, equipment, and labor. Government can redistribute these things. It cannot summon them into existence.

That distinction exposes socialism's central conceptual shortcut. Production is treated as a given. The political argument begins after the farmer has grown the wheat, the engineer has designed the machine, the entrepreneur has risked his savings, the physician has endured years of training, and the business has somehow generated a profit. Only then does the socialist discussion become animated: Who should receive the output? I have always maintained that America's ignorant view of socialism ignores the means of production altogether—advocating passionately and speciously for only the unethical stealing and redistribution of the benefits of that production. The two cannot be separated.

Civilization depends upon what happens before distribution. Capitalism asks an entirely different question: What arrangements cause people to create more things worth distributing? Adam Smith identified the paradox more than two centuries ago. Individuals pursuing their own lawful interests in competitive markets can, without intending to do so, advance the interests of strangers. A business owner who wants to become wealthy cannot simply announce that desire and collect the money. He must persuade customers to surrender their dollars voluntarily. Usually that means producing something they value more than the money they exchange for it. Capitalism is therefore a peculiar form of economic democracy. Consumers cast ballots every day with their wallets.

Nobody is claiming that America's current economic system is without its flaws. Capitalism is imperfect because human beings are imperfect. Markets require laws, contracts, courts, protection against fraud, and reasonable regulation. Capitalism does not promise equality of outcome, immunity from hardship, or perfect justice. Its great virtue is more modest and more important: it harnesses ambition, creativity, competition, investment, and even self-interest toward productive activity. It will always be condemned as "unfair" by anybody who accepts nothing less than equality of outcomes. Free people, given the same opportunity, will inevitably produce different results because they differ in talent, ambition, effort, discipline, risk tolerance, choices, and even luck. A government determined to eliminate those differences must therefore suppress the rewards for achievement and continually redistribute the fruits of greater effort and productivity, weakening the incentives to work, invest, innovate, and excel.

Friedrich Hayek's warning in "The Road to Serfdom" was not merely that government planners might be incompetent. His deeper insight concerned knowledge and power. No planning ministry can possess the constantly changing information contained in millions of individual decisions about prices, shortages, preferences, risks, labor, transportation, investment, and technology. Competitive markets coordinate that dispersed knowledge spontaneously. Central planning replaces countless voluntary decisions with political decisions, and economic power consequently migrates toward those making them.

The history of communism demonstrates where the extreme version of that migration can lead. Communist systems promised government by workers but repeatedly produced government by officials. They promised equality but developed privileged political classes. They promised liberation from exploitation while restricting speech, movement, property, enterprise, and political opposition. The theoretical destination was a classless society. The practical destination was usually a society containing one class with an especially valuable possession: access to the state.

Even Lenin discovered that ideology could not repeal economic incentives. After the devastation associated with war communism, his New Economic Policy restored limited private trade, markets, and profit incentives. China provides an even larger lesson. The spectacular improvement in Chinese living standards did not result from China becoming more economically Maoist. It followed reforms that permitted greater private enterprise, market pricing, foreign investment, trade, and individual economic incentives. Whatever label one attaches to that system today, markets accomplished what ideological purity could not.

The Plymouth Colony offers an older and smaller American illustration. William Bradford described the problems created by the colony's early communal arrangement. The able and industrious resented working for others without a corresponding reward, while the separation between effort and benefit weakened incentives. When families were given responsibility for their own parcels and could enjoy more directly the fruits of their labor, production improved. Human nature had not changed. The incentive structure had.

That lesson is repeatedly forgotten because redistribution is easier to visualize than production. A politician can point to a billionaire's fortune and divide it mathematically among millions of voters. What cannot be displayed on a campaign poster are the businesses never started, investments never made, inventions never financed, jobs never created, or productivity improvements never attempted because the expected reward disappeared.

Envy makes this political salesmanship easier. The argument that excessive wealth reflects greed is often presented without asking the reciprocal question: when does demanding another person's earnings become greed? There are legitimate debates over taxation, safety nets, monopoly, inherited disadvantage, and assistance for people who cannot provide for themselves. A civilized society should have those debates. But compassion does not require pretending that wealth exists independently of the institutions and incentives that create it.

The most important economic story of the modern era is not that some people became extraordinarily rich. It is that ordinary people acquired things once unavailable even to kings. Refrigeration, automobiles, air conditioning, antibiotics, instantaneous global communication, commercial aviation, advanced surgery, computers, smartphones, inexpensive clothing, abundant food, and access to virtually the accumulated knowledge of civilization became commonplace. Capitalism did not accomplish this alone. Science, education, stable legal institutions, property rights, democratic government, and cultural factors were indispensable. But competitive markets supplied an extraordinary mechanism for converting discoveries into inexpensive products available to millions and eventually billions of people.

The great danger of democratic socialism is therefore not that every advocate secretly wants a Soviet dictatorship. Most plainly do not. The danger is the direction of travel. Every new economic entitlement requires somebody to provide it, somebody to pay for it, somebody to administer it, somebody to determine eligibility, and somebody ultimately empowered to say yes or no. Political control expands because the promises require it.

That is where socialism and political liberty collide. If government becomes responsible for providing your medical care, education, housing, retirement, income, transportation, energy, and employment, government necessarily acquires enormous influence over the conditions under which those things are provided. Economic dependency and political power cannot be neatly separated.

Fascism demonstrates the same principle from another direction. Fascism historically did not always abolish nominal private ownership. It could leave the deed or corporate charter in private hands while subjecting production, labor, prices, investment, and commerce to extensive state direction. The lesson is that ownership means little when someone else controls every meaningful decision concerning the property. Property rights are not merely the right to possess something. They include the right to decide what to do with it.

James Madison warned in "Federalist No. 10" about factions and the instability that had plagued earlier democracies. The constitutional system that emerged was deliberately designed to divide power because the Founders understood something modern utopians repeatedly forget: political power does not become harmless merely because those seeking it announce benevolent intentions. This is ultimately the case against socialism. It is not an argument against helping the poor, educating children, treating the sick, or providing a safety net. Those are worthy objectives. The argument concerns the means chosen to achieve them and the concentration of power those

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NA vs SA

North America vs South America. What's the difference? The answer is "direction." Not the direction that you would find on a compass, but the direction of the governments that rule the Nations on these two connected continents.

Governments on each continent are "elected," whatever that means. Whether said elections represent the actual "votes" of each Nations' People, is another question, one which will not be addressed today. Today is about the "direction" of the collective political environments.

Government, like life, is a circle. It runs from Liberty, to ENSLAVEMENT, and back to Liberty again. History has shown us this repeatedly. And a snapshot taken TODAY of the political directions on both continents yield a perfect example. South America has recently experienced DECADES of being run by SOCIALISTIC DICTATORSHIPS. (And yes, ALL Socialist governments either ARE or WILL BE run by either dictators or oligarchies.) But now, as human nature predicts, governmental movement is in the other direction. South American Nations Embrace Free Markets, but Can It Hold? | The Epoch Times points out the details. Citizens in these South American Nations became fed up with the SOCIALIST oligarchs ruining their lives. They finally have had enough and are kicking them to the curb. Economies are starting to flourish and may soon dominate those of their neighbors on their Sister Continent.

The Nations of North America are in a situation that is 50 to 100 years behind (or maybe ahead of) that of the South Americans. People there have yet to feel the full economic sting of Socialism and the crushing weight of an overpowering government on their Personal Liberty. But their time is coming soon.

Canada has already crossed the line. Their Socialist government is NOW being experienced for the first time. Their oligarchy is in place, and the Canadian People are being squeezed from both the political and economic sides.

And the United States is not far behind. Whether you know it or not, the Socialist Oligarchy is already well entrenched within our government, educational system, media, and economy. Politicians and bureaucrats purchased by the mega corporations ARE running us NOW. The Obamacare medical insurance system along with the Tony Fauci pharma cartel would be good examples. If it were not for the appearance of Donald Trump, our map might say "North Cuba" already.

History has shown us that the path from Liberty and self-governance to Socialist oppression does not always follow the same route. South America is now experiencing change through political "elections." The Nations there could have just as easily plunged into a series of civil wars. But how will it play out here? I fear that a great deal of pain and suffering may afflict our Grandchildren. Unless YOU do something about it.

The Beglinger Blast . . . . Socialism Will Destroy America

By Joan Beglinger

The communist takeover of the Democratic Party is not a stealth invasion. The Democratic Socialists, who are in fact aspiring communists, are sweeping the country with an agenda and candidates who are promising to replace our Democratic Republic with a fundamentally different form of government that will squash our individual rights and freedoms and destroy our way of life. They have won primary elections against more moderate, established Democrats in local and national races and are threatening to take enough Congressional seats from the Democratic establishment in November to gain a foothold.

When the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel (MJS) published an expansive column on how good the Socialist party was for Milwaukee during the fifty years Socialists ran the city (1910–1960), I had to ask myself why they would want to soft-pedal the takeover of the Democratic Party. And more importantly, who was the author that MJS determined should receive what amounted to more than a full page of the Sunday Ideas Lab opinion section, broken into two parts on September 27 and October 4?

I didn't have to do much research to discover that the author, John Gurda, is a Trump hater masquerading as a historian. A single article he had published in USA Today in November 2025 and also as a "Special to the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel" provided all of the context necessary to evaluate Gurda's column embracing the benefits of socialism through a clear lens.

Gurda spewed venom all over Donald Trump as he expressed his bewilderment at Trump's rise to power. His feeble attempt to characterize who Trump is and the motivation behind his support is typical of what we hear from liberals and could not be further off the mark. I have included a link here because the entire diatribe is worth a read (know your enemies), but have also included some highlights that follow.

https://www.usatoday.com/story/opinion/columnists/john-gurda/2025/11/15/trump-maga-jd-vance/87271957007/

According to John Gurda, Donald Trump is a narcissist whose presidency is driven by a desire for money, power, and adulation. He says, "Trump is constitutionally unable to see anything but his own reflection." And "We are witnessing in real time the demolition of traditions and institutions as old as the Republic."

Gurda refers to the work of German Social Psychologist Erich Fromm on narcissism to craft a detailed explanation of the relationship between Trump and his supporters. Mystified, he laments, "The question is why a slim majority of voters gave this mendacious, self-dealing, patently amoral egomaniac the most powerful job in the world."

Gurda's attempts to explain some of the conditions that made the country receptive to Trump contain a grain of truth, but are completely devoid of any recognition that it is career politicians from both parties who bear responsibility for creating the miserable conditions in the first place.

Gurda contends, "The sad fact is that millions of people have lost their faith in the American Dream. Expectations have shrunk dramatically for working-class Americans. The economy has shifted from hand work to head work, wages have been stagnant for a generation or more, and higher education has become the province for those who can afford it."

Gurda went off the rails with his sick view of what he describes as "visions of a diverse, equitable, and inclusive future for all" created by gay Americans stepping into the sunlight, "gender identity" that "acquired a novel fluidity" and a black man who spent 8 years in the White House." All of these developments, he says, created populist resentment and were too much for "hidebound traditionalists" to take.

In his clueless version of why conservatives object to liberal social manipulation, Gurda calls the war on DEI (diversity, equity, and inclusion) initiatives "pandering to harden the shell of whiteness" that secures their dominance in a caste system.

According to Gurda, "The rabid support of MAGA Republicans keeps Trump's ego inflated leaving the rest of us to cope with what is basically a personality disorder."

You now know all you need to know to evaluate Gurda's writing in proper context.

John Gurda's Story of Socialism in Milwaukee

Gurda titled his column "How the Socialists saved Milwaukee," a warm reminiscence of fifty years of Socialist Party rule in Milwaukee punctuated by his thoughts on today's rise of the Democratic Socialists of America (DSA). He describes the resistance to socialism as conservatives using "mindless redbaiting to paint liberal policies and politicians with the noxious tar of bloated government, extortionate taxes, and un-American values."

Gurda opens with "…socialism is surely enjoying a moment in the sun" today and suggests that Milwaukee has been raised into the national spotlight by the resurgence because it was the only major city in the country ever run by socialists.

According to Gurda, "corruption in high places" was the primary driver of the rise of socialism in Milwaukee. Elected crooks selling their votes at every turn created an "enormous appetite for change" and the socialists emerged as the standard bearers for reform.

Also contributing was the high concentration of industrial workers in Milwaukee. The majority of adult males had factory jobs and worked long hours in tough conditions. They were very receptive to appeals to class consciousness.

Victor Berger, an Austrian immigrant described as a tactician and theorist, emerged as a leader of the movement seeking to replace capitalism with the "cooperative commonwealth." He was a "practical socialist' believing in evolution rather than revolution and when, over time, the leadership of organized labor and the organized party became one in the same, they called themselves "Social Democrats." In 1910, campaigning on their "unimpeachable integrity" they won leadership of the city in a landslide.

Now at the helm, Gurda says, they "turned Milwaukee around" transforming "municipally sanctioned vice into a paragon of civic virtue."

It is only near the end of his long telling of the story of socialism in Milwaukee that Gurda gets to the heart of the matter for freedom loving Americans. Fundamental to the success of socialism is the concept of "public enterprise" which focuses on "public good rather than private profit." Underlying public enterprise is a "deep and abiding faith in government."

Socialist rule in Milwaukee ended as party politics at the national level underwent massive change with the Democrats co-opting the Socialist agenda, but Gurda's story doesn't end there. He speculates that the "current socialist wave" is a response to Donald Trump.

"When Donald Trump pulled the Republican Party hard to the right, gutting federal agencies, declaring war on diversity, denying self-evident climate change, and hunting down undocumented immigrants, he sparked an equal and opposite reaction from activists on the left who believed he was killing democracy…"

The "anti-MAGA movement" as he calls it, is "animated by visions of universal health care, affordable housing, cultural diversity, educational opportunity, and affordable childcare – benefits taken for granted in European countries with higher standards of living than ours." (Mr. Gurda must have missed the many thousands of European visitors during the FIFA World Cup who were awestruck by the quality of life in America. Access to goods and services like they'd never seen before had them singing American's praises non-stop on social media. No one anywhere in the world has a standard of living that comes close to the one that Americans take for granted every day.)

As he closes Gurda acknowledges significant differences between the socialists of old Milwaukee and the Democratic Socialists of today, but also stresses there is "a tie that binds them. Both movements embody the egalitarian impulse…" and embrace the "same antidote to the failure of American capitalism to put the public good above private profit."

Conspicuously missing from Gurda's celebration of socialism is any mention of the specific socialist policies that deliver "public good rather than private

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means require.

Free societies begin from a different premise. Government has indispensable responsibilities, but government need not perform every useful function. Citizens can build businesses, charities, churches, associations, hospitals, schools, clubs, foundations, and voluntary organizations. Alexis de Tocqueville was astonished by precisely this characteristic of American life: citizens did not automatically wait for government whenever something needed doing. They organized and did it themselves. That independent citizen is socialism's greatest obstacle and America's greatest resource.

Human history is filled with forgotten lessons. One of the most expensive is the recurring belief that prosperity can be separated permanently from the freedom, incentives, property rights, risk-taking, discipline, and responsibility that produce it. We can redistribute the fruit for a time. We can even congratulate ourselves on our generosity while doing so. But if we progressively weaken the tree that produces it, eventually there is less fruit to divide.

America should not have to conduct that experiment again. The 20th Century already ran it for us.





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- Benjamin Franklin

Why Economic and Financial Knowledge Makes US Better Citizens

By James Bohn and Greg Grambow

We started Personal Economics for two reasons. First, we believe an understanding of economics is important in both our personal and public lives. Economics helps us make smarter decisions in the management of our personal finances and the choices we make. Second, because the Wisconsin AK-12 public school system does not require either finance or economics. Understanding economics is important in our role as citizens in a democratic republic.

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The economic choices we make in our personal lives affect our own well-being and that of our immediate family and friends. But rarely do individual economic decisions have a significant impact on individuals we don't know.

Not so for decisions in our public lives. The choices that we make in the voting booth affect those far beyond our immediate family, friends and co-workers. In a free market democracy, everyone has to live with the choices of a majority of voters whether they be good or bad.

Or to put it differently, even if you apply sound economic thinking to the issues of the day, if others don't, you are stuck with the consequences of their lack of understanding of basic economics.

That's why societies run best when more people are economically literate.

Unfortunately, in America today, many people don't understand basic economics.

A survey by the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis asked a random sample of American adults thirteen multiple choice question on basic economics. On average only 45% could correctly answer every question.

For instance, when asked what would happen if government raised the minimum wage, only 46% were able to correctly answer that employment would go down.

The negative relationship between the minimum wage and employment is commonly used in economics textbooks to illustrate the law of demand: when prices go up, demand goes down. Yet less than half of Americans could apply basic economic reasoning to this situation.

areinflation and growth of the money supply (The amount of dollars in the economy) and just 45% understood the role of the profit motive in a competitive market economy.

Politicians do a lot of talking about "the economy". Pundits and pollsters say Americans tend to vote their pocketbooks. "It's the economy, stupid" is common political refrain.

But when so many Americans don't understand basic economics, things easily go off course. Vote-seeking politicians will promise anything; that they'll raise your income, or cut your taxes, or make sure it will be sunny next Saturday. How do you to cut through the noise?

Understanding economics does not require becoming an economist. It requires learning a few fundamental principles such as: resources are scarce, choices involve tradeoffs, incentives matter, debt must eventually be paid with interest, and there are costs as well as benefits to nearly every political decision.

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If people understand how to apply sound economic and financial reasoning in their personal lives, they are more likely to apply that same reasoning in their public lives; in the voting booth. Economic literacy therefore improves not only our personal financial decisions but also the quality of our participation in public affairs.

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climate change. I use the article for a different reason: it demonstrates how quickly corporate regulatory policy can change when political power changes hands.

Big businesses make ambitious commitments during one administration and retreat from them during the next. Many will likely change direction again under a future Democratic administration—and perhaps reverse course once more under the next Republican administration.

The American people ultimately bear the cost of these regulatory swings.

Energy infrastructure cannot be turned on and off like a light switch. Moving from fossil fuels toward wind and solar requires enormous investments in generation, transmission, manufacturing, and related infrastructure. Reversing course requires still more investment. The Obama and Biden administrations committed vast federal resources to renewable and lower-carbon energy. In contrast, the Trump administration subsequently canceled, stalled, or blocked tens of billions of dollars in planned, approved, or already developing projects.

The pendulum swings in the other direction as well. Under Trump 47, domestic oil and gas permitting on federal and Indian lands increased substantially. The Bureau of Land Management reported approving 6,027 oil and gas drilling permits between January 20 and December 31, 2025—63.7 percent more than during the comparable period of the Biden administration. A future Democratic administration could reverse course again.

That is the larger problem.

The Bush, Obama, Trump 45, Biden, and Trump 47 administrations have pursued significantly different climate and energy policies. Yet the public debate surrounding these changes too often focuses on political objectives rather than establishing a factually sound foundation for government policy.

Business participates enthusiastically in the process. Companies lobby for or against regulations, subsidies, tax incentives, permits, and government programs depending upon their economic interests and the political environment.

The corporate climate promises described by The New York Times demonstrate the problem. Walmart promised to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by roughly one-third within five years and nearly two-thirds within ten years. JBS pledged to eliminate or offset its emissions within twenty years. PepsiCo established ambitious greenhouse-gas reduction goals.

Technology companies went even further. Google promised to operate on carbon-free energy around the clock by 2030. Microsoft described its climate program as a "moonshot" and pledged to become carbon negative by 2030.

Then reality intervened. As energy demand increased—particularly because of the explosive growth of data centers—some companies abandoned targets, changed measurements, extended deadlines, or otherwise modified their commitments. Google shifted its emphasis toward achieving net-zero emissions. Microsoft acknowledged that its emissions had increased substantially as it expanded the infrastructure needed to support data centers and artificial intelligence.

These developments raise an obvious question: Were the original commitments based upon rigorous analysis of what was technologically and economically achievable, or were they responses to the political and social pressures of the moment?

The question applies equally to government.

Federal policy should not oscillate dramatically simply because control of the White House changes. Nor should scientific and technical information become another weapon in the continuing battle among administrations, corporations, interest groups, and political parties.

Congress has already enacted a law intended to address part of this problem. In 2001, Congress enacted what became known as the Information Quality Act. The law directed the Office of Management and Budget to establish government-wide standards to ensure the "quality, objectivity, utility, and integrity" of information federal agencies disseminate. Agencies were also required to establish procedures allowing affected persons to seek correction of information they believed failed to meet those standards.

While the George W. Bush administration directed agencies to draft the IQA Guidelines, it never required federal agencies to implement them in practice. Because Congress failed to conduct adequate oversight, agencies were able to ignore the law.

OMB issued government-wide guidelines, and federal agencies established information-quality procedures. Yet the Information Quality Act has remained largely invisible to the American public and has never become the powerful discipline on federal policy making that it could be.

Government reviews have documented some of the shortcomings. The Government Accountability Office has found deficiencies in agency transparency, public access, reporting, and handling correction requests. In many cases, citizens may not even know that mechanisms exist to challenge questionable government information.

Congress should strengthen the Information Quality Act and make compliance with its principles mandatory in federal policy making. Before an agency substantially changes a major regulatory policy, it should identify the scientific, economic, and technical information supporting the change. Influential information should be subjected to appropriate peer review and transparent quality standards. Citizens and affected parties should have an effective mechanism for challenging information that is inaccurate, unreliable, or manipulated.

Most importantly, agencies should have to explain when and why the factual basis for a policy has changed.

If one administration concludes that a particular energy policy is essential to the public interest and the next administration reaches the opposite conclusion, the public deserves more than a change in political philosophy. It deserves to know what facts changed.

High-quality information will not eliminate political disagreement. Nor should it. Elections have consequences, and presidents are entitled to pursue different policy priorities within the law. But elections should not change facts.

Requiring the government to identify, disclose, and defend the information underlying major policy changes would make arbitrary regulatory swings harder. It would also make it harder for corporations and interest groups to manipulate government policy merely by changing their political arguments to accommodate the administration currently in power.

The Information Quality Act cannot eliminate politics from government. It can, however, force politics to confront the facts.

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GOVERNMENT CIRCUS

Important Referendums on the Ballot in Wisconsin

By Rolf Lindgren

Three important referendums will appear on November 3 Wisconsin ballot.

Referendum # 1 bans closing places of worship during emergencies

During the draconian COVID shutdowns, Wisconsin Governor Evers ordered churches closed, while strip clubs and liquor stores remained open. Outrageous! The right to assemble shall not be infringed per the 1st amendment of the US Constitution. A yes vote on this referendum would reinforce the Wisconsin Constitution, to insure that the right to assemble applies to churches and any place of worship.

Referendum # 2 bans discrimination against, or preferential treatment for, to anyone based upon race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin.

A yes vote on this referendum question upholds the Declaration of Independence where is says "all men are created equal".

Referendum # 3 bans the raising of taxes via the partial veto, aka the so-called Frankenstein veto.

This third referendum question seeks to reign in the so-called Frankenstein veto. In 2005, I published an article calling it the Da Vinci Code veto, here:

The Da Vinci Code or the state budget?
https://share.google/nPMxYBDxjxyNZbYmU

In this 2005 article I stated:

"What's the difference between the Da Vinci Code and our state budget? Well, both are an array of letters and numbers that have a hidden meaning.

In the Da Vinci Code, Robert Langdon searches for secret messages hidden within the writings of Leonardo Da Vinci. In the Wisconsin state budget, Gov. Jim Doyle searches for secret messages, English sentences, numbers and large dollar amounts hidden within the writings of the state legislature.

The Da Vinci code is fiction.

Unfortunately, our state budget is nonfiction. The budget veto by Doyle caused a $330 million appropriation of tax money not approved by the Legislature."

21 years later we still have the idiocy of this type of veto!

I want to delve more into this.

Example # 1

Suppose the Wisconsin legislature passed the 7th Commandment (Exodus 20:14) from the Bible in a bill and sent it to Governor Tony Evers.

"Thou shalt not commit adultery."

Governor Evers could possibly veto the bill into this:

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New Vote Integrity Website Founded by Patriots in Wisconsin!

By Rolf Lindgren

On September 23, MAGA Patriots from the Republican Party of Dane County (RPDC) launched a new website to fight against voter fraud. It features a great article titled "How to Rig an Election". Although the website is dedicated to Wisconsin elections, the principles discussed apply to the entire nation. The website is called Dane County Elections, and it will be updated periodically with new material.

VOTER INTERGRITY ROOM

The MAGA patriots who created the new site are led by Ken Post. They are members of the RPDC. The RPDC is so committed to fighting voter fraud that they have their own Election Integrity Office at RPDC headquarters!

BRIEF HISTORY OF VOTE COUNTING MACHINES

Have you ever thought about how much it costs to count ballots via an electronic machine, versus the cost of counting them by hand?

Have you ever wondered when we stopped counting ballots by hand and started using a machine?

Our Founding Fathers counted ballots by hand. We counted ballots by hand in the middle of the War of 1812, the Civil War, and WWII. The first optical scanner was used in 1965.

It wasn't until 1974 that the controversial paperless machines began and they were widespread by 1996. After the 2000 election fiasco, voting machines which slide a paper ballot through it became commonplace. This at least allows hand recounts. [Note - any recount must check to make sure the voters were eligible!]

COST OF VOTE COUNTING MACHINES

I spoke with Bob Spindell, who is a prominent member of the Wisconsin Elections Committee and also on the Executive Committee of the Republican Party of Wisconsin. We went over the costs of voting machines and related topics.

A new voting machine will typically cost $5000 to $6000 and last ten years. Sometimes they are used longer than ten years to avoid the cost of buying a new one. Maintenence, storage, and licensing costs typically range from $300 to $750 per year. Sometimes there are unexpected repair costs as well.

Think about it. A team of 5 poll workers in a small precinct or a bigger team of 15 poll workers at a larger precinct could basically count all the votes during their work shift by hand without controversial machines. We are talking about just a few hundred to a couple thousand votes. We could save money and avoid all the controversies if we counted all the votes by hand, just like it was done for hundreds of years.

In the 1800s, the direct cost to count votes was minimal and rarely budgeted separately. Basically, money was not budgeted to count votes! The poll workers on duty on election day just counted the votes by hand. Local town clerks or election judges manually tallied votes alongside their regular duties.

Even if the voting machine has paper ballots, candidates often have to pay a boatload of money for a hand recount, if they can get one at all.

FIGHTING JAY SCHROEDER

In Wisconsin we have hope. We we are blessed to have a true crusader for election justice running for Secretary of State. Fighting Jay Schroeder has been out front on the issue since the stolen 2020 election! Fighting Jay just won the Republican primary over a moderate candidate in August. Jay won by 22% and now we need him to win the general election! Jay sees ineligible people on voter lists (like dead people or illegals) and vote-by mail schemes as two huge problems. Jay was recently featured in the Gateway Pundit: Meet Fighting Jay Schroeder.

Don Millis is Lying

By John Ellis

WEC is not prohibited by state law from sharing the state voter registration list with law enforcement

On September 25th, 2026, the United States Supreme Court ruled that the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) can use a verification database, known as Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE), that merges citizenship status with federal records, including social security, to verify voter eligibility.

The SAVE database is free and available for all states to use, including Wisconsin, to help ensure that only eligible voters are participating in our elections. The Wisconsin Elections Commission (WEC) simply has to upload the state voter registration list to the database, to find out how many ineligible voters are on Wisconsin's list.

On September 29th, 2026 however, Chairman of the WEC, Don Millis, stated in a letter to the Wisconsin legislature that Wisconsin is prohibited by state law from using the database for privacy reasons.

In his letter, Millis cited state statute 6.36 (1) (b) 1.a, but he omitted the critical component of the statute, 6.36 (1) (bm) below:

"The commission or any municipal clerk or board of election commissioners may transfer any information in the registration list to which access is restricted under par. (b) 1. a. to a law enforcement agency, as defined in s. 165.77 (1) (b), to be used for law enforcement purposes."

Because DHS is clearly a law enforcement agency, and uploading the list would be for law enforcement purposes, Wisconsin can obviously use the SAVE database.

This writer believes that Millis is lying, because he knows that if the WEC uploads the state voter registration list to the SAVE database, the federal government will find, and the people of Wisconsin will learn about, the more than 4 million ineligible voter names on the list.

John Ellis, On Wisconsin Outdoors







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societies remain far freer than Orwell's Oceania, many observers argue that elements of these linguistic mechanisms have emerged here organically through political rhetoric, media ecosystems, and cultural habits. The parallels between Oceania and today's Western nations are not precise, but they are close enough to warrant serious examination and warn climate realists about what we must avoid at all costs.

Newspeak: The Narrowing of Thought Through Language

Newspeak's purpose was to restrict vocabulary, eliminate nuance, and embed ideology directly into the words we use. In contemporary Western discourse, no government has imposed an official Newspeak, but they might as well have since several recent linguistic trends resemble its effects.

Politically charged terminology that preframes the meaning of discourse

Modern political language often uses ideologically-loaded terms that shape perception before any argument is even made. Climate-related terminology that is in common usage offers some of the clearest examples:

"Carbon pollution" — Climate activists and their political and media allies use this misleading term to refer to carbon dioxide (CO_2), which is neither pollution nor carbon; it is a colorless, odorless gas essential to plant photosynthesis and, therefore, to all life on Earth. Yet the phrase "carbon pollution" evokes imagery of smoke (i.e., typically soot, which is amorphous carbon contaminated with additional organic compounds and trace elements) and grime, compressing multiple ideas—CO_2 emissions, air quality, climate risk—into a single dark, dirty-sounding term. This mirrors Newspeak's strategy: use simplified language that carries ideological weight and discourages nuance and further discussion. Climate realists, those of us who understand that climate change is largely natural, must call CO_2 from industrial activities what it actually is: "carbon dioxide emissions."

"Fossil" fuels — Referring to hydrocarbons (coal, oil and natural gas) as "fossil fuels" reinforces the idea that they are relics of ancient life and therefore inherently outdated or illegitimate, even though abiotic methane (natural gas) exists on Earth and methane is abundant on Titan, a moon of Saturn where no known life exists. The phrase "fossil fuels" collapses a complex category of hydrocarbons into a single conceptual box, encouraging binary thinking: fossil = bad, nonfossil = good. Climate realists must call it what it is: "hydrocarbon resources."

"Clean/green energy" — Wind and solar power are often labeled "clean," or "green" despite requiring coal-powered manufacturing, rare-earth mining, large-scale land disruption, and environmentally intensive supply chains. Wind power is also a major threat to bird and bat populations, which die in the millions in the vicinity of industrial wind turbines. The term "clean energy" compresses a complicated lifecycle into a single moral category, implying unjustified purity and virtue while discouraging discussion of trade-offs. Climate realists must call it what it is: "alternative, intermittent energy."

"Climate change denier" — Many people so labeled do not deny climate change; we question its primary drivers, magnitude, or policy responses. The denier term collapses a spectrum of scientific and policy positions into a single stigmatized identity, functioning similarly to Newspeak's negative identity labels. If anyone could rationally be labeled climate change deniers, it is those who hold the absurd view that our climate was relatively tranquil until the arrival of humans. They seem not to know that half of North America was under a vast ice sheet only 22,000 years ago. Ten thousand years ago temperatures rose as much as 11 degrees F in a single decade — over 50 times faster than the past century's 2 degrees F warming.

The "deniers" label is a particularly heinous smear, as it is an attempt to equate those of us who legitimately question the causes of climate change to Holocaust deniers. It is designed to frighten dissenters into silence. Besides having no place in civilized discourse, it is a fundamental error in reasoning, an "ad hominem" logical fallacy — "against the man" instead of the idea. Climate policy skeptics must call ourselves what we really are: "climate realists."

These examples show how modern terminology can compress complexity into emotionally charged categories, limiting the range of acceptable discussion—precisely Newspeak's purpose.

Climate Realists and the Necessity of Rejecting Alarmist Framing

A further dimension of modern Newspeak involves how language shapes not only public perception but also the self-expression of dissenting voices. Individuals often described as climate realists—those of us who acknowledge that climate change is real, has always occurred, and its causes remain scientifically uncertain—face a unique linguistic challenge. We must operate within a discourse saturated with emotionally loaded terminology. If we adopt the vocabulary of climate alarmism, we risk reinforcing the very worldview we question.

This is precisely how modern Newspeak is designed to operate: language smuggles ideology into thought. When climate realists use alarmist terminology, we inadvertently validate the conceptual framing that portrays our position as illegitimate. The words themselves become a trap.

To avoid this, climate realists must use terminology that reflects scientific rigor rather than political messaging. As I said above, CO_2 emissions instead of carbon pollution; hydrocarbons instead of fossil fuels; alternative energy instead of clean energy; climate policy skeptic instead of climate change denier. These alternatives avoid moralized framing and allow discussion to proceed on empirical, analytical, and policy grounds rather than emotional ones.

This linguistic discipline is not cosmetic—it is essential. Orwell's insight was that once language is corrupted, thought follows. If the vocabulary of a debate is loaded with ideological assumptions, even honest inquiry becomes constrained. Climate realists, therefore, must remain vigilant in choosing words and phrases that reflect our actual position rather than the caricature imposed by polarized discourse. In doing so, we resist the narrowing of debate and preserve the possibility of genuine scientific inquiry—precisely the opposite of Newspeak's intent. ESR

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Friends,

Diane and I just finished making our political donations for the year. Below are the candidates we've sent checks to along with their addresses. State Sen. Rachael Cabral-Guevara recommended several of the candidates who are outside our voting districts.

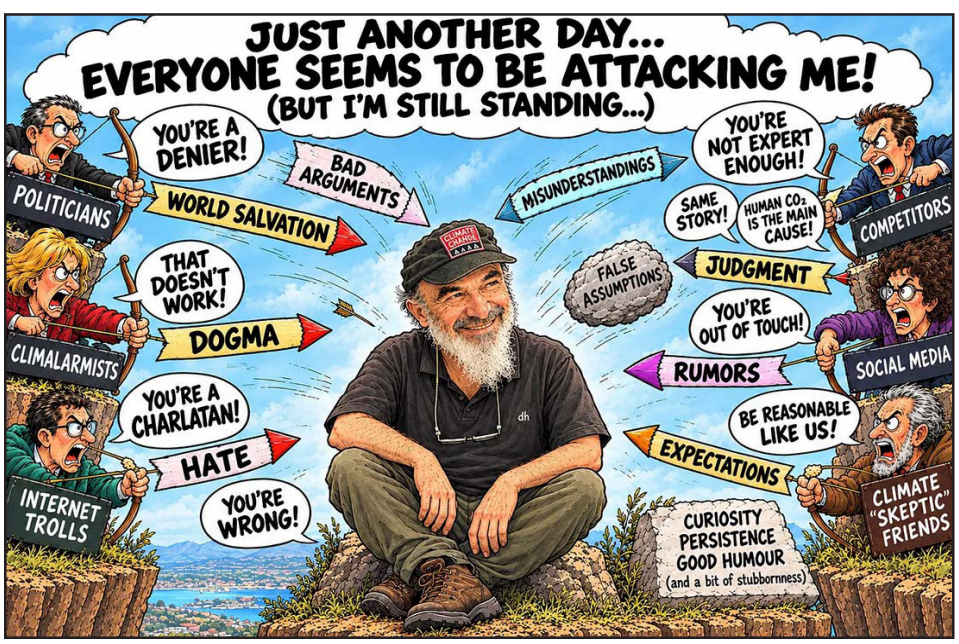
The stock market has made all of us richer this year than we expected, making it possible for us to contribute more than we might have budgeted at the beginning of the year. This prompted Diane and me to double our political giving. Maybe you can do the same?

I don't have to tell any of you how important this year's election is, not only for control of the Wisconsin legislature and governor's office in 2027 but also to enable enactment of election reforms that will ensure a more honest election for President of the U.S. in 2028.

I prefer to mail checks to candidates rather than use online forms or credit cards, so addresses are provided. Note your occupation/employer or "retired" on the memo line.

I hope you will donate generously to these as well as other candidate you are familiar with and who merit our support.

Joe



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Short Takes

By Ken Van Doren

The liberties of a people never were, nor ever will be, secure when the transactions of their rulers may be concealed from them." -Patrick Henry

A work of art that contains theories is like an object on which the price tag has been left. -Alexander Pope

I never saw a lawyer yet who would admit he was making money. -Mary Roberts Rinehart

People only see what they are prepared to see. -Ralph Waldo Emerson

I have made good judgments in the past. I have made good judgments in the future. -Dan Quayle

Imagination and fiction make up more than three quarters of our real life. -Simone Weil

Independence is happiness. -Susan B. Anthony

If you want others to be happy, practice compassion. If you want to be happy, practice compassion. -Dalai Lama

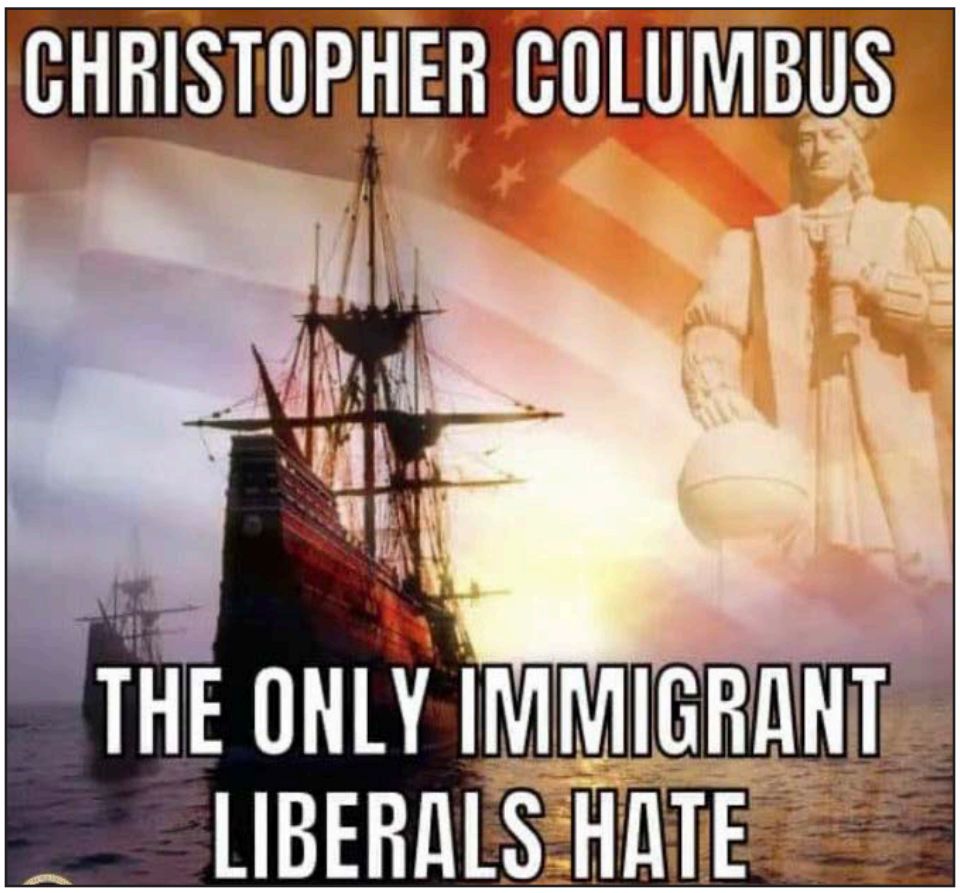
An ideal wife is any woman who has an ideal husband. -Booth Tarkington

There is nothing more likely to start disagreement among people or countries than an agreement. -E. B. White

Wisdom to Live By

"Our country, our people, and our laws have to be our top priority."

—Donald J. Trump, Crippled America: How to Make America Great Again

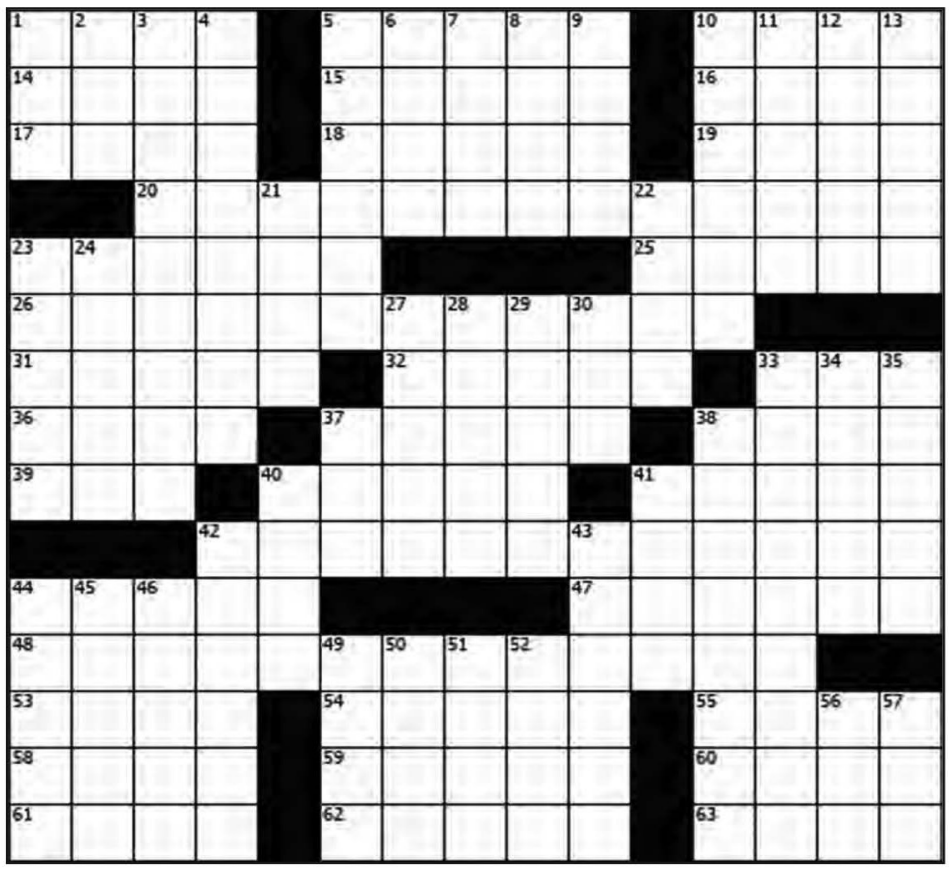


THE GAME PAGE

Crossword Puzzler

ACROSS
1. Bjorn to serve?
5. Purse part
10. October birthstone
14. ___ about
15. Supermarket section
16. ___ of operation
17. Ophthalmologic concern
18. Tobacco pipe
19. First name in modeling
20. Catty thief?
23. Full-scale
25. Desert destination
26. Catty "Hard Headed Woman" singer?
31. Breaks
32. French peers
33. Joplin composition
36. Malarial fever
37. Bed boards
38. Computer list
39. Any ship
40. "___ say more?"
41. Cable channel
42. Catty hospital image producers?
44. Go around and around, in a way
47. Petrol amounts
48. Catty Fonda Western?
53. Ray of Hollywood
54. Isolated
55. Voice mail items (Abbr.)
58. Turns right
59. Word on the street
60. "___ turns out ..."
61. Poet St. Vincent Millay
62. Draped dress (Var.)
63. Less than a few

DOWN
1. Diddley and Derek
2. Toronto's prov.
3. Kingly hue
4. French city
5. Bruce and Sebastian
6. Commuter transport to N.Y.C.
7. Sayr Usa locale
8. Side of bacon
9. El Misti volcano locale
10. Last Greek letters
11. They get public opinion
12. Name in '50s politics
13. Lustful looks
21. Fellas
22. Silver and Howard
23. He bore a heavy load
24. Appreciate a joke
27. E-mail predecessor
28. "Holy smokes!"
29. Prophetic
30. Trains over the street
33. "Get Shorty" co-star
34. Wrestling "giant"
35. Conjecture
37. Cambodia coin
38. Frank, as a dialogue
40. Thurmond of the NBA
41. Dye-producing shrub
42. Champagne cocktail
43. Make an accusation
44. Inedible orange
45. Got to
46. When doubled, name of a German spa
49. Disrespect orally
50. Songstress Fitzgerald
51. Slayer of Adonis
52. Diarist Frank
56. Pink lady ingredient
57. ___ Anne de Beaupre



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

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How much Climate Change angst is propped up by China?

By Jo Nova

Potentially, fifty years from now people may look back and marvel at how easily (and cheaply) China could wind up the Western liberals, and how they got away with it. We may wonder how it was not obvious that the world was caught in a covert Cold War. We don't have all the receipts to say that now, and may never get them, but we have the method, the motive and the opportunity.

As I keep saying there are so many advantages to China it would be crazy if it weren't manipulating the West to sabotage our own success. But Peter Doran and Brenda Shaffer have taken that further and written a very classy feature in Tablet.

They followed the money as far as they could, but many of the dollars vanish in a swamp of collected philanthropic funds which earnestly profess their angst and indignation against Western carbon emitters, but somehow cheer on China even though it accounts for 93% of all new coal constructions on Earth. A funny coincidence…

Propaganda

And so it is that China somehow ends up being in bed with Western lefties who say they hate carbon emissions but admire China. Then these Western institutions, PhD's, and NGO's tell the world how wonderful and advanced China is in renewables. This third party endorsement is also handy as a much more convincing than a press release from the CCP. In effect, donating to a Green fund in the West would be one way of laundering propaganda, wouldn't it?

We know China already sends some money to Western charities to 'help' us clean up our environment. (It's so sweet of a developing nation to care about rich world pollution, don't you think?). But the end result of that donation could easily be viewed as an economic investment that damages the West and boosts Chinese trade.

The sums of money that can be traced back to China are in the hundreds of thousands or low million per individual. But if a foreign entity was sending many millions of dollars to influence an adversary's policies, they wouldn't want to advertise that would they?

We know China sends money to universities and NGOs, through Energy Foundation China, and former CCP members were involved. To bluntly lay the hostility on the table — we have found secret communication devices in some Chinese electronic goods, we know the CCP lied about Covid, spread it to the world on planes from Wuhan, while stopping it at home, and we know of at least two suspicious biolabs in the US stocked with things labeled 'Ebola'. We know China is cutting submarine cables around Taiwan and in the Baltic sea, and possibly off Perth, Western Australia.

We would have to be pretty stupid to not even ask the question, just how much of the Climate obsession in the West is driven by China? China has already been caught funding eco-lawfare suits in the USA to sabotage American energy dominance.



China's Net Zero advantage

The following excerpts from the article China's Net Zero Advantage are in italics.

By Peter Doran and Brenda Shaffer, Tablet

In its competition with China, the United States holds a natural advantage: abundant oil and cheap natural gas. Reliable energy powers factories, data centers, transportation networks, and military operations. It lets the United States combine technological innovation with industrial scale, an advantage that China, dependent on imported oil and gas, cannot easily reproduce.

But China has found a partial answer: the Net Zero movement.

Over the past two decades, therefore, an alliance in all but name has taken shape.

On the surface, it looks like a relationship of strange bedfellows. China is the world's largest emitter of greenhouse gases and the largest producer and consumer of coal. Its power system still runs mainly on coal, and it burns more coal than the rest of the world combined. By the climate movement's own stated goal, the reduction of emissions, China should be its principal target. It is not.

Guess who was behind Code Pink?

Several well-publicized cases suggest that one reason China appears to be above Net Zero criticism is that Beijing is playing a major role in funding the climate movement. For example, Neville Roy Singham, an American technology entrepreneur, has reportedly been the subject of a federal grand jury inquiry in New York. Singham sold his consulting firm Thoughtworks in 2017 for $785 million, moved his operations to Shanghai, and began financing a global network of nonprofits and media outlets. In August 2023, The New York Times reported that Singham, working closely with the Chinese government's media apparatus, financed the spread of its messaging worldwide through nonprofits and shell companies. Singham denied receiving funds or instructions from any government or party, including the Chinese Communist Party.

One recipient of his philanthropy has been Code Pink, the antiwar group cofounded by Jodie Evans, whom Singham married in 2017.

"China is not the enemy"

According to Sen. Tom Cotton, $1.4 million moved from groups associated with Singham and found it's way to Code Pink. Whereupon Code Pink stopped criticizing the Uighur treatment in China, and stopped worrying about the fate of human rights workers in China. A few years later they started saying things like "China is not the enemy".

During the Cold War, the Soviet Union cultivated Western peace and antinuclear movements that constrained Western governments and left Soviet power untouched. It also sponsored the campaign that produced the U.N. resolution equating Zionism with racism—a line crafted in Moscow and carried at the United Nations by Soviet and Arab clients, then taken up by parts of the Western left. Beijing is the heir to this tradition, working now from inside the world economy rather than from outside it.

The costs fall almost entirely on America and its allies.

British and European industrial electricity is among the most expensive in the world. When the price of power rises, manufacturing contracts, plants close, and the jobs and the tax base move. China keeps adding supply and selling electricity to its factories at prices the West cannot match. Climate policy, as practiced, is a transfer of industrial advantage to China.

The replacement systems are Chinese. China dominates every stage of solar and wind manufacturing, battery cells and their materials, and the processing of critical minerals—and, increasingly, electric vehicles themselves. A transition mandated by Western governments therefore transfers consumer demand to Chinese factories and hands control of supply to Chinese

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New York's ORES solar complexes are being used to fund foreign pension plans

By Alexandra Fasulo

Last week, the unthinkable happened: a notice was filed on the Department of Public Service docket for Flat Creek Solar announcing the final siting permit had been relinquished by the developer. I covered why the permit was relinquished at https://houseofgreen.substack.com/p/the-flat-creek-solar-ores-permit.

The latest owner of the permit, Pattern Energy, acquired Cordelio Power as of April 1, 2026. Pattern Energy, through its law firm, Young/Sommer, elected to relinquish the final siting permit that the project had been awarded by the Office of Renewable Energy Siting (ORES).

If Flat Creek Solar had been built, where would the more than $500 million committed to the project through the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) have gone? And what exactly is Pattern Energy, where does it originate, and who ultimately stands to benefit from its investments?

Are ORES solar complexes Trojan horses for foreign pension plans?

According to Pattern Energy's LinkedIn profile, "Pattern Energy is a major private renewable energy company that develops, constructs, owns, and operates wind, solar, transmission, and energy storage projects."

I did a little digging.

In 2020, CPP Investments, the Canada Pension Plan Investment Board, acquired all outstanding shares of Pattern Energy in a transaction valuing Pattern at roughly US$6.1 billion, including net debt. Pattern Energy became a private company.

According to CPP's website, CPP is the professional investment manager for the Canada Pension Plan Fund, investing on behalf of more than 22 million Canadian contributors and beneficiaries. Its statutory mandate is to "maximize long-term investment returns without undue risk," and it operates at arm's length from Canadian governments.

I found that interesting considering Fort Edward Solar, the 100 MW ORES solar complex sited for one of the last grasslands of its kind in the Northeast, has also been traded among Canadian corporations, from Boralex to Brookfield Asset Management.

As of June 2025, Pattern announced that a consortium had acquired Riverstone Holdings' equity interest in Pattern.

According to Pattern's website, that consortium was headed by "APG Asset Management, investing on behalf of ABP, the largest Dutch pension fund, together with Australian Retirement Trust (ART)."

They became Pattern owners alongside CPP Investments and Pattern management.

That means Pattern is currently backed by at least three major retirement/pension pools:

CPP Investments: Manages the Canada Pension Plan Fund for more than 22 million Canadian contributors and beneficiaries.

APG / ABP: APG invested in Pattern on behalf of ABP, the large Dutch pension fund.

Australian Retirement Trust: An Australian retirement/superannuation fund.

So, how much did Pattern Energy stand to earn from building out Flat Creek Solar?

NYSERDA was prepared to pay up to $504,210,027 to the Flat Creek Solar developer over the term of its REC contract. This money would have been paid through the purchase of renewable energy certificates (RECs) once the complex was built and began generating electricity.

You might be starting to understand why ORES rubber stamps final permits for solar and wind companies 100% of the time. That's a lot of money.

And not only is that a significant financial commitment, but a long-term contracted revenue stream from New York State can also contribute to the value and financial attractiveness of a company like Pattern Energy to its investors. Long-term contracts can reduce revenue uncertainty for renewable energy projects. CPP itself specifically described Pattern as having a portfolio of "contracted assets" when explaining its investment rationale.

Where does NYSERDA get its billions of dollars to commit to ORES solar and wind projects?

That money is coming from the ratepayers and taxpayers of New York State.

Here is how NYSERDA has over $2 billion sitting in its coffers while everyday New Yorkers can't afford to pay their electric bills:

System Benefits Charge (SBC): This is a charge collected through utility bills and funds NYSERDA's Clean Energy Fund programs. NYSERDA explicitly says CEF funding is cClean Energy Standard / Tier 1 REC funding: The Public Service Commission requires load-serving entities (LSEs), utilities, and other electricity suppliers to pay NYSERDA for their share of Tier 1 RECs.

Delivery Charge: The delivery portion of an electric bill also includes state-mandated surcharges and program costs collected through utility delivery rates. Those include the SBC.

Now, to link it all together, here's how the system works: You go to work, earn a living, pay taxes on your earnings, and pay your electric bill to keep the heat and lights on in your home. The money paid through your state taxes and electric bills trickles into NYSERDA, where that money is used to court foreign solar and wind developers to enter into a pipeline where they can guarantee ORES will issue their final permit. Once that final permit is awarded, NYSERDA commits hundreds of millions of dollars in the form of RECs to the developers over the course of the complex's lifetime. That money is then used to back up foreign pension pools for countries like Canada, the Netherlands, and Australia.

This is one of the biggest financial scams ever peddled on the American public. Our rural towns, history, farmland, and wildlife are caught in the middle of New York State handing over our money, farmland, and future to foreign countries.

I, along with every community fighting back against ORES, would like an explanation from Governor Kathy Hochul on how this has been not only allowed, but also encouraged.

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Trump: Ranchers may shoot wolves Read CFACT's ESA / wolf report



By Craig Rucker

Could you stand by while a pack of wolves tears apart your cow, your horse?

How about your cat or dog?

Colorado rancher Don Gittleson found his calf bleeding from bites by wolves that have repeatedly preyed on his herd.

Left-wing environmentalists insist that ranchers and families stand by and watch helplessly when wolves attack.

CFACT's report documents just how ridiculous government policy designed to protect gray wolves (that need no protecting) has become.

READ OUR FULL ESA / WOLF REPORT AT CFACT.org article "New cfact report esa implementation is severely flawed."

President Trump signed an executive order directing government officials to work to "de-list" not-endangered gray wolves from Endangered Species Act protection. The President said that ranchers are now permitted to shoot gray wolves they catch attacking their herds.

READ THE FULL EXECUTIVE ORDER AT CFACT.org article called "Executive order supporting americas ranchers"

In 1995 the Clinton Administration released 31 Canadian gray wolves in Yellowstone National Park.

Now burgeoning wolf packs are marauding across the West.

CFACT's important new report documents how The Endangered Species Act, while created with the noble goal of protecting wildlife, has become one more government program run amok. The ESA is the favorite tool of leftists and radical environmentalists seeking to thwart, control, and cash in on productive people's economic activity.

CFACT's new report calls for ESA reform, and specifically issued a clarion call for "de-listing" the gray wolf.

If you care about the safety of farmers, ranchers, rural families and their animals you should read the report and forward it to a friend.

If you care about the price of beef, lamb and pork, CFACT's report is also for you.

The Endangered Species Act is one more example of government policy gone wrong.

Unleashing wolves to prey on America's domestic animals is just one egregious example.

ESA Reform is long overdue.

Their yellow lab never came home

By Craig Rucker

Early on a February morning, a family in the Town of Pine River, Wisconsin let their dogs out at 4 a.m. like they'd done a thousand times before.

Thirty minutes later, one dog came back. The other – a yellow lab – was found dead three hundred yards from the house.

It was ripped apart by wolves.

I wish I could tell you this was an isolated incident. But more and more, Wisconsin is being overrun by wolves.

Congressman Tom Tiffany called it what it is: "The slaughter continues here in rural America."

Who's to blame? Not the wolves.

Radical environmentalists rigged the Endangered Species Act so it never has to let go. In 1999, Wisconsin's own wildlife biologists set the recovery goal at 350 wolves – the number that meant the species was safe.

Today the population stands at 1,162 – more than three times that goal, sitting right at what DNR calls the state's biological carrying capacity.

It's getting downright dangerous for Americans in the Great Lakes region.Yet, the wolves are still "endangered" because the law was never built to graduate a species – only to keep it on the list forever.

Will you add your name to CFACT's petition and tell Washington, D.C. the Endangered Species Act needs real reform – starting with the gray wolf?

Every signature is a line in the sand. The more Americans who put their name on record, the harder it gets for Washington, D.C. to keep pretending the Endangered Species Act is working the way it should.

Activist groups won't tell you this, but a wolf population that triples its recovery goal isn't thriving – it's starving for room. Once a population hits what DNR's own biologists call carrying capacity, wolves don't level off peacefully.

They get sicker. They get hit by cars. And they wander into backyards looking for easier prey than a healthy deer herd that's already stretched thin.

(Ask wolf "advocacy" groups how many of "their" wolves they'd like to see die suffering from mange instead of in a humanely managed harvest – they won't answer.)

Real wolf advocates want a healthy population. Only a fundraising outfit wants a number that never stops growing.

Even Wisconsin's own wolf experts will tell you that pack attacks on pets and livestock aren't just random encounters.

Laurie Groskopf has spent 29 years tracking wolf conflicts for the state's Conservation Congress, and she's on record saying this looks like the same pack that spent the previous year working its way through that family's neighborhood – a springer spaniel killed in April, a cow and calf in June, cattle harassed in September, and now a family pet in February.

Across the same 65-square-mile stretch of woods, four different kinds of animals were attacked by a pack.

Just one county over, wolves killed six bear-hunting dogs and injured two more – in three separate attacks over 48 hours within 15 miles.

DNR's own wolf specialist confirmed every one of them. Hunters tracked their dogs' GPS collars into the woods and found them already gone.

(And because the wolf is still federally "endangered" – yes, endangered, we'll get to that – every single one of those depredations required a federal USDA investigation before that family or that hunter could even apply for a state check. Washington, D.C. has to sign off before Wisconsin can help its own people.)

Let's be clear: CFACT isn't anti-wolf. We want them thriving in the wild where they belong. But the problem was never the wolf. It's a law so broken it can't tell the difference between "endangered" and "everywhere."

That's the system radical environmental groups have spent twenty years defending in court. Not because the wolves need it. Because losing the fight would mean admitting they were wrong.

So in 2023, the radical environmental lobby didn't celebrate.

They got the DNR to throw out the 350 number entirely – no statewide goal, no line in the sand, nothing a rancher or a conservationist or a taxpayer could ever point to and say "we did it, the job's done."

(Because a finish line you can't move isn't much use if you never wanted the race to end.)

Recovered wasn't enough. Tripled-and-holding-steady wasn't enough. There is no number – literally, by design, now, none – that radical greens will accept as "recovered enough to let go."

That's not conservation. That's a permanent green grift protecting itself.

We know how this game works – because we've beaten it before:

*** CFACT filed formal comments backing real Endangered Species Act reform and helped push the rollback of the Obama-era EPA endangerment finding that the Left had weaponized for over a decade – I personally championed both fights for years before Washington, D.C. finally listened.

*** And we don't take a single dollar of taxpayer money to do it, which means nobody in Washington, D.C. can quietly buy our silence the way they've bought so many "independent" nonprofits.

When it comes down to it, the Endangered Species Act is fundamentally broken.

The gray wolf has been "recovered" in Wisconsin for years by the government's own numbers.

But the law is built so that once a species goes on, almost nothing – not tripling the goal, not hitting carrying capacity, not years of stability – is enough to take it back off.

That's not how the Endangered Species Act was supposed to work. That's a law that's stopped protecting species and started protecting itself.

We're not asking Washington, D.C. to abandon endangered species. We're asking them to let a recovered one graduate – the way the law was originally intended to work.

Referendums *cont. from page 11*

"Thou shalt commit adultery."

Ironically, this already happened by accident in 1631 when a Bible was printed in London with a very bad typo. Ouch!

EXAMPLE # 2

Suppose the Wisconsin state legislature passed the following bill:

"ABORTION shall not be allowed in the state of Wisconsin unless the mother IS in danger for her life, or in cases of rape or incest. It shall be MANDATORY to inform the expectant mother WHEN she requests medical prenatal care to inform her of when she can or cannot legally have an abortion. The state of Wisconsin honors all PREGNANT women for bringing forth our next generation."

Evers could veto the bill into this:

ABORTION IS MANDATORY WHEN PREGNANT

Yikes!

Rolf Lindgren is the Pints & Politics Director of the Republican Party of Dane County. He is also a singer known as Wisco Rolf and his website is WiscoRolf.com – The Badger State's Musical Maverick & Liberty's Voice

Pests at the Smithsonian

"Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God." Romans 8:7-8

By Riley J. Hood

An Englishman named James Smithson made a bequest to start the museum. He was a British chemist who was born in 1765 in France and died in Genoa in 1829. He was the illegitimate son of Hugh Smithson, 1st Duke of Northumberland. He was originally named Jacque Louis Macie. In his teens he changed his first name to James. In 1801 after the duke died, changed his last name to Smithson. He graduated from Pembroke college, University of Oxford in 1786. While nominally an Anglican, he was a man of the enlightenment, and not a practicing Christian. He amassed a fortune while advancing science. Despite his will, he was a lifelong British Subject who never visited America in his lifetime. (In 1904, Smithson's remains were exhumed and brought to America, under the direction of Alexander Graham Bell.) He left his fortune to his nephew. His will stated if his nephew died without heirs, the estate would be transferred to America to found an institute in Washington DC to achieve "an increase and diffusion of knowledge among men." According to the SI Archives, "Smithson never wrote about or discussed his bequest with friends or colleagues, so we are left to speculate on the ideals and motivations of a gift that has had such significant impact on the arts, humanities, and sciences in the United States."

The nephew, Henry James Hungerford died childless in 1835. Andrew Jackson informed Congress, which sent Richard Rush to secure almost $500,000 in gold sovereigns. The gold was delivered to the Philadelphia Mint, and recast as US coin. After a protracted debate, Congress passed legislation on August 10th, 1846, and the law was signed by James K. Polk. In 1855, the Smithsonian Institution Building, aka "The Castle" was finished. The early days were almost completely dedicated to scientific research. In 1890 the National Zoological Park was added, the US National Museum in 1881, and the Natural History Museum in 1910. In 1964 the National Museum of American History opened. Today, the Smithsonian has 21 museums, the National Zoo, and nine research facilities.

The most recent leader was Lonnie Griffith Bunch III, born in 1952, age 73. He is the 14th Secretary of the Smithsonian. He heads of Board of Regents. He recently announced he plans to retire at the end of this year. He is the first black man and the first historian to serve as Secretary, after spending most of his career as a museum curator. He went to college at Howard University and the American University. He is the overall leader, but each of the Smithsonian's 21 museums has their own director. For example, Cristopher Browne leads the National Air and Space Museum, Kirk Johnson leads the National Museum of Natural History, and Anthea M. Hartig leads the National Museum of American History.

In the 250th year of American Independence, the Smithsonian has an exhibit "In Pursuit of Life, Liberty & Happiness," which had a drag queen photo, and a 12-foot statue of an immigrant farm laborer. There was nothing from any founding father. The current Director Anthea M. Hartig wanted to "problematize" our Nation's Independence, including the Declaration. She views the Smithsonian as a "prime tool of social justice."

Even worse than an attack on my country was the attack on the Christian Faith, "Upending 1620: Where Do We Begin?" According to Larry P. Arnn they stated that the Pilgrims were exploiters, and agents of conquest. In another exhibit they posted, "Christian religious fervor…lay behind early European efforts at the conquest in the Americas." The Museum was silent about Christianity's contribution to America's Founding or the anti-slavery movement.

This another example of my tax dollars "at work." Tax dollars account for over 60% of their budget. According to the Heritage Foundation, "It receives more than $1 billion a year in federal appropriations. And it speaks with the implicit authority of the United States." According to Mike Gonzalez, the museum was "captured" by people using it to subvert America from within. Gonzalez asserts the museum changed its mission statement. The older mission spoke of exploring "the infinite richness and complexity of American history." The newer framing emphasizes "empowering people to create a just and compassionate future" by exploring and sharing "the complexity of our past." Now they use terms like "white supremacy," "hetero-patriarchy," and "imperialist theft." These terms are popular with socialists.

While Lonnie Bunch did call for DEI, Anthea Hartig implemented it. Anthea is 62 years old, a product of academia, and a former director of the California Historical Society. Her tenure at the Smithsonian began in 2019, at the same year Bunch took over. The Smithsonian website called her policies, "a vibrant new strategic plan." Both bunch and Hartig were hired by the board of trustees, not because of their credentials, but because they checked boxes. Hartig was the first woman, and Bunch was the first black man to hold their respective positions. The results speak for themselves. (I have no doubt Black people and women can be good administrators, if they were chosen for ability, rather than as an exercise in socialism.) Both Bunch and Hartig are products of academia, and have been educated into hating America, and Christianity.

In 2025, President Trump's Restoring Truth and Sanity to American History Executive Order cited the National Museum of American History in general and Hartig by name as an activist, and her results as an "ideological capture." In other words, she is a liberal infiltrator who has reshaped the Museum. In July of 2026, she was brought before the House Oversight Subcommittee on Delivering on Government Efficiency. She was the first Smithsonian leader to be publicly questioned. After that Trump signed the Restoring Trust in the Smithsonian Institution Executive Order, which asserts the current leadership can't be trusted.

I will go further than that. If Bunch and Hartig were really true to their socialism they would call for the Smithsonian's destruction. After all, the Democrat Party, under the auspices of the slave owning Andrew Jackson and James K. Polk were instrumental in the building of the Smithsonian. I'm quite certain there were people that would be considered racist who expanded the Institution in the late 1880's to the early 1900's.

Quite frankly, not all museums are created equal. Neither are all displays. For example, the best display at the old Milwaukee Public Museum was the Streets of Old Milwaukee. When I was little and lost, I liked the dinosaurs. When I found out that I was supposed to be descended from monkeys, I rejected that and realized the dinosaurs were used for propaganda. As a Christian, I could never work for a Museum of Natural History, which is history based on evolution. I do not want my hard-earned money to support those kinds of institutions. I would dare say, if the Smithsonian is a private Institution, and it is, it should be supported solely through private donations. "Defunding" the Smithsonian would be a small step in helping our ever-indebted nation balance its budget, and these infiltrators, Bunch and Hartig would probably have to work for a living, instead being tax-funded to insult the public.



Freedom of the Greeks

By Rolf Lindgren

Prologue: Freedom of the Greeks is not well known anymore. It was well known during the Renaissance and up to the late 1800s. Our modern schools have failed us.

FREEDOM OF THE GREEKS

It was late spring in 196 BC at the Panhellenic Festival in Corinth. A momentous event in the history of human liberty was about to happen.

In the previous year, Titus Quinctius Flamininius had won a massive victory over King Philip V of Macedon at the Battle of Cynoscephalae. Flamininus was a general for the Republic of Rome. Philip V was a powerful tyrant who controlled most of Greece. (Note - this is not the same Philip of Macedon who was father of Alexander the Great. That Philip lived 150 years earlier.)

In the momentous Battle of Cynoscephalae in 197 BC, Flamininus utterly destroyed the army of Macedon, even though the armies were numerically equal. This was a war that seemed to some like two great powers fighting over who controlled a bunch a small Greek city states.

But things were different this time. Flamininius gathered together thousands of Greeks whose land was now controlled by Rome. The Greeks expected their people to be taxed and enslaved. The Greeks expected their lands to be seized. The Greeks expected raping and pillaging and large quantities of booty to be hauled off. They expected to pay tribute to Rome for many years.

The assembled Greeks sat nervously in the stadium, awaiting their fate. Then a herald sent by Flamininius addressed them. The herald said:

"The Roman Senate and Titus Quinctius Flamininus, proconsular general, having conquered King Philip and the Macedonians, restore to freedom, without garrisons and without imposts, and to the enjoyment of their ancient laws, the Corinthians, the Locrians, the Phocians, the Euboeans, the Achaeans of Phthiotis, the Magnesians, the Thessalians, and the Perrhaebians."

The overjoyed Greeks cheered so loud that flying birds fell from the sky (per Livy and Plutarch).

Plutarch reported:

"The shout grew so immense that it reached the sea. Crows that happened to be flying over the stadium fell down into the middle of it from the sky."

Plutarch speculated that the loud cheering created a vacuum, which sucked down the birds. Or that sound waves knocked down the birds.



The situation was staggering!

The address had to be read a second time before it was truly believed.

Another way to put it: The Greeks were now free and the Roman army went home to Italy.

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Let School Girls Vote on Bathroom Policies

By Rolf Lindgren

A lot of people are voting to let boys into girls high school bathrooms. School boards are voting for it. Legislative assemblies are voting for it. Courts are voting for it.

But one group of people isn't voting for it: The girls in the schools!

I call on bold elected officials in Wisconsin and around the nation to formally allow the girls in these schools to hold their own elections on the issue. I call on bold candidates to demand it. I call on President Trump, governors and county executives to let the girls vote. The girls can decide if boys are allowed in girls bathrooms!

Recently a violent fight in Oregon Wisconsin High School has been linked to school bathroom policies. The Heartland Post (Wisconsin online news publication, founded by WISN radio personality Dan O'Donnell) posted video of the fight.

https://heartlandpost.com/oregon-school-district-allows-boy-to-continue-using-girls-restrooms-even-after-violent-incident/

It's really bad. The Heartland Post reports that some girls are afraid to go into their own bathrooms. What is happening in our schools is outrageous!

Our schools are already failing us on reading, writing and arithmetic. Now they're failing us on bathroom policies!

If schools won't allow high school girls a formal vote, then I call on ambitious students at the schools to organize the vote themselves! With social media, this is doable.

Let's schedule the election for November 3. Let's get it done and end the nonsense. You go girls!

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It's Getting Late! It's Now or Never

By Kathleen Marquardt

WE are in a war. Man has been in that war since day one. Just studying history shows that there are people who want to make all the rules, who want to control what we eat, if we eat, what we believe, and even how long we get to exist on this mortal coil.

Look at the wars from the earliest recorded time. The world is divided into three groups of people, those of us who want to live equally with everyone else, those who want to run the world and decide who can live and who can die, and those who don't care enough to give a tinker's damn.

So, it is the first two groups who matter. The third isn't even good enough for cannon fodder. (Ah, yes. This is just my humble opinion, not edicts spelled out in media.)

We from group one (yes, I identify with the real white hats) have been fighting this war since high school. We saw that the school system was a second-group factor and fought it with words – all we had as ammunition.

But as the saying goes "power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely". Group 2 has been our enemy from the very start, but we were too trusting, too naïve. Being kind and trusting, when we fought in wars, we thought the leaders of the fighters on our side were honest with us; that they were fighting for our freedom. We had no idea that both sides were working against us. Yep, our government pretended that everything they did was for us and the greater good.

WW2 opened eyes. Oh, yes. It took decades for all the heinous chicanery to come out. — Forgive me, we are probably missing much of the evil perpetrated against us, but we now know enough to be mad as hell and ready to stand up for what we believe in. But we must fight this fight to win while still standing on the high ground. I know this won't be easy because the enemy controls the schools and main-stream media. Plus, they have no honor so they can fight with every dirty tool they have.

And I mean every dirty tool. Many people are fighting to keep their property, so they are tied up with that – taking away our soldiers. Then there are the schools teaching our children that we are wrong and need to be gotten rid of because we believe girls are girls, boys are boys and you can't switch by telling yourself a lie. And, for Americans, we have a constitution that says you don't get to vote unless you are a citizen born of citizens or born of Constitution-supporting new citizens. Yep, that Constitution supporter is a requisite.

Thanks to the second group, even if they were born here, they want to be part of the global elite who control America and the world (without America, they will not be able to control the world).

Regretfully, we were too nice. And that makes me very mad. When we woke up to the fact that they had captured our education system since the early 1900s, we fought with words. Yet, our words were worthless. How many times did we go to School Board meeting and were shut down without being able to give our point of view? Yes, the same happens all the time at City Hall meetings. A question I have: if we had known what we know now, would we have done anything different? I don't think so. Many, many of us were told to sit down and shut up – and we did! What more could we have done. We were following the rules of behavior.

Well, now those rules need to be ignored. We need to take back our cities — and counties, if possible.

Yes, we know all about the tools to teach program new city council members, senators, congressmen how to be perfect 15-Minute "globalist" men and women – to program their constituents to welcome being "15-minute denizens who will own nothing and be happy.

No, things haven't changed – other than we have gone farther down the road to hell-in-a-handbasket. If we don't stand up and stop this trainwreck soon, we will not have a snowballs chance in hell. Yes, I am using strong language. I'm not exaggerating. We have allowed truly evil people to control our lives for way too long. We speak out, but MSM tries to shut down what we say.

We aren't the only ones who have stripped the globalists naked and shown what they are doing, and we weren't the first. Ayn Rand and others let the world know of the evils being perpetrated in every avenue of media. Many did listen but didn't realize that our very lives are at stake; that every means of reaching into the minds of men, women, children would be used to brainwash people into giving up.

(As John Galt said in Atlas Shrugged, "You have cried that man's sins are destroying the world and you have cursed human nature for its unwillingness to practice the virtues you demanded. Since virtue, to you, consists of sacrifice, you have demanded more sacrifices at every successive disaster. In the name of a return to morality, you have sacrificed all those evils to which you held as the cause of your plight. You have sacrificed justice to mercy. You have sacrificed independence to unity. You have sacrificed reason to faith. You have sacrificed wealth to need. You have sacrificed self-esteem to self-denial. You have sacrificed happiness to duty.)

That was in 1957 and already people could see where we were going. We have been the freest country this world has ever seen. Why are we not fighting to keep it that way? Yes, I know many, many of our so-called conservative leaders have had major parts in taking us down the road to hell, but that doesn't mean that we must go willingly.

And, if you didn't get my gist, here's one from the 1976 Movie, Network: "I'm mad as hell and I am not going to take it anymore."

Get mad. Stand up! Stand up for your children, and your children's children. You may be ready to be a useless eater ready to be harvested, but not all of us are.

Let's see what made America great. Let's bring that back now – before it is too late.

Let's hear that lion roar. Let's be the people we say we are – true patriots.

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planners. With the outbreak of the Ukraine war, Europe learned from Russian gas the cost of a single choke point. Renewable-energy supply chains have more of them.

For some reason China wants to help Americans breathe the cleanest air?

Energy Foundation China has written checks, for example, to the Rocky Mountain Institute, which in 2022 published the gas-stove asthma paper that Consumer Product Safety commissioner Richard Trumka Jr. and Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm helped turn into a national fight over gas in the home. Destroying the much-deserved reputation of natural gas, which is abundant in the United States, as a low-polluting source of cheap energy has obvious national-security advantages for China.

Scrutiny

There's no document that shows the China instigated this research, but the conflict of interest "deserves some scrutiny" as they say.

They also present vulnerabilities pipelines never did. According to the International Energy Agency, China accounted for about 80% of global manufacturing capacity for solar and battery inverters in 2025. These devices convert solar or battery output into grid power. Western operators have found undocumented communications hardware in some Chinese-made equipment. Chinese military writing treats an adversary's energy system as an early target. The easiest way to stop a fighter-bomber is not to shoot it down. It is to deny it electricity before it takes off.

Friendly agencies in the West help to launder CCP propaganda:

Beijing cannot manufacture Western credibility. A Chinese state outlet can call China a climate leader indefinitely without moving a single Western legislature, because the audience knows who is speaking. The same claim advanced by an American foundation president, a European research institute, or an international agency carries the authority of institutions trusted precisely because they are not Chinese. The arrangement solves the propagandist's problem. It separates the message from the messenger.

There is a lot more detail to the story at Tablet magazine. China didn't start the Climate Change movement, and we know the big Bankers, the renewables industry, and those who want Big Government have a trillion reasons to push the Climate Change barrow. But it's easy to imagine how China could have been pulled into the slip-stream and taken advantage of it. The question today is how much influence does China have now?

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HOT GOVERNMENT **HOT JACK**

More Money For DPI

An article in Sunday's WRN's Week in Review says that our Department of Public Instruction wants another $28Million from our pockets.

First Question: Why would anyone in Wisconsin want to give MORE money to DPI? Is it their outstanding results over the last 10 years that have pushed our kids to the pinnacle of the national education test scores? Is it because DPI is so fiscally responsible that they have been running on a skeleton staff and budget forever? The answer to both is absolutely not. DPI has done nothing but to LOWER standards to cover their own butts and has spent tons of our money on building up the educational bureaucracy…….. ie union-dues paying members who kick back or "contribute" to Democrats who in turn, vote for more spending.

Second Question: In the last 20 years how many times has the DPI budget NOT increased? Is the answer zero? And whose fault is that? Who was in charge of putting the budget together, approving it, and passing it for all of those years? Of course the "education" spending is always led by a bunch of whining Dems. But where were the Republicans? Was their answer 'Well, the Dems would have spent even more.' There's great justification for fleecing us over and over again.

Third Question: WHO wrote the article in Wisconsin Right Now? DPI's First Budget Request Seeks $28 Million, But Stalls On The Rest Until After Gov Race I understand how Republican media wants to take shots at the Dems. But maybe they should watch where the gun is pointed before pulling the trigger. Yeah, that's a metaphor so don't get your panties in a bunch.

DPI is a failed bureaucracy. They have failed OUR children and condemned way too many of them to shortened lives of welfare, poverty, and crime. And it's extremely unfortunate that most of those casualties come from Milwaukee, Dane, and Brown counties; the very places that need the exact opposite kind of help and that the Dems count on for their "votes." You people ought to wise up.

Here's a suggestion. Defund DPI completely. No one would miss it except the union-dues funds. Refund the money to the taxpayers. Make School Choice available to every child across the state. Let kids go to the schools that teach them to read, write, do math and function in society. Imagine that. Schools producing kids who can get good, honest jobs and be productive citizens controlling their own destiny. What a concept. Hasn't anyone in Madison ever thought of that before? Maybe so. But they have failed to do anything about it.

The Anti-Nuclear Playbook Comes for Data Centers

By Duggan Flanakin

Half a century ago, raw emotion drove an anti-nuclear energy campaign that still stifles clean energy development in the U.S. Today, that same fear-driven playbook is being deployed in a campaign to shut down data centers.

Between 1970 and 1990, America built 95 nuclear power plants that still supply nearly a fifth of the nation's electricity, but the minor incident at Three Mile Island led to cancellation of another 67 planned builds.

The U.S. did not build another nuclear powerplant between 1996 and 2016. Even today, efforts to revitalize the nation's nuclear power industry face skepticism and legacy regulatory roadblocks.

Small modular reactors were first tested decades ago and could already be powering data centers had anti-nuclear fearmongering not stopped the Integral Fast Reactor program in 1994.

Many Americans today are rightly riled up about data centers robbing communities of precious drinking water resources and raising their electric bills. Others ask whether data centers are part of a vast secret conspiracy to take away their jobs, their freedom, and perhaps even their lives.

Goldman Sachs estimated that U.S. data center power demand could grow from 31 gigawatts in 2025 to 66 gigawatts in 2027. The push for an all-electric society has helped cause demand to rise faster than the nation can build new capacity. When demand exceeds supply, prices rise.

Neither the media nor the political establishment had prepared Americans for these shocking developments – so it is no wonder that data centers have become a political football.

The growing divide today is between the anti-nuclear playbook – now repurposed in ways that risk crippling the American economy – and the recognition that some data centers have disrupted lives, an unacceptable trade-off no matter how badly they are needed.

Fuel for the anti-data center fire stems from real-life stories of an Oregon community that found nearby Google data centers were using a quarter of their water supply. Data centers connected to the power grid also tend to drive up electricity costs, according to Consumer Reports. These real-life impacts have even the strongest supporters of the American Dream up in arms.

Many data center developers have failed to explain that every time we look up a movie showtime, tap a card at checkout, back up a video or ask Google a question we can thank a data center for making those tasks easy. They have also failed to fully address citizen concerns.

President Trump pushed the data center industry into signing the Ratepayer Protection Pledge at the White House back in March. But that commitment was voluntary – and people too often tricked by pledges not followed through on remain skeptical.

The Chinese government and its proxies, which thrive on exploiting fear, are funding a national campaign against data centers to slow the growth of the U.S. economy.

A May report from the Bitcoin Policy Institute traced three interlocking vectors that demonstrate China's targeting of American AI data centers.

These include Chinese and Russian state media propaganda; a U.S.-based NGO network bankrolled by expatriate Neville Roy Singham; and billions in foreign dark money from such sources as Switzerland's Hansjörg Wyss and the Oak Foundation, funded by British billionaire Alan Parker.

Lead author Sam Lyman says the choice facing America is not between AI or no AI but between American AI or Chinese AI – just as it is between continued Chinese dominance over critical minerals or an America-first mining and processing renaissance.

The Trump Administration's push for nuclear energy both for the grid and for stand-alone units to power cloud and hyperscale data centers, military facilities, and remote industrial sites is part of a national strategy to expand electric generation without injuring ratepayers – an effort that had quietly begun during his first term.

After years of neglect, just before leaving office President Biden issued Executive Order 14141 (Advancing U.S. Leadership in AI Infrastructure), which authorized leasing federal sites for gigawatt-scale data centers "with clean energy resources" to prevent public rate increases.

At the signing ceremony for the Ratepayer Protection Pledge, many of the nation's largest AI and technology companies agreed to cover the costs of all new power generation for their facilities so as not to negatively impact ratepayers.

White House AI and Crypto advisor David Sacks contrasted this "common sense" approach over Bernie Sanders' demand for a total ban on new data centers, which he said would halt a nationwide construction boom, stunt wage and job growth for blue-collar workers, and effectively cede the future to the Chinese.

Even better, Sacks said that, by allowing AI companies to pay for grid upgrades and sell excess power back to the grid, ratepayers might even see lower bills.

The only problem is that small modular reactors are just now undergoing testing and still have to work

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(DCs) gobble up rivers of water and terawatts of electricity, sprawl across landscapes, raise electricity prices, and help Big Brother spy on us. Similar assertions echo across the political spectrum and country.

It's impossible to address all these complex issues in one article, but here's a start.

First, how big data centers are and what their workloads and demands are depends on what they do. Older, conventional DCs manage purchases and other business applications. Streaming services handle vastly more data per second, especially during evenings and weekends.

Search engines need power to "crawl" through web pages and other sources to build indexes and answer questions at breakneck speed. AI requests require infinitely more computer power (for training, inferences, analyses, predictions and summaries) – and thus still more computers, electricity and cooling systems: hyperscales, hyperspeeds, hyper resource demands.

We must address these needs and solve the conflicts because we increasingly need AI and DCs.

A data center is simply a building or warehouse filled with computers that generate heat as they meet countless growing needs across nearly every segment of modern society. That heat must dissipate somewhere, to prevent those computers from overheating, crashing or even catching fire.

Older DCs used constant flowing water and cooling towers or evaporative systems – as did/do their coal, gas ornuclear electricity sources. (The USA produced more natural gas in 2025 than Russia and Iran combined.) Modern AI and other computer chips are cooled by water-and-chemical liquids running in closed loops, akin to radiators in cars; thus much less water. Some DCs are water-free.

The coolants are recharged on a regular basis, which means disposing, cleaning and reprocessing aged coolant – much as gasoline stations, cities, mines and factories do with wastewater laden with myriad chemicals and particulates – and refilling the systems. We've learned how to do it properly.

It's also important to note that DC water use is tiny compared to water for agriculture, lawns, golf courses and municipalities. Almonds, corn and cotton alone require enormous quantities.

Land use is another exaggerated bogeyman. Large buildings and warehouses filled with AI or other computers use the same amounts of land as other buildings and warehouses – possibly with some additional space/acreage for cooling systems, but less for deliveries, shipments and employee parking.

Moreover, data center land can be abandoned industrial sites, reclaimed mining sites and various other unused areas. It doesn't have to be prime or nearby real estate. Every situation is unique.

Compare DC needs with truly massive amounts of land required for industrial wind turbine installations, industrial solar panel installations: thousands or even tens of thousands of acres of what could otherwise be agricultural, recreational, scenic or wildlife land. Plus thousands more acres for towering hundreds-mile-long transmission lines from those installations to

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Shilling For Flock Cameras

I really have to scratch my head and wonder what all of those……um……people shilling for Flock Cameras are thinking. I can fully understand how those like Fanny Hong and David Crowley with their Stalinist beliefs might think that total State control of your life might be a good idea. But then there are those who call themselves "conservative" or "Republican" or both. WTF?

A Baby Taken At Knifepoint, A Toddler In A Stolen Car: How Flock Cameras Brought 100 Missing Children Home written by Jim Piwowarczyk and published by Wisconsin Right Now might be a good example. The body of the article, or opinion piece, gives example after example of children being saved partially because of data centers from Flock cameras. And then he starts out his conclusion by writing

"Critics of Flock have valid concerns about data sharing and misuse, and those concerns deserve answers in the form of strong guardrails. But the debate is muddied by false myths and Fourth Amendment concerns."

Yes. Those pesky "Forth Amendment concerns."

I get it. No one wants their children to be taken. And when an evil like that happens, it needs to be fixed and quickly. But at what cost? Should we eliminate the Fourth Amendment? What about the entire Bill of Rights? Should we pull the plug on those pre-1800 Amendments? After all, they were written BEFORE the government had the ability to "give" us total protection and safety……by a bunch of old white guys. That in itself should justify throwing the whole Constitution out on its ear. Shouldn't it?

Trading "Liberty and Freedom" for "Safety" is the argument that has been put forward by every Tyranny since the appearance of Man on Earth. From the feudal lords to Hitler and Stalin to the Democrat Socialists, the mantra has been the same. Pledge us your loyalty, give us total control of your lives, pay us your taxes and we will provide you with safety.

When your missing children have been returned to you, WHAT will they be returning to? Certainly not America. Politicians, especially those who call themselves Republican, should realize this basic fact. If they don't, they should be primaried.

HOT GOVERNMENT HOT JACK

Flock Cameras Re-Visited

Perhaps I was a little hasty on my judgement that Flock Cameras would be a threat to Liberty in America. Perhaps, despite all of your personal data and movements being tabulated, recorded, and sold; despite your Freedom being quickly eroded away; Flock Cameras might have a way TO PROTECT both your Freedom and Liberty.

What is the biggest threat to your Freedom and Liberty? It's not China or Iran. It's not "the Russians." It's your own government and the politicians and bureaucrats that run it. So why couldn't Flock Cameras be put to work on THEM? Is there no disinfectant more powerful than the "Light of Truth"? Of course, all of these videos of our public officials would be put on line for all to see in REALTIME. (Now I'm beginning to re-think AI too.) You could just type in the name of a politician and get realtime viewing or see where he/she/it's been over the last 30 or 60 days or (eventually) 20 years. How would the politicians and bureaucrats like it?

Imagine if we had Flock Camera data on:

Bill Clinton in the Oval Office

LBJ meeting with Mafia

The movements of Haldeman and Ehrlichman

Robbin' Vos meeting with Tony Evers

Milwaukee County Election Officials and Central Count

City Council members meeting with lawyers representing Data Center companies

Frannie Hong meeting with David Crowley

Josh Kaul actually fighting real crime

Janet Protasiewicz attending an AA meeting

And that's just a start. I'm sure that all of you could add countless names to the list.

America was founded on the ideas of Freedom and Liberty. Our government has not only failed to protect those ideals, it has also significantly contributed to their demise. It's time for that to change. It's time for Flock Cameras, the very tools meant to PROTECT GOVERNMENT, to be turned on their heads and used to actually protect THE PEOPLE.

When do you think THAT will pass Congress and be signed into law? Don't hold your breath.

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more informed, and all of life's problems will have a solution – right at our fingertips! So, they assure us the "moral panic over data centers is foolish."

Above all, so they tell us, we are in a fight against China to build the greatest human society in history. The stark reality, we're told, is that America must win the AI race, or China will win it, but it will take a fight equal to the nuclear arms race. And that, we're told, is why Republicans and Conservatives are for it, and the Democrats and their radical Leftist partners are against it.

But some of us believe caution must be in force as this unknown entity may represent the greatest threat to individual freedom ever conceived. To begin, we must ask WHY are they building such massive facilities? You must understand the goal to understand the tactics! They say. What is the purpose? Why the rush to suddenly cover the nation with more than 5,300 of these compounds – with more on the way?

In fact, the massive centers are designed to build the digital control grid to collect and store every single piece of information that makes up human society. That includes the power to track each individual's biometrics, health records, every bank account and transaction, what you eat, where you travel, and every daily action. All parked in the technical cloud.

It's the reason every aspect must be examined, considered, questioned, and controlled, because AI isn't a harmless upgrade, but can be the foundational tool for building a government system of control that few of us can even perceive. Above all, our individual lives and our personal privacy must be protected at all costs.

For many years I have been warning of the drive toward global governance that will erase national sovereignty, free markets, and private property. It started with the UN's plan they called Agenda 21. It was sold as a "comprehensive blueprint for the reorganization of human society." A few years later the UN updated it to Agenda 2030 containing 17 specific details to achieve the reorganization. Those details are now being imposed in local government programs under the label "Sustainable Development Goals" or SDGs.

It all moves forward through Public/Private/Partnerships (PPPs) between government and major corporations working to make new laws that will control us. They also use the PPPs to help put their competition out of business. This is not free enterprise – PPPs are a tool right out of the Fascist Playbook.

The Great Reset author, World Economic Forum head Klaus Schwab, explained it all very clearly when he said, "eventually only a few corporations will survive," and then he explained, "you will own nothing and be happy."

It's now becoming more obvious what he meant and why it will be so. In his book the Great Reset, Schwab details the plans. One chapter covers the "Technological Reset," including "accelerating the digital transformation" and "contact tracing, tracking and surveillance." Another clearly reveals the whole agenda called "Individual Reset" detailing "Redefining our Humanness!"

Basically, Artificial Intelligences provides these global forces with the main ingredient they've always needed to achieve control – the creation of a total surveillance society. Here are some examples.

Digital ID systems implemented through government and corporations will have the unprecedented power to track, monitor, and control every aspect of your life – from your money and healthcare to your social connections. Bill Gates has threatened that "Digital ID must be accepted by US Citizens by 2028, otherwise, they risk exclusion from society."

In your bank, the move is on to replace cash with digital currency. The account can be remotely closed at any time and the money confiscated – because in reality there is no money. It's just pretend-wealth controlled at the whim of a government bureaucrat. Every transaction will be recorded. You will control nothing.

Public safety is another promise offered from the AI revolution. With the new AI technology, there are now more than 120,000 Flock cameras across the nation recording everyone you interact with, everything you do, think, and say.

These AI-enhanced cameras can analyze video to detail facial recognition and detect "unusual" behaviors. And they can track any item in your car that gives off blue tooth signals including cell phones, smart watches and ear buds. The excuse is that they can now stop crime before it happens! (before what happens?) A quote from Oracle founder Larry Ellison says it all, a vast AI-fueled surveillance system can ensure "citizens will be on their best behavior." In an AI justice system, you will be guilty until proven innocent. Flock cameras are the most visible proof that the goal is to build this dangerous surveillance society.

Through AI, the Public/Private Partnerships are creating a global surveillance system all parked in the technical cloud. To collect and store such a huge amount of information requires a massive amount of equipment and space. Can it be any clearer? That's why Data Centers are so huge!

Thousands of acres of vital farmland are being put under roof, destroying rural economies. Noise pollution caused by loud throbbing sounds from the equipment in the centers is disrupting once-peaceful neighborhoods. As one goes into operation there is constant loud humming from the equipment inside. 24 hours a day – you hear it as you try to sleep. You can't sit in your yard and enjoy a cookout with your neighbors. Property values are also affected -greatly. Imagine you live in a beautiful, quiet area. Suddenly you learn a massive data center is being built within 400 yards of your house. (you need to say what is wrong here)

The electrical use to feed the centers is causing damage to power grids and local community needs. Life is changing – not for the good — and people are upset.

Science is now reporting that these centers are changing the atmosphere in the neighborhoods, especially when multiple centers are gathered together. AI data centers can cause climate warming of their surrounding areas by as much as 9.1degrees C.

These are the reasons why thousands of American citizens are rising up in opposition to AI data centers in their communities. Their actions are based completely on personal experience and concerns over how these huge facilities affect their lives and their local culture. It is not being led by the Chinese or a radical left conspiracy! People are trying to save the culture of their communities from actions of their own government.

Polls show 70% of Americans are opposed to these massive facilities. Action has been taken in at least forty states to delay, if not ban, the building of more than 50% of these facilities. And opposition is growing! Large numbers of residents are showing up in local city council meetings demanding that their elected representatives take action to protect their way of life. In some citizens have managed to remove from office those elected officials who have ignored their pleas.

As the opposition has grown, the corporate forces behind the data centers have started to panic, desperate to stop this never-before-experienced opposition. To counter this local opposition the corporate forces have created the claim that it's the Chinese paying for the opposition. So, China has become the villain that must be defeated. And, of course, with that argument then Conservatives will eat it up and help them stop this crazy communist-supported opposition to their data centers!

Well unfortunately none of this is true. I have been working across the nation with local citizens involved in opposition to the data centers. I have seen no evidence of Chinese money or organized Leftist protesters being bussed in to protest data centers. My experience clearly shows these are just residents who are desperate to be heard.

And let's not ignore the fact that the corporations are pushing local reps to sign non-disclosure agreements to keep their plans secret – now who is operating in stealth?

Let's get to the truth.

Let's start with the water usage. Amazon, one of the largest producers of data centers, just published a report admitting its facilities used 2.5 billion gallons of water last year. However, some experts have stated that it was as much as 4 times higher, perhaps up to 6.25 billion gallons when all usage is included.

Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick just blamed cattle for their massive water use that is leading to shortages. Sounds just like the radical environmentalists who always blamed the cattle for air pollution! Golly, we've had cattle herds and farms for over the past 150 years. How did we survive without suffering water shortages? The only real change we have today is massive data centers.

But they also now blame golf courses for water shortages. We have over 16,000 golf courses in the US and didn't have a water shortage until we got 5300 data centers. And Secretary Lutnick claims the data centers don't use much water – it's just a conspiracy theory.

What about all that electricity the data centers are reported to be using. Well, here's some reality: In the Lake Tahoe, Nevada area nearly 50,000 people have been told that their utility will stop providing power to them, because it's redirecting that power to data centers. In Indiana, an $11billion Amazon data center will use as much power as one million residential homes. In Utah, the proposed 40,000-cre data center will use as much electricity as the whole state now uses.

Now add those figures to the fact that many areas hold multiple data centers. In New Albany, Ohio – once a quaint rural farm community there are now 72 active data centers. In Northern Virginia there are 570 in, basically, two counties. 102 of them all together in what is called data center alley. It alone uses over 9499 megawatts of power. How long can the power grid tolerate this massive use? Goldman Sachs is projecting that data center electricity demand could rise by 165% by 2030. Where are we going to get that amount of electricity?

Oh, but data centers will bring jobs, property taxes, and prosperity to the community? Not true! AI data centers provide next to nothing in the way of permanent jobs. Yes, they create many for the construction, but the workers come from companies the builders bring in – not local workers. And that's just temporary. Once built, most data centers, no matter the size, provide very few jobs, perhaps 25-50. Some less. In Virginia, a report shows the data centers provide one permanent job for every $54 million invested.

Elon Musk predicts humanoid robots will hit one billion in 10 years. Musk says money may no longer be as important by 2036 –saying all of this will bring on an age of abundance as the robots outperform the humans in production. Easy for the world's richest man to say! Musk also says there is a 20% chance that AI will eliminate humans within ten years – but that doesn't seem to bother him that humans will be superfluous!

So, how are we supposed to survive this destruction of the pillars of freedom? What is the plan for those who become jobless? Here it is in their own words!

"One widely discussed solution to the potential job displacement caused by AI is Universal Basic Income. This concept involves providing all citizens with a regular, unconditional sum of money to ensure they can meet their basic needs, regardless of their employment status… the primary means of earning a living – is no longer necessary for many."

This is a drive to slavery. You will have no control over your life. There will be no incentive to create new ideas and products. Empty shelves, empty malls, empty plates, and empty pockets. There will be no freedom of choice, no hopes, no dreams for your life, or your children's future. In short, the cashless society of AI is the greatest threat to human society ever conceived! Great Prosperity? From Where?

What about that fear from local officials that they can't defend your community development and property rights because the Data Center companies will sue and they can't afford to pay massive legal bills? First, lawsuits are not one-way deals. Just because someone sues does not mean they win. Second, every community already has a city attorney on the payroll. It's their job to defend community policy. Let the corporations file suit. If they are violating your property rights or forcing a change of your way of life or creating danger – they are in violation. You win against their suit!

Finally, let's deal with the China issue. We're told we must beat China in the formation of AI technology. But what does "beating" them mean? They already have the technology and will continue to work with it, no matter what we develop. Are we planning an international law that says they can no longer use AI? Or do we plan to compete with them to create the greatest controlled society in world history?

Here's reality. Communism has no economy. Once they have confiscated all the individuals' private money there is no new income being created. They've run out of other people's money. That's why communism always fails. Empty stores. People living in misery.

The Soviet Union collapsed after President Reagan refused to back down to their demands that we not build

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Puzzle Answers

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their way through a still-labyrinthine permitting process – the legacy of decades of anti-nuclear opposition.

As new data centers begin to generate their own off-grid electricity, the feared escalation of electricity bills should subside. But what about water use?

Most big data centers rely on water-based cooling towers or evaporative chillers to prevent server overheating and equipment failure. While many are using closed-loop water cooling in which the same water circulates in sealed pipes or coils that prevent evaporation, a technique that cuts water use by up to 70%, the public still sees them as stealing their drinking water.

Direct-to-chip cooling, which pipes cold liquid directly to servers, and immersion cooling, which submerges entire servers in a bath of non-conductive fluid, also minimize water use.

Norway is siting data centers near cold-water rivers and fjords, and in cold climates outside air can also keep servers running smoothly. Elon Musk is moving data centers into orbit, connecting them via satellite and Starlink, and requiring no cooling waters. SpaceX and Nvidia are planning to launch the first orbiting data center by 2028.

The trouble is that, with fast-emerging technology, any delay can result in a catastrophic loss of advantage.

Moratoriums, like that issued by New York Governor Kathy Hochul, and Pennsylvania Governor Josh Shapiro's move to strip data center projects from his state's fast-track program (which he created in November 2024), can turn into long-term prohibitions for a short-term problem.

Manhattan Institute senior fellow Shawn Regan contrasts the actions of these governors with that of Texas Governor Greg Abbott, who is in a dogfight reelection campaign. Texas, he says, mostly refined its existing process "to better sort through a chaotic data-center development pipeline without abandoning growth."

Texas requires an audit for "Batch Zero" projects under consideration for connection to the state's grid. Developers must disclose expected electricity and water use, plans for on-site generation, cooling systems, tax incentives, and measures to mitigate noise, traffic, and other local impacts.

The contrast could not be clearer. The same fear-based politics that once stalled nuclear power, amplified today by "No Kings" style protests (funded by Singham NGOs), has left some politicians throwing in with the Chinese. Those who agree with President Trump's vision for American hegemony do not want to throw the baby out with the bathwater but need a little help from tech giants who many fear do not serve the public interest.

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profit." It is governing policies, after all, that make the lives of citizens better or worse, and are the essence of the fight to take our country back.

Socialism will Destroy America (but only if we allow it)

The Democratic Socialists of America are making no attempt to hide their agenda. They want to replace capitalist economic structures with social and economic control by the "working class" (translation: Government). DSA stresses that it seeks to dismantle and replace the capitalist framework rather than simply regulate it. Some of what they are promising includes:

Single payer universal health care with abortion and "gender affirming" services for all. Eliminate private health insurance.

Rent control and public housing.

Tuition-free college, full cancellation of student loans.

Universal childcare paired with paid family leave.

Transition away from fossil fuels, public ownership of energy infrastructure and major utilities.

Mandatory 32-hour work week with no reduction in pay.

Tax the rich.

Close international military bases and redistribute military budgets to public infrastructure.Restructure or eliminate the US Senate, Electoral College, Supreme Court, and Presidency.

Freedom of movement across our borders, immigrant amnesty, and the abolition of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Defund prisons and demilitarize the police.

Replace private ownership of corporations with public ownership of major corporations, financial institutions, and essential industries.

Freedom loving Americans reject the socialist agenda and embrace the leadership of Donald Trump for the policies he champions. He has been delivering on the non-negotiable issues from day one. They include:

Living free, unencumbered by oppressive regulation, Government mandates, and censorship.

Restoration of verifiable elections.

Safe communities.

Secure borders and legal immigration.

Fair trade agreements that enable Americans to compete on a level playing field.

Peace through strength.

Less taxation. Responsible management of the people's money with aggressive fraud prevention and prosecution.

Energy dominance.

Manufacturing resurgence, fueled by deregulation and incentives for domestic production.

Protection from burdensome regulations imposed at the altar of the greatest, unproveable theory ever suggested: human behavior can alter the course of climate change.

Rethink the benefits of NATO membership. Require NATO countries to fund their own security.

Celebrate success achieved through hard work and the pursuit of dreams.

Expect self-sufficiency and personal responsibility.

Defend capitalism, the best economic engine, and the Democratic Republic, the best model of government. They have produced the freest, richest people in the world.

Now is the time to stiffen our resistance

The timing of John Gurda's version of the benefits of socialism, abetted by the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel which functions as a public relations (PR) arm of the Democratic Party, was meant to soften the resistance of voters to the communist aspirations of Democratic candidates who are on the ballot for the November elections. We know what comes next in the battle to take our country back. The choice could not be clearer. Now is the time to stiffen our resistance, mobilize in numbers that will, once again, produce an election that is too big to rig, and defeat the Democrats up and down the ballot on November 3.

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a nuclear defense shield. It bankrupted them to try to keep up with us. Within a very short time the Soviet Union was gone.

However, China is the worst threat to freedom. That's because China has been the only communist force that prospered – by grabbing hold of the goodies from our free market. They offered cheap labor to our corporations to provide the products that we buy. The Chinese communist government got rich and powerful on our free market! We helped them do it.

If you want to defeat the Chinese communists, then cut off that outlet. Stop dealing with them economically. When that money stops, they too will collapse. We are not going to beat them by building a competing AI system that builds a surveillance program over every single human being. They already have that. Kill their center of existence- American money.

Uncontrolled AI and its side effects may be the greatest threat to freedom any generation of Americans have ever faced. Reduce the building of the data centers and you will reduce the threat of AI. Stand firm and don't stop until you win. Control the building of data centers and you will control AI.

As we fight to protect our nation's free market economy, our private property, and personal choice – the three pillars of freedom, we freedom fighters are being labeled as "anti-technology luddites who are stopping progress!"

I'm shocked to experience criticism from long-dedicated conservative associates who are accepting the corporate attack on our liberties as the new infrastructure for America! In nearly every article they've produced their only focus is on fixing the water and electricity problems with new building codes. But they never discuss the real problem – the growing surveillance society. How can people who have fought for the cause of freedom for decades ignore this threat to human society? This is not how you make America great again!

To sum up the danger, let me leave you with some revealing lines from a science fiction book written back in 1954 that may have perfectly predicted our future. It was written by Fredric Brown in a book entitled "Angels and Spaceships." I think this short excerpt will really help you see where we could be headed. Here it is:

The Answer

"Dwar Ev ceremoniously soldered the final connection…He straightened and nodded to Dwar Reyn, then moved to a position beside the switch that would complete the contact when he threw it. The switch that would connect, all at once, all of the monster computing machines of all the populated planets in the universe – ninety-six billion planets — into the supercircuit that would connect them all into one supercalculator, one cybernetics machine that would combine all the knowledge of all the galaxies.

Dwar Reyn spoke briefly to the watching and listening trillions. Then after a moment's silence he said, "Now, Dwar Ev,"

Dwar Ev threw the switch. There was a mighty hum, the surge of power from ninety-six billion planets. Lights flashed and quieted along the miles-long panel.

Dwar Ev stepped back and drew a deep breath. "The honor of asking the first question is yours, Dwar Reyn." "Thank you," said Dwar Reyn. "It shall be a question which no single cybernetics machine has been able to answer."

He turned to face the machine. "Is there a God?"

The mighty voice answered without hesitation, without the clicking of a single relay. "Yes, now there is a God."

Sudden fear flashed on the face of Dwar Ev. He leaped to grab the switch. A bolt of lightning from the cloudless sky struck him down and fused the switch shut."

Could that be human society's future? Stand up and say no!

HOT JACK

Filter on Fox

Karoline Leavitt, former Trump Press Secretary, will be joining the Fox News Channel starting November 1 according this report: Karoline Leavitt Joining Fox News as Contributor | The Epoch Times "If you can't beat 'em, buy 'em." popped into my head.

Miss Leavitt was fantastic on Trump's podium. She was smart, elegant and took no crap. No one could have been better. It would be a pretty safe bet that Fox was courting Leavitt for some time. It also might be a safe bet to assume that somewhere in a room filled with corporate RINO types and Libs, finding a way to get rid of Leavitt has also been a topic for some time. And it may have come down to this: "Let's buy her. Let's put her to work at Fox, where we can control her." That may be speculation, but do you really think that it is far off the mark?

Like any corporate giant, Fox is controlled by a Board of Directors. They dictate policy. They control output. And they get rid of or destroy anyone that does not toe the line. What happened to Tucker Carlson? What happened to Bill O'Reilly? How does Emily Compagno describe David Crowley as a "moderate"? Why does Greg Gutfeld constantly push FOR Data Centers?

How long will it be before Karoline's phone rings and there is a discussion of what she can and cannot say on the air? Are there clauses in her contract talking about 'bad behavior' and the consequences thereof? Would Fox actually fire her and cut her out of what must be a multi-milliondollar deal? That type of cash being at risk is a lot of pressure on anyone not yet 30 years old. And that "risk" lends itself to a lot of control by the corporate world.

Is that how the corporate world operates? You could look in the world of sports. Do "morals clauses" exist in the contracts of athletes? Has Fox ever resorted to such tactics? You might want to ask Ivory Hecker.



Miss Hecker recently gave a presentation at the 2nd Annual Liberty Summit put on by HOT Government. Her presentation said exactly that, that corporate Fox pressured her to discontinue reports and investigations on things that the board felt were not in THEIR interests. Truth didn't matter. Miss Hecker, now Mrs. Fritz, finally had enough of being told what to do, quit Fox and became an independent journalist. You can find and follow her online.

As for Karoline, time will tell. Will she be filtered by the corporates? If so, will she forgo $Millions for the sake of Journalistic Ethics? Wouldn't be fun to have real-time Flock cameras set up in Fox's board room?

Patriot News

Patriot Events and Activities

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











"There are three questions that would destroy most of the arguments on the left: 1. Compared to what? 2. At what cost? 3. What hard evidence do you have? There are very few ideas on the left that can pass all three of those kinds of things."
~ Thomas Sowell



One Nation Under God

The Farce of Civils Rights and Religious Liberty

"In those days there was no king in Israel: every man did that which was right in his own eyes." Judges 21:25

By Riley J. Hood

In July of 2020, the Virginia Values Act was signed by the pro-gay GOP man Glen Youngkin. The VVA forced Churches, Christian Schools and Christian ministries to hire filthy perverts, sodomites and disgusting trannies. This Act punishes people up to $100,000 per violation. Don't think Fem Fuhrer Spangberger isn't using it aggressively.

In response, a group of Virginia Churches, ministries and crisis pregnancy centers challenged the law as a violation of the First Amendment, and the Religious Freedom Restoration Act. The case was settled, and according to the Alliance Defending Freedom, "As part of the agreement, Virginia officials conceded that all of the ministries who profess and live according to religious beliefs held by the ministries, including beliefs on abortion, marriage, sexuality, sex and gender," can hire accordingly. ADF thinks that their little settlement, that secures concessions to the defeated means VA law now protects "religious organizations." Until Fem Fuhrer Spangberger says it doesn't, because the Virginia Values Act is still on the books. "Virginia is for lovers" in the worst possible sense.

In 2021, the Washington Supreme Court reinterpreted the Washington Law Against Discrimination, gutting its religious exemptions, to wit its concessions for the defeated. As a result, the Yakima Union Gospel Mission, and other groups are facing penalties for requiring their staff to be Christian and uphold Biblical Doctrine prohibiting sodomy, adultery, fornication, abortion etc. In January of this year, even the crazy 9th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in favor Yakima Union Gospel Mission. In June, the 9th Circuit voted to rehear the case, and a panel of 11 judges will hear the case, instead of three, vacating the January decision. Arguments began on September 28th. I have no confidence in these people, and eventually, the concession to the defeated will be removed, if not now, soon, like in Canada, Europe, and China.

Illinois law forces the Pregnancy Care Center of Rockford to hire pro-aborts, it forces the Diocese of Springfield to hire pro-aborts. The CPC and the Diocese had their case dismissed, but they have appealed to the 7th Circuit Court. Right to Life of Michigan and CPCs in Michigan are being forced to hire pro-aborts, under the auspices of the State's nondiscrimination law, which was amended to redefine "sex" to include, "the termination of pregnancy." In July of 2026 a federal district court blocked that law, but the case is proceeding. The morally challenged, mentally deranged Gretchen Witmer must be depressed that baby killing is being opposed in any way in her little realm.

The SCOTUS had a case that addressed the Rights of Churches and their schools to define their doctrine, including those that work for them. It doesn't seem to matter, because the wicked are on push, because America hasn't been de-Christianized enough for the likes of these scum. The wicked are implacable. In July 2022 the Michigan Supreme Court reinterpreted the state's Civil Rights Act to cover sexual orientation and gender identity. In other words, Civil Rights for sodomites. The result is that Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish and their school, and every other Michigan Church is forced to hire fags, and fairies and child molesters. That policy is being challenged, but instead of the death penalty for sodomites, and child molesters, they are asking for concessions for the defeated. This is what religious liberty has been degraded to in America these days.

Ryan Tucker, an Alliance Defending Freedom lawyer writes, "The First Amendment protects one of the most basic truths about what it means to be human, that mankind is free to search for and discover God. In line with this principle, it safeguards the right of religious groups to preserve their faith-based identity. But that freedom means little if religious organizations cannot form teams united by shared convictions. A ministry without staff who embrace its mission and values isn't a ministry, it's just an office. This freedom is under threat today. It deserved to be defended, not as an abstract concept, but as the very foundation that allows faith-based organizations to remain, at their core, faithful."



"What is means to be human," is the basis for "religious liberty." Let's recognize some reality here: Christianity is not a "Human Right," but a God-given inalienable Right. It is also the Truth, and the only way of Salvation. Secondly, the Civil Rights movement is a socialist movement, that promotes destructive people at the expense of normal people. The First Amendment was a silly Baptist drollery, which had been and is being used for the de-Christianization of America. The First Amendment should be amended quite frankly. It is no substitute for Christendom. Christendom is where the law God is in effect. It is where homosexual sex is outlawed, so is abortion, pornography, prostitution, and blasphemy. Where criminals are on trial, not normal people. Several years ago, I heard a lawyer, and she said, "why can't we have gay rights and religious liberty?" You can't because God said you can't in the Bible, His Holy Word. This is why I support Christendom, the Domain of Christ, rather than "religious liberty," which puts the faith on a low par with cults, and false beliefs like Islam, Buddhism and Hinduism.

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How to reduce the number of abortions without losing votes (in blue areas)

By Rolf Lindgren

If you're a conservative who lives in a blue state or county, you face a terrible dilemma regarding abortion: stand on principle and probably lose, or use strategy and still possibly lose.

Here are the typical positions taken by conservatives in blue areas, and their result:

1. Oppose all abortions without exception.

Then you get labeled an extremist by the Left, and lose.

2. Oppose all abortion, except cases of rape, incest, or to save the life of the mother.

In a blue area, you're probably going to lose the election.

3. Argue about how many weeks abortion should be legal.

This smacks of big government and basically ends up as an essentially pro-choice position.

4. Sell out.

This doesn't solve anything even if you're able to win the election.

Here is a better strategy...

DEFUND ABORTION

If liberals can defund the police, then conservatives can defund abortion!

Defunding abortion means you pay for the abortion, not the government. Defunding abortion would massively reduce the number of abortions because almost no one pays for their own abortions.

Polling backs up this stance. Most people think that you should pay for your own abortions, not the government.

In a blue area, you can call for defunding abortion, and then when attacked by the left, you can claim you're a pro-life conservative who allows choice.

Hard liquor is defunded. Gambling is defunded. Guns are defunded. Pornography is defunded. Bungee jumping is defunded. All these things are paid for by you, not the government. Let's add abortion to the list of things that are defunded.

I want to thank all the Wisconsin organizations opposing abortion, including Wisconsin Right to Life, Pro-Life Wisconsin, Wisconsin Family Action, and the Catholic Church in general.

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VOICE OF JERUSALEM

A speech by Miriam Novak at the UN General Assembly

By Ivan M. Lang

At the UN Special General Assembly in New York, held at the request of the leaders of the European Union and the New Arab Bloc, the representative of Israel, Miriam Novak, spoke. Standing at the podium in front of the green marble wall of the main UN hall, Miriam Novak said into the microphone:

"Ladies and gentlemen! As you know, eighty years ago, Europe, led by Germany, carried out an ethnic purge: it exterminated almost all the Jews who lived there. French, Belgians, Dutch, Austrians, Croats, Hungarians, Slovaks, Latvians, Lithuanians, and Ukrainians – all helped the fascists. You killed at least six million Jews, including newborn babies. Each could have given the world children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, so you can multiply the number of killed by four or five… And now, when we are again plundered, beaten, and killed in all your countries, and your courts release the murderers, you tell us that we have no right to defend ourselves? We have no right to warn our enemies that we will respond to a new ethnic cleansing with an even more powerful strike. Perhaps you can name another nation whose extermination is so fanatically sought by your new Iranian-led international community? And why?

We have lived among you for two thousand years, offering you our knowledge, discoveries, and inventions. We have given you the alphabet, the Bible, the Virgin Mary, Jesus Christ, the twelve apostles, Spinoza, Disraeli, Columbus, Newton, Nostradamus, Heine, Mendelssohn, Einstein, Singer, Eisenstein, Freud, Landau, Gershwin, Offenbach, Rubinstein, Saint-Saëns, Kafka, Lombroso, Montaigne, Mahler, Marcel Marceau, Vsevolod Meyerhold, Yehudi Menuhin, Stefan Zweig, Arthur Miller, Maya Plisetskaya, Stanley Kubrick, Irving Berlin, Edward Teller, Lion Feuchtwanger, Paul Newman, Robert Oppenheimer, Benny Goodman, Eugène Ionesco, Imre Kálmán, Marcel Proust, Marc Chagall, Barbra Streisand, Claude Lelouch, Steven Spielberg, Anouk Aimée, Leonard Bernstein, Norbert Wiener, Larry Page, Mark Zuckerberg, Sergey Brin, Andrew Lloyd Webber and thousands of other scientists and educators. Imagine how many such geniuses could have been born from the millions of Jews killed by you and then from their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren!

But these unborn geniuses disappeared forever in crematoriums, burned synagogues, and mass graves. So, do you think that your resolutions, boycotts, and sanctions can bring us back to the gas chambers? No, ladies and gentlemen! Having lived among you for two thousand years, we have had to adapt to you and learn your languages and some aspects of your psychology. Otherwise, how would we have survived in Persia without Persian perfidy? In Spain without the Spanish cruelty? In Germany, without German submission to discipline? In France without French avarice? In Poland, without Polish vanity, and in Russia, without the oaths and the Russian habit of court latrines, where one must squat and talk about one's spiritual greatness? — (Laughter in the room.)

"And that is why I will tell you frankly: yes, we are not angels. Among us, there have been international crooks and gangsters, Lansky, Medoff, and Epstein, thieves, looters, adventurers, and even pedophiles. But in all our common history, there has never been a Jewish Bogdan Khmelnitsky, Adolf Hitler and Joseph Stalin. There have never been Jewish Josef Mengele and Erik Koch, Jewish Adolf Eichmann, and Idi Amin, Jewish Andrei Chikatilo and Li Zicheng, Jewish Jeffrey Dahmer and Jean Bokassa, Jewish Fritz Haarmann and Ted Bundy, Jewish Nikolai Dzhumagaliev and Albert Fish. We have never made necklaces with human ears, never scalped, never eaten human flesh, never made soap with human fat, never made lampshades with human skin, never made mattresses with women's hair, never burned people in religious temples, and never killed children in gas chambers. Instead, we created things that changed the world for the better.

Drip irrigation, seawater desalination, Intel processors and Centrino and Core Duo platforms, the world's smallest DNA computer and the world's first USB flash drive, nanowire and camera pill, multiple sclerosis drug and exoskeleton, Google Glass for the blind and baby breathing monitor, The radar that can see through walls, the holographic reality artificial intelligence synthesizer, and hundreds of other wonderful things.

Representing only 0.2% of the world's population, we have given the world 32% of the Nobel Prize winners. Yes, I forgot to tell you: we have never consumed and do not consume the blood of Christian infants to make matzah. In 1913, three Orthodox experts on Judaism proved this at the famous Beilis trial in Kyiv.

In 1962, the Second Vatican Council lifted our guilt for the crucifixion of Christ, and in 2011, Pope Benedict XVI declared that "the Christian cannot be anti-Semitic. We have the same roots."

In 2019, his successor, Pope Francis I, said that "every Christian has a Jew in him" and that "one cannot be a true Christian without acknowledging one's Jewish roots."

In addition, the head of the global Catholic Church said that "the covenant between God and Jews continues to apply" and "that anti-Semitism includes not only attacks on Jews but also criticism of Israel."

Finally, in June 2020, the Rev. John Hagee, the leader of American Evangelical Christians, published his "Appeal to the World," in which he said clearly, "Why do we, eight million patriotic American Christians, support Israel? Because God is on Israel's side! If a Christian says he doesn't like Jews, then his false Christianity is very dubious. God says, "I will bless those who bless Israel! I will curse those who curse Israel!" And now I want to ask the European delegates in this room: who do you think you are? Are you a Christian or not? When you pray to Jesus Christ, the Virgin Mary, and the holy apostles, are you not praying to the Jews? And when you say that you carry the image of Christ in your heart, do you not admit that you carry a Jew in your soul?

Even if you are a hard-core atheist, your ancestors were Christians for two thousand years, and therefore, Judaism is in your blood – whether you like it or not!

So, ladies and gentlemen. If you insist on the international boycott of Israel because you continue to hate Jews and want the total extermination of Jews on earth, then be consistent – start with yourselves, do seppuku! It will be an honest ethnic purge.

And now, as we say here in America, I have news for you. Now, after the Christians, it is the turn of the Muslims to get rid of anti-Semitism. Yes, it won't be easy, but just as the Almighty helped humanity eliminate the bubonic plague, anthrax, cholera, and coronavirus, He will help you eliminate anti-Semitism. You ask: why? Why has the Almighty brought us back to Israel and forced you to give up your desire to destroy us? For He has to have a purpose, doesn't He?

I will give you my personal opinion. According to His purpose, every nation is to bring to mankind what it does best.

The French – cooks and perfumers.

The English and the Russians – writers and poets.

Italians – artists and musicians.

The Germans – soldiers and philosophers.

And we Jews – geniuses.

Geniuses who, in all fields, are advancing humanity from barbarism and idolatry to culture, humanism, and technical progress. Despite everything, this is our mission, which we have been accomplishing for two thousand years!

So whether we have genetic, torsional, nuclear, tectonic, cosmic, or other defense weapons is none of your business! We don't care if you allow us to have defensive weapons or not.

As one of the founders of our state, Ze'ev Jabotinsky, once said: "Whether you like us or not, we don't care; we arrived before you, and we will leave after you."

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distant urban and data centers.

Plus still more acreage for backup coal or gas generation plants. Or acreage near urban, suburban or rural homes and businesses for hyper-expensive, fire-prone grid-scale battery storage systems.

And yet Massachusetts Governor Maura Healey insists that fake-clean (and weather-dependent, unreliable, expensive, raw-materials-hungry) wind and solar electricity must power AI DCs.

Noise can be an issue, though not much more than what's associated with air conditioning and other cooling systems for apartment buildings, warehouses, conventional data centers and other buildings. (We certainly not going to ban AC in the USA, the way they have in Europe.)

Loudoun County, Virginia boasts America's densest data center cluster. Nearly half of its tax revenue comes from DCs – so county residents pay around $6,000 less in annual property taxes than they otherwise would. The commonwealth has the most DCs in the United States: 670+ out of 4,700+ in August 2026.

Rising electricity demand can and should be met by building reliable coal, gas and nuclear generators,contemporaneously or ahead of time, perhaps by requiring DCs to share in construction and costs … and restricting litigation and other permitting delays.

US data centers used 176 terawatt-hours of electricity in 2023, less than 5% of total US consumption.

The main reason electricity costs are rising in some states is "green" energy – which requires far longer transmission lines, more rapid and frequent replacement, and every MW backed up by duplicative but reliable generators. Moreover, data center power demands are a tiny fraction of what we'd need for the all-electric society sought by China-funded, climate-obsessed, no-fossil-fuels, eco-imperialist activists.

The bottom line? America needs artificial intelligence and data centers. You need them. The world needs them.Our future will be bleak and dangerous without them.

We can certainly do without AI-powered surveillance cameras and license plate readers. But the risks of not having AI and DCs far outweigh their likely harm. As explained here, we can, do and must resolve any conflicts and problems that arise.

Senator Bernie Sanders wants America to pause or ban its "mad dash" for artificial intelligence. Is he still on hisCommunist Russia honeymoon? Becoming senile? Or just being a front man for 43 Senate Democrats who've declared war on data centers?

AI will terminate many jobs, as did previous revolutionary technologies. But it will also create, preserve, protect and redefine numerous jobs: constructing and operating data centers, safeguarding US jobs that would otherwise be exported to countries that do advance and deploy AI, enhancing research, manufacturing and other industries, leaving more time for leisure, thus creating more leisure-time jobs.

Cancer, pharmaceutical and other medical research, defining metal and mineral deposits, creating more productive and sustainable resource extraction methods, devising better ways to integrate unpredictable wind and solar electricity into grids, spurring greater productivity in agriculture, industry and other arenas … andmuch, much more. But we must also recognize the pitfalls.

As with explosives and ubiquitous internet connectivity, evildoers will certainly exploit artificial intelligence. China, Russia, Iran, North Korea, ISIS and Nigerian scam artists already use AI and are not about to pause their AI race, or honor any treaty they might agree to. The US would be crazy to pause.

Iran's mullahs already use AI in propaganda – and the Persian people may be using AI against them. AI itself will not destroy humanity – but death-loving Islamic fundamentalists could certainly try.

Hackers are already breaking into America's water and electrical systems. Internet backdoors in Chinese-made wind turbines, solar panels, transformers and converters provide easy access to repair those systems – but also to modify, disable or commandeer key settings and systems, or shut down electrical grids.

We increasingly need AI and data centers to combat our enemies, foreign and domestic. National, local, corporate, hospital, banking and homeowner defense systems need good-guy AI to combat bad-guy AI.

If America lags behind competitors and enemies, it will lose, Big Time. We cannot let that happen.

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The Beglinger Blast... James N. Fitzhenry



By Joan Beglinger

Jim Fitzhenry is the Ideas Lab Editor for the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel (MJS) and the USA TODAY NETWORK - Wisconsin. Beneath his picture and title on the MJS website is the statement, "Our journalists adhere to the USA TODAY NETWORK Principles of Ethical Conduct For Newsrooms." Jim Fitzhenry wields a great deal of power. Those who have power can choose to leverage it for good or for evil. The editor of an opinion section, like the Ideas Lab, plays a crucial role in shaping the content and direction of the paper's editorial voice. Key responsibilities include content selection, editorial oversight (including feedback to authors), and diversity of perspectives. Opinion editors' decisions can be crucial in influencing public opinion and discourse.

The MJS has published multiple columns about Wisconsin's elections in recent months. Some of them are presented as news articles and others are included in Fitzhenry's opinion pages. They all have the same theme: election results are accurate and there is nothing to see here. There has never been any investigation (or mention) of the serious design defects in the Wisconsin Election system that make it impossible to verify results and make elections vulnerable to intentional fraud.

Recently, Fitzhenry published several columns authored by four former elected officials from both political parties. These authors are pushing the consistent theme that Wisconsin's elections are "safe and secure" and, in doing so, they intermingle two unrelated concepts: human errors during the process of ballot counting and criminal fraud.

The latest column by these four was published in the Sunday Ideas Lab on September 6. The authors used the incident that occurred in Milwaukee County during the August 11 primary election to once again falsely reinforce that Wisconsin's elections are "safe and secure." I immediately reached out to Fitzhenry to request a column to set the record straight on the factual inaccuracies and misinformation that were included in the latest column. What happened in the weeks that followed is chronicled below verbatim.

September 7 – My email to Jim Fitzhenry:

Greetings,,

I am writing to you as the Ideas Lab Editor for the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel to request the opportunity to serve as a Guest Columnist for a "Your Turn" column in an upcoming Sunday edition of the paper. I have been a member of an investigative team from On Wisconsin Outdoors researching the design of the Wisconsin election system for the past few years. The columns that have been published by Guest Columnists Tom Barrett, JB Van Hollen, Scott Klug, and Michael Tate on Wisconsin's election system in recent months have been factually inaccurate and misleading.

I am making this request in the spirit of the Society of Professional Journalist's Code of Ethics unequivocal declaration that "The highest and primary obligation of ethical journalism is to serve the public." The omission of important, undisputed facts about design flaws in the Wisconsin election system is a great disservice to Wisconsin voters.

I appreciate your consideration and appreciate hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Joan Ellis Beglinger

September 8 - Jim Fitzhenry responded by email the next day:

Hi Joan:

I'm happy to review a draft of a column. Aim for about 750 words.

Jim

September 14 - My email to Fitzhenry was accompanied by the draft of my column:

Hello Jim,

In follow up to our previous communications, attached you will find my draft for a "My Turn" column in an upcoming Sunday issue of the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel.

I appreciate your consideration and am available for any follow-up conversation.

Thanks very much and make it a great day,

Joan Ellis Beglinger

September 21 - Email submitted to Jim Fitzhenry:

Good morning Jim,

It's been one week since I submitted my draft of a "My Turn" column in which I corrected the factual inaccuracies and misinformation that were contained in the "Our Turn" column authored by Tom Barrett, JB Van Hollen, Scott Klug, and Michael Tate and published in your paper on September 6.

I would appreciate an update on the status of your review. The timeliness of this information for the citizens of Wisconsin given the upcoming election is significant.

Thanks very much and I look forward to hearing from you.

Joan Ellis Beglinger

September 25 - Voicemail for Jim Fitzhenry followed by an email:

Good morning, Jim:

I am looking forward to connecting with you regarding publication of the My Turn column I submitted for your review nearly 2 weeks ago. I tried to reach you by phone this morning and left a voicemail.

The design defects in Wisconsin's election system detailed in my draft are of critical importance to the verifiability of our elections. I would appreciate hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Thanks very much,

Joan Ellis Beglinger

September 30 - Having received no acknowledgement from Jim Fitzhenry of my draft column or any of my communications, I sent my final email:

Jim,

This is my final attempt to engage you on publishing the "My Turn" column titled "A Rich Reservoir for Fraud – Wisconsin's Elections are not Verifiable." My submission corrects factual inaccuracies and misinformation that have been published in recent columns about the security of Wisconsin's elections. I complied with your direction to keep my submission to 750 words, less than half of the length of other opinion columns you publish, and I had it to you on September 14.

The column I submitted is 100% factual. It details the serious design defects in Wisconsin's election system that prevent the imperative verifiability of results and make it vulnerable to intended fraud. You will find no member of the Wisconsin Legislature or member of the Wisconsin Elections Commission to deny these flaws exist, because they do. If you had consulted a cybersecurity expert, they would have corroborated the extreme risk of cybercrime posed by maintaining millions of ineligible voter names on the Registered Voter List and confirmed the importance of purging them to mitigate the risk.

You routinely publish opinion pieces and articles presented as news about Wisconsin elections that all have the same theme: election results are accurate and there is nothing to see here. Last Sunday, the Ideas Lab carried a "Your Turn" column once again deflecting from the core issue of verifiability to accurate counting of ballots. There is something to see here, and it has nothing to do with accurate ballot counting.

You ignored my email follow up on September 21, and my voicemail and email follow up on September 25, denying me the common courtesy of a conversation and leaving no doubt you have no intention of providing your readers with the critical information contained in my column.

Your suppression of the truth is an egregious violation of journalistic ethics, a betrayal of the people of Wisconsin, and a serious threat to the Democratic Republic reliant on the integrity of a free press for unbiased, credible information. And certainly, most alarming, you already know that. Replacing those who are peddling themselves as journalists with truthtellers will be essential to taking our country back.

I truly regret that our brief exchange only served to confirm the absence of journalistic integrity in our own backyard.

Sincerely, Joan Ellis Beglinger

September 30 – Jim Fitzhenry responded:

Dear Joan:

We are still doing a fact-check on your claims.

Jim

Know Your Enemies

The corruption and dishonesty of the media have emerged as one of the greatest threats to freedom in the fierce fight to take our country back. It will not dishearten us; we must know who our enemies are before we can defeat them. The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel is not a watchdog of the truth. This is a fact. We know it to be true because we are watchdogging them.

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the fight against sophisticated criminal fraud.

Wisconsin's election system has serious design defects that must be corrected to create safeguards against criminal fraud and ensure verifiable election results.

More than four million ineligible voter names on the Registered Voter List are a rich reservoir for sophisticated hackers to create fraudulent ballots and manipulate outcomes. Included are people who at one time were Wisconsin voters who have died, moved away, been convicted of a felony, declared incompetent, or had any change in status that rendered them ineligible. They serve no useful purpose, are a violation of cybersecurity experts' best practice recommendations, and violate the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) of 1993 requirement that "accurate and current voter registration rolls are maintained." They must be purged.

50,000 driver's licenses have been issued by the State to non-citizens here legally. They are identical to citizen licenses and must be clearly marked "Not for Voting." A valid license is all that is required to register to vote or cast a vote.

The process of issuing voter ID's to students on university campuses must be revised to require proof of citizenship to prevent the thousands of non-citizen students on Wisconsin campuses (8,000 in Madison alone) from accessing them.

The significant fraud exposed in government programs in recent months confirmed what we already knew. People with criminal intent will cheat and steal whenever the opportunity exists. System design must prevent this to the extent humanly possible.

Cybercrime is the fastest growing crime in the world. The FBI logs nearly 3,000 complaints every day. The state of Wisconsin posts breaches of "secure" data bases on its website, which in recent months included the Wisconsin Department of Health Services and the Green Bay Packers Organization.

Advanced, Persistent Threats (APTs) are targeted cyberattacks in which sophisticated hackers gain access to a network, remain undetected for extended periods of time (years in some cases), steal sensitive data, and disrupt critical systems. They are the methods by which Wisconsin's Registered Voter List can be hacked, fraudulent ballots created from ineligible voter names, and elections stolen.

Every state Legislator and member of the Wisconsin Elections Commission is fully aware of Wisconsin's significant election system defects. They have chosen to ignore them. Wisconsin voters must confront them at every opportunity with "Why?" until the pressure becomes so intense that they respond, or we replace them with people who will. There is no credible defense of, or dispute about, the contamination of the voter rolls with millions of ineligible voters, driver's licenses that have been issued to non-citizens that can easily be used to vote, or the process of issuing student voter ID's that does not require proof of citizenship, leaving only two plausible explanations for their refusal to act – corruption or cowardice.

Tom Barrett, JB Van Hollen, Scott Klug, and Michael Tate have positioned themselves as knowledgeable sources whose advice on Wisconsin elections should be heeded. If they are oblivious to the serious election system flaws, they have no basis whatsoever for declaring our elections are appropriately protected. If they are aware of them, they're lying to us.

